

Ontario Women's Institutes

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Demonstration Lecture Courses

ARRANGEMENTS are being made whereby several groups of Institutes in various sections of the province will be given a demonstration lecture course next fall or winter. Full announcements regarding this will appear in an early issue of this journal. The lecturers attending the summer series of meetings will also be prepared to outline the methods of work and the conditions upon which trained domestic science lecturers will be furnished. It is expected that a considerable amount of money will be available for this feature of work in connection with the Institutes.

The superintendent has received a number of inquiries regarding the lecture course and we are sure that the above announcement will be appreciated by many of the Institutes who are interested in a systematic course of study along the lines of household economics.

Conference of Institutes

A CONFERENCE of Institute lecturers, some thirty in number, was held on the 22nd and 23rd of May, when the following programme was carried out. Well known authorities on health topics, social service, school problems, as well as other features of interest to Institute workers, gave the lecturers the benefit of their experience and advice. Altogether, the lecturers received valuable information which they in turn will be able to give direct to the Institutes at the summer meetings.

PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, May 22.

1. Review of work and outline of regulations.
2. Outline of address to members of local Institutes, indicating how they may make their local organization a success.
3. Literature for Institutes.
4. General discussion.

Thursday, May 23.

1. Demonstration lecture courses.
2. Health topics.
3. The School.
4. Social service.
5. General discussion.

Membership Cards

A QUESTION occasionally comes regarding membership cards for Institutes, and we give herewith a copy of one used by the Kingsville branch in 1911-12. The rules and regulations are printed on the back of the card.

These membership cards are furnished by either the district officers or the branch concerned. This might well be one of the items of business at the district annual meeting.

These cards can be printed at a small cost, and it certainly gives the Institutes an air of business to issue a membership card to those who pay the fee. In a number of districts the acknowledgement of membership is printed upon the last page of the programme of monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP TICKET

This is to Certify that

Has paid dues (25c) for the year ending May 31, 1912.

MRS. HARRISON SMITH, Pres.

MRS. WM. HOLDAWAY, Sec'y.

RULES AND REGULATIONS, KINGSVILLE
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1—Meetings held first Tuesday of every month at 2.30 p.m.

2—Meetings held in members' homes.

3—Membership fee is 25 cents a year. All members should pay dues 1st of June each year.

4—Members who have not paid dues 1st of June are not entitled to hold office or vote on any question until said dues are paid.

5—The person taking a topic must either give the subject in person or send in a written paper to be read by our secretary or chairman of programme committee.

6—Each member is supposed to buy a pin, the emblem of our Institute, and it is supposed to be worn at every meeting of Women's Institute. Price of pin to each member is 15 cents.

7—No member shall speak without rising to her feet and getting the sanction of the chair before speaking.

8—Members will please keep good order while anyone is speaking.

9—Ladies are always welcome to

is wonderful when you think the interest never diminishes, and we have not had a lunch or cup of tea at our meetings since last August. We find it a splendid plan to take the members alphabetically to prepare the programme. A steam-cooked dinner, cooked on one burner of a coal-oil stove, was demonstrated with great satisfaction."

We are sure that Miss M. M. Daddon, the secretary, would be glad to pass on to other secretaries, who might write her, some of the details of the methods used by this Institute.

Notes of General Interest

A GOODLY number of the members of the Shirley (South Ontario) Institute are taking up the course of study under the St. John's Ambul-

will, no doubt, be exceedingly glad to give the particulars to any Institute which may be interested.

Miss E. H. Besley of Shelburne, the district secretary for Dufferin, has sent us an account of an evening's entertainment recently given by the Shelburne branch. The principal feature of the evening was a debate in which the Institute had the assistance of the gentlemen. These open meetings are one of the ways in which the work of the Institute may be kept before the public.

Paper Bag Cookery

IN these days of labor-saving devices—the paper bag cookery included—the following report of a recent meeting held by the Parkhill Institute will be of interest.

"We had a successful demonstration of paper bag cookery at a recent meeting. We had a coal-oil stove in the Institute room, and one of the members prepared beefsteak for cooking by buttering the bag, putting the steak in and pinning the bag at the end with common pins. While the steak was cooking, another member read an interesting article on paper bag cookery. The steak was delicious. Beef cooked in this way has no gravy, except some juice in the bag, and, if gravy is desired, this juice can be used as a foundation. Several of our members use the paper bags and find them satisfactory."

