

Dear Mrs. Fife.—We, the members of the Dufferin Women's Institute, desire to take this opportunity of expressing to you our appreciation of the deep interest you have always taken in the work of the Women's Institute. And we feel there could be no more fitting opportunity than the present when representatives from all the branches in the riding are met together in this convention. One common object has drawn us hither, the object as expressed in our motto: "For Home and Country." The desire to learn more about the science of home-making and housekeeping, to discuss methods for the improvement of the home and its surroundings, and to get instruction and information to so elevate the whole tone of the home life that we will be instrumental in helping to build up a high and lofty national character, for we realize that the foundation of the nation is laid in the homes and hearts of the people. In the work that the Women's Institutes have been endeavoring to do you have taken an active part for a number of years. Though handicapped to a great extent by ill-health your interest in the work of the Institute has never flagged. The work has been growing successfully throughout the riding, and it must have been an encouraging thought to you many times that you were one of those who helped to form the Institute, to work for it, and watch its growth to its present strength. The different branches are grateful for the assistance and encouragement you have given them, and trust you may be spared to many years of continued activity in the work with which you have so closely identified yourself. We ask you to accept this gift as a small tangible token of our appreciation. We know that it cannot repay you for the hours of thought and labor you have expended on the work, but trust it will remind you of the good will and appreciation of your co-workers in the Dufferin Women's Institute.

Mrs. Crombie, of Blount, then presented Mrs. Fife with a handsome mantel clock in behalf of all the different branches. Mrs. Fife, although taken by surprise, made a very feeling and appropriate reply.

The afternoon programme was given as follows, and was both interesting

and instructive: Opening address, county president; address of welcome, Miss Jennie Hall, Shelburne; reply to address of welcome, Mrs. E. Richardson, Laurel; address, Mr. G. A. Putnam, superintendent of Women's Institutes, Toronto; paper, "The Art of Conversation," Mrs. (Rev.) Rose, Corbetton; paper, "Why I Am a Member of the Institute," Mrs. McClean, Honeywood; paper, "Home," Mrs. Stewart, Bowling Green; paper, "How to Furnish a Living Room for Comfort," Mrs. Cox, Laurel; paper, "Character Building," Miss B. Thompson, Camilla; address, "Home Nursing," Miss Smilie, Toronto.

At the evening session the following programme was given, with Mr. G. A. Putnam presiding: Piano solo, Miss May Hall, Shelburne; address, "Canadian Literature and Writers," Miss Smilie, Toronto; solo, Mrs. Endacott, Orangeville; address, Prof. G. E. Day, O.A.C., Guelph; solo, Miss Berwick, Shelburne; address, Mrs. Endacott, Orangeville; National Anthem.

The Stamford Branch of the Women's Institute was organized on May 29th, 1911, at which meeting two very interesting addresses were given. One was by Miss Robson, of Ilderton, on "The Economic Problem of the Country Girl," and the other, by Mrs. Ferguson, of Strathroy, on "What Place the Institute May Fill in Our Lives." The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. B. Marsh; vice-president, Mrs. Walters; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Pettit. The next meeting was held on June 7th, 1911, at which the members expressed their opinion on Institute work. Mrs. G. E. Russell, Mrs. A. Wells, and Mrs. Culverhouse were appointed as directors. There are thirty-one members enrolled.

The 12th annual meeting of the Kemble Branch of the Women's Institute met during last May at the home of Mrs. H. Hurlbutt, who is a most genial hostess, and whose esteem is attested by the numbers present, about fifty in all. After the opening exercises, the annual report was given by the secretary, showing the Institute to be in a more flourishing condition than at any time in its history. There are over fifty paid members in all—average attendance about twenty. A number of papers have been given during the year

