

# Here and There With the Institutes

## Gleanings From "Reports of Meetings."

In this issue our "Here and There" notes are taken almost entirely from the Reports of Meetings sent in by the branch secretaries. One secretary wrote on her form: "Please explain in Home and Country the value of this questionnaire." We can only reply: "Read what follows here and see if it might not be the means of spreading some good ideas from one Institute to another." We know that making these reports is quite a piece of work for a secretary. — Editor.

### TO GET NEW MEMBERS

One question asked on the form was what plans the Institute had to get new members next year. These are some of the plans reported:

**Centreville Addington** plans a friendship tea, each member to bring a guest from the community. **Paris Plains** has the roll call at one meeting to be answered by bringing a prospective member. **Bernie** plans to entertain young married couples at a meeting with the hope of getting the young women interested in the Institute. **Kincardine Junior** Institute hopes to get additional members by making transportation easier and having more recreation. **Ripley Juniors** are inviting girls of the High School to attend their meetings and will set up special committees to give everyone something to do. **Teeswater's** objective is for every member to try to bring a new member during the year. **Leitrim** makes a point of inviting newcomers in the community. **Corbetton** says, "We invite ladies to come to our meetings and enjoy themselves as non-members first, and we make our meetings friendly and welcoming." **Laurel** invited a New Canadian woman from Latvia to speak at an Institute meeting; she is now a member. **Aylmer's** way of getting new members is to have interesting programmes and give everyone something to do. **Central Elgin Junior** Institute plans to make a survey to find the girls of Junior Institute age, and to invite them to join. **Grand Bend** hopes to gain new members by "having more entertainment, being more prompt at meetings, having more members answer the roll call." At **Seaforth** each member will try to get another woman to join the Institute this year. **Ravenswood** has a "Friendship Meeting" when every member invites a friend. **Providence** and **Aughrim** both report inviting new neighbors and offering transportation to the meetings.

### MOST INTERESTING PROGRAMME

Replies to the question "What was your outstanding programme of the year?" indicate that the Christmas programme at the December meeting, citizenship features, especially "International Days," and the programme put on by the girls' homemaking clubs are generally very popular. Following are the individual preferences of various Institutes:

**Camden East's** most interesting programme was its International Day with a roll call "A national food of another country," a paper on International Current Events, and a friendship letter from Australia. **Reidville's** two most interesting features were an address on the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the care of the eyes, and a home economics programme on remodelling old furniture. **Moyle-Tranquillity** gives first place to a "Home Talent Meeting," "when each member was responsible for two minutes' entertainment" and "some took part who never do at an ordinary meeting." **Tranquillity-Fairview:** The meeting on Agriculture and Canadian Industries with a film "The Long Furrow" and an address on Junior Farmer work by the local Junior Farmers' president. **Lion's Head:** The meeting on Historical Research and Current Events with a talk, "Lady Your House Is On Fire" dealing with women's responsibilities as citizens, gave the members much to think about." **Armow:** A meeting where shell work done by the members was exhibited and the Homemaking Club girls demonstrated "Working With Wool." **Holyrood's** most interesting programme was a demonstration: "Cottons Can Be Smart," by their Girls' Homemaking Club. **Plainfield:** the Club Girls' demonstration on Salads. **Bethel:** the girls' display of wool skirts they had made. **Kincardine:** The November Armistice Day programme with a talk on World Brotherhood. **Kincardine Junior:** A demonstration on Bandaging. **Purple Grove:** A Historical Research meeting where everyone took part in a humorous skit, "A Friday Afternoon in School Sixty Years Ago"—an old time school concert session, we take it. **Ripley** lists two special addresses, one on Indians by an Indian Agent, one on "Peace and the Christian" by a local clergyman. **Teeswater** enjoyed a Round Table discussion on Citizenship and Education. **Kars:** A meeting devoted to child study with a Director of Psychology on the Ottawa public school staff leading the discussion.