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For close on half-a-century, Louie Bennett devoted herself to raising the living standards and status of Irish women workers. A cultured woman, with a fine mind and a high sense of justice, she won the affection of the workers she served so well and the enduring respect of the employers with whom her activities brought her into contact.

She had wide interests—she was a champion of world peace, and in the anti-Conscription campaign she showed tenacity and courage—but one dominant interest. Everything else in her life was subsidiary to her fight for the women workers.

Always a keen observer, she remembered much of the Dublin of her own high-spirited youth, with its rigid social divisions between trading families, the professions, and the gentry. Later she was to know such men as James Connolly, Jim Larkin, and Francis Sheehy-Skeffington, and though not primarily a politician, her contemporary judgments are both original and informative.

In this account of her life and times, R. M. Fox, who is well-known for his biographical and historical studies, deals with a period and a subject with which he is very familiar. He was a close friend of Louie Bennett's, and he writes of her with sympathy, knowledge, and understanding, showing the rich personality of this valiant woman against the colourful background of the Dublin of her day.

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