

Papers of incorporation were presented to the Society on February 14th, 1896, by T. H. Bull, Esq., Barrister, of Toronto, and a vote of thanks was tendered him by the Society at their first open meeting, held on March 13th, 1896.

When the form of constitution was submitted to the members of the Society by the Executive, no motto was spoken of or selected. Miss FitzGibbon therefore decided to adopt and print the following, "Deeds Speak"; and, in justification of her choice and action in thus taking the duty upon herself without reference to the will of the Society, told the story of its origin, and pleaded its significance as one suitable to be the motto of a historical society of Toronto women.

Miss FitzGibbon's choice was unanimously endorsed, and at a subsequent meeting it was resolved: Moved by Mrs. James Bain, seconded by Mrs. Walton, that "Miss FitzGibbon's paper on the 'Historic Banner' be published as the first transaction of the Woman's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto." Following is the paper:

*Madame President and Ladies,*—It is my privilege to-day to tell you the story of a historic banner, historic particularly in the annals of Toronto. I am fortunate in being able, through the kindness of its present possessor, the Hon. George Allan, of Moss Park, to show it to you, and thus illustrate my story. The color of the silk is now yellow, and tinder-tinted by age; it once was either crimson or gold color, probably the former. The design embroidered upon