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EXECUTIVE OF NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Meetings of Much Interest Held in Ottawa—Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Representing N. B., Tells of Sessions.

In an interview with Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, who has just returned from the meeting of the Executive of the National Council of Women, held recently at Ottawa, who represented St. John, and New Brunswick, told

The Standard some of the most interesting features of the session.

Mrs. Smith presented to the council an invitation to hold their annual meeting, which takes place early in June, in St. John, but the invitation was regretfully declined as Brantford, Ont., had previously sent an invitation and it was felt that this would be more central for the delegates. The council has never met in Brantford before, and this was an additional reason for the choice falling there.

The Ottawa meetings were very largely attended and great interest evidenced in the lengthy sessions. Among the representative women present were Lady Gibson, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Wolverson, Hamilton, Mrs. Torrington, Mrs. Plumtree, Lady Falconer, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, Mrs. McIvor, Mrs. Fairbairn, Dr. Margaret Gordon, all of Toronto; Mrs. Watt, Brantford; Mrs. McDougal, Kingston;

Mrs. Morris, Peterboro; Mrs. Dayton, Sask.; Mrs. Robertson, Winnipeg; Mrs. Hannington, Vancouver; Mrs. Adam Short, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Smillie, Lady Foster, Mrs. Crothers, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Wilson, Ottawa; Dr. Ritchie, England; Prof. Carrie Derrick, Mrs. Little, Montreal; Miss Carmichael, representing Nova Scotia, and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, of St. John. There were also present heads of standing committees and representatives of Federated National Societies.

The Duchess of Devonshire was a deeply interested guest at the first sessions.

Mrs. Torrington, the president, in her opening address struck the right note in emphasizing the great necessity of adjusting the work of the National Council and making it a machine through which every question of national importance could be discussed. She urged the adoption of new methods to help in the life and death struggle now being waged, and to assist the soldiers at the front.

Lady Aberdeen, who was unable to be present, in her greetings to the council urged the formation of an international committee representing every province and every nationally organized society. This committee was formed with Mrs. Torrington as president, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings as secretary, Miss Carmichael, representing Nova Scotia, and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith for New Brunswick.

The great interest of the Western women in food production may be gleaned from the fact that these three societies were represented—"The Women's Grain Growers' Association, of Saskatchewan," "The Farm Women, of Alberta," and "The Women's Grain Growers of Manitoba."

Many interesting resolutions were brought up for discussion, the chief topic being the conservation and conscription of food.

Other resolutions were passed regarding the recommendation that the government should establish a definite organization to place work on the farms; child welfare; the care of feeble-minded, a Dominion board of health, the reporting of venereal diseases; the nationalization act; assistance for farmers' sons in education; vacant land cultivation, were other topics upon which resolutions were passed.

One resolution from Vancouver read as follows: "The Local Council of Vancouver request National Council, through all local councils, to urge women of Canada to conserve wool by stopping the purchase, also the knitting of fancy woolen sweaters and other unessential woolen articles, thus releasing more material for making articles necessary for the continuance of the war."

All the delegates were extended hospitality, but many preferred to stay at the Chateau Laurier. Luncheon was served every day by the local council of Ottawa, and Mrs. E. Atherton Smith received much social attention.

Mrs. Smith expresses the hope that the hearty compliment will be made with the following request:—In complying with the resolution of the executive of the National Council of Women recently convened in Ottawa Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, of St. John, president of the local Council of Women requests all officers, convenors and members of societies of local council to observe Good Friday as the day for intercession and prayer for the allied cause, in view of the fact that the great offensive now on may decide this world's comfort.

## Music in the Home

BEST MUSIC BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE MOVIES.

At one time in the earlier stages of the motion picture theatre's existence the public's interest in the music heard at the movies was about of the same quality as that of little Tommy who stood watching a parade. As the band passed, Tommy caught sight of the man playing the big drum and the little chap observed "I could do that too. I've often beat the carpets for mother." But conditions have vastly improved. Modern theatres have for some time been equipped with splendid pipe organs. Good orchestras have been introduced and are now a recognized feature. The music is one of the chief attractions.

