

common effort? And is it a small thing that the women of Quebec and Ontario should try to enter into the position of the women of Manitoba and the Northwest and so realising in a new way the bond of a common sisterhood and stirring within them a truer idea of what it means to be a Canadian—to understand something more of that patriotism which will make us long that both we and our sons and daughters should so be able to serve our country as to make her name high among the nations of the earth. (Loud applause.)

What if it may be given to the women of this country to do no small part in bringing about that union which every lover of Canada longs for. It is said that it is ever among women that prejudice dies hardest,—what if it may be given to us to be the first to loosen the bands of prejudice, and if in the midst of strife it be given to us not only to keep sweet social and private ties but to forge bonds of love in common aim and effort for the public weal which will render powerless the onslaught of ancient feuds and rancours which seek to poison the life of our country.

That is at least what we have bound ourselves to do—to make the Golden Rule the law of our lives whether in our homes, in society, in politics or in our church life. That is the aim which we have put before ourselves. We say the words so lightly, Is that *all*, you ask—is that *all* your aim? All indeed, and may God grant that the women of the National Council of Canada may understand, if only in some small measure, what that “all” may mean. (Loud applause.)

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, the resolution which has been entrusted to me as the mover, is :—

“That this meeting records its sense of the value of the work of the Local Council of Ottawa, and offers all good wishes for its continued usefulness, and for the prosperity of the National Council of Women of Canada.”

I shall content myself with endeavouring to launch this trim and well-constructed resolution, leaving it to the experienced navigators who will follow me to guide and conduct the craft into port in safety and with success.

But before attempting to add a word in reference to the resolution, I should like to be allowed to congratulate the Ottawa Local Council of Women upon the proceedings of to-day—upon the large gathering this afternoon (during a portion of the proceedings at which I had the honour of being present), and also upon the very considerable assemblage here this evening.—an evening of most singular weather (hear, hear, and laughter) and not at all conducive to throngs of persons leaving their