

but in sympathy with the whole onward movement—wise, tolerant and tactful, but able to take a strong stand when required. I can assure the Presidents and Officers of the Local Councils and National Societies that the President of the National Council feels very deeply the obligations under which she and the whole Council are to these pioneers.

But I would also take this opportunity of urging very strongly on all our Local Officers the duty and necessity of *leading*. Professor Henry Drummond and to say that nine hundred and ninety-nine people out of every thousand could not put themselves to work—the thousandth must do it for them. And that is one of the duties of our leaders—they must allow no waste of work or of workers which can be avoided. Every community, however small, looks for its leader, and is effective and happy only when it finds him or her. And I am sure that one of the greatest reasons for the success and the growth of our Council is that our women workers in our various centres have found their leaders and are realizing their mission.

This means, then, a considerable amount of steady work and self-sacrifice on the part of those who join our Committees, and become their Officers. Yes, it does, if it is to be well done; but when once the patriotic and far-reaching effects of the Council are understood, and also its power for good on all the Local Councils and the members who federate with it, is it too much to hope that there will be found women who will be willing to give up their own particular society or institution for a year or two in turn to devote themselves to this even larger service.

*Farewell.*

And now I come to a word which I would fain avoid—for to many of you I must say "Farewell." To say farewell at any time, without emotion, one must be more or less than human. But you, my friends, have meant so much in my life in Canada, and not only to mine but to His Excellency, too, if I may whisper a secret. I have often told you of the difference it has made to us that we should through you be able to be in