One organist who plays at a large picture house said recently, "besides recital programmes and special organ solos, I gave request numbers to get the musical pulse of our audiences. Only once have I received a request for rag-time or any real cheap piece. On one occasion I had a request for a 'Bach Fugue.' In New York they are employing large mixed choruses in addition to the orchestras. At one theatre the chorus and orchestra united in a selection from Tannhauser. During another week the musical numbers given included the Overture to Salome, Goldmark, Annie Louise David, harpist, and The Bell Chorus from Pagliacci. These numbers not only pleased the picture fans but are thoroughly enjoyed by those hunting around for really good music."

## SOLDIERS' COMFORT ASSOCIATION APPOINTS COMMITTEES

Plans have been completed by the Soldiers' Comfort Association for looking after the different wards on Saturday when there will be a big drive for funds. The officers and convenors of committees are as follows:

Mrs. Peck—Convenor of work for day.

Mrs. Byron Lingley—Ward Convenor. The captains of wards are as follows:

Lorne Ward—Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Mason.

Wellington—Mrs. Vincent.

Guys and Brooks—Mrs. A. W. Fraser and Mrs. Tobin.

Dukes—Mrs. Secord.

Prince—Miss Alice Fairweather and Miss Brock.

Kings—Mrs. C. B. Allen.

Queens—Mrs. Frank Peters and Mrs. Wm. Vassie.

Sydney—Mrs. Wm. Shaw.

Landow—Mrs. A. C. Crockett.

Victoria—Miss Dunn and Miss Manks.

St. John—Miss Magee and Miss Foley.

Fairville—Miss Mary O'Brien.

Room committee—Mrs. Chas. Leonard, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Flagler, Mrs. Fred Peters and Mrs. Walter Holly.

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There will be two shifts, one for the morning and one for the afternoon and no refreshments will be served.

The High School girls will look after the work in the evening and will have the Misses Merritt as leaders.

IMPROBABLE.

Ralph Ince will direct his wife, Lucille Lee Stewart, in her new screen vehicle, "Steak 'n' Eggs." Yes, he will! Who ever heard of a man directing his wife?

## ORATORIO GIVEN AT STONE CHURCH

Large Congregation Enjoys Singing of "From Olivet to Calvary" Last Evening.

The oratorio "From Olivet to Calvary" was given at St. John's (Stone) church last evening before a large congregation. The choir of Stone church had been trained by D. Arnold Fox, who presided at the organ with his usual skill. The soloists were Mrs. G. K. Bell, whose sweet soprano was heard to fine advantage in the somewhat exacting music of the soprano role, her expressive singing being especially shown in "O was there ever loneliness like His!" In the part of the narrator, Dr. Percy Bonnell's fine voice and capacity for dramatic expression found full opportunity for demonstration, and he also rendered effectively Rodney's "Calvary."

Mr. T. Kingsmill sang his tenor solos with evenness of tone and Mr. W. Charlton gave a sympathetic rendering of "He was despaired."

The quartet of the church, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Harrison, Messrs. Kingsmill and Burnham, displayed a pleasant tonal blend and contrast in the quartet "O Thou Whose Sweet Compassion," while the part of Pontius Pilate was efficiently taken by D. S. Robillard.

The chorus was exceptionally solid in volume of tone and responded readily to the expression as indicated from the keyboard. The attack was very firm, the shading excellent, whilst the choral declamation in the more dramatic passages such as the crucifix choruses and "March to Calvary" was impressive and at times quite thrilling, the climaxes being effectively handled.

Among other assisting last evening were Miss Louise Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffiths, and Mrs. W. Charlton. "Olive to Calvary" proved to be fine and inspired example of modern oratorio and Mr. Fox is to be congratulated on the success of last evening's performance.

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Through this enthralling awe-ful time What have I, marvelling, known? Men's lives of heroism sublime; Mine unheroic own.

May I not spur that, too, awake, To seek some worthier goal, And wear the thought "For others sake!"

As brassard for my soul? God, ere the warrior's flags be furled, For this poor self I sue: Rebuilding now Thy ravaged world, Make even me anew!

Late, late the prayer, alas! But now I could not live and see My life sink back to its old slough Ere these men died for me.

—H. L. in The London Spectator.

## W. A. AT CAMPOBELLO.

The fourth annual meeting of the Girls' Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, was held in St. Anne's Parish, Campobello, on Wednesday evening, March 13th.

The W. A. litany was read, then followed reports of work done and funds received—so that in spite of a very stormy winter and fewer meetings yet we can report progress in every way.

The united thank offering, general pledge fund and appeals were more than in former years, thus making a very creditable showing. The evening was devoted entirely to business. The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Mrs. Tobin.

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