

# Inspiring Addresses

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the social service, hospital support and other such activities which have been carried on. The speaker wished the convention every success in their deliberations, and expressed the hope that the utmost harmony would prevail throughout the proceedings, and that the convention would go down as the most successful so far held in the history of the League in Canada.

### Extends Greetings of Province

A cordial welcome on behalf of the Province was extended by His Honour Lieutenant Governor Dalton, who said that he was both pleased and honoured to be present on such an occasion. The League was doing a splendid work throughout Canada, and he wished to associate himself, in every way possible, with its beneficent activities.

His Worship Mayor Prowse, on behalf of the citizens of Charlottetown, joined heartily in welcoming the delegates. He trusted the convention would be a wonderful success, not only from the standpoint of the delegates, but to our citizens generally. "I am not going to apologize for the last two days' rain," he said. "We need it. But I think I can promise you some sunshine before you leave."

### INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Delivered by Mrs. M. J. Lyons, Ottawa, National President, (Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice).

It is my privilege on this occasion to express once again my deep appreciation of the honour you conferred upon me in electing me for the second time as your President. At that time I renewed the pledge made the year previous at Windsor that I would continue to serve you with the same devotion and loyalty that your great confidence inspired.

With the relentless passing of time another year has entered eternity and I stand before you tonight to render an account of my stewardship. It is, therefore, with a great sense of responsibility that I greet you and ask for your kind indulgence and prayers for my guidance as your presiding officer and for the success of our deliberations.

As your president, I bid you welcome to this, the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Your presence here in such large numbers, many at such personal inconvenience, indicates your interest in giving expression of your ideals for God and country, of what you stand unitedly for and of the services you are prepared to render as a lay apostolate body.

If we were to measure the success of the League by a backward glance, we might be inclined to sit back and view its achievements with much satisfaction, because when all is said few organizations have accomplished more, throughout the length and breadth of this fair Dominion, than the Catholic Women's League in the short period of its existence.

The various national reports that will be submitted to you will show extensively what progress has been made during the past year and should prove an incentive of greater accomplishment in the future. There are many things to be done.

The time will come, I trust, when we may be prepared to assume greater undertakings, but in the present economic crisis and world depression—we must be satisfied to fulfill our current obligations.

In re-affirming our loyalty to the Holy Father, we wish to add to our filial devotion the expression of our sympathy over the troublous times through which he is passing and for the sorrow that must be occasioned to his paternal heart over the defections of so many of his spiritual children, assuring at the same time of our earnest prayers that Almighty God may give him strength and help in his struggle to overcome the wave of irreligion, materialism and communism that seems to be sweeping over the earth and from its ashes may arise the propagation of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

In the untimely death of His Eminence Cardinal Rouleau, the Church in Canada lost one of its greatest leaders. As a priest, prelate and citizen Cardinal Rouleau's work resulted in a total of achievement which is allotted but few to attain, and with it all he remained the humble and lowly man of God. May his soul rest in peace.

The officers, members of the executive, delegates and visitors express grateful appreciation of the gracious invitation extended by the Charlottetown Sub-division to meet in convention in the city where the three tides meet, the Capital of Prince Edward Island, or "Abegweit" the name so appropriately given to it by its aboriginal inhabitants, meaning cradled on the wave. The Garden of the Gulf has made contributions to Church and State; infant mortality is relatively low and general longevity is very great in this Province, which is always fondly referred to by natives living outside its district as "The Island."

We fully appreciate the splendid efforts put forth by our hostesses and realize the time, thought and energy expended in the preparation of the delectable programme that lies before us. This invitation so courteously conveyed by Mrs. MacIntyre carried with it the approval and blessing of the Bishop, Louis J. O'Leary who, a few short weeks later, was called to his eternal rest while still in the meridian of life. May light eternal be his.

It is indeed fitting and very gratifying that I should be afforded the opportunity and the privilege of this occasion to extend congratulations to the Diocese of Charlottetown on the signal honour that has come to it, in the appointment of His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan, whose great scholastic attainments, outstanding qualifications and piety, as well as his deep interest in Catholic welfare, are so well known. May Your Excellency be spared many years in health and in strength to guide the flock committed to your care, to promote the glory of Christ's Church and for the cause and interest of our beloved country of which you are such a distinguished son.

