

The President's Corner

Mrs. Gordon McPhatter,
President F.W.I.O.



AREA Conventions are over for another year, and for the second time I have had the privilege of attending all of these gatherings in every area of our Province. I have finished the work, filled with inspiration given me by you, the Women's Institute members met in conventions. Your enthusiasm, your good-will, your kindness and in every case your hospitality have given me a new view of our work, and filled me with an even greater pride in our organization—and joy that I am privileged to join with you in an attempt to reach even higher peaks of achievement.

At many conventions I spoke briefly of a Women's Institute Garden, and closed my remarks with a little poem, "My Garden" by Douglas Malloch. So many have asked for this

poem that I am going to include it in my message to you—the members of our fine organization—as we work always together in the interest of Home and Country.

"Whoever makes a garden
Has never worked alone,
The rain has always found it,
The sun has always shone,
The wind has blown across it
And helped to scatter seeds;
Whoever makes a garden
Has all the help he needs.

"Whoever makes a garden
Should surely not complain,
With someone like the sunshine
And someone like the rain,
And someone like the breezes
To aid him at his toil,
And someone like the Father
Who gave the garden soil.

"Whoever makes a garden
Has, oh, so many friends!
The glory of the morning,
The dew when daylight ends,
The wind, the rain and sunshine,
And dew and fertile sod.
And he, who makes a garden
Works hand in hand with God."

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appear that they have well over \$20,000 lying in the Bank at bank interest only (1½% or less) instead of having this money invested at twice or better than that income, and I understand that they are contemplating asking us to increase our payments to them.

I would also like to point out that F.W.I.C. now receives more from the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association than does the F.W.I.O. We receive a \$50 Affiliation Fee from the Junior Farmers' Association, whereas F.W.I.C. receives 7c per Member. We have 1,023 Junior W.I. Members, which at 7c is \$71.61—hence F.W.I.C. receives \$21.61 more from our Junior W.I. Members than we do.

F.W.I.C. Financial Statement is Bi-ennial; ours is annual. Their statement for the last bi-ennial term shows approximately \$6,000 received from all Provinces for Membership Fees; whereas F.W.I.O. sends them approximately \$3,000 per year, contributing approximately \$6,000 in the TWO years. The Statement which I received was NOT an Audited Statement. Therefore, I would suggest that a Motion be passed at this Board Meeting requesting F.W.I.C. to submit to us an Audited Copy of their Bi-ennial Financial Statements immediately following the close of their fiscal year and bi-ennial terms.

(See Financial Statement next page)

CONVENERS' REPORTS

Agriculture and Canadian Industries by Mrs. Stewart McDonald.

"Agriculture is a basic industry, a science and an art," said Mrs. McDonald. "It is the industry that produces food without which no human being or animal can exist. Food is the greatest ammunition for peace. Life depends on food and therefore on productive land. Agriculture is a God-given way of life: the man who follows it may be proud of his profession. His is, and must be, an example to the world of the quieter way of life, of the concept of the relation of man and his stewardship to his Creator."

In reviewing the reports Mrs. McDonald found a wide scope of interests and subjects studied through papers, addresses, discussions, films, demonstrations and tours. Through all the reports there was a definite interest shown in Agriculture and Canadian Industries and a real desire to obtain information and inspiration through the Institute programs. Mrs. McDonald urged members to endeavor to spread to others those findings that have helped us and to make a renewed effort to make each program of the Institute even better and more helpful than last year.

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