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Statue Is Unveiled To- day in Statuary Hall.

SPEECHES IN CONGRESS

School Children Bring Flow- ers to Lay at Feet of Memorial.

For the first time in history the legislative wheels of the Government will be stilled this afternoon to pay tribute to a woman's memory. The occasion will be the formal acceptance by Congress from the State of Illinois, of a statue of Frances E. Willard, the first national president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and for over a quarter of a century its leading spirit.

Eulogies will be pronounced in both branches of Congress, beginning in the Senate at 3 o'clock, and in the House of Representatives one hour later.

Long before 2 o'clock the ladies' galleries in each chamber were occupied by distinguished members of the W. C. T. U. The public galleries were crowded, a feature being the attendance of several hundred school children, who had passed through Statuary Hall, to view the heroic figure of Miss Willard and lay flowers at its feet.

Placed Next to Washington.

The statue, which occupies a position next to that of George Washington, is of Carrara marble. It represents Miss Willard standing in an easy, graceful position. The right arm is slightly extended, the hand resting upon a reading desk; the left arm is at her side with a manuscript in the hand.

The pedestal is of Vermont marble, and bears the following inscription:

Ah, it is women who have given the costliest hostages to fortune. Out into the battle of life they have sent their best beloved, with fearful odds against them. Oh, by the dangers they have dared; by the hours of patient watching over beds where helpless children lay; by the incense of ten thousand prayers wafted from their gentle lips to heaven, I charge you give them power to protect along life's treacherous highway those whom they have so loved.

FRANCES E. WILLARD.

Presented by the State of Illinois,
February 17, 1905.

Work of Miss Mears.

The sculpture is the work of Miss Helen Farnsworth Mears, of Wisconsin.

In the Senate speeches will be delivered by Senators Cullum and Hopkins of Illinois, Beveridge of Indiana, and Dolliver of Iowa; in the House by Representatives Foss, Graff, Rainey, and Boutell of Illinois, and Littlefield of Maine.

School Children See Statue.

The gathering of school children in Statuary Hall at 2 o'clock was one of the impressive circumstances of the day. With awed faces they looked upon the mild countenance of the leader of the temperance movement and heard of the good she had wrought in every quarter of the world.

Members of the W. C. T. U. were there to tell the children, in simple words, the story of Miss Willard's life and thus they were prepared to listen, with a keener and more intelligent interest, to the formal speeches that were to follow.

Memorial medals, commemorative of the occasion, were distributed.

Memorial Meeting.

A memorial meeting in honor of Miss Willard will be held at Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church this evening. Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens, of Portland, Me., Miss Willard's successor as president of the national W. C. T. U., and Miss Anna Adams Gordon, for nearly a quarter of a century Miss Wil-

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