As we enter upon the dawn of another year of activity with eleven years of effort and zeal behind us, we face the future with faith and courage to triumph over every difficulty; standing together in a spirit of unity and harmony made still stronger by loyal co-operation and mutual understanding which are the surest bulwarks of the League's welfare and progress.

The future holds a pleasing prospect, we are on the threshold of an advance in growth of our organization and the firm establishment of its influence that in the past could only be hoped for. Now it is on the eve of being attained. By rededicating ourselves to our work with new pledges of devotion—the task to unite all Catholic women of Canada under the banner of the League will eventually be certain of accomplishment.

Grateful appreciation is due to all the members of the League for their generous co-operation in all matters of importance and for the ardour and enthusiasm in which they responded to every call.

ed since the last convention in the volume of organization, especially in the Diocese of Regina where new sub-divisions stand to the credit of the President. Indications point to a continuance of these favourable conditions due also to the influence of His Excellency Archbishop McGuigan, who, by the way is, native of this Garden Province. Together 60 new sub-divisions have been organized since the last convention.

At the various diocesan conventions which I had the privilege of attending I was everywhere much impressed by the zeal and enthusiasm with which the members assumed their responsibilities as individuals within a Catholic organization and as an asset to the nation.

Under our scholarship programme four awards will have been made with the close of this convention. The foundation of this Scholarship has undoubtedly been a progressive step in the plan of the League, but, as we are passing the fourth milestone it might be well, in view of the large amount of money involved, to give some further consideration to the manner of its award for the future. I would therefore ask the delegates to give some thought to the matter so that they may be prepared to discuss its possibilities when the National Convener presents her report.

Owing to the immigration policy of the government prohibiting entry of immigrants into Canada while the present conditions of unemployment exist, there has been a marked decrease during the past fiscal year of persons entering the country. However, the fine sense of co-operation on the part of conveners of the local sub-divisions impels a continuation of contact with the new Canadians who have come to us previous to the issue of the Order in Council restricting entry. These zealous workers do everything in their power to bring happiness and cheer into the lives of those who are separated from kith and kin in a new land, they believe: There is a fate that makes us brothers,

None goes his way alone All that we send into the lives of others, Comes back into our own. The Sisters of Service continue to make themselves invaluable and as the years go on are becoming more and more appreciated. The generous contributions to this fund by the various sub-divisions, indicate that the members realize that this is one of the great works that their united efforts, zeal and self sacrifice help to maintain. The Sisters of Service are the adopted children of the Catholic Women's League, we must never fall them.

Our magazine, the Canadian League, due to the efficient management of the Editor and the efforts of the local conveners is at present in a better financial position, but I regret to have to mention there is much yet to be desired in the number of its subscribers.

The national reports on child and social welfare and Girl Guides will show that valuable work is being done by the League throughout the country and is becoming more and more felt in the different communities judging by the requests for representation by the League on non-sectarian councils.

Junior organization, it is to be regretted, has not made the stride we had hoped for, we trust, however, that the future will see the development of numerous branches. The girls of today will be the women of tomorrow. The great impetus given to the Junior movement by the International Catholic Women's League should be a stimulus to Canadian youth to follow in the footsteps of their foreign sisters.

A revised constitution will be submitted for your consideration and adoption by the Laws Convener who has, with her committee, given a great deal of time, thought and energy in its preparation.

At the request of His Excellency the Archbishop of Toronto, a provincial committee was organized at the Sudbury Convention following the Ontario Hour, the function of which was to carry on a campaign of education for the purpose of awakening the general public to a sense of justice in the matter of maintenance of the Separate Schools, and to devise means of securing co-operation to obtain a fair division of the taxes paid by companies and corporations.

It would be difficult to give even an outline of the amount of work involved in this campaign, or the thought and energy given to it by the able Chairman, Miss Florence Boland, of Toronto; by the Convener of Essays, Mrs. W. J. Quinn, of Ottawa, and the Diocesan representatives of the Province of Ontario. Result of their labours will be presented during a session that will be set apart for hearing.

