

"we have heard from Her Excellency this evening will bear good fruit; and for my own part I shall be glad to do all I can to help it on and will give it my hearty support."

Mrs. Day then moved the following resolution:

"Your Excellency, Mrs. Dewdney and Ladies, I have great pleasure in moving the following resolution:

"That a Local Council of Woman for Victoria and Vancouver Island be formed in affiliation with The National Council of Women of Canada."

"After the wonderfully able and telling address which we have just had the honor and pleasure of listening to, it is needless for me to add more than a very few words to this resolution.

"I am reminded of a circumstance which occurred on one occasion when a noble lady visited my native land. It had been raining for some days, and one of my countrymen happening to meet the lady about the grounds of the castle where she was staying, saluted her in true Irish style, whereupon her ladyship asked him "If it was always raining in Ireland?" "Béddad, me lady," was his reply, "there's nothing but sunshine wherever yer ladyship goes!" (Laughter and applause.) And we who have had the privilege of hearing Your Excellency to-night must acknowledge that we have forgotten the dreariness outside while we have been enjoying the sunshine of the bright and beautiful words which you have spoken.

"I hope that all the ladies present will heartily join in this movement—this grand sisterhood who band themselves together to further the application of the golden rule to society, custom and law, and which does not advocate nor necessitate the neglect of home, but the making and building up of happy homes, a true woman's pride and glory.

"I have much pleasure in moving this resolution."

Mrs. Spoffard seconded the resolution, and said:

"Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion that a local branch of the Woman's Council be organized in our city.

"We all understand how necessary it is that, in order to secure the best results from any effort, there must be organization and system in that effort. Nevertheless the world is to day crying out against the multiplicity of organizations. It is organization on the one hand, and on the other hand; organization in the church, and out of the church; organizations for men, and organizations for women; organizations for the aged, and organizations for the youth;

organizations for every line of labor; organizations for every form of recreation; organizations co-operative, organizations restrictive, and organizations protective. And it does seem as though the world is not only organized, but re-organized, until in their overlapping one is led to wonder where there can possibly be room for further organization. But this Woman's Council of which we have learned so much this evening, is, as I understand it, not an organization for the promulgation of any distinctive principles, but rather the focusing or centering in one common organization all those already existing of whatever nationality, sect or creed. I am glad there is a probability of our having a council here in Victoria, because it is so much needed. If one were to enquire what are the women in the churches doing for Missions, the answer would probably be, "I really do not know, I can only say what we are doing in our church," or as a member of one benevolent or charitable institution what such organizations are doing to help the friendless and needy, they would probably say, "We do so and so, in the order to which I belong. I do not know what others are doing." This, I believe, is not for want of interest or sympathy for other workers and enterprises, in a general way, but because each is busy with their own, and having no means of being brought together in their work, have little thought for each other in work for a common humanity.

"The woman workers in this city need to be brought together to have their interests broadened and sympathies deepened. We need to know that there are others bearing just such burdens as we are, and needing sympathy and encouragement just as we ourselves need it.

"The second reason why I am glad for this organization, is based on the paramount motives of the council, the basis of whose union is furnished by the golden rule. Our Christianity of to-day, savors too much of negative Confucianism, which says, "do not do to others that you would not have others do to you," and not enough of the Christ spirit which teaches us to do as we would be done by.

"The world needs more than a negative abstaining from evil, it needs the positive doing of good. In the Council of Women no auxiliary affiliating needs yield one iota of its own conviction, all can enjoy the privilege of its own belief, all can claim attention for the interests which they represent, but at the same time all are led in the spirit of the Master to yield to others, who think and believe differently, the respect which they claim for their own opinions.

"It asks not for less denominationalism but more unity of thought and purpose on