

Mr. MacMath in moving this resolution spoke as follows: Those of us who had the privilege of attending the National Prison Association in Cleveland last September, heard some startling statements, and to-night we have heard statements almost as startling regarding matters nearer home—statements that reflect upon the prison system of Canada. Why, in this age of the Christian era, should punishment still take the place of reformation in our penal institutions? How slow the world is to catch the inspiration of the spirit of Him who died to redeem the body as well as the soul. Even in this age of the Christian era it might be well if there were more of us with the spirit of the young lawyer, who put the question: "Master, which is the great commandment of the law?" So that we might receive the answer back to our hearts: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind," and the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The race of life is not commenced by all alike, equally equipped. Some are possessors of wealth at birth, some are endowed with power of intellect. Surely it is reasonable that the care of the weak should, to a very large degree, rest upon the shoulders of the more favored ones. The less capable must fall to the rear or by the wayside in the contest for wealth, place and power. I cannot emphasize too strongly that it is the duty of the Government of this great Province, assisted by the Municipalities within its boundaries, to provide means for furnishing the unfortunates of our race with all proper means for their uplifting and betterment, and I now urge upon those present, who have influence with the Government and members of City Council, to use that influence in behalf of this great and good work—especially that section of it under the management of that noble woman, Mrs. Bellamy. I call her noble, be-

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