

city on this side of the Atlantic, the first in science, in literature, in painting, in sculpture, in architecture and in music; the first in good and disinterested citizenship, and in wise, clean and efficient civic government.

Just as women set the social standards of their generation, so are they the backbone of all charitable and philanthropic work.

The amount of work being done in Montreal by the devoted Roman Catholic Sisterhoods, and by public-spirited and unselfish women in connection with orphans' homes, day nurseries, diet dispensaries, sheltering homes, hospitals, parks and playgrounds, vacation schools, working girls' clubs, social evenings, handicrafts, schools, libraries, is something of which you have every reason to be proud, but compared to the work requiring to be done it is infinitesimal.

The question I would like to address to each one of you separately, is, what are you contributing to the dignity, beauty, and the efficiency of your city life.

Are you, the women of Montreal, using your influence to safeguard your beautiful city from being swallowed up by the slums which have overtaken the cities of the United Kingdom and the United States?

Are you, the women of Montreal, using your influence to secure for the children of your city the opportunities of growing up into good and useful citizens?

Are you, the women of Montreal, using your influence to secure that the increasing stream of women who enter Canada through your gates shall be directed into channels leading to happiness instead of to misery?

Remember, every woman who enters Canada will make an impress on the national character, and it is important that she should be made into a good Canadian citizen as quickly as possible. How do you meet these women on their arrival in Montreal? These women who come with hearts filled with hope, with the desire to love you and be loved by you? Do you meet them with the hand of welcome, with a word of greeting, and a motherly warning as to the dangers they should avoid?