

between women workers of different parts of the Dominion, which is so greatly to be desired in our President.

Personally, I feel that we owe Lady Taylor a deep debt of gratitude for her public spirit in accepting the burden which we have laid upon her, and it was with infinite gratification that I saw how entirely she had gained the confidence of the Council before we separated at Hamilton.

I venture to predict for her a very prosperous Presidency and I know from experience that it cannot fail to be a happy one, being associated as she will be with fellow-workers so tried and true and earnest as those with whom it has been my privilege to co-operate for the past six years.

I have tried on previous occasions to express my gratitude to the Council and to all its Members. But it is a hopeless task. It has been a deep and happy experience for me which must greatly enrich all my life. The remembrance of the wonderful and understanding kindness and friendship manifested to me at our Annual Meeting at Hamilton and the messages which reached me from the Local Councils, will ever abide with me.

I am much touched by the determination shown by the Council to associate me permanently with itself as one of its Officers and a member of its Executive. I am afraid I cannot be of much practical use, but I need scarcely say that it will ever be a proud pleasure for me to serve the Council in any way possible at a distance.

It was with most sincere delight that I heard of the interest shown by Her Excellency the Countess of Minto in the Council, and I hope with all my heart that Her Excellency will be able to see her way to accept the invitation to be conveyed to her by the deputation we have appointed to place herself at the head of our organization as Hon. President.

If this most desirable end can be attained, I think we can consider the National Council of Women of Canada fully organized, not forgetting the establishment of the Central Office and the appointment of Miss T. F. Wilson as Secretary.

My friends, may God be with you and may His blessing rest upon all your efforts to build up that of which we have together laid the foundation with the desire of thereby serving our God and our country.

Believe me to remain,

Ever your very grateful and attached friend,

ISHBEL ABERDEEN.

P.S.—Those interested in the progress of the Victorian Order and the Aberdeen Association, will be glad to hear of the excellent reports presented at the Sectional Conferences held by these Societies.