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### LULLABY

By a Grade V Student, B.C.

Sing a song of TV for the little ones,  
Four and twenty gangsters packing tommy-guns;  
And when the scene is finished,  
The blood is ankle deep.  
Now isn't that a pretty tale to put the kids to sleep?  
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Lymburner. "The great people, men and women, are those who have ideas; those who gather together others with ideas; pooling this strength, a program is planned, and the support of others then is enlisted, so that an outstanding piece of work may be done.

"How like our organization this plan really is! The President is there—one who has the potential for gathering together in an executive or in a committee, women of ideas; then the ideas are laid before the whole membership, and we would hope that in the latter group we would have enthusiastic people, ready for new ideas, so that the standard of practice will be enlarged and raised."

The provincial president spoke of the satisfaction it should be to those who originate an idea to have others take it up and develop it. She referred to her own idea of having a "people to people" pilgrimage for Institute members, women from Southern Ontario making a tour to the North and women from the North later coming South, meeting with Institutes and learning about their problems and their achievements. "If this idea is good," Mrs. Lymburner said, "I shall be only too happy if it should continue over the years and broaden its scope, perhaps, so that we might even exchange visits with our sister members in Quebec . . . or that it might spread to the United States and become an international movement."

Mrs. Lymburner spoke of what had developed from the idea of sending a "missionary" (Mrs. Hough) into the Northwest Territories to extend the Women's Institute movement. (Something of the result of this venture is reported in the article "From a New Branch in the North" in this issue.) She also stressed the point that those who have the quality of real leadership do not hesitate to delegate work to others, incidentally developing leadership in these others too. Then she dealt, as follows, with a problem that is concerning many Institute members:

"There are those today who recognize in our membership of 37,000 a potential which we fear our members themselves do not realize. Few public movements considered by their leaders as calculated to benefit someone, fail to include our organization in their plans. It is true that we are affiliated with many groups of like interest and goodwill, but were we to assume the obligations many other organizations have proffered, you and I would have no time to do those things for which we are primarily organized—to help discover, stimulate and develop leaders; to help develop a more abundant life and a deeper appreciation for the things at hand; and finally, to

develop better, happier and more useful citizens. I would commend to you the objects of this organization. As leaders, they should be the guide by which you function during your term of office, and as a member without office as well.

"Then, the eternal grubbing away at raising funds for every endeavour which comes along does not develop people as better citizens. We know of Branches where the only activity seems to lie in becoming a canvassing group for fund-raising organizations. As informed and educated women, we can do more than dedicate ourselves to the raising of funds. What we need to raise is our sights to do those things which will make for the creation of goodwill at home, and better relations abroad.

"Do not sink into the rut of feeling that your Branch is the end of all things. It is the most important part of our entire structure. Without you we can accomplish very little at provincial level or at national level. You are a part of an organization reaching into 140 working groups in 27 countries around the world. Have you taken time to learn about your organization, so that you will be filled with enthusiasm for its program—so that you can instil that enthusiasm into the members of your Branch?"

"Do you know that during World Refugee Year we supported the program with \$7,000 from our branches? And that, when we accepted as a Women's Institute project the United Nations No. 400 Coupon for the extension of practical instruction in better living in Jamaica, that you gave \$4,000 to this also? Did you know that, because of our plea at Conventions, you met your obligations of \$3,600 for the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead?"

"These are evidences of what women can do when they work together. But we wonder whether, perhaps, we forget the inspirational and cultural things, as we concentrate on these other matters."

Mrs. Lymburner reminded the delegates that in 1967 Canada will observe her one-hundredth anniversary, a timely year for the introduction of a study of the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship such as the provincial convener Mrs. D. H. Hart has outlined in citizenship kits prepared to be used as local workshops. (This is described on the first page of the F.W.I.O. Board Meeting report in this issue.)

Finally the President said:

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### QUIET THINGS

I thank the Lord for quiet things  
Whose names are half-asleep;  
Names that were born of quietness  
And laid in peace to steep;  
Such lovely, safe, serene old words  
As dovescotes—hills—and sheep.

For silent sober-colored things  
I bless the Lord of dreams—  
This heron standing motionless,  
More shade than bird he seems—  
For this grey, ghostly fisherman  
Of lonely pools and streams.

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