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### DOING NOTHING IS DANGEROUS

It is not the well-warmed, well-peopled house  
That soonest falls to wrack. 'Tis the disused  
And empty dwelling, that with fireless hearth,  
Pictureless walls, and shuttered window panes,  
Coldly, untimely mopes into decay.

—Sir William Watson.

The birds came, but my eyes were sealed;  
The wind flowers danced about my feet;  
From leafy dell and smiling field  
The vernal airs blew sweet.  
Yet deaf and blind, with spirit bleak,  
I passed upon my stolid way;  
But when the first snowflake smote my cheek,  
I mourned for my lost May.

—Doris Kenyon.

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From a five-day course in Dressmaking:  
"This was as good a class as I have ever had.  
They worked hard and would stay after hours  
as long as I would stay. We used the quick  
method of sewing and they finished their  
dresses very easily." And from another Dress-  
making class: "The people who attended this  
class were exceptionally fine. Three of them  
had never made dresses before but they turned  
out very good work."

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From a Foods course: "A good crowd, but  
the hall was not open when I arrived so there  
was some delay in getting prepared for the  
demonstration. Also the gas was not con-  
nected. But when we finally got going the  
course went well."

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"A large class and a very helpful group of  
assistants. Many of the women were French  
speaking and very keen."

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"The women were interested and every-  
thing was ready in advance. Throughout the  
course there was active participation — ques-  
tions and discussion. It was a pleasure to  
demonstrate to this Institute."

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"The women had spent considerable time  
and effort publicizing the course including  
advertising it on television. They had a large  
turnout of women in the community in addi-  
tion to Institute members."

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"This Institute was especially interested in  
community meal planning (in the Hospitality  
Foods course) as they have a new kitchen to  
use."

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"The women were interested in obtaining  
other of our Food bulletins."

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"Supplies were late in arriving but with  
the efficient assistance the women gave in  
preparing for the demonstration, time was  
made up and everything went smoothly."

"The Institute had done excellent publicity  
through newspapers, posters and radio. One  
hundred and sixteen women came to this  
course on Salads. An extremely successful  
course." At another point in the same county,  
Bruce, one hundred and ten women attended  
the course "Sandwiches For All Occasions."

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Of the Institutes' evaluation of our exten-  
sion services we have some indication in a  
pretty general expression of appreciation. The  
following comments are fairly typical: "After  
this course in program planning we hope  
there will be a decided improvement in our  
programs next year." "Mrs. A— certainly  
was an answer to a long felt need in our  
branch." "We learned so much in our course  
'What Makes a Good Officer' and it will have  
an effect not only in our Institute but in other  
organizations to which many of us belong."  
"Now that I have experienced one of your  
courses I want others. Could you tell me the  
nearest Institute that is sponsoring the course  
'Choosing and Using Fabrics'? I feel the need  
of this help." "We would like to express our  
appreciation of the wonderful demonstration  
on 'Sandwiches For All Occasions' — from the  
school lunch to the wedding reception." "We  
had a most enjoyable day at our course on  
Nursing, and we feel that when the occasion  
arises for any of us to have a sick person in  
the home we will be able to cope with the  
situation with more thought and understand-  
ing for the patient's comfort." "We enjoyed  
our Millinery course so much that we would  
like to apply now for another course next  
year." "Our members have asked me to thank  
you for the course 'Hospitality Foods', Every-  
one enjoyed it and felt they had learned a  
lot." The Department appreciates too, the  
many compliments to our staff members, per-  
sonally.

The convener of Citizenship and Education at  
the Central Ontario Convention, Mrs. G. Francy,  
put part of her report in rhyme and fellow mem-  
bers of her Institute asked that these lines be  
published:

"Citizenship and education  
We shall study day by day,  
Our demonstrations and donations  
We shall contribute, yes pay.  
We shall learn them all by heart  
Lastly our bus trips, then we part."

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What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stop and stare.

—William H. Davies.

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