Practical Side of the Institute

DURING the past winter, the Ladies' Hospital Aid of Kincardine requested the three Women's Institutes—Barvie, Kincardine and Ripley—to assist with a bazaar to be held in April in Kincardine in aid of the hospital work. The appeal met with a hearty response from the three branches who agreed to have a Woman's Institute table, at which the following articles would be sold: Barvie, home-made baking and fruit; Ripley, large and small aprons and men's night robes; Kincardine, home-made candy, fancy work and articles of clothing. Each branch sent two members to assist at the table, choosing those who had the largest circle of acquaintances. The splendid result of this bazaar, as manifested in the large receipts, was in no small measure due to the interest taken by the Institutes named.

Institute Work in Alberta

MISS ROBERTA MacADAMS, a graduate of MacDonald Institute, Guelph, had charge of a series of short courses in domestic science throughout Alberta during the past winter, under the direction of the Department of Agriculture of that province. This work was so much appreciated by the women that they asked for something more permanent. As a result, Miss MacAdams has been asked by the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Duncan Marshall, to undertake the organization of Women's Institutes in that province. Miss MacAdams spent some time studying the methods of the Ontario organizations and will make use of this information in her work in Alberta. She is impressed with the value of the Institute work and will, we are sure, carry a good deal of enthusiasm into the work of organization.

We would suggest that, if any of our Ontario Institute members should leave this province to locate in Alberta, they communicate with Miss MacAdams regarding organization. She may be addressed in care of the Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alta.

"Home Journal" Appreciated

THE Moyle and Tranquility branch in North Brant is another of the Institutes which appreciates the HOME JOURNAL. The secretary writes: "The



ONE OF THE ATTRACTIONS OF FARM LIFE

invite and bring their friends to the meetings.

Talked Law to the Ladies

MANY of the errors which women are supposed to make, and sometimes do make, would be prevented if a little time were given to the study of the laws of the business world. The members of the Lanark Institute have put this thought into practice, and, at one of their recent meetings, listened to an address along this line. The report states: "Mr. W. H. Stafford gave an edifying talk on legal points upon which women should be informed, starting with banking and widening the scope of his talk to embrace other features closely akin. Many questions arising out of the address were carefully answered." The aim of the Institutes surely admits of a broad education.

A New Rest Room

THE principal matter before the members of the Woman's Institute on Saturday afternoon, was the rest-room movement, and details in connection therewith were advanced to some degree. The rooms in Mr. Forgie's block have been engaged and are being cleaned and put in shape for occupancy. Very kindly appreciation of the movement is being freely expressed, but what is really needed more is that that appreciation be expressed in a practical way. It will cost about \$250 a year to keep the rooms open, and it is quite an undertaking for the ladies to assume. Business men and others who will benefit materially by the presence of these rooms in the town should subscribe liberally to the support—not by little picayune sums such as would be given to a juvenile hockey or lacrosse club, but by amounts in comparison with the importance of the enterprise.

An Enthusiastic Institute

THE Burlington secretary writes: "At our April meeting several members expressed the opinion that our meetings are growing better each month. It

ance Association. We commend this study to other Institutes. The course includes lecturers on Home Nursing, First Aid to the Injured and Home Hygiene.

A new Institute was organized on April 25th at Carterton in St. Joseph Island. This was organized by the district officers at the request of the women in the vicinity of that place. It is the exception when failure is the end of an Institute organized in this way.

The Institute at Flesherton recently held a joint meeting with the Farmers' Club. We received only the briefest report, but judge that the meeting was a decided success. These two organizations can be mutually helpful.

One of the features of the April meeting of the Eldorado branch was a roll responded to by each member, giving some information regarding a favorite bird. This bit of nature study must surely have added to the brightness of the meeting.

Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, a member of the Port Credit Institute, and Mrs. H. W. Parsons of Forest, one of our staff of lecturers, are announced to speak in the interests of the Institute at the annual meeting of the National Council of Women, to be held in London on the 27th and 28th of May.

The report of some recent monthly meetings would indicate that a number of the Institutes have used some of the funds to good profit by distributing flower and vegetable seeds among the school children. No doubt interesting accounts will be given in the fall of the exhibits made by these children. A competition such as this should be made of educational value to the children.

"The Institutes in the Leeds district are all in a flourishing condition." So says one of the district officers. They are certainly enterprising. One of the most recently organized is about to manage the building of a town hall to cost about \$5,000. Another has just bought a new piano and paid for it in full.

The Acton branch believes in the social side of the Institute, and a short time ago held a very delightful open meeting, at which a very large number of people enjoyed the entertainment provided by the members of the Institute. The secretary, Mrs. W. Laird,