

in one way or another. There are few who can shroud themselves in the privacy of their homes without hearing in their hearts the summons to serve their fellow creatures in some way or another. It is a most holy call and a high vocation this call which comes to woman, but we must remember that one of the great essentials for its success is to carry into our work the element of true womanliness and what does that quality involve? How has it been brought into being? Is it not the pressure of home duties and family life that has taught women in a greater or less degree that they must live for others? Is it not a fact that woman must learn this lesson through her children's needs? through the discipline of the home? if she is to rightly perform in any measure her duties as wife, daughter and mother? And it is in that spirit of self-sacrifice that we are called to go forth to the wider work to which women are being called now-a-days, and it is that spirit only, which our Lord has taught us, can regenerate the world.

As Mrs Gibbs has said 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 help and support given to us by several of the Archbishops and bishops of that 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.

Ladies, I have striven in a very imperfect way to put before you the objects of this movement. I would like to say that I hope I shall not be understood in any way to be pressing this subject. I only feel it to be my duty to lay before you its objects; the workers of this place must know whether such an organization would be of use to them, and I beg you not to go forward in this matter unless you all, of every denomination, share the feeling that this would be for the common good and would help you to fulfil your high and holy mission. I thank you for listening to me so patiently.

I will now read 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 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