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## THE WORLD'S W.C.T.U. BIENNIAL AND B.W.T.A. ANNUAL MEETINGS.

HELD IN LONDON DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING  
JUNE 16TH.

AN Executive meeting of the World's W.C.T.U. was held on Friday, June 14th, from 10.30 a.m. till 1 p.m., and from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m.; Miss Frances Willard, LL.D., presiding. There were present—The Lady Henry Somerset, Vice-President; Mrs Hannah Pearsall Smith, Adviser to the Executive; Miss Anna Gordon, Assistant Secretary. The following delegates were present:—Mrs Rose E. Peters, Newfoundland; Mrs Organe, Madras, India; Mrs Richard, China; Mrs Dann, Bahamas; Mrs Porter, Madagascar; Miss Lerche, Christiania, Norway; Miss Mary B. Willard, delegate for Berlin; Miss Jessie Ackerman, delegate for Australia; Mrs Addison,

Madeira Islands; Miss A. Y. Thompson, Cairo, Egypt; Mrs Alli Trygg, Helsingfors, Finland; Miss Wells, Burmah; Mrs Walker, Ceylon; Mrs Sagar, Queensland, Australia; Miss J. M. Ferguson, West Australia; Mrs Murray, South Africa; Miss de Broen, Paris; Mrs Todd, New Brunswick; Miss Beatrice Dickson, Sweden; Mrs Archibald, Nova Scotia; and Mrs K. W. Shepard, New Zealand.

A number of the foreign delegates had not arrived in the morning, but were expected before the day was over.

The hymn, "Give to the winds thy fears" was sung; and Mrs Todd, of New Brunswick, read a few verses of Scripture, and offered prayer.

Business then began in earnest. Miss Willard is an ideal President. It is not often one finds, either in man or woman, such a happy combination of qualities as in her exist, and so eminently fit her for the position she holds. Her long experience has made the forms and technicalities connected with the "chair" become "second nature" to her, so that she is able to give her whole mind to the question under discussion. No desultory conversation is allowed to fritter away precious time. At the least symptom of it Miss Willard's voice is heard: "Are you ready for the question? Remarks are in order"—and quick response is made by the members. Remarks are made to the chair when desired, and if not the question is settled by vote. And with all this method Miss Willard is courtesy itself to each and all. If her brain is quick, so also are her sympathies, not only where work is concerned but for the workers, and so she is careful that all present shall have an opportunity of expressing their thoughts on whatever question is being considered. She has a keen sense of humour, which adds to her charm, and helps to brighten many a discussion.