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FORBEARANCE

By Daphne Alloway McVicker

My little son was kneeling on the floor
Playing with blocks. I stood by to adore.
He smiled and, blue eyes loving, trusting, raised:
"You never touch things, do you, Mother," praised.

My little son will build his house of life
With press of outer things: a home, a wife—
Please, Lord, help me to satisfy his eyes,
And keep my hands from touching, motherwise.

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tant community project was building our Women's Institute community hall. Most of the work was done by voluntary help, the Institutes providing hot meals for the workers. So far our hall is a basement only, with oil furnace, electric stove, cupboards and dishes. It is used mainly by the Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies." Lookout Bay had a swimming party for children.

Hollyrood reports that in a citizenship program it was stressed that the Institute should do more for young people. As a result teenagers' dances or dancing classes were held every other Friday evening with parents taking turns as chaperons. **Tavistock** sponsored a ballet dancing class. **Teeswater Junior** Institute list as their community activities: their part in the Junior Farmers' and Junior Institutes' church service, play given at the fall fair, variety concert, formal dance and two ranch dances. **Haldimand Juniors** also report a church service and a play. **Sydenham** joined the Board of Trade in holding a regatta and field day to raise funds for improving the recreation centre. **Woodstock North** put chairs in the school to be used for meetings.

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Many branches report giving first aid kits and library books to schools and prizes to the pupils for various accomplishments. **Princess Elizabeth** in North Oxford provided two schools with "kitchen supplies" and a subscription to "Jack and Jill" magazine. **Hope Bay and Hopeness** presented their school with a picture of the Queen. **Mar** provided for their school, stage curtains, bags of candy for the Christmas concert, a prize for the best souvenir made from local material; they gave the children a Hallowe'en party and provided chaperons to assist the teacher on a school bus trip to Niagara. **North River** installed a bicycle rack at the school and entertained the younger boys' hockey teams. Several branches contribute to the cost of swimming lessons for the children of the district. Most of the Simcoe county Institutes sponsor children's swimming classes and help to provide transportation to the classes. **Rosslyn** secured a loan library for the school. **Denbigh** bought "some four hundred used books for the school

library. **Jumbo Gardens** presented books at an "open house" night at the school.

For years **Richard's Landing** Institute on St. Joseph Island has helped to maintain a very fine, well-stocked Children's Library free to all children. This year, finding that not all the children in the district were using the library, the Institute decided to take the books to the schools. A box of books is delivered to each school at the beginning of each month and at the end of the month that box is collected and a new box is left. The Institute secretary, Mrs. Frank Brason, says: "As our schools are ungraded, books are supplied suitable for children from Grade 1 to Grade 8. Sometimes the teacher or the children ask for more books of a certain type, such as science or animal stories. We have been taking books to six schools on our Island and the children and teachers seem very satisfied."

Stamford Evening Group conducted a library for children on Saturday mornings. **Burnaby** and **Cheltenham** report giving subscriptions to Canadian Nature magazine to their schools. **Bury's Green** provided cod liver oil capsules for the children in the three schools of the area. **Jean Brumpton** branch built a fence around the community playground to keep the small children from darting out in the way of traffic. **Belle Ewart** got a school nurse's services started in the school. The nurse now visits the schools twice a month and the homes where this is needed.

Sundridge sponsored a midget hockey team. At a euchre party they raised funds to buy hockey sweaters and socks for fifteen boys who could not have had them otherwise. **Wooler** helped with the polio vaccination day at the school. **York Road** as a health project, sponsored a poster contest for school children on "Milk for Health." They gave special prizes to the winners and a prize to each child entering a poster. **Lake St. George**, instead

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IF ONE HAS FAILED

by William J. Lampton

If one has failed to reach the end he sought,
If out of effort no great good is wrought,
It is not failure, if the object be
The betterment of man; for all that he
Had done and suffered is but gain
To those who follow seeking to attain
The end he sought. His efforts they
Will find are guideposts on the way
To that accomplishment which he,
For some wise purpose, could not be
The factor in. There is a need
Of unsuccessful effort; 'tis the seed
Whose mission is to lie beneath
The soil that grows the laurel wreath.
And he is not unworthy who
Falls struggling manfully to do
What must be done, in dire distress,
That others may obtain success.

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