

are, the stairway that is away from the front hall, the clothes closet off the front hall for the hats and wraps of the family, serving cupboard and sideboard built in to the wall, wood or coal box on castors, speaking tube from floor to floor, and innumerable other simple devices which serve purposes of beauty and utility.

"Our homes should be carefully thought out and planned, and all things banished from them that are not agreeable. The rooms should resemble the members of the family in one respect. Although the characteristics of each may be quite different, yet there should be an element of harmonious thinking which should bind all together in order to make a happy home."

HOMEMAKERS' CLUBS

Mrs. A. V. Thomas in speaking of the origin of the Homemakers' Clubs in Saskatchewan, expressed the need of them in these words: "There were the women who because of differences of creed had never had an opportunity of meeting their neighbors and who in consequence had spent many lonely hours. There were the women from the rural districts who had wished for an opportunity to get acquainted with their sisters in the town, whom they had known in the early days and from whom they had drifted apart. Then there were the women who attended the meetings with note books and pencils anxious to get information about the care of children. Such women had generally wept beside little graves, which deep down in their hearts they felt were not necessary if only they had known what every mother should know. And there was another class; the women who had lived so long from their kind that they were afraid to enter the room alone and when once in shuddered at the thought of having to speak above a whisper."

The Homemakers' Club idea originated in the mind of a man who was desirous of giving his wife advantages such as he himself enjoyed at agricultural conventions. During the first year the women felt their way slowly, but at convention time developed such enthusiasm that at some of the meetings an attendance of five hundred was not unusual. The greatest good coming from the first convention seemed to be in the confidence gained by the women, and from the social intercourse.

In speaking of the success of the movement, which in less than two years has seen the rise of over thirty clubs, Mrs. Thomas said: "As I did not foresee such a response as there has been when I organized the first club, I have faith that even my greatest dream for the future of this movement may not be equal to the