

Finally Dr. Nix asked: "Are you satisfied with your teachers? We should work toward the point of having prospective teachers screened so that only those are admitted to the profession who love children and who have the best possible training for their work."

NATIONAL PRESIDENT SPEAKS

The conference appreciated a visit from the F.W.I.C. President, Mrs. Nancy Adams of Ethelton, Saskatchewan. Speaking of the value of the Women's Institute programme all across Canada Mrs. Adams referred to an Institute in a hamlet of seventy persons in Saskatchewan where the people belong to a sect that don't join other organizations. But the Institute in this community had won a contest in kitchen remodeling, had taken the silver cup for their Tweedsmuir history and had held a flower show that has set flowers growing in all the homes in the area. (We believe this is Mrs. Adams' own branch at Ethelton.) She spoke of branches carried on under great difficulties of transportation and climate in the Yukon and Newfoundland; and of the important service branches in every province are giving as the lay arm of home economics extension service, helping to promote education in living. "If we are to have these services," Mrs. Adams said, "we must demand them and make use of them."

Having a national organization, the President said, has given us unity, prestige, stability and a place with other organizations. Home missions are as important as foreign missions and the national organization needs the support of all the branches. Mrs. Adams announced the first national convention to be held in Ottawa on October 28, 29, 30 and 31. Two voting delegates will be allowed for every 500 members in a province. There will also be room for some visitors. Resolutions sent to this national convention should be related to national questions only — not to such things as zippers and silk stockings.

Mrs. Adams spoke of the F.W.I.C. objective



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Chorus of South Wellington Institute members in dresses of 60 years ago with their accompanist Mrs. Ralph Kidd.

of setting up a national office and of establishing a foundation fund for this purpose.

A.C.W.W.

Mrs. Hugh Summers of Fonthill, a Vice-President of the Associated Country Women of the World, told a moving story of what is being done by constituent societies organized since A.C.W.W. met in Toronto. In Lebanon many of the members can neither read nor write so the women are working for education as well as for better homes. In Malaya bandits were terrorizing people in isolated areas so the Government had these people move into villages. The women seized this opportunity of organizing societies where they had the women together. In parts of India the most urgent need is more food, so the women are being organized and taught to produce food. The organizing of country women is progressing well in Italy, an important place for our organization as there are so many international organizations there. Zanzibar has a great mixture of Africans, Europeans and Arabs and the country women's groups are engendering a feeling of kinship. In Egypt women of wealth and education are banded together to provide education for less fortunate women.

Mrs. Summers concluded: "While A.C.W.W. has status in United Nations and prestige in high places, its most important function is to engender a feeling of kinship among women around the world."

FINDINGS FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS

Mrs. Elton Armstrong, chairman of the session on discussion groups brought the following findings from the groups:

As soon as a member puts her fifty cent fee on the table she takes on an obligation. If she is an officer she will learn the duties of that office.

We must support our officers. This doesn't mean that we must think as they do, but we should express our personal opinions. Through these comes the solution to our problems.

Are we over-organized? Have we too many organizations in our community? We should assess the organizations in our neighborhood to see which we gain most from.

Women are afraid of changes, but would you be willing to appear in the out-dated clothes shown in the fashion parade? Our Institutes must keep up with the times.

An Institute requires a certain amount of advertising. Some Institutes have a telephoning committee to keep members informed on coming events, but if we have a printed programme it should not be necessary to phone members about the next meeting. Don't change your meeting day unless it is absolutely necessary.

Use the Hand Book. It is a good idea to have a part of it read at each monthly meeting. One district president takes a quiz to the Institutes when she visits them. It is surprising how many members cannot answer the