

name; the finding out through the Council of beneficial laws in one Province, and then working for their adoption in other Provinces; the study through Council Work of needed reforms, and of plans and methods for benefitting those who in various ways need help and encouragement; the banding together of women of different races and creeds and of varied interests, the balance of all these things in the National life who can estimate or fully understand?

Well may we humbly thank God for His help and blessing in our past work, and take fresh courage to press on in the way in which we are being led.

Several matters of great importance have engaged the attention of the Local Councils and National Societies this year, of which special mention should be made, such as the establishment of the Victorian Order of Nurses; the housing of the aged and respectable poor; the number of feeble-minded women in the country and not in institutions; the problem of finding work for the unemployed; the spread of impure reading matter and pictures among the young; and the regulations concerning the appointment of women on School Boards. Special reports which have been most carefully compiled by the Conveners of special committees upon the last subjects, will be presented to you and will be considered during these meetings.

Acting upon the resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of the Council, pledging the members to support and work for the inauguration of the scheme of the Victorian Order of Nurses to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, the members of several of the Local Councils have done their best to further the matter in their respective Municipalities. In Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Halifax, where Training Homes have been established and the Nurses are at work, some of the principal members of the Local Committees, certainly some of the most energetic workers on the same, have been members of the respective Local Councils. At Kingston, Hamilton, London, Regina, Vancouver, Victoria and St. John, also the members of the Councils have collected money and have endeavored to arouse public interest and public sympathy in the matter. In