upon many timely and helpful subjects, which are too numerous to write of here. After several nominations ballots were distributed and Mrs. John Jones was re-elected president and Mrs. John Ward vice-president, and Mrs. Jas. Gardner remained secretary for another year. As this was the principal business except some minor details, the programme proper was proceeded with. Mrs. W. McGregor taking charge of the roll-call, to which many responded by giving short selections of poetry, some practical, some humorous, and some pathetic. Then Mrs. Jas. Davidson gave what was the best thing for the afternoon, a paper upon the flowers of May, showing that Mrs. Davidson has a wide and practical knowledge of botany and the classification of plants and flowers, an education which it has no doubt taken years to acquire. She said that Canada produces more varieties of wild flowers, shrubs and trees than any other part of the world, and a great many varieties may be got within our own township and that so-called improved or hot-house varieties have not the inimitable shadings or the woody perfume of so many of our national wildlings. So the wild flowers are the very best ones to decorate our school grounds, and they need not cost us anything but the labor of obtaining them, and also gave directions for planting. At the end of this interesting paper Mrs. A. M. Boyle gave a demonstration upon the virtues of Wondershine as a labor saver in cleaning silver, and samples of work shown made by the "Girls' Club," of which the president is the director. When the meeting was dismissed, the hostess, assisted by a number of pretty girls in white frocks, served an appetising and dainty lunch, when all dispersed and went to their homes well pleased.

"King's weather" favored the brilliant gathering of the joint meetings of Wooler Women's Institute with the Farmers' Institute at the beautiful home of Mr. Esli Terrill, Floral Hill, Wooler. Everyone seemed in the gayest of holiday spirits, and the sun dispensed his beaming rays over a scene not easily forgotten. From one-thirty on to the time advertised as the starting hour—two-thirty—a constant stream of buggies made their way up the picturesque

slope leading to the fine old home. As the hour approached there were fully two hundred present.

While the women of the Institute gathered on the fresh green slopes of the lawn, the "farmers" made their way to a place much more interesting to them—the barn. On view there was the fine herd of Holstein cattle which are famed far and wide.

As the women's meeting commenced one looked round on a most representative gathering.

Mrs. S. L. Terrill, the president of the Wooler Branch, introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Hunter, of Brampton. She took as her subject one very near to the hearts of her hearers, "Institute Work." The address was interesting from the very start. First of all, she expressed the delight it gave her to be present at such a large, enthusiastic meeting. Warming to her subject she said that anyone engaged in Institute work was always sure of meeting the best women in the land. It was a membership that was always growing, and to-day there are sixteen thousand women, all belonging to this organization in the province of Ontario alone. She drew a vivid picture of the growth of the Institute from its start, from the time, in fact, when it was only called a cooking school. She touched on the question of why so many girls left home, who had no need to do so, and gave as her reason the dislike, among modern girls, of housework. Now, Institute places work on a higher level by teaching and studying household economy. Girls, therefore, ought to give the best of their talents to this, the highest of women's work, making and keeping the home. The mistress of the house should study and develop the mental talents as well as the physical, in her children, and have spare time to spend with them and her husband in the evening, instead of house cleaning all the time.

One of the greatest benefits of Institute work is that it has taken us women out of our homes and kept us from stagnating. It also helps to keep us cheery and helpful. A simple illustration was used of two women who had lived for years within four miles of each other and yet had never spoken till they met at the Institute.



Add water to milk—
You *weaken* the milk.
Add soft wheat to flour—
You *weaken* your flour.
Cheapens it too.
Soft wheat costs less—*worth* less.
Soft wheat flour has less *gluten* less *nutriment*.
Your bread is less nutritious, sustaining, economical.
Soft flour has less *strength*, less *quality gluten*.
Giving less good things for your money and things less good.
Use Manitoba flour—Manitoba *hard* wheat flour.
Having everything the soft stuff *lacks*.
Five Roses is *all* Manitoba.
Without a grain of cheaper wheat.
Strengthen *your* food values.
Use FIVE ROSES.

Five Roses Flour

Not Bleached



Not Blended

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