

ment and thought for others—but it was all an inspiration—that home of theirs was an inspiration.

They have had a beautiful life—and they will not long be divided. We can but thank God for them, and try to follow in their footsteps from afar—and we thank God that He has given His beloved sleep.

May I send a message to Mrs. Gladstone for you? "

At the close of Lady Aberdeen's speech a vote of condolence with Mrs. Gladstone was proposed by Lady Laurier, seconded by Lady Thompson, and supported by Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. May Wright Sewall and other ladies.

The resolution read :—

" That the National Council of Women of Canada, now in conference assembled, do desire to record their sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the people of the British Empire, in the death of Mr. Gladstone.

" They thank God for his grand life of service to the world, and they desire to cable to Mrs. Gladstone the expression of their most respectful and profound sympathy."

I know that it will touch the hearts of all our Members to know that I had a beautiful message sent direct to me by Mrs. Gladstone herself " on this wonderful Ascension morning," as she termed it, and breathing nothing but a most beautiful spirit of faith and thankfulness and recognition. We have since heard from her children that she has been wonderfully sustained and strengthened, both in body and mind, through three long weeks of waiting, and that she has returned to the old life at Hawarden, desiring still to continue as far as possible the works of beneficence and charity which have ever been her delight until the call comes which shall unite her to Him who has given the world "the patience of a wonderful Life, made perfect by an heroic Death."

And now, although this is the last Memorandum which it will be my privilege to send out as President of the National Council of Women, I will not add any words of farewell at this time. I hope to see many of our Officers and Members face to face and to speak my reluctant Good-Bye. I have already in my closing Address to the Council endeavoured to convey, however feebly, the expression of my heartfelt gratitude to the Council and to all who compose it, and I have indicated my high hopes and prayers for its future. May God be with us all.

ISHBEL ABERDEEN,
President.