

When North Waterloo held a tea and raised over \$200 to more than complete their scholarship fund, one of the attractions was an exhibit of antiques. Here Institute members in old time costumes display such household articles as a pewter sugar bowl holding matching spoons and a holder for egg cups with special spoons, a hammered copper tea-kettle and jug, a wicker basket for carrying a baby's diapers, a Jack-in-the-box over 100 years old, a copy of Godey's Ladies' Book and a music book published in 1805.



Here and There With the Institutes

Notes from Secretaries' "Reports of Meetings".

A GAIN we have gathered from the Secretaries' Reports of Meetings, ideas that we think may carry suggestions or inspiration from one Institute to others. Because this is our purpose rather than to give publicity to any branch, it may happen that some of the Institutes having the best programmes are not mentioned—their topics are already well known and many other branches are studying the same things, such as Making Wills, United Nations, Flower Arrangements. Or in their Community Interests they may be doing the finest sort of work such as sponsoring girls' 4H Homemaking Clubs or baby clinics or community socials or film showings, or providing first aid kits for schools or something for the local hospital or community centre. But these projects are so well known that they do not carry a new idea and it would be useless to list all the Institutes involved. Even when we try to avoid repetition it does get into the report and this makes tiresome reading, for which we apologize. Still, we hope these notes may have something of interest for everyone.

Only about half the reports are reviewed here. The others will be dealt with in the next issue.—Editor.

Programme Features Recommended

Moscow had a talk by their school teacher on "Education Today." Their comment is: "Mothers of pupils felt much better when she explained some of the changes in teaching methods and the reason for homework."

South Tarentorus: A skit or dialogue, "Mrs. 1906 meets Mrs. 1960." They compare notes on changing customs. Also a debate, "Resolved that the joys of middle life surpass the joys of youth."

Highland Park: "Our Hallowe'en and Christmas socials seem to bring an atmosphere of closer fellowship among the members."

Bright recommends that every Institute once a year take a holiday excursion at the expense of the Branch.

Walford's members enjoyed a banquet and theatre party.

Massey had these topics at their Education and Citizenship meeting: "How I can be a good citizen in spite of limited education" and "The Importance of Education." The roll call was a verse from an old school reader.

Queen Elizabeth reports three demonstrations: making "foam plastic" flowers, textile printing and the use of make-up.

Riverside, a film and talk on cerebral palsy.

St. George suggests studying the historical spots in the county.

Falkland: "Our 'Sing, Say, Play or Pay' programme was successful. Every member participated and this created interest for all." Also recommends that members be asked to demonstrate their special hobbies or skills.

Holtre "had a meeting open to parents and Grade VIII students to hear an address by a high school Vocational Guidance teacher." The report says: "Most parents were pleased to be able to hold informal talk with the Guidance teacher since the high school is forty-five miles distant."

Coleridge Union had a panel discussion on "Our Present Education System" by two ex-teachers, a mother, the chairman of the school board and the wife of a teacher.

Hockley Valley recommends a pot luck luncheon with the members giving recipes for their dishes.

Laurel. "At our Education meeting, the motto, 'A good book, a quiet nook' brought forth a suggestion that we send for a travelling library, of which we made good use in the winter months."

Orangeville: A talk by a doctor on the early detection of cancer.