

The expediency of holding a winter meeting at which papers on historical subjects might be read and ideas exchanged by discussion and friendly intercourse for a day or two, is worthy of the consideration of your new Executive. If held during the meeting of Parliament at Toronto, it might be beneficial in acquainting the members of the Legislature more intimately with our objects. Rare books and other objects of historical interest might perhaps be collected and exhibited for the occasion. A luncheon or dinner might add, not merely to the pleasant character of the gathering, but to its usefulness in bringing fellow workers in the same pursuits into closer social relations.

EPITOME OF CHIEF DEH-KA-NEN-RA-NEH'S SPEECH.

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I, as Speaker of the Council, have the honor of welcoming you to our Council fires. In the name of the chiefs and warriors of the Six Nations, I bid you welcome. We thank the Great Spirit under whose care you have been preserved from all dangers and perils on your journey, and I pray that He will guide your councils here, and protect your homeward steps. We welcome you not as strangers, but as brothers whose forefathers fought side by side with ours in the past, in defence of our country—as brothers whose fathers were devoted and loyal through many dangers and difficulties, privations and sorrows to this land and country, and to the throne of Great Britain, our great ally over the water—brothers who are with us still in loyalty and love to the same flag under which our fathers fought and fell.

We welcome you; we will, to speak figuratively, pluck the thorns from your shoes and wash your feet in pure cold water to refresh you. We would throw out to you many words of all that is in our thoughts of you to-day, but the time will not permit me to speak them. We hope to benefit much by the deliberations of your council-meeting to-day, and we hope that you, in turn, will carry with you to your own homes and people a better knowledge of your red brother, that you will know now that he has benefited by the years of settlement, civilization and educational advantages, and is not behind in the progress of all things good in this country.

We bid you, therefore, a true welcome to our Council House to-day.—[*From a report of the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at Ohsweken in THE CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL.*]