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DEDICATION

To the poor women without homes, to the little toilers who should be in the schools and playgrounds, to the white slaves in their tragic bondage, and to the children who die, these pages are dedicated! May every woman who is not too idle to have a thought, or too vain to have a soul, or too rich in gold to have a heart, join in the great struggle for women's freedom!
Purity, Liberty, Justice—these we must work for!

THE DEPUTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

Members of National Wilson and Marshall League Wait on Nation's Chief Executive and Urge His Support of Federal Suffrage Amendment—President's Reason for Refusing Support Based on Personal Belief in States' Rights.

ON Wednesday, January 6, President Wilson declined for the eighth time since he entered the White House to lend his support to the National Suffrage Amendment. For the first time suffragists based their request for the Presidential support on party grounds. In the past they had pleaded general arguments in favor of giving women the ballot, and previous delegations have been made up of women of all political beliefs.

The deputation of January 6 differed from other delegations, in that it

was composed almost entirely of Democratic women, many of whom are members of the Wilson and Marshall League.

At 1 o'clock a mass-meeting was held at the Public Library, with Mrs. George A. Armes, president of the District of Columbia Wilson and Marshall League, presiding. Mrs. Ellis Logan and Miss Alberta Hill spoke. They both expressed their utmost confidence in the President and said that they felt that their appeal would win his support.

From the library the suffragists went in gayly-decorated automobiles to the White House, where promptly at 2 o'clock they were received in the East Room by President Wilson.

It was a most impressive scene. For the first time in the history of the country, women who had worked for their party were asking the leader of their party to aid them in obtaining the right of suffrage.

Mrs. George A. Armes, president of the District of Columbia Branch of the Wilson and Marshall League; Miss Alberta Hill of New York and Dr. Frances McGaskin, spokesman for the delegation which called at the White House, reminded the President that the House would vote on the suffrage amendment January 12, and asked that he lend his moral support to the movement.

Feels Highly Complimented.

"I am most unaffectedly complimented by this visit that you have paid me," the President told the women. "I have been called on several times to say what my position is on the very important matter that you are so deeply interested in. I want to say that nobody can look on the fight you are making without great admiration, and I certainly am one of those who admire the tenacity and the skill and the address with which you try to promote the matter that you are interested in."

"But I, ladies," he went on to say, "am tied to a conviction which I have had all my life that changes of this sort ought to be brought about State