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Lessons Worth Considering

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The middle week of November, 1919, brought a large number of women to Toronto. The Women's Institutes of Ontario held their annual convention here that week. These organizations are under Government patronage for the social betterment of farm life. They are found in all the Provinces of Canada under different names, and are linked up as a nation-wide body by a Federal Council.

This Council met in Toronto this year at the same time as did the Ontario Institutes. Eighteen Federal delegates met in the Parliament Building. Only one of the eighteen is a Catholic, and she was sent by the New Brunswick Institutes. This national Council of the Institutes needs a national organ of publicity for all the federated bodies. There is, at present, no such organ.

It was a great opportunity for some existing monthly publication to become an organ of national importance with assured high dividends for its proprietors. Here, for instance, is the Canadian Home Journal. Why not adopt this respectable publication as the national organ of the Institutes? The effort to have this proposition adopted by the delegates was strenuous and long sustained. Many months ago preparations to this end began. There was no lack of wire-pulling and secret influences. Public men of Canada were drawn into it.

It is necessary here to recall that a few weeks before the Dominion election of December, 1917, the Canadian Home Journal had one of the most vicious and venomous articles against the Catholic Church that appeared in that time of bitter anti-Catholic literature. It represented the Pope as pro-German, as sacrificing spiritual to worldly interests in an arrangement with the Kaiser for the restoration of the States of the Church, and so on through flings at Quebec, at Catholics as unpatriotic, and all that sort of thing dressed up by someone well trained in the writing of English.

The Catholic delegate from New Brunswick succeeded in preventing the adoption of the Canadian Home Journal as the official organ of the institutes on the score of that article. That is a salutary lesson for anti-Catholic agitators. How did

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