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"It shall be satisfied when it awake in Thy likeness."

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TO
MATILDA B. CARSE,
WHOSE MOTTO IS
"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH"—
A WOMAN OF
GREAT FAITH, UNTIRING ENERGY, AND DEVOTION
TO THE
UPBUILDING OF THE MASTER'S KINGDOM,
A TRUE, LOVING FRIEND
OF
MY COMRADE, JULIA AMES,
AND MY OWN DEVOTED FRIEND OF
MANY YEARS' STANDING,
THIS VOLUME
IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED.

Sarah L. Good

Rev. Chicago Executive III

What She Was Like.

FRANCES E. WILLARD.



HIS volume is not meant to be simply a memorial of a fair young life. We think the earthly years of Julia Ames have in them matter of eminent pith and moment for young women. We are unwilling that the torch she lighted should fail to pass from her kind and steady hands into the hands of her sisters among the bright girls of the nation whose aspirations and powers are not unlike her own.

It is well known that the intelligent young American girl has a special adaptation for journalistic work, or a philanthropic career, or both. Miss Ames possessed this adaptation in a notable degree. She was at once a wage-winner and a reformer. She illustrated that dignity of character which chooses to be independent, although one's father would gladly pay all expenses and afford every opportunity of culture. It was a luxury to her to have no money that she did not earn. There was happiness in the knowledge and feeling that her work increased the sum total of human happiness.

She was a rare combination of the poetic and the practical. The methods by which her mind was trained, her hand made skillful, her heart mellow, her whole being endued with Heavenly power, should be set forth for any who may have the wisdom to investigate them. We have, therefore, determined to gather up so far as possible the shining strands of this white life and braid them into a cable that shall reach across her own great and beloved native land, perchance across the seas, possibly around the world. We have white-ribboners everywhere, and this book, we hope, will be in their hands in every local group and every zone. Let no one make the mistake of supposing that this book is a pressed flower exhaling only the fragrance of memory, and laid upon the grave of our rare friend by hands that often clasped her own in loving token. It is rather meant to be a sturdy rose-tree by the wayside, with bright colors and refreshing perfume for any who may pass.

EARLY DAYS.

About forty-five years ago Isaac Ames came to his western home near Streator, Illinois, one hundred miles from Chicago, from New Sharon, Maine, bringing with him his bride, whose birthplace was Wilton, Maine, whose name was Arullia Moorer. For fifteen years they lived on the farm where Julia was born, which is situated seven miles west of Odell, in Livingston county. Julia was the third child, there being two older and one younger. She was born October 14, 1860. In her childhood she was always