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Interesting Meetings

ONE of the vexed questions which confronts the new Institute—and sometimes the older Institute—is how to ensure interesting monthly meetings, such meetings as will themselves invite the visitors to become members.

We give a copy herewith of a paper prepared by Mrs. Hillier of Lucasville upon this subject. It will, no doubt, be helpful to those Institutes which are looking for the suggestions contained therein.

HOW TO MAKE MEETINGS INTERESTING

Our hand book says: "The objects of Women's Institutes shall be the dissemination of knowledge relative 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 the health and morals of our people; or the carrying on of any line of work, which has for its object the uplifting of the home, or the betterment of conditions surrounding rural life, it being recognized that women of other classes and conditions have opportunities for social intercourse and educational advantages, which are difficult to obtain outside of towns and cities."

So let us recognize that all institutes in general, and our own in particular, depend on the loyalty of their individual members.

"The country shall be what the home is." "The homes of a country are its strongest forts." "The woman is the heart of the home," therefore, she should grasp every opportunity of making herself efficient for this important position; and we believe that the Women's Institute affords the best and easiest means to do this within our reach. Hence, it falls on us to make our meetings so interesting and helpful, that it will create the desire in all in the neighborhood to attend and profit thereby; not only that they wish to attend, but that they will not stay away.

But how to make these meetings simple, entertaining and interesting. These are all contained in the one word interesting. If the subjects and discussions are simple and easily understood, they are interesting. If the meetings are entertaining, they are also interesting.

First of all, we need earnest enthusiastic members. Enthusiasm is as infectious as measles. The practical nature of the work enables everyone to take an intelligent part, and so much depends on each one doing her part. This necessitates having the meetings well advertised, and any of the local papers are glad to get an announcement as a news item, also to have regular meetings and to open and close them on time.

It is well to arrange programmes a meeting or two ahead, and in arranging them to ascertain the capabilities and accomplishments of the different members, and have a variety by introducing an instrumental selection, a song, or a recitation.

By visiting other branches of the Institutes, new ideas are obtained; or, the comparison (though unconscious), may swell us with pride in our own branch, and pride, mark you, is no mean incentive. Encourage young girls to attend. The girls of to-day are the women of to-morrow. All girls are supposed to be home-makers, therefore, they would learn by the experience of their elders and the older ones will keep younger by associating with girls.

All women and girls are interested in sewing and fancy work. Here is an excellent opportunity of exchanging ideas, helping one another, and consciously or unconsciously creating a liking for such work, in others hitherto uninterested, and so laying the foundation for one of the best accomplishments of womanhood, i.e., needlework.

The same with books. All members receive some splendid literature from the Department, dealing with the different subjects that home-makers should know about. We may not have the time to take up the study of any particular author, but, if the desire for good reading is created, the necessary books will be forthcoming in the home. If the Institute did nothing else than create this longing for good reading, it would have rendered the world an il-

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