

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

of the

Local Council of Women of Montreal

7th MAY, 1912

The Annual Meeting of the Local Council of Women of Montreal took place by courtesy of the McGill Students' Union in the Union Hall on Tuesday morning, May 7th, 1912, at ten o'clock. Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Connaught, had graciously consented to be present, and the large hall was well filled. The meeting was opened by the President, Dr. Ritchie England, who withdrew after asking Mrs. John Savage to take the chair. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were taken as read, and the Hon. Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Walter Lyman, was called upon to read the Annual Report. At half-past ten the strains of the National Anthem, sung by McGill students, were heard, and the reading of the report was interrupted on the entrance of Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Miss Pelly, and escorted by the President, Dr. Ritchie England, Lady Drummond, Madame Thibaudeau and Dr. Peterson. The President resumed the chair. Mme. Thibaudeau delivered a short address of welcome in French and presented a bouquet of American Beauty roses. Her Royal Highness replied briefly in a few graceful words. The President then called upon Lady Drummond, who eighteen years ago had become the first President of the Montreal Local Council, to present to Miss Derick, in the name of the Council, a purse of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and a jewelled International Council pin. Lady Drummond, in a short, but brilliant address, glanced back over the history and achievements of the Montreal Local Council, and spoke with beautiful and fitting appreciation of Miss Derick's uninterrupted connection with its work, and her distinguished services in advancement of its aims. "To Miss Derick let me say that in all your work, not only for the Council, but in the cause of science and education at McGill University and elsewhere, you have shown yourself to be a 'practical idealist.' Throughout we see the same qualities of intensity and breadth, the same attention to detail, the same reaching forward through search and research and experiment to a larger knowledge and to more fruitful results. Your work at McGill as demonstrator and lecturer, and for the last three years in charge of the important Department of Botany, has brought you tributes from other universities at home and abroad. We think the more of your work for the Council that it has been done in what would otherwise have