

to answer four questions. In this way they could be sure of some points and so gain a little self-confidence. There was a thirty-second time limit and if the contestants were unable to answer, other hands flew up—to gain extra points. During the second part of the quiz the contestants drew numbers to correspond with questions.

A good quiz master is an essential and we had one in our minister. The children were soon at ease, smiling, and anxious to answer questions. The many pupils in the audience were bubbling over with enthusiasm, waving their hands, wanting to answer too. A photographer took pictures and the children were thrilled when these appeared in the local paper.

The many favorable comments that night made us realize that our efforts had not been in vain. One teacher hoped to interest her home institute in the project. A public school principal who helped judge and score the points said that he wished someone would start a Book Quiz in his school. A young mother commented, "Our children are certainly bringing home more books to read this year."

And, finally, our campaign did not cost as much as we expected. A collection of \$15.08 was taken the night of the quiz. The prizes (less discount) cost \$17.90 and other expenses including films were \$2.10.

Here are a few hints that might help other Institutes. You need the co-operation of your teachers. Don't ask them to do any of the

work. The books should be read by the committee and the lists sent out by September the first. Once the children start reading them it is difficult to find one of these books in the library. Eight contestants seemed an ideal number. We found that when a contestant missed a question, several hands were raised at once. A judge is needed to decide who should answer. Experts say that when a child reaches Grade 7, his reading habits are formed. Therefore this quiz is more successful when directed at junior pupils. Inadequate school libraries prevented this in our locality but we are working on that problem too.

This was but a small beginning. Although it is too soon to ascertain any far-reaching results, we feel that our Better Reading Campaign was worth while. Already we are laying bigger and better plans for next year. We have the co-operation of our school inspector, have enquired from local librarians about books and book lists, and are hoping other institutes in our district will become interested.

From the point of view of our own Women's Institute, the idea of a Radio Book Quiz is somewhat far-fetched but by working together who knows what can be accomplished toward making better informed citizens of the future.

Editor's Note: It is of interest that the committee in charge of this project are all former school teachers, married to farmers and living on farms in the locality. They are Mrs. Frank Alexander, convener of Citizenship and Education for the Institute and originator of the Book Quiz idea; Mrs. George Cole and Mrs. Don Budd.

Thanks From Dominica

Some of our members will remember seeing Mother Marie Alicia and Mother Marie Adele at the Officers' Conference at Guelph last year. At the Conference a collection was taken to buy a gift for the Reverend Mothers to use in their social work among women and girls in the Dominican Republic. After some looking around through our shops the Mothers de-



At the formal opening of the Headquarters for the Women's League of the Dominican Republic. The tables and chairs shown are gifts from Ontario Women's Institute members.

ecided they would like to have some "nesting chairs"—chairs that can be stacked together like a nest of tables. A few tables were included in the gift. The furniture is now in use at the Dominica Women's League Headquarters and the following 'thank you' note was sent to Miss Lewis from Mother Marie Alicia:

"It is gratifying to see the satisfaction and pride our women derive from their small asset of tables and chairs. It is then also my pleasant duty to say once more a hearty 'Thank You' to the Directors and Leaders of the Women's Institute.

"The formal opening of Headquarters for the Women's League took place in January in the presence of the Administrator of the Colony. I am enclosing a picture of this event. Notice the tables and chairs, gift of the Women's Institute. You may be sure that the members of the Dominica Women's Organization will remember you gratefully.

"In spirit we are with you this time of the year, for it is a year ago that we enjoyed your generous hospitality at Guelph and Toronto—days which we will never forget.

"Be assured that we will remember you and your works in our prayers. May God bless you."