

obstacle or repulse we may encounter, to be strong, very courageous and confident. Has not He who told us "Not to weary in well-doing," also said "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

When that bright day shall have dawned, I do not know that these conventions to which we look forward every year will need to be held; but, in the meantime, they are a necessity, indeed we cannot do without them.

And so, dear sisters, united with us as you are in this great cause, pledged as we are together "For God, and Home, and Native Land," we are delighted to meet you in this part of Montreal.

We trust that our hospitality shall be such that your sojourn while here may be pleasant and comfortable, that nothing will occur to mar your enjoyment or to cause you to look back to this time with other than pleasant memories.

Again, permit me on behalf of every member of our Union, to extend to each one of you a very, very cordial and sincere welcome.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

By Miss M. J. Wright, Aylmer.

Madam President, Dear White Ribboners of Point St. Charles :

When asked to respond to the cordial and hearty welcome we have received, my first thought was, what shall I say? But after listening to the kind expressions of heartfelt sympathy in our work, and seeing the thoughtful care which the ladies have evinced in their preparations for our pleasure, as well as our comfort, and the many greetings of welcome which have been tendered to us as a convention, the duty assigned me to-night is a pleasure instead of a task.

We thank you for the kind invitation to celebrate the anniversary of our eleventh birthday. It is a pleasure we have looked forward to for the past year. Although the time of waiting may have seemed long to you, we feel you have not been idle, and that the good seed you have sown in the meantime, will bring forth abundant fruit, and that, in due time, you will reap a golden harvest.

We thank you for the love and sympathy that has prompted you in these, your infant days as a Union, in hailing us as co-workers in the God-given responsibility of protecting our homes from the greatest evil that has ever assailed them—intemperance.

What vivid pictures our imagination calls up as we gaze on our motto, "For God, and Home, and Native Land." We see on the one hand the kind, thoughtful care for the comfort of all those