

scope of activities and have performed every possible service for their community and for humanitarian projects farther afield.

An ever-increasing number of visits to the aged, the sick, the shut-ins is noted and of distributing comforts and remembrances to them. It is encouraging to note the care and thoughtfulness that is being extended to patients in hospitals, sanatoriums and homes for the aged; concerts given, sewing done, radios and various comforts provided.

The upkeep of community halls, war memorials, parks, cemeteries and donations of money to hospitals and all worthy causes are reported from every area. The special project in 1954 was the Korean Widow's Self Help Project to which \$7,021.86 was contributed. Exhibits, demonstrations, displays at agricultural fairs and exhibitions are reported from all over the province. Bus trips are steadily growing in popularity. Social events are sponsored. These are but a few of the activities.

A spirit of good fellowship is fostered by entertaining neighbouring Institutes, Quebec Institute members and groups from the United States. Good public relations are being established by contacts and co-operation with other organizations.

The Convener is pleased to note an increasing awareness of the importance of publicity and its relation to the interest of the organization. Excellent use has been made of the press, the radio and the telephone to acquaint the general public with Institute activities.

Citizenship and Education, by Mrs. J. Cooper.

Some points of special interest in this report were:

Keen interest is shown in United Nations, International Affairs and educational radio programs. More Institutes are providing county scholarships for girls. More branches are using travelling libraries. Many Institutes have given flags and pictures of the Queen to their schools; several have had addresses on the Flag and the Crown and how the flag should be used and flown. A number of Institutes devote a few minutes at each meet-

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MARRIAGE

By A. Warren

I know we loved each other when we walked
So long ago in spring beneath the moon;
When, hand clasped close in hand, we softly talked
Of that new joy our hearts would shelter soon,
Perennially golden and secure
From any change. But O, we could not see
That springtime wonderment would not endure
As first it was, but alter blessedly.
We could not know, my dear, we could not guess
How years augment the miracle of love;
How autumn brings a depth of tenderness
That is beyond young April's dreaming of!
How there would burn a richer flame some day
Than that which first threw glory on our way.

ing to Current Events. International Day is observed by most Institutes and newcomers are welcomed and invited to take part in the program. In connection with the school, besides donating various prizes and equipment some branches have arranged special programs with the school during Education Week and members visit the school on Visitors' Day. Films on adult education are shown in the Institute or for the whole community by many branches.

The Convener gave the following suggestions gathered from reports: (1) "A Citizenship and Education Committee headed by the Citizenship Convener in the branch, could demonstrate what women as citizens could really accomplish in a community; could attend school board meetings and ratepayers' and council meetings. They could also be alerted to new by-laws. (2) Have book reviews at meetings; use Home and Country as material. (3) Have more exchange letters with those of other countries. (4) Conveners should not send printed articles for their reports but have them re-written in their own words. (5) Try to make your country better by boosting all forward movements. (6) Make more use of the Loan Library of the Institutes Branch. (7) Make more study of a woman's duty as juror. (8) As Institute members we should strive in our homes and communities to teach honesty and tolerance and to teach our children the additional Three R's — Respect, Reverence and Responsibility. (9) A good forum topic could be made interesting with the title "Underprivileged parents and overprivileged children."

Radio Evaluation Survey Report

Mrs. D. S. MacNaughton said that 85 branches reported for this survey through their Citizenship convener. It was the opinion of a cross section of Ontario. The methods used were group study, i.e., where branches formed into groups with the leaders bringing back the findings; listening groups; panel discussions, which were later thrown open to the general meeting; open discussion led by the Citizenship convener; and a questionnaire with such questions as: Do you enjoy C.B.C. programs? Do you disapprove of some? Do you send in constructive criticism? What type of program interests you most?

Termed excellent were school dramas and Canadian short stories. Shakespearean plays were liked but it was felt the productions are of uneven quality. Some good plays were too condensed and hurried in their lines. Soap operas were not very popular. In music C.B.C. was congratulated on its choice of musical programs. In religion more church services and entertainment suitable for Sunday listening was advised. Programs with organ music rated high. In History — Interviews about other countries as well as Canada were appreciated and popular with all ages.