Pursuant to the recommendation that Study Clubs be a National Committee separate and apart from the National Scholarship, a Committee entitled "Education and Study Clubs" was added to the Executive. Splendid work has been done in this connection by the various

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I was deeply touched at the many expressions of congratulation conveyed by letter and telegram, some 350 in number, on the occasion of the honour being conferred upon me by the Holy Father of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice and with which I was invested by His Excellency the Archbishop of Ottawa, the most Rev. Guillaume Forbes, at the Diocesan Convention held in that city. This great and signal honour came to me as an overwhelming surprise, so much so, I may confess, that I was for a time bereft of speech. Kindly accept, my dear fellow members the assurance of my deepest gratitude for your congratulatory messages.

It was indeed with a great sense of gratification that I learned of a similar honour being conferred upon Mrs. J. J. Duggan, the immediate past president, and surely none deserved it more; her outstanding services for God and Canada in the West have made her name a household word. We earnestly pray Almighty God that Mrs. Duggan may be spared ad multos annos to enjoy her well merited distinction.

As members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, we have a special responsibility and a standard to maintain, we must think in unison with the mind of the Church and unflinchingly uphold the ideals of Christ.

Our corporate entity as an organization has spent eleven years on the threshold of its powers, and as we enter into the full possibilities of this Convention, let us also enter into a fuller exercise of our corporate power through complete acceptance of our responsibilities.

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One of the most critical problems at the present moment which affects us all intimately is that of the survival and protection of the Christian family, persons of every faith are agreed that the disintegration of the family spells disaster for future generations and for the upbuilding of any country. Of all the dangers threatening family life that which is most to be dreaded are, what is being at present so openly advocated, birth control and divorce.

It is necessary for every Catholic woman to understand what lies behind these questions so that she may be able to effectively refute arguments in their favour and to defeat any legislation of the kind. To study this question will bring home to you the urgent need for united Catholic action.

With the close of this convention my term of office expires. Upon another will devolve the honour of guiding its destinies, for her I beseech the same loyal co-operation and support that has been, so generously, given to me, and to her I pledge my unwavering loyalty, fidelity and willingness to serve under her as a humble soldier in the ranks of this truly great organization.

I say this advisedly for it is indeed great in vision, great in possibilities, but I realize that our potential destiny can only be achieved when we transform possibilities into realities by intelligently stimulating activities. It rests in the hands of the members of the Catholic Women's League to make it great in accomplishment. We are but beginning to have a consciousness of what it means to be called a national organization—let us grasp its significance.

STRESSES OLD FASHIONED RELIGION

In an eloquent address on Catholic Action, Rev. G. J. MacLellan, D.D., Tignish, former Rector of St. Dunstan's University, explained the meaning of his subject as being the organized co-operation of lay Catholics with their Bishops and priests in carrying out the mission of the church. The mission of the church, he added, is to inculcate the spirit of Christ. This spirit could be defined as the spirit of love, of charity, of peace, of unselfishness. It is the aim of the Catholic Women's League to bring this Christian spirit into the national life. It follows that each individual member must be imbued with that spirit. As individuals we are social beings, and the first society of all is the family; the high purpose of the family unit must be recognized in every activity with which the League is associated. Anything that would tend to disrupt the home, anything that would pollute the sanctity of the nation, must be warred against. In the home the spirit of Christ should predominate. Children should be taught reverence. Selfishness should be banished and Christian ideals

should be inculcated by precept and example.

The importance of the formative years of the child's life was particularly stressed by the speaker. The school, he insisted, should be merely an extension of the home. Religion should be the golden thread interwoven through all education, through all life. There should be no divorce between what is taught in the home and in the school.

The Catholic Women's League is not organized for conquest; that is not its aim. Its aim is to enliven civilization with the spirit of Christ. It should be interested in material things only to the end that it might leave them with the spirit of Christ. The League's motto is: For God and Country, and it is a motto which embraces all phases of one's duty, civic and religious.

Catholic action is human action in every aspect. Members should first of all be imbued with Catholic doctrines so as to know how to apply them to the practical problems of life. The present troubles of the Church in Spain and Italy were mentioned as examples of the incidents which too often tend to disturb the believer. It was predicted of the Church, however, that troublous times would lie ahead. Standing four-square for righteousness and against vice of all kinds, it was to be