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## THE CONVENTION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE WORKERS A GREAT SUCCESS

By "One of the Delegates"

Over 400 Delegates Present—Enthusiasm for Their Great Work and Hope for Continued Success the Dominant Note in All Addresses

WHAT a meet was the tenth annual convention of the Women's Institute held in Toronto November 15 and 16, 1911. Last year we thought we might do as well as the year before, perhaps, but we were under the impression that then we had reached the heights. This year we just accepted things as they came and another year will bring us undreamed of good, for we now realize that there is no limit to our capabilities providing a least of intellectual things.

There were over 400 registered delegates. There was an average attendance of 600 at each meeting; 600 women full of enthusiasm, women fully alive because they had done what were doing things, women lively because they were learning to be and not only do great things.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE There were six sessions, each one a good mixture of business and pleasure. The first morning was largely devoted to accounts from various branches, here and there, who each gave a brief synopsis of their reports takings. The keynote to these reports was community work, for the Institute branches everywhere are realizing that their responsibility is to more circumstances of the immediate home surroundings.

Miss M. U. Watson of Guelph received a very warm welcome. She dealt with the demonstration lecture course that is a trial venture of our work this year, in Haldimand county. It has been an unqualified success. Miss Watson dealt fully with a financial standpoint, with a business proposition. She then called upon Mrs. Burns, who has been the lecturer in charge, for internal evidence. There was not a doubt left in the minds of our delegates as to the desirability of such a scheme being more generally carried out. The only difficulty to be met was the same old cry that troubles when women lack of that almighty dollar! However, a resolution was unanimously adopted to petition Sir James Whitney for some help for the furtherance of this undertaking. So we count that as good as settled.

In the afternoon Mrs. Endacott of Orangeville presided. We listened to very warm words of appreciative welcome from Mrs. Hughes of Toronto, which were responded to in a very bright, attractive way by Mrs. Whyte.

Then came a feature that is looked forward to with pleasurable excitement from year to year—the superintendent's report. We are all so anxious to know how we are getting on and if we are really making a showing that is worth while. We have 654 branches, with a membership of 19,091, an increase of 3,000 in the year. The attendance during 1910-11 numbered 150,000.

Mr. Putnam pointed to increased interest in local betterment, in co-operation with agriculture at fairs and with farmers' clubs. He advised sustained effort along the line of up-lifting the county convention and philanthropic work. He sounded a note of warning in the matter of regular work; that we should avoid monotony, and also that we should endeavor to cover too wide a field in too short a time. He advised reading along definite lines as productive of the best results, to get the best knowledge and put it to the best use and develop a season for carrying through all that we undertake.

Dr. Helen McMurphy followed with an illustrated lecture on social serv-

ice. We were brought face to face with a view of our country that we, in the quiet seclusion of our homes, are either ignorant of or know little of. It is a land of many and her peoples of foreign birth, customs and speech who are qualifying for Canadian citizenship, the waifs and strays, the want and slums that exist in this fair Dominion. It was an object lesson and afforded much food for thought for every earnest, purposeful woman.

The evening meeting was held in Convocation Hall and was presided over by Mrs. Graham of Brampton. Mrs. Dawson of Parkhill told of the work their branch had brought to successful achievement. Mrs. Dorrings of Alton also testified to big things done at that branch. Institutes cannot stagnate when they undertake parks, skating rinks, public libraries, rest rooms and other trifles.

SEVEN WOMEN WITH OTHER TRIFLES The Hon. Adam Beck was introduced and explained very fully the scheme and work of the Hydro-Electric power, pointing out difficulties met and overcome and its possibilities. One almost felt he brought us right up to Utopia when he outlined a picture of plowing, threshing, churning, silo filling, cow milking, cooking and lighting, all being comfortably carried on by electric power. The burden of work may be eliminated and all one's cares set aside, the farm labor problems solved, and many another problem too, and life a different thing.

Miss Guest of Belleville was the next speaker, and no one who ever heard Miss Guest on any subject wants to miss her again. She dealt with the young woman of the twentieth century in an able manner, showing her a different though no less charming being than her grand-mother—a girl with new thoughts, new aspirations and new purposes but still the same lovable woman, just as well worth the winning as woman ever was. She was a capable, understanding companion, better fitted for her great duties in life.

On Tuesday we had two great subjects that should make particular and separate articles to be understood and appreciated. The first was an outline of the principles and work of the Broadview Boys' Institute, which was put before us in telling, earnest words by Mr. Atkinson. Boys' nature, needs, possibilities were dealt with, and no mother of boys could fail to receive much benefit. The other subject was presented by Dr. Copp of the St. John Ambulance Association. He sketched its aims and feasibility of carrying it out as a Branch of Institute work.

RIGHTS OF CHILDREN At the morning session Mrs. Moreman spoke on "My Child's Future." Every child has a right to be well born, to be rationally treated to fit for future citizenship. Her burning words were listened to with deep attention and will not soon be forgotten. At this session Mrs. Hamilton was presiding officer.

Miss Laura Rose filled the chair in the afternoon of Thursday. At this meeting Miss Hoson of Parkhill pressed home the needs of the school and its use as a social centre. She drew attention to the fact that in every rural district we should find the institutions that make the child—the home, the church, the school.

The Thursday evening meeting was again held in Convocation Hall. Mrs. Parsons of Forestburg introduced and spoke on "A Woman's View of Life," dealing with some of life's most vital problems. She touched on the question of telling a child the origin of its own little life, of the symp-

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thetic treatment of the young people in the home and the pleasure, the relation of the engaged couples to the home and to one another, their attitude to the obligations and responsibilities of the new home. Her plea was for more joy and happiness, more charity, more high-minded, upright living, a higher moral standard to make this country of ours the better able to fill her high destinies in the world's history.

Mrs. Hamilton of Port Credit spoke of the work carried out by that progressive branch. Mr. Harris then delighted the audience with an illustrated lecture on dumb animals. Just before the meeting was brought to a close Dr. Guest voiced the sentiments of the delegates in moving a vote of deep appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Hamilton for her work of our superintendent during the last year. This was applauded to the echo, everyone feeling it was the only fitting way in which to bring proceedings to a close.

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