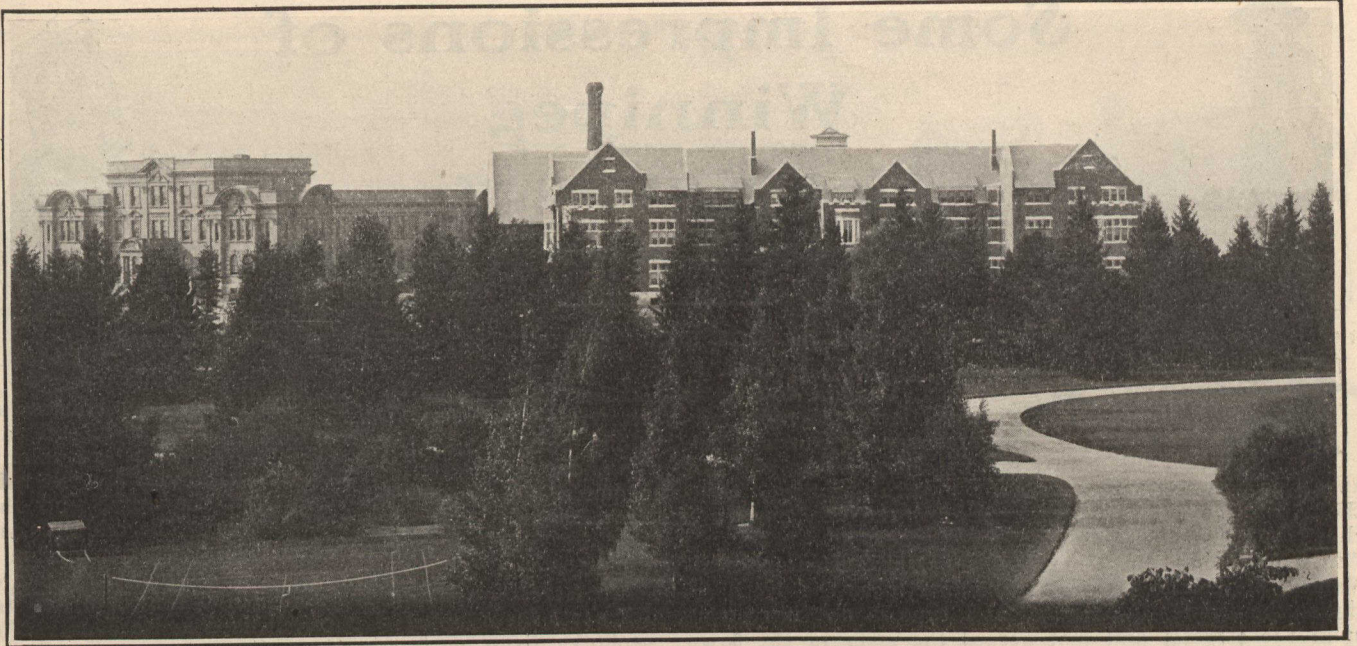




Macdonald Hall and Macdonald Institute, Guelph.

The Macdonald Institute

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MONEY was never better spent than the thousands which went to the erection and equipment of Macdonald Institute and Macdonald Hall at Guelph. The former is where hundreds of Canadian girls receive instruction in scientific house-keeping, including the laundry, the kitchen and the sewing-room. The latter is the residence, where these students, amid the most comfortable and cheerful surroundings, afford an exhibition of healthy, winsome Canadian girlhood that promises well for the future homes of the Dominion.

At the Institute, under the capable direction of Miss M. U. Watson, the students may find instruction, not only in the subjects of immediate domestic importance, but in nature study, manual training, horticulture, hygiene and physiology. The artistic is carefully regarded; indeed, everything is done with a view to uniting utility with beauty. The exquisite daintiness of all domestic operations, the pretty gowns in the dress-making room and the neatly trimmed hats afford the best evidence of the Macdonald girls' skill, while the proof of their culinary ability appeals to the palate of every visitor. They are taught also the management of the whole household by a week's test in the supervision of a miniature home, when a student is given charge of the housework in every detail, down to the expenditure. It is impossible to overestimate the benefits of this train-

ing, since it affects the ideals of home life and inspires the student with a desire to have everything in her domestic sphere as clean and sweet as modern art and science can make it.

Macdonald Hall possesses a delightful atmosphere of brightness and refinement due in a large degree to the management of the Superintendent, Mrs. Fuller. There is none of the old-fashioned boarding-school dreariness, for the girls are afforded every liberty that self-respecting gentlewomen can desire. Courtesy and good-fellowship are everywhere manifest and, best of all, is the sunny optimism of these young Canadians whose days are full of work and merriment. To visit Macdonald Institute and Hall is to carry away the remembrance of scientific training amid artistic environment, of bright young faces and mutual helpfulness, and to carry away also a great belief in Canada's future,



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since a country can be no happier or nobler than its women. With all this feminine instruction and development, President G. C. Creelman of the Ontario Agricultural College is in fullest sympathy, regarding the sister institutions with profound admiration. Anyone wishing to become or remain a pessimist must keep away from the "Home-Makers" at the Hall.