

the death and funeral of their beloved President, which prevented Mr. Diehl being present, and an expression of sympathy with Mrs. McKinley in her terrible sorrow was agreed to by the meeting, standing.

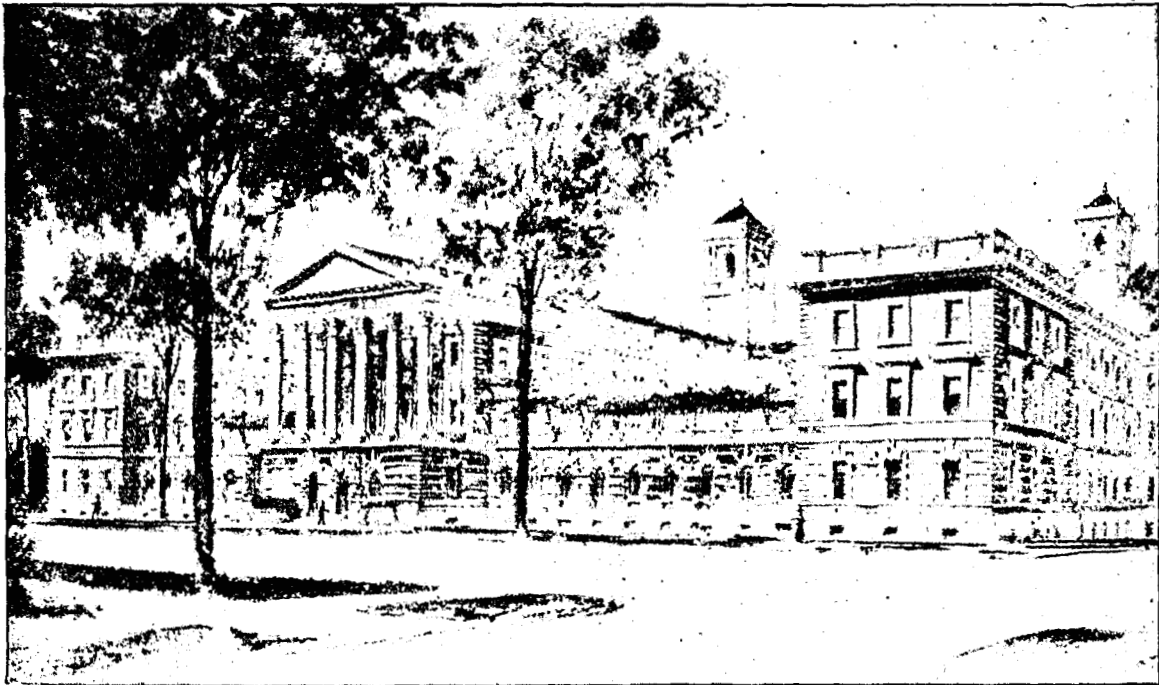
Mrs. George W. Townsend, President of the Woman's Industrial and Educational Union of Buffalo, also welcomed the Congress. She said:

"We meet under the shadow of a nation's grief, but there is a sad comfort in the thought that all good work must go on. I am reminded of the beautiful and significant epitaph to the great Wesley brothers in Westminster Abbey: 'God takes away the workers, but carries on the work.'

"Organization and co-operation are watch-

service rise hills that must be surmounted as you press on to the realization of your best ideals. Here you will take hold of hands and help each other to climb.

"It is my happy privilege, in behalf of our Union, to extend to you most cordial greeting. We hope that while here you will have time to make yourselves somewhat acquainted with the underlying principles of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union. Its purpose is to increase fellowship among women in order to promote the best practical methods for securing their educational, industrial, and social advancement. In some lines our work is similar with yours—we minister to the sick and suffering; perhaps we



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words for the new century. The first time I heard our world-famous Frances Willard speak she was giving her word of greeting from the Christian Temperance Union to the National Council of Women, convened at Washington, in her own marvellous way, and she spoke with a charm and a power seldom possessed by woman. She told a simple story of two children climbing a steep hill. After struggling alone for a distance the younger child reached up her hand to the elder, and said: 'Let us take hold of hands, it is easier so.' The lesson and its application were pertinent. I have never forgotten them. You are here, several branches of the same organization, to help one another. In the path of your

may seek to relieve the troubles of the heart and soul more than those of the body, but the ministry of the skilled and faithful nurse is not only to the material. She cheers the sad heart, she strengthens the weak soul as she cares for the diseased body. Yours is a beautiful mission. In all your deliberations here, and wherever duty may call you, to each and everyone, I bid earnest God speed. May you feel at home in this building, consecrated to humanitarian work.

"You are, indeed, most heartily and truly welcome."

#### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The response was made by Miss McIsaac, President of the Congress, in the following

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