

"SERVICE" WATCHWORD OF THE LIBERAL WOMEN.

SINCE the granting of the franchise in Ontario, the place of women in the political life of the Province has completely changed; and how best to deal with the changed conditions was the subject which chiefly engaged the attention of the Ontario Women's Liberal Association at their third Annual meeting in Forester's Hall, Toronto, on May the eleventh, 1917.

No less than twelve thriving associations were represented at this successful convention—delegates and out-of-town visitors to the number of 250 being in attendance. Interesting reports were read by delegates from Toronto, Hamilton, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Wiarton, Brampton, Dunnville, Caledonia and Drumbo, and all told of the splendid welfare work done by Liberal women throughout the Province and showed, moreover, a wonderful awakening to the necessity of spreading the principles of Liberalism as well as the earnest determination to use the vote with intelligence and courage.

Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, the efficient President of the Association in a most gracious manner welcomed the delegates. Mrs. Ross Stewart, in her Secretary's report said that never before had women taken so keen and active an interest in politics and that there had been a marked increase in the membership of the Association since women had been granted the vote.

Greetings were read from Vancouver and other cities and towns in the Dominion. A series of resolutions (pertaining to the constitution and policy of the Association) sent on by the Executive to be voted on by the general meeting, were then read by the Secretary and all were carried unanimously. Among these was a recommendation that *Mrs. Margaret Hyslop be appointed Field Secretary of the Association and given a stated salary. Later in the day Mrs. Hyslop justified her appointment by her extremely able talk on Organization. Mrs. Hyslop strongly urged the formation of Liberal Women's Clubs in every corner of Ontario.

Would space permit, the various reports from all over the Province should be quoted in full, suffice it to say that each and every report breathed a sentiment of deep and loyal patriotism, a growing consciousness of women's new responsibilities, and one and all showed a wonderful output of work done for our brave lads at the Front, and the eagerness evinced by women from all over Ontario to do their "bit" accounts for the motto "Service" adopted by the Association.

Other Addresses:

Others taking part in the discussions were: Mrs. Geo. S. Weeks, the newly elected President of the Toronto Women's Liberal Association who gave a brief resume of the wonderful welfare work achieved

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by the local Association during the past year.

In a brief, but very fine address, Mrs. N. W. Rowell, the charming wife of our Ontario Liberal leader, expressed the hope that all women "should measure up to their new responsibilities, whether we be Liberals or Conservatives, we must all have a more serious purpose now than ever before. Those who try to do better things need a strong vote, and if the women stand behind the best things, the success of the best will be assured."

The State for the People.

Mrs. J. M. Godfrey, in an address on "The Yearly Program," outlined the subjects for study for the ensuing year. "True Liberalism means the liberation of spiritual energy" declared the speaker, "and surely we should strive to make the political arena as clean as our own homes." Mrs. Godfrey contended "the State for the people," to be a true Liberal doctrine and that "Liberalism so vivifies the social structure that from it grows national and personal freedom. These are the ideals for which we stand."

Mrs. Robert Glasgow, Toronto, Mrs. Dawson of Peel, Mrs. Margaret Gordon and Mrs. Brennan of Hamilton all took part in the animated discussion which followed.

Owing to illness, Mrs. Percy Foster's paper on "Why a Liberal," was read by her sister, Mrs. Adam Ballantyne. It was a stirring proclamation of a strong Liberal faith and the speaker declared that "no new party, no third party is needed in Canada so long as the Liberals of Canada see to it that the principles of Liberalism are maintained throughout the length and breadth of the land."

Production and Waste.

Mrs. Harry Carpenter gave a forceful talk on Production and its sister necessity, waste elimination, which wakened responses from all parts of the hall and her statement that the Government should appoint a food controller and a price controller met with warm applause.

"Let us stop using cake," was a concrete suggestion made by Mrs. David Williams of Collingwood and Mrs. Hartley Dewart of Toronto, followed with the suggestion "that all present give up potatoes for a week."

Women's Entry into Politics Providential.

The afternoon Session, which was very largely attended, was held in the Y.W.C.A. Hall, when the speakers were Dr. Michael Clarke, M.P., and Mrs. N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.P.P.

At the close of the afternoon Session, the delegates, out-of-town visitors and the full executives were entertained by Mrs. D. A. Dunlap at tea at her beautiful home on Highland Avenue.