

the work comes to our hands when we get together and talk over the needs of our community. (Applause.)

Let it be clearly understood that we are not demanding rights by this Council; we are but seeking to help one another to perform our duties in a higher spirit and with a deeper motive than ever before, although, indeed, it may lead us to see duties where we never saw them before. But let us never seek to escape the discipline which has sanctified womanhood, but rather let us glorify in it. Let us make it yield us its full fruits, teaching us to give our very best and our very selves to whatever work for the common good God calls us. Let us always remember our basis, the promotion of "the golden rule of love." What more can we require? It can exclude none. It includes all, and in all our different councils we rejoice to know that we have the support and co-operation of all sections; of all the various Protestant denominations; of representatives of the Roman Catholic church and its institutions. Here I would gratefully acknowledge the great support given to us by several of the archbishops and bishops of the church; and then again we have our Jewish sisters also with us. We welcome them all. Let them only be united in one common aim—the uplifting of humanity. Whether this is attempted through what we may call the more secular work of life or the educational work, or the promotion of that which goes to make life beautiful, the promotion of culture in any way, or the promotion of good and healthy recreation and all physical development—anything of that sort as well as directly philanthropic work—we want them all. We want them all to be drawn together by this beautiful and sacred bond of love. (Prolonged applause.)

The following is the Constitution recommended by the National Council for Local Councils of Women of Canada:

PREAMBLE.

Believing that the more intimate knowledge of one another's work will result in larger mutual sympathy and greater unity of thought, and therefore in more effective action, certain Associations of Women interested in Philanthropy, Religion, Education, Literature, Art, and Social Reform, have determined to organize Local Councils, and to that end join in the following:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Federation shall be called the Local Council of _____ in affiliation with the National Council of Women of Canada.

ARTICLE II.—POLICY.

The aim of the Local Council is to bring the various Associations of Women in _____ into closer relations through an organized union; but no Society entering a Local Council shall thereby lose its independence in aim or method, or be committed to any principle or method of any other Society in the Council, the object of which is to serve as a medium of communication and a means of prosecuting any work of common interest.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. Any Society of Women, the nature of whose work is satisfactory to the Executive Committee of a Local Council, may become members of said Local Council by its or a vote.

Sec. 2. The women of any organization composed of both men and women may associate themselves by their own vote and join said Local Councils.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of a Local Council shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents at large, ex-officio Vice-Presidents (Presidents of all Societies federating in a local Council), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

These officers shall comprise the Executive Committee, whose business it shall be to control and provide for the general interests of the Council. Five members shall constitute a quorum of this Committee.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. A Local Council shall hold Annual Meetings for the election of officers and other business.

Sec. 2. The Committee of Arrangements shall consist of the Executive Committee, together with one Delegate from each Society belonging to the Council.

Sec. 3. At the Annual Meeting each Society belonging to the Council shall have three votes (exclusive of that cast by the President).

Sec. 4. All other members of any Society belonging to the Council may have the privilege of participating in all discussions that may arise at the annual Meeting, but may not vote.

Sec. 5. Other meetings of a Local Council may be held from time to time as may best promote the interests of said Council.