



Members of Coleridge Union Institute who took the Red Cross Home Nursing Course under the leadership of Mrs. J. Underwood, front row, black band on cap, assisted by Mrs. E. Francis, Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. J. Phillips. The course consisted of 15 lectures and 20 demonstrations to be done by members. The average attendance was 98.5% of the membership.

hard for the smaller branches to keep up expenses, as it is difficult to find ways and means to raise funds."

Silk's Ruth Sayre: "We would like less literature from the head office and fewer appeals for money. So much of each meeting is taken up with correspondence that more interesting topics have to be neglected. Consequently we are not getting the younger women to join."

Portlock Royal: "We are having shorter business sessions, leaving more time to enjoy the programme and the social hour. Following a suggestion at the Officers' Conference, 1955, committees are appointed to study appeals and literature received. Their recommendations are usually accepted and the members get a better idea of what is being done without any waste of time."

Some of the suggestions dealt with improving programmes and the general work of the branch.

St. Helens plans to start meetings at two o'clock instead of the usual two-thirty so that mothers of school children can be at home when the children get home from school.

Molly Creek suggests that the programme at every meeting should include "something to see, something to hear, something to do."

Froomfield: "Instead of using the usual motto at each meeting, we took a verse of the Mary Stewart Collect at each meeting and discussed it, hoping it will mean more to each member."

Rutherford members, cancelling their July meeting, decided during that month to make an effort to visit a shut-in, a new neighbor or just an old friend instead of going to a meeting.

New Dublin: "Let us do our part in promoting studies in the Institute that may be helpful in getting the children of our community off to a good start in life with good health, good food. And could we have more district music festivals? Let us make this a musical year."

Grandview: "We are going to try to have more instructive papers, also more demonstrations, thus making us better homemakers."

Uniondale: "If possible we have topics given by our own members rather than having too many guest speakers, as we learn by doing. We have a short study of the Hand Book at each meeting so that each member may understand the work of the Institute better."

Langton: recommends more debates and discussions at meetings. **Mt. Healey** is trying to have more music.

Victory: "We think that if everyone would take a turn at holding office they would find the meetings so interesting that attendance and membership would increase just through added interest."

Central Yarmouth finds that having one or two "two minute topics" at each meeting adds interest and "eventually everyone has a part in the programme."

Central Dumfries: "In planning the year's programme it might be an improvement if a topic could be sustained for a longer period rather than hopping from one subject at one meeting to another at the next."

Canboro: "Frequently we start our meetings late, spend too much time on business and are in no mood to appreciate the efforts of the programme committee. It's hard to be firm about starting on time. A member may leave home quite early and be kept late by members who aren't ready when she calls for them. Most people are on time for trains, planes and such things. If members knew that the meetings would start on time if a quorum is present, most of them would be there . . . the programme committee should have a fair share of time . . . In our branch we could use a little more gayety and fun at our meetings."

Fisherville: We feel we could gain more members if we had less correspondence to deal with and so, more time left for programme.

Inman Road: "Since we have had our meetings at night our attendance has increased and we have gained five new members."

Clandeboye: "Most of our meetings were held in the evening. Some members think this is the reason our attendance is down this year."