

for, and gave to all the addresses of their hostesses and directions about luggage, etc. This saved much confusion on landing, as delegates were at once introduced to the kind friends waiting for them, and then taken to their homes. Ere we could leave the boat, however, the Mayor of Victoria, accompanied by Mrs. Hayward, came on board and in a happy little speech, in the name of the city, welcomed us. Here in the beautiful city of Victoria we received a most royal welcome.

The arrangements for the meetings were perfect—the place convenient and ample in accommodation, the decorations charming, and the able management of every detail left nothing to be desired. To describe all the arrangements and social functions in detail would fill a good sized volume. I can only touch on leading points and leave the filling in to imagination, but I cannot sufficiently thank our friends in Victoria for all their labours on our behalf. To the Bishop of Columbia and his sister, Miss Perrin, and to the Local Council under Miss Perrin's leadership, our most heartfelt thanks have been tendered. To the ladies of the different churches we were indebted for providing most bountiful luncheons in one of the lecture rooms of the church, where the meetings were held, thus saving the time and adding to the comfort of the delegates. One day it was the ladies of the Presbyterian Churches who entertained us, next the ladies of the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches, and the third day the ladies of the Methodist Churches, while on Monday, the closing day, lunch was provided for the Executive Committee by the ladies of the Baptist Church.

The Bishop and Miss Perrin gave an evening reception on the first Monday to welcome the delegates, and a large garden party the following Monday to say farewell. During the week we had the honour of an invitation to tea with the Lieut.-Governor, Sir Henri Joly, of which all gladly availed themselves. A garden party at Mrs. Dunsmuirs on Thursday, with a delightful sail up the Gorge, made a welcome break in the week's work, while another garden party at Mrs. Croft's on Saturday afternoon was a pleasant close to the arduous labours of the week. We acknowledged and returned grateful thanks for many instances of public recognition and kindness shown the Council, but the warmth of welcome and open hearted hospitality of Victoria must always remain a fragrant memory to the visitors.

Very briefly I must touch upon several matters that came before us. First as to finance. As the Treasurer's statement had not been audited, owing to the absence of the Auditor, it was