

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass, by Lewis Carroll.

Tales from Grimm, by Wanda Gag.

The Wind in the Willows, by Kenneth Grahame.

Uncle Remus, by Joel C. Harris.

Thunder of the Gods, by Dorothy Hosford.

The Heroes, by Charles Kingsley.

The Jungle Book, by Rudyard Kipling.

The Boy's King Arthur, by Sidney Lanier.

The Princess and the Goblin, by George MacDonald.

The Phoenix and the Carpet, by E. Nesbit.

The Story of the Treasure Seekers, by E. Nesbit.

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, by Howard Pyle.

Otto of the Silver Hand, by Howard Pyle.

Swallows and Amazons, by Arthur Ransome.

Heidi, by Johanna Spyri.

English Fairy Tales, by Flora A. Steel.

Treasure Island, by Robert L. Stevenson.

Gulliver's Travels, by Jonathan Swift.

The Little Duke, by Charlotte M. Yonge.

For Older Boys and Girls

Little Women, by Louisa M. Alcott.

Master Skylark, by John Bennett.

The Deerslayer, by James F. Cooper.

Robinson Crusoe, by Daniel Defoe.

Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens.

The Three Musketeers, by Alexandre Dumas.

Captains Courageous, by Rudyard Kipling.

Jim Davis, by John Masefield.

Red Fox, by Charles G. D. Roberts.

The Talisman, by Sir Walter Scott.

Wild Animals I Have Known, by Ernest T. Seton.

The Black Arrow, by Robert L. Stevenson.

Kidnapped, by Robert L. Stevenson.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain.

The Prince and the Pauper, by Mark Twain.

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*If only the old woman who lived in a shoe
Had known what good reading for children*

can do,

She wouldn't have spanked hers and sent

them to bed;

She'd have given them good books to look at

instead.

Why a County Conference?

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Because of the increased number of county conferences or "rallies" held in the province this year, we asked a representative of each county where a conference was held to tell us in just what way the conference in her county was a benefit to the Institute work in the county, to the individual branch and to the members. Here are the replies:*

From **Perth** county, by Miss Lily Dempsey:

It was this year, 1955, that it was decided to have an annual Perth county conference or rally of the Women's Institutes of the three districts, North, Centre and South. Two districts attend the Guelph Convention and the third, the London Convention so it was seldom that the members met on common grounds.

The annual rally is not a money-making meeting but rather an educational one, at which members can get to know each other better. It is planned to be one third fun or entertainment, one third inspirational — we have an address by a capable leader—and one third business.

Looking a little farther into the future is a vision of projects and activities, relative to Perth county, which would be of interest and benefit to the people of the county. If and when it is decided to sponsor a project, the Perth County Women's Institutes are now in a unified position to act as a nucleus and seek cooperation from other county groups. This vision could be far-reaching and stretch out through the years, furthering the objective of our Women's Institute, "to develop more abundant life in our community and a deeper appreciation of the things near at hand."

Bruce county, by Mrs. Victor Emerson:

Why a county conference? Socially — the district officers meet and become better acquainted. Educationally — they discuss their problems. Inspiration is gained from the addresses of those sent by the Department and the Provincial President. Resolutions submitted by a county have more influence than those coming from a district. The county conference gives an opportunity to promote a county project. For example, our conference gave us the opportunity to make an appeal for a diligent survey of material for our county museum and for the branches in the county to send in their one dollar per member contributions.

In the way of benefits to the branch — the officers benefited from the group discussions arranged for each class of officers, as presidents, secretaries and others. Everyone joined some group. The speaker from the Department, Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, answered questions on problems arising from the discussion groups. Some officers reported that they had learned more about Institute work at this conference than at any other meeting they had ever attended.

The members received education and inspiration, and any member can attend this meeting whereas only one officer from a branch can attend the Guelph conference; not more than one or two delegates are sent to the area convention; and many women cannot afford to pay their own expenses to go some distance to a convention. Hence the county