

creased to 147. Library improvement, the formation of a library committee, and a "bee" and book tea had resulted in the library being set in order and contents augmented. The institute had not been called upon to pay one cent for this, the president and the library committee having formed a small fund for library purposes. A scheme to make the library of still greater usefulness would be placed before the members in due course.

The room and recreation committee had done good work. The Daffodil tea and social evenings were here noticed. The room, continued the president, is now open daily for the convenience of members. Thus it could be used by members from a distance as a rest or club room.

Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, recapitulated the programme of papers read and other events of 1916. The outdoor lawn meeting was so much enjoyed that this year three outdoor fixtures have been made. The institute had donated \$50 for a bed in the Ramsgate Canadian Convalescent hospital and, in October, had welcomed officers of Shawnigan Institute at a special directors' meeting on co-operation between island districts respecting home industries.

The acquisition of a piano had proved of value. Red Cross work, Friendly Help and Prisoners' Fund had done splendidly under the presidency and care of Mrs. Hayward.

Mrs. Whidden, secretary-treasurer, presented the accounts, audited through the kindness of Mr. E. F. Miller. Receipts from all sources were \$408.01, and expenditure \$360.99, leaving a balance in hand of \$47.02 as compared with \$46.75 a year ago. Other monies not handled by the treasurer but connected with institute work, totalled thus: Prisoners of War Fund, \$16.55; piano fund, \$22.30; Ramsgate hospital bed, \$35.00; Red Cross, \$275; Friendly Help, \$106; Belgian and Serbian Relief Funds, \$4; and Duchess of Connaught presentation fund, \$5; a total of \$463 raised by institute members for these various causes.

Mrs. Hayward presented details of the work of the committees of which she is the head. Following the election of officers Miss Wilson read a paper on the practical working of the Duncan Hospital.

Library Developments

A report submitted by Messrs. E. B. McKay, K. F. Duncan and R. Blackwood-Wileman, being a sub-committee of the Cowichan W. I., appointed to consider the best means of improving the existing library, was adopted at the annual meeting of the institute.

The report, after thanking the institute for taking over the books, stated that it seems evident the library should serve a larger circle and recommends that, as a first step to this end, the library should be placed on an independent basis. For general improvement it is recommended that the entire management be placed with a committee formed on the lines of the old original library committee; that all patrons be charged \$1 a year; that it would be inadvisable to remove the books from the institute and that, as a consideration for such privilege, institute members who become members of the library be allowed a rebate of 50 cents a year; that the care of the books be under sole control of the librarian; that a book tea be organized to secure donations of books; that all monies received be devoted to the purchase of new books.

A meeting of the institute's library committee was held on Tuesday, when it was

decided to organize themselves as an independent library committee for 1917 to work in co-operation with the institute. Five institute members and five non-members comprise the organization thus constituted. viz., Mrs. R. Blackwood-Wileman, chairman; Mrs. K. F. Duncan, vice-chairman; Mrs. Rushton, librarian; Mrs. Hamish Morten, secretary; Mrs. Marlow, treasurer; Mrs. Holt Wilson, Miss Hadwen, the Rev. A. F. Munro, Mr. E. B. McKay, and Mr. R. Blackwood-Wileman, committee.

A book tea was held on February 20.

The meeting of the Cowichan Woman's Institute held on February 13th was very enthusiastic, over 50 per cent. of the members being present, and a very large number of visitors. An industrial committee is looking out for plans for handling jams, toys, baskets and herbs, and arrangements are now in hand for the manufacture of jam on a small scale.

Mrs. F. G. Christmas, Mrs. E. Macdonald, Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Blackwood-Wileman, were appointed delegates to the Council of Women which met on Wednesday and Thursday at Victoria.

A musical committee has recently organized and decided on giving to the public, Sullivan's "Trial by Jury," soon after Easter. About 45 have joined the chorus which Mr. C. W. Silence will conduct. The Duncan Orchestral Society will assist. Proceeds are for the Blue and Red Cross Societies. Mrs. E. Gardner Smith, secretary, will take the names of new members.

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