

Farm Women's Club do the catering so that the Institute members could enjoy the programme. Mrs. Hansuld of Tavistock was guest speaker. Of the fifteen living charter members those present were Mrs. O. Apps, Mrs. J. W. Currie, Mrs. Les McDonald, Mrs. Rose Welch, Mrs. Erme Cochrane, Miss Elizabeth Black, Mrs. J. M. Guthrie, Mrs. R. E. Maeder and Mrs. J. E. Urquhart who had been secretary for twenty years before leaving the community. The minutes of the first meeting were read by Mrs. G. A. Page, convener of the anniversary programme.

Wellington celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at its regular meeting in January. This was the first branch organized in Prince Edward county. Mrs. Frank Harris read the Institute's history with its record of good work for the community and Mrs. Arthur Goodmurphy, a former president had the honour of blowing out the candles on the birthday cake, made and decorated by Mrs. Harris.

Drumbo celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with Mrs. O. O. Smith of Kintore as guest speaker and greetings from the District President, Mrs. J. J. McKay and the District Secretary, Mrs. S. Pearson. It was reported that the first president, Mrs. Emma Birley was a niece of Mrs. Hoodless. Five of the charter members were present: Mrs. Helen Little, Mrs. K. S. McLaren, Mrs. R. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. Sipple and Mrs. Tait of Hamilton who, as Jennie Baxter, had been the first secretary.

Thorndale celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a banquet at which Miss Helen McKercher was a guest speaker, and Mrs. George Wilson gave a talk with slides on her trip to Ceylon. A candle-lighting ceremony was conducted by three past-presidents and two past-secretaries and the anniversary cake was cut by Mrs. Wm. A. McCutcheon, a life member aged ninety-three. A memorial Church Service on the following Sunday afternoon with Rev. Anne Graham of London as speaker completed the anniversary ceremonies.

Lucknow celebrated its fiftieth anniversary

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AN OLD CHINESE PROVERB

If there is righteousness in the heart,
There will be beauty in the character.
If there is beauty in the character,
There will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home,
There will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.

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Age is the top of a mountain high
Rare the air and blue;
A long, hard climb,
A bit of fatigue—
But, oh!
What a wonderful view!

—Wheeler.

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THE SONG OF THE THRUSH

By T. A. Daly

Ah! the May was grand this mornin'!
Shure how could I feel forlorn in
Such a land, when tree and flower tossed their kisses
to the breeze?
Could an Irish heart be quiet
While the Spring was runnin' riot,
And the birds of free America were singin' in the
trees?

In the songs that they were singin'
No familiar note was ringin',
But I strove to imitate them an' I whistled like a lad.
Oh, my heart was warm to love them
For the very newness of them—
For the ould songs that they helped me to forget—
an' I was glad.

So I mocked the feathered choir
To my hungry heart's desire,
An' I gloried in the comradeship that made their
joy my own.
Till a new note sounded, stillin'
All the rest. A thrush was trillin'!
Ah, the thrush I left behind me in the fields about
Athlone!

Where, upon the whitethorn swayin',
He was minstrel of the Mayin',
In my days of love an' laughter that the years have
laid to rest;
Here again his notes were ringin'!
But I'd lost the heart for singin'—
Ah, the song I could not answer was the one I
knew the best.

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with Mrs. George Wilson of St. Mary's as guest speaker showing slides of her trip to the A.C.W.W. Conference in Ceylon. It is a matter for congratulation that this Institute, beginning with "only a handful of women" has grown steadily and now has sixty members. The evening began with a banquet at which the only charter member living, Mrs. R. H. Thompson presided as toast mistress.

Queen's Line had the provincial president, Mrs. James Haggerty as guest of honour at its fiftieth anniversary banquet. Another guest, Mrs. Leslie Davis presented the branch with a book to be used for its Tweedsmuir history. The history of the Institute was reviewed and its service commended in charities, sponsoring girls' club work and home economics courses for women, establishing and supporting a library and assisting people of the community in times of misfortune. But the special tribute was that "Up and down the five-mile length of the road between the sixth and seventh concessions known as the Queen's Line, the Institute has formed a friendship link between the farm women."

Sheffield had an unusual number of charter members at its fiftieth anniversary tea. Of the thirty-four original members nine charter members were present. The first secretary, Miss Violet Whetham and the present secretary cut the birthday cake. Mrs. P. Y. McCandless was guest speaker and the North Wentworth District President, Mrs. Russell Wise brought greetings and presented a gavel