

cultural College in June. **Campbell's Cross** suggests an educational bus trip and taking a meeting to the County Home for the Aged. **Terra Cotta** especially recommends a bus trip to the Shakespearean Festival at Stratford; **Dalston** took a bus trip to the Royal Winter Fair.

Bornholm: "With so many New Canadians coming into the rural communities, the Institutes should try to assimilate them into our activities, helping them with language problems and home economics."

Cassburn: "We have found 'Here and There With the Institutes' in Home and Country of great help in planning our programmes."

Mountain View: "We feel that some organizations are taking advantage of the Institute by asking us to do their canvassing."

Barnhart: "We hold a sale of work each year at the local fair featuring aprons of all styles and sizes. This does not require much more work than a sale held in the community, and in the community there are only a few to do the buying."

"Laurentian View": "Raising money is our worst problem. We try to donate to the appeals sent us but we find there are so many church banquets and suppers it is hard for us to raise money that way."

Micksburg: "Officers' Conferences should be held in Eastern Ontario too. It takes thirteen hours to reach Guelph by train from Renfrew and there are no bus connections."

Craighurst: "We feel that one reason some women of our community do not join our Institute is because we have so many requests for donations—all for worthy causes, yet imposing on the organization. Some sort of central fund to which local branches could donate and to which these other organizations could apply, would save a lot of trouble and time at our meetings."

Guthrie: "Catering for banquets and other social affairs keeps members pretty busy a good deal of the time. We feel there should be less of that and more instructive meetings."

Jack's Lake: "Give more credit and encouragement to members who feel they cannot write papers, but who are good at helping with fairs and other activities."

A branch which we will not name makes this comment: "Could something with definite point and purpose be given in an outline to each Standing Committee convener to make her understand it as a year's project of study and information gained from the same rather than a paper of current events prepared by the convener alone and read at a meeting?"

Norland: "Our social activities that include non-members are attracting favorable attention."

Glen: "Our year has been worthwhile from the standpoint of what our friendly gatherings mean to each member. We are women from the farm who like to exchange ideas and to progress in pace with modern times. We aim to serve our home and country."

Lindsay: "Would suggest less correspondence to leave time for the social part of the programme."

Allanburg: "In a recent roll call, 'Something I would like to see done in the Institute,' these suggestions were given for our own branch and they might be useful to other branches: more social time at each meeting, a demonstration at each meeting, visits to and from other Institutes, more singing and an even distribution of work."

Humberstone: "Our members set up a budget including amounts to be given to various charities, scholarships, etc., and they agreed to contribute the necessary funds by regular monthly contributions. There were no activities to raise funds; all commitments were met and meetings were given to interesting programmes. This new method has resulted in better attendance at meetings. Everyone comes feeling that there will be an interesting programme—not a struggle to find people who will sell tickets and so on."

Hillsburgh Auxiliary: "Could we have a convener of Cultural Activities?"

Northgate says: "As farm women we found that by changing our starting time for meetings from 2.30 to 2 o'clock our attendance was increased, as the women then could get home earlier."

Troy: "Sometimes we wonder if our Institute is becoming just a little too much business and too little fun; too many reports."

King's Forest Branch: "Would urge all Institutes to take membership in the Canadian Association of Consumers."

Unionville comments: "This (Report of Meetings) questionnaire at least makes us think of things we might have done or could do another year." (This branch seems to be doing pretty well even now. Ed.)

Union Street: "We believe in working among those around us, so our funds and efforts are mostly spent on people and projects in our own district."

Vellore Senior: "We have few guest speakers. Our members prepare papers and each one is on a programme once each year. We find this stimulates interest."

Bornholm: "As a training in leadership, our president has the first and second vice-presidents each conduct a meeting during the year."

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"It has come to pass that we can insure almost anything . . . You can insure your memories but you will have to do it by yourself . . . Put aside some memories that will nourish you in your declining years. Be mindful not to stock memories that will keep you awake nights. It will be too bad if every time there is a little cessation of the noise and confusion, you hear the sound of people sobbing—people who loved you. It will be very good if, when the noise about you subsides a little, you can remember the words and tones of gratitude—gratitude of people who lived more abundantly—because of you."

From "Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal" by Lloyd C. Douglas

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