

date of our meeting so it won't conflict with their church meetings."

Allenford plans to have more personal contact with young mothers and newcomers in the community.

Kars reports: "We gained several new members by inviting them to our extension courses. We hope to do this again this year."

Campania plans to interest more women by having more demonstrations, films and panel discussions.

Central Yarmouth reports: "A number of young women have just moved into the community and they plan on joining at the beginning of our year." (Evidently the Institute lost no time in inviting them. Ed.)

North Yarmouth reports a healthy extension of Institute work even though it means a loss of members to this Institute. The secretary says: "We are pleased to report that, as our Institute members are widely scattered, a new branch, **Yarmouth Glen** was formed in another part of the district with twenty-one members, we losing only three members. The other eighteen members of the new branch are entirely new to Institute work. We offer them our congratulations and good wishes."

Roseland puts a copy of each issue of Home and Country in the local library.

Pine Corners says: "We have been having too many banquets." (This probably means catering to banquets. Ed.) "This entails a lot of hard work and we think it has been a stumbling-block to gaining new members."

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THE TOYS

By Coventry Patmore

My little Son, who look'd from thoughtful eyes
And moved and spoke in quiet grown-up wise,
Having my law the seventh time disobey'd,
I struck him, and dismiss'd
With hard words and unkiss'd,
—His Mother, who was patient, being dead.
Then, fearing lest his grief should hinder sleep,
I visited his bed,
But found him slumbering deep,
With darken'd eyelids, and their lashes yet
From his late sobbing wet.
And I, with moan,
Kissing away his tears, left others of my own;
For, on a table drawn beside his head,
He had put, within his reach,
A box of counters and a red-vein'd stone,
A piece of glass abraded by the beach
And six or seven shells,
A bottle with bluebells,
And two French copper coins, ranged there with
careful art,
To comfort his sad heart.
So when that night I pray'd
To God, I wept, and said:
Ah, when at last we lie with tranced breath,
Not vexing Thee in death,
And thou rememberest of what toys
We made our joys,
How weakly understood,
Thy great commanded good,
Then, fatherly not less
Than I whom thou hast moulded from the clay,
Thou'lt leave Thy wrath, and say,
"I will be sorry for their childishness."

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★ ★ ★ ANY WIFE OR HUSBAND

By Carol Haynes

Let us be guests in one another's house
With deferential "No" and courteous "Yes";
Let us take care to hide our foolish moods
Behind a certain show of cheerfulness.

Let us avoid all sullen silences;
We should find fresh and sprightly things to say;
I must be fearful lest you find me dull,
And you must dread to bore me any way.

Let us knock gently at each other's heart,
Glad of a chance to look within—and yet
Let us remember that to force one's way
Is the unpardoned breach of etiquette.

So shall I be the hostess—you, the host—
Until all need for entertainment ends;
We shall be lovers when the last door shuts,
But what is better still—we shall be friends.

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Haldimand Junior Institute: "We are attempting to gain the interest of the 4-H Homemaking Club girls by donating three trays to be awarded at Achievement Day, and by paying for a trip to be won by a club girl. In May we invited all 4-H Homemaking Club girls in the county to our regular meeting in the hope of their gaining interest in Junior Institute work. The programme was planned especially for them and they were asked to take part."

Norval Junior Institute says: "We are trying to get our meetings over by 11 p.m. so that it won't be too late for high school pupils to attend. Having a theme for part of the year holds the interest." These girls took charge of the Senior Institutes' August meeting. **Melrose** plans to get new members by providing transportation to meetings. **Parkdale** says: "We plan to call on members who have fallen out and ask them to our meetings." **Seaforth Juniors**: "We try to get girls interested in Junior Institute work and to have a well-planned meeting when they do come so they will want to come again."

Suggestions for Conventions

Chandos "especially appreciates the new discussion groups" at their area convention. Warsaw would like more group discussions on the work of standing committees, money-raising and other Institute problems. **Bright** would like "resolutions to have more thought behind them." **Iona Station** would like "a little more fun and relaxation." They suggest a humorous skit.

Malden asks for something on the work of the Canadian Association of Consumers and the discussion of some plan by which the Institutes can obtain better legal rights for women.

Third Line says: "The great benefit from attending a convention is renewed interest and enthusiasm. Each year we send one who has never been at a convention before. She always enjoys it and comes back a better member."

Kohler asks for convention features "that would help the housewife in her everyday duties." **Campbellville** would like to see a display of Tweedsmuir histories or to have some local farm