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A PRAYER AT MORNING

By Robert Louis Stevenson

The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces; let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day; bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonoured; and grant us in the end the gift of sleep.

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ship. Mrs. Haggerty said that at Area meetings where the subject had been discussed and members were asked their candid opinion on whether Ontario should share in the purchase price and assume a fairly large part of this price, the response was practically unanimous.

Mrs. Maynard read three letters that had been received from branches and individuals in the vicinity of Stoney Creek who were against the idea of purchasing the house. But Mrs. Haggerty said that letters of protest were far outnumbered by letters of congratulations on the decision to purchase the homestead.

Mrs. Haggerty reported that the committee decided that each province should share in the purchase price according to their membership. Because Ontario has the largest membership they will pay more, but members in all provinces have been asked to pay a per capita, which will be ten cents per member, it is to be paid before May 1st. It was also decided that F.W.I.C. would ask the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board to assume the responsibility of maintenance and restoration at such time as an appointment can be arranged with the board.

#### F.W.I.C. Report

The F.W.I.C. report of the Biennial Meeting held in Charlottetown, P.E.I., was given by Mrs. Penney. Several recommendations were read, one by Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, F.W.I.C. convener of Home Economics and Health that F.W.I.C. take up the study of nutrition under the heading of "Eat to Live" for all ages. This was discussed by Miss McKercher who said her department would be one hundred per cent behind this recommendation. Another recommendation proposed by Mrs. George Wilson was that each province promote, in memory of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless' 100th anniversary, a movement to have every F.W.I.C. member be a subscriber to the F.W.I.C. publication, Federated News. It was reported that the First Day Cover of the new A.C.W.W. stamp was a great success and had added \$2,457.80 to F.W.I.C. funds. A report on the national office showed it to be filling a definite need and that Mrs. Taylor, the secretary, was doing an excellent job.

On behalf of F.W.I.O., Mrs. Haggerty announced the gift of a portrait of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless to the national office.

A collection of coloured slides from each province was prepared as a gift from F.W.I.C. to A.C.W.W. and in memory of Miss Pratt, former Hon. Secretary to A.C.W.W., ten F.W.I.C. spoons in a suitably engraved box were presented to the A.C.W.W. office.

A resolution that the National Film Board be asked to prepare a documentary film in colour of the International Peace Garden and that the story be

included in the school curriculum was discussed and received unanimous support from all members. A resolution that the regulation providing for an advance poll be widened to include more persons having the right to vote, was sustained by F.W.I.C. and another in the form of a recommendation to the Department of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources that arrangements be made to organize Women's Institute branches in Northern Territories.

Mrs. E. J. Roylance, British Columbia, was elected F.W.I.C. President; Mrs. James Haggerty, First Vice-President, and Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, New Brunswick, Second Vice-President.

The gift of an engraved tray was presented to the Sisters of Marian College, St. Dunstan's University in appreciation of the hospitality and help during the F.W.I.C. meeting. The gift of a commemorative book to be used as a permanent record of the names of members of the Stoney Creek Women's Institute was given to that Institute for their help with the First Day Covers and other projects.

#### The Edinburgh Conference

Mrs. R. J. Penney gave the report of the Edinburgh Conference and as this was very well reported by Miss Chapman in the fall issue of Home and Country, it will not be published again in this issue.

Out of the report a discussion was held on the "Pennies for Friendship" project. "Fees for A.C.W.W. has been purposely kept low," Mrs. Penney explained, "so that no one will be precluded from membership. The balance of finance necessary to carry on the work of this great international organization comes through the fund known as 'Pennies for Friendship', individual members making their personal contribution of a penny or its equivalent, which gives them a feeling of belonging." (See Page 8, fall issue, Home and Country.) Mrs. Haggerty asked for support of this fund and suggested that one way of contributing would be by taking up a collection for "Pennies for Friendship" at the international meetings of the branches. The conference accepted as Essay Competition topics for the next three years, "Our Children and Their Games", chosen for its simplicity; and "How I Broaden My Horizons Through Group Contacts and Study", to touch on the international side of A.C.W.W.

#### Hand Book Committee

Mrs. R. J. Penney, secretary of the Hand Book Committee gave the report dealing with the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario constitution. As has been the case all through the Hand Book Committee meetings, consideration and great care was given before any changes in this constitution were made. Mrs. Penney reported that it is hoped by the time of the Spring Board Meeting of F.W.I.O. the changes in the Hand Book will have been completed.

#### The Ontario Federation of Agriculture

A new department has been set up in the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, reported Mrs. J. P. Corson, to be known as the O.F.A. Property Department. The purpose is to provide help to farmers with their problems in assessment, property tax, expropriation of land for pipe lines, highway, hydro lines and towers.

In connection with deficiency payments and unsatisfactory prescribed support levels in the case