

## Making Our Homes Attractive

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In taking up this subject I have carefully considered the many homes of our New Brunswick Institute Members and I trust the following may be of some benefit to each member.

The New Brunswick Women's Institute pin says, "For Home And untry," and quite naturally the home comes first.

Some one has said:—

"The little resting spots of men  
hat creep along Time's wall,  
Like shadows in the noonday glare  
kindest after all;  
When wearied by the morn of toil,  
ned with ambition's flame,  
'Tis sweet to seek the humble spot  
/here someone breathes your name."

So, Institute members, make your home attractive and comfortable, and when the men return from their day's toil they may indeed be glad to "seek the humble spot where someone breathes their name."

Furnishings in the home ought to be a very important part of women's work, because the majority of women have to live nine-tenths of their time within the walls of their own homes, and one's surroundings have a great effect on the minds and feelings of those living constantly in the same atmosphere.

Just at this time of the year many are contemplating housecleaning. To some it is a drudgery; to others a pleasure. Some will be able to purchase new furniture, curtains, etc., and can almost re-furnish their homes this year, thus housecleaning will not seem so disagreeable, but if you have not the new furniture, can't you polish up the old, or perhaps re-arrange it in the different rooms, taking a chair from this room and putting a table in that room? When your housecleaning is over your home will have changed its "old time look" and things will appear differently to you as well as to others.

Phoebe Cary says:—

"Don't do right unwillingly  
And stop to plan and measure,  
'Tis working with the heart and soul  
That makes our duty pleasure."

It is our duty to look after our homes, therefore let us do it willingly and thus our work will in time become a pleasure.