

electricity is used to a vast extent in pumping, threshing and dairy work, and yet at a cost of double that in Ontario.

"I am not going to guarantee every farm," concluded Mr. Beck, "but the majority of farms, and especially those lying between connected towns will receive power easily and in abundance.

"As to the eastern counties and Huron, Grey and Bruce, the commission hoped to get a Federal permission to utilize local water power for the benefit of the section. Surely with power and lighting so cheap, so practicable, and so abundant, an era of comfort and prosperity was dawning for the Ontario householder and farmer."

Short addresses were made on the special work of institutes by Mrs. W. Dawson, of Parkhill, and Mrs. Dorrington, of Alton, and Miss M. U. Watson answered a number of stimulating questions.

On Thursday, November 16th, the attendance and enthusiasm were well sustained. Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, of Port Credit, presided at the morning session, and Miss Laura Rose, of Guelph, at the afternoon meeting. Mr. C. J. Atkinson, of the Broadview Boys' Institute, Toronto, gave an address, "What We Can Do for the Boys," and Miss Holston, of Parkhill, dealt with "The School; Its Relation to the Community," discussing the school problem from a woman's viewpoint. "Should women have a place on the school board of trustees?" was a question handed to her, but she did not go so far as to answer "Yes" to it. The point she made was that "Since everything a child learns or does in the school falls more upon the mother than the father, the mother should have a 'say' in every school question." Her solution for the

Miss Hotson, a school teacher of Parkhill, discussed the school problem.

At the evening session, Miss M. U. Watson, of the Macdonald Institute, presided with that business-like grace which makes her a welcome acquisition to any Institute gathering. Miss Watson remarked optimistically, "This is the most successful Institute convention I



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have had the pleasure of attending, and I have attended them all."

Mrs. H. W. Parsons, of Forest, gave an address entitled, "A Woman's View of Life," which contained much that was helpful and suggestive. The speaker gave a sketchy review of the ground covered by former speakers, remarking, "Woman and her responsibility in the home have been emphasized very strongly. I want to speak of Joy in Life.

"We have not enough joy in the home. We are apt to think of it as a place to eat and sleep. There is enough inevitable sadness in the world. We meet it wherever we go, and are overcome by the contagious gloom of it. For the child's sake, make the home bright, make it a place to be glad in. Let there be a legitimate outlet for the children's exuberant spirits. Keep their anniversaries. They serve the double purpose of giving pleasure at the time and leaving memories they will love to look back upon. 'Make a child happy, and you will make him good.' If we are going to help build up a beautiful character we must begin at the beginning.

"Let your children learn the great facts of life from you, through the life of nature, which reveals the story through flowers and birds, thus leading the child up to the heights of Creation.

"Young people should be allowed to meet and allowed freedom to enjoy each other's company in the home. Don't be afraid, mothers, that you are not wanted where young people are. Be a companion, keep young and sweet yourself. If you do not, you are likely to lose their comradeship. A young man often feels he is the object of adverse criti-



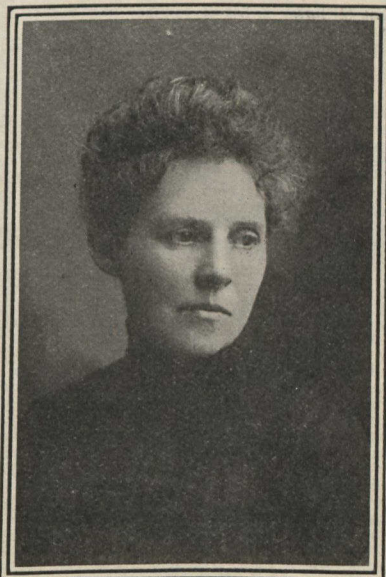
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whole question was co-operation, and on her suggestion a Committee of Child Welfare was appointed. The members nominated by Mr. Putnam were: Miss Hotson, Miss E. Guest, Mrs. Norman and Mr. C. J. Atkinson.

Dr. C. J. Copp, of Toronto, told of how the Women's Institute might take up the work of the St. John's Ambulance Association. He explained the lectures on "First Aid to the Injured," and there is a possibility that some of the Institutes will begin this new work.

Dr. W. T. Connell, of Queen's University, Kingston, gave an instructive and well-illustrated address on "Water Supply," showing clearly how defective arrangements lead to infection and disease. Since most cases of typhoid fever can be traced to impure water supply, it behooves Canadians to remedy this evil as soon as possible, for such an epidemic means that there has been gross neglect and inertness. Judging by the interest with which Dr. Connell's hearers followed his remarks and watched the changing lantern slides as they depicted satisfactory and unsatisfactory conditions, the members of the Women's Institutes are alive to the importance of this question.

"The water of the villages and rural districts of Ontario is bad, very bad," said the speaker. "Out of one thousand samples of well water of eastern Ontario I found two-thirds of them to be polluted, and in one village eighty per cent. of the wells were polluted. In eastern Ontario nearly all the wells are surface wells, and this accounts for the bad condition of the water. There is more typhoid in our rural districts than in any of our cities, and the cause of this is that in many cases the wells are too near to the pig pen, the horse stable, or, worse still, the barnyard."



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cism and antipathy of the whole family. We expect a peculiar attitude in young men. We must not expect them to court us, too. They have neither time nor inclination. Let the young man who visits your home feel that you are his friend."

In giving some excellent advice to girls the speaker urged: "Never marry a man you cannot honor, nor a man who

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