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Ever insurgent let me be,
Make me more daring than devout;
From sleek contentment keep me free,
And fill me with a buoyant doubt.

Open my ears to music; let
Me thrill with Spring's first flutes and drums—
But never let me dare forget
The bitter ballads of the slums.

From compromise and things half-done,
Keep me with stern and stubborn pride;
And when, at last, the fight is won,
God, keep me still unsatisfied.

—Louis Untermeyer.

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Community Activities and Public Relations by Ina Hodgins.

Reports were received from all 13 areas and as they are studied one realizes how varied and important is the work being done for "Home and Country." The over-all picture in Ontario shows a decrease in membership but this decrease has meant no slackening of activities, as the reports show more and better work done — ample proof of the kind of members who are left. Reports show the successful completion of many objectives during the year and donations given to many worthy causes:

All branches show a keen interest in the welfare of the community. Their neighborly acts of kindness, the help they render day by day in their own community surely have helped to make Ontario a better place in which to live. When there is a need in a community it is the Women's Institute who spots it — and then does something about it. The majority of Women's Institute members work each day as partners in the promotion of better family and community life. It is the sum of all these endeavors that make up the body and tissues of Public Relations at its best.

The convener noted an increasing awareness of the importance of Publicity and Public Relations and its relation to the growth of our organization. Our sincere thanks go out to the farm press, daily and weekly newspapers, and the many broadcasting stations who have been so generous in reporting our meetings, activities, social events, our Women's Institute conferences and area conventions.

Home Economics and Health by Mrs. John H. McCulloch.

From the splendid reports of work done Mrs. McCulloch knows our concept of Home Economics has been broadened; that we no longer look on it as just cookery and sewing, but see it as a vitally important subject including every aspect of home and family

living. The members are realizing more clearly how closely Home Economics and Health are knit; and the star by which we must steer our course in Home Economics is better home living, which will make the home a healthier, happier and more satisfying place in which to live and a stronger force in promoting the well-being of the community. That health is "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity" is one of the principles accepted by the World Health Organization.

Home Economics presents a challenge to everyone. With its emphasis on nutrition it can be of inestimable value in promoting health; with its emphasis on income, buymanship and management it can help the homemaker solve one of today's biggest problems; with its emphasis on family relationships it can help to develop a happy stimulating home life; with its emphasis on housing it can make the house a more convenient place to work in and a more satisfying place in which to live; with its emphasis on clothing and crafts it may provide an opportunity to express one's desire for beauty or a means of increasing the income. No topic other than Home Economics so directly affects the homemaker.

The reports indicate very clearly that the Women's Institutes are doing a marvellous work in meeting the needs of the homemakers of the community for information and instruction to enable them to best meet this challenge. The Extension Service of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service continues to assist greatly in making our Women's Institutes in reality a "rural university."

Many and varied health subjects have been covered in the meetings by guest speakers and films as well as by papers, mottoes and demonstrations by members. Branches sponsored baby clinics and X-ray clinics, gave assistance in anti-polio clinics, to county health units and sub-units of Cancer Societies. Others supplied and replenished First Aid Kits for schools. Hospital beds are kept for local use. Several branches supervised the keeping of beaches in sanitary condition, worked toward no-dumping signs on country roads; and so it goes on and on, an almost unending list of worthwhile endeavors for "Home and Country."

Citizenship and Education by Mrs. J. R. Geddes.

The convener was impressed with the way the women are educating themselves. Increased use of films is bringing the world and its progress and problems to their doors. Visits are reported by Institute women to practically every European country but Russia. Upon their return they have given accounts of these trips, with slides, at meetings which is a fine way to promote world citizenship. Further evidence to the desire