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The Women's Institute

An Organization for the Whole People and Why We Should Belong to the Women's Institute

Paper read by Mrs. W. C. Drummond at the Women's Institute Meeting, Sept. 1st, 1920.

In this community, and possibly in other communities, there seems to be some prejudice against the Women's Institute, and I believe that it is due to the fact that the women are ignorant of the aims and objects of the organization. You will sometimes hear it said "I have no use for the Women's Institute", or "I can keep house just as well as those who belong". In the minds of many the mention of the Women's Institute is instruction in cooking, and that only.

It should be remembered that the work undertaken by the Women's Institute of Ontario is most comprehensive. They have developed into a truly community organization for the whole people, without class, sectarian or partisan distinction, and are worthy of liberal assistance and encouragement from the government of both the Province and Dominion.

"While the preparation of foods and their relation to the body demand a share of study by the members, attention is given to other matters that also interest the homemaker. Our hand-book says "that the object of this organization shall be the dissemination of knowledge relating to domestic economy, including household architecture, with special attention to home sanitation; a better understanding of the economic and hygienic value of foods, clothing and fuel, and a more scientific care and training of children, with a view to raising the general standard of health and morals of our people".

The high motives which inspired the women and girls of our institutes at the outbreak of the war to forgo the regular Institute programs in which you were so much interested and devote your energies and resources to patriotic effort, is the same spirit of service to the individual, the community and the nation which will lead you to accept new responsibilities. Many problems of the whole people are already presenting themselves, and will continue to develop, as re-adjustment, reconstruction and re-establishment progresses.

The Women's Institutes have become known and have gained the well deserved place which they occupy in public opinion through being thoroughly practical and ready to do the duty next them. During one year of the war the total contributions in cash and goods was \$850,000 an average of \$28 per member per year, and for the period of the war \$4,000,000 was donated to the Red Cross by the Women's Institutes.

That the organization of Women's Institutes are appreciated by the women of the province is evident from the fact that in less than sixteen years it has grown from one branch with a membership of not more than 50 members to over 900 branches with a membership of over 30,000.

The Institute should be of immense educational value, as it teaches us to ask ourselves the question "why do we do this or that?" and to look for better ways and means of accomplishing our work instead of doing it in a haphazard way. It is making pleasure of work, that was before monotonous drudgery. Housekeeping, like everything else, is a pleasure or a

drudgery just according to the amount of brains and energy we put into the work. The institute offers many advantages of developing our capabilities and gives the members a chance to tell others what experience has taught them. It gives the members a confidence in themselves in taking part in the discussions so they may forget to be afraid of their own voices.

Not the least among the benefits is the social side. I think some of our members are benefited in that way as much as in the educational line. It is the only meeting in the community which enables all the women to come together with a common interest and to become well acquainted. To women more than men, there is a danger of becoming narrow, and we get narrow when we live to ourselves. An afternoon spent at the Institute is more profitable than an afternoon spent visiting. At our church meetings we meet only those of our denomination, but in the Institute we meet and become acquainted with others whom it is a benefit and a pleasure to meet. Our interests are enlarged, our view broadened, and our lives made happier and brighter.

Then belonging to the institute we receive literature dealing with the different subjects relating to the home that the homemaker should know about. Mr. Putnam says:

"You are an important section, the mother of organizations which have grown to large proportions and which are destined to play an important part in the local and national affairs in the years to come. Let us study the situation, respond to the call, and co-operate with other organizations and the Governments in building better than we have heretofore. Let us introduce the doctrine of prevention rather than correction or cure; and give our children every chance and encouragement to become worthy citizens of a progressive, prosperous, honorable Canada".

Those who know should come and give others the benefit of their experience, while those who know little should come and learn. All may and can help. It is the sweet spirit of helpfulness, coupled with a willingness to learn, that is going to make our Institute a success and power.

Rural School Fair

The annual Fair of the Flamboro Rural School Association was held on Wednesday last at the Plains school and was largely attended by the pupils of the various schools and their parents. A most enjoyable day was spent.

The affair was one of the best and most successful in the history of the association. An excellent program of sports and games was run off, and a very interesting game of baseball added greatly to the enjoyment.

There was the usual agricultural and fine arts exhibit, which gave the judges considerable trouble in deciding the winners. Gladys Hall, Ethel Johnston, Reginald Brown, Donald Clark, A. Unsworth, Henry Howard, Jas. Galivan, Annie Vance and Mary Lyons, Directors of the association, were in charge, and are deserving of much credit for the manner in which the affair was managed.

We understand that Waterdown came out on top, winning the greater number of prizes. The fair next year will be held in Waterdown.

Adonijah DeLong

Adonijah DeLong a highly respected resident of this village died on Saturday last at his home here. Deceased was in his 87th year at the time of his death. Besides his widow, six children are left to mourn his loss. They are, Frank of Winnipeg, Harry of Pine, Oregon, Joseph of Innisfail, Alta, Jack of Los Angeles Calif., and Edward at home, and one daughter, Mrs. Edward Slater of Waterdown.

Deceased was the son of Anthony and Lydia DeLong, of Dakota, and was born in Nelson Township on the 4th of March 1834, and received his early education in the Public school at Nassegway. He was married November 25th, 1842 to Miss Ellen Foster of Burlington, five children blessing the union. His first wife pre-deceased him some 28 years ago. On November 10th 1893 he married his second wife, Miss Elizabeth Foster, one son blessing the union.

At an early age the late Mr. DeLong worked in the powder mills in the United States. He also worked in the Dakota Mills, and was employed there at the time of the explosion which resulted in the loss of a number of lives.

In 1893 Mr. DeLong moved to Waterdown, and had been carrying on a general agency business with success for some years, failing health compelling him to relinquish the activities of life for some time past, and retired into private life. A kind providence having granted him a long lease of life, and we are safe in saying that it has not been a mis-spent one. Being possessed of a kind heart and cherry disposition he made a host of friends who will long remember him and will extend to sorrowing relatives heartfelt sympathy. In religion deceased was a devout member of the Methodist church, and when his health permitted was a regular attendant at the services.

The funeral took place on Tuesday last to Lowville cemetery. Services at the home were conducted by Rev. Mr. Poole and Rev. Mr. Leake, and at the grave by the Rev. Mr. Poole. The pallbearers were Geo. Horning, Henry Slater, W. S. Griffin, James Thompson, C. Galivan and William Langton. Many beautiful floral tributes were received testifying to the high esteem deceased was held by many friends.

Freelton Women's Institute Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Freelton Women's Institute was held at the home of the president Miss Lena Revell, on Tuesday, September 14th. There were about 25 ladies present and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

After the business meeting an especially good paper was read by Miss Agnes Lindsay on "The Value of the Bath, How and when to use it". Vocal solos and piano selections were given by Mrs. C. Byers and Miss Alma Wise which were very much enjoyed.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held at Mrs. Chas. Hewin's home in Mountsburg on the second Tuesday in October.