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"There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil, to one who is striking at the root."—Thoreau

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everyone will agree that this is something that should be considered in making plans for an all-day meeting.

At a few district annuals, interesting bits of Institute information were given by visitors from overseas. Miss Vallerie Nicholson of Durham, England, who was touring this country with the Young Farmers from Britain, attended the **West Victoria** District Annual, and described an Institute in England with a membership of eighty and a long waiting list because the hall where they meet will not hold any more. "The members all go to every meeting," Miss Nicholson said. At North Brant another visitor from England quoted this by-law in her Institute: "A member who does not attend at least 3 monthly meetings during the year without good reason shall have her membership terminated. If she wishes at any time to rejoin, her name shall go on the waiting list and come up for re-election in the usual way. When the number of members reaches 100, the names of the women and girls wishing to become members are put on a waiting list, with the exception of newcomers to the locality whose names have been submitted by their present Institute Secretaries and who shall immediately be eligible for election."

These notes were gathered from reports and discussions:

It is important that sometime during a District Annual, the representative from the Institutes Branch have an opportunity to meet with the district directors to discuss Extension Services. In some cases this was arranged by having the directors and the Departmental representative have lunch at the same table; sometimes they met during a singsong period in the programme. The special reason for this meeting is that the branches need not definitely decide on the course or other services they want from the Department until after the District Annual; they can ask questions of the Departmental representative and clear up anything they do not understand. Also, with all the directors meeting together it is easy to arrange for minorities from one branch to join another branch in a course they would like to take. It was emphasized that as soon as a branch has set a date for a service, it should advise the District Secretary and should state whether or not it has room in the class for women from other branches. The branch should also let the District Secretary know if it is not applying for a course.

If a meeting is held in a church, respect should be shown for the church. For instance, should a communion table be used as a desk?

And what about raffles? The ruling in the Hand Book is "The provincial board does not encourage nor commend holding raffles or

bingo parties to raise funds for Women's Institute work, but the final decision is left to the discretion of the branch Institute."

It was recommended that the District Secretary send a programme of the District Annual to the Departmental representative and the Board Director. Sometimes they have difficulty in finding the meeting place.

A Departmental representative should not be asked to deal with resolutions, but she may give information related to a resolution if she has such information.

A District Annual is not an occasion for special speakers. With the Board Member, the Departmental representative and the district business to be discussed, time is too limited for a special speaker.

Financial reports at District Annuals often show an amazing amount of money raised and given to causes outside the area. At least one District President this year pointed out that more of the funds raised should be used to improve conditions in the local community; and that primarily the Women's Institute is an educational, not a money raising organization.

At one meeting the branches answered the Roll Call by telling how they used their Government grant for educational purposes, or that they did not apply for the grant.

North Renfrew was commended for using a blackboard to show its financial statement on one side, and its slate of officers nominated on the other. This made for clarity and time saving.

Perhaps a special word might be added about one of the most northerly District Annuals held this year at Island Falls in the North Cochrane district. A special car on the Ontario Northland Railway picked up delegates along the route and dropped them at Island Falls Junction where they were met by an Abitibi rail car and a delegation of Institute women from the hostess branch. At Island Falls a troupe of Brownies and Cubs met the car—the Brownies escorted the guests to their billets and the Cubs carried their bags. Tea was served in the billeting homes, then everyone went to the hall and the meeting began. At five o'clock the meeting closed for dinner and was resumed again for an evening session. About nine o'clock most of the Island Falls people arrived for a supper at the Hall followed by a square dance with Mrs. Marwick, author of Northland Post and Miss Hilda Clark at the microphone, "calling off." In the morning some of the visitors had a motor boat ride on the Abitibi River; and when the Institute sessions were finished there was a tour of the power plant. Men as well as women came to the station to see the visitors off. Such is the hospitality of the North.

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"The more we know, the better we forgive;

Who'er feels deeply, feels for all who live."—Mme. De Stael

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