

STUDY COURSE FOR WINTER MONTHS

Superintendent of Women's Institutes W. E. Scott, has sent the following letter to all the secretaries of Women's Institutes in the province:

"Madam—I have the honor to advise you that the matter of a study course to be taken up by the Institutes in this Province during winter, and which was discussed at the conference held in this city on the 7th and 8th of September, has received the further attention of the department.

"It will be within your recollection that a suggestion was made at the time that the school law of British Columbia and its relation in particular, to rural districts, should be taken up as the subject.

"Upon discussing the matter with the Education Department, however, I have taken up by the Institutes in this province during the winter, and which was discussed at a conference held in this city on the 7th and 8th of September, has received the to advise you that I do not consider it expedient that the study course to be adopted by Women's Institutes should take this form, and it is therefore regretted that no outline or instructions as to same will appear in the January number of the W. I. Quarterly, as originally intended by the Department."

MISSION RED CROSS WORK.

At a meeting of the Mission City Women's Institute on Thursday, Nov. 25th, the secretary of the Red Cross committee reported having shipped the first consignment of articles to the Red Cross central depot in Vancouver. The bundle consists of 280 pieces, viz:

Thirteen surgical shirts, 14 pyjamas, 9 pairs ward slippers, 30 eye bandages, 29 T. bandages, 13 many tail bandages, 10 knee bandages, 2 pair operating socks, 4 shoulder pads, 10 scarfs and helmets, 2 elbow rests, 9 pairs mitts, 2 triangular bandages, 1 sling, 90 handkerchiefs, 1 pillow case, 2 pairs overshoes, 20 cup covers, 19 bedside bags.

Twenty Christmas parcels were also sent to the boys who have gone overseas from that vicinity. Each parcel contained 1 helmet, 1 pair socks, 1 handkerchief and gum or bar of chocolate.

SURREY INSTITUTE AIDS SOLDIERS.

At the Surrey Women's Institute meeting at Cloverdale on December 7th, Mrs. Croft in the chair, it was reported that a box of furs had been contributed for the Italian soldiers and a large case of clothing and jam had been sent to the Central Park W. I. for the South Vancouver relief committee. It was decided to donate \$5 to the Belgian relief fund. The institute is preparing for an entertainment in January for the aid of the Surrey relief fund.

TYNEHEAD NEWS.

The concert under the auspices of the Women's Institute, held in the public hall on Wednesday, 8th Dec., was a most enjoyable affair. The program was excellent, every number being good, and the chairman, Mr. F. J. McKenzie, M.P.P., contributed in no small degree to the success of the evening. The amount raised, \$17.00, was handed to Mr. McKenzie for the patriotic fund.

BUY OWN CHINA.

The regular meeting of the Salmon River Valley Women's Institute was held on Thursday, Dec. 9th., at the home of the president, Mrs. W. J. Andrews. It was proposed by Mrs. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Rowe, that cups, saucers and spoons should be purchased for the use of the Institute at afternoon teas and socials.—Carried. The question of the Institute library was gone into, and it was decided to ask Mrs. A. Heywood to take charge of it. A magazine club was suggested by Mrs. W. F. Smith, and this was left open for further discussion. A novel and pretty table centre was exhibited by Mrs. E. Rowe and afterwards tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. and the Misses May and Maud Andrews.

AT SUMMERLAND.

The usual monthly meeting of the Sumerland Women's Institute was held in the Methodist club rooms on Friday, Dec. 10th, there being a fairly good attendance. The meeting took the form of an informal social gathering at which afternoon tea was served. Two solos were pleasingly rendered by Miss Anna Hayes, while Miss Edna McLeod gave a pianoforte selection. Mrs. S. F. Sharpe brought samples of coconut macaroons and gave the recipe for the same. Mrs. J. W. Augwin showed forth her art in the making of crystalized apricots, while Mrs. Fred Gartell sent a sample of nough candy which was pronounced by all to be of excellent worth.

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