

cause of her service to others through Institute work."

The Director reminded us that we all have potentialities and possibilities—reserves we have never tapped. Let's keep on growing and heighten the power of our personality! Samuel Johnston has said "Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great and laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope and afterwards rewarded by joy."

We have terrific objectives in our organization, and terrific power if we all put our resources to the best use possible. It is up to the board members to enthuse, inspire, guide and direct the women back home; to bring out the best in everybody and in our organization, forgetting self in so doing. They say there are three kinds of people in the world: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who don't know that anything is happening. Let us help our women to grow. Let us develop in our organization and through our organization more and more of the people who "make things happen"—in the right direction, and so help our people to really "broaden their horizons" and measure up to the marvellous challenges which are ours through our organization.

#### Agriculture and Canadian Industries

The Convener, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, reported a lower percentage of District and Area reports received and a higher percentage of Branch reports received by the conveners. More demonstrations were given in meetings and this is valuable since seeing is next best to doing in educational value; and the demonstrator herself gains in efficiency and self-assurance. Subjects showing the use of things at hand as well as the products of some of our

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#### HYMN OF ALL NATIONS

Tune *Finlandia*

Sung at the A.C.W.W. Conference Opening Ceremonies in Convocation Hall, Toronto, August 14, 1953.

This is my song, Oh, God of all the Nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine,  
This is my love, the country where my heart is,  
This is my hope, my dream, my shrine,  
But other hearts in other lands are beating,  
With hopes and dreams the same as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine,  
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
And skies are sometimes blue as mine,  
Oh hear my song then, God of all the Nations,  
A song of peace for their land and mine.

Canadian Industries were chosen. The members are co-operating more fully with other organizations which lead to progress and better understanding in the world of Agriculture and Canadian Industries; to a better understanding between rural and urban dwellers; and which aim to make rural living very desirable to both rural and urban eyes.

#### Citizenship and Education

Mrs. J. Cooper, Convener, reported that many branches had devoted a few minutes at each meeting to a study of the countries of the A.C.W.W. representatives. Institutes are becoming more interested in learning more about Canada and its relations to other countries, also about the part women are playing in shaping its destiny. Members were urged to accept office or support a woman candidate when possible. Mrs. Cooper stated "Women's Institute members are doing important work in helping New Canadians to adjust themselves to our way of life, acting as stepping stones in developing good citizens; and in so doing are broadening their own horizons and finding a new appreciation of their own individual freedom." There is a greater interest shown in the schools and the newer trends in Education. International Day, Remembrance Day, Brotherhood Week were observed in various ways.

#### Community Activities and Public Relations

The Convener, Miss Ina Hodgins, said it was most encouraging to note the higher percentage of Branch and District reports received. Quietly, unobtrusively, the work of spreading cheer in the communities goes on. Thought for the poor and lonely, the sick and bereaved, expressed in tangible and practical form is always a prominent item of all reports and is an important part of Institute activities. Co-operation in the various community affairs is also a major feature of the work of the Institutes throughout the Province. The majority of the Branches are fostering a wholesome social life, sponsoring musical and dramatic festivals, choral groups, variety concerts, plays, square dancing competitions, picnics. A special effort is made to develop latent talent both among the members and others in the community. The Penny Round Up was the outstanding 1953 project, over \$10,100.00 being contributed to date. The Farm Press, Daily and Weekly Newspapers and many Broadcasting Stations have been most generous in reporting the meetings, the conferences and the conventions.

#### Historical Research and Current Events

The Convener, Mrs. Sanford Aikins, noted an increase of interest in Tweedsmuir Histories—three Districts report a Tweedsmuir History in every Branch. Branches in greater numbers are visiting museums and historical sites. The book "Cradle of Ontario History" by the late Wm. Cranston of Midland is being studied. A new local museum is being started