

The President's Corner

Mrs. Leonard Trivers,
President, F.W.I.O.



Very often the sayings and philosophies to which we have been exposed during our early years remain with us to affect our lives, even though we have paid little attention to them at the time. In High School days, one of our teachers was a lady with a most interesting personality who later became a staunch supporter of the Women's Institute. She had a very intriguing saying which she often brought into our discussions. It was this: "Be very careful on what ye set your heart, for that shall ye surely get."

To our young minds, this was a bit of a joke, or fuel for argument, but in later years, in the cold light of experience, one can realize what a great truth that sentence contains. If you dwell on it for a time it leads your thinking down a great many avenues. From the point of view of one's own life, for instance, we can not choose nor control the actual happenings of our lives, but each one chooses the goal for which she will strive, and this choice directly affects our efforts. If we aim for nothing, it will take no great effort to achieve it, but we will surely get it.

This thought can be followed through from a purely personal application to the life of an organization, or that of a nation, for that matter. Adelaide Hoodless, filled with a desire for greater knowledge of proper homemaking

methods, could have taken steps to fill that need for herself alone. Instead she "set her heart" to the purpose that all rural women might acquire this knowledge, with results that have circled the globe. Sixty-five years later the branches which have grown from her burning ambition still have need to heed the warning contained in this saying, "Be very careful on what ye set your hearts."

These are hectic times within our own nation as well as abroad. Are we, as we should be, informed, aware of the issues and problems confronting our leaders today? Have we set our hearts to study our country's affairs, to have an opinion and to express it when the opportunity presents itself? If we choose to ignore this part of our Institute program, our children may pay for our lack of interest.

Finally, have we set our hearts to share our knowledge and our abundance with people of lands not so fortunate as ours, by support of our worthy projects? None of us is prepared to measure the results which may come from such support. On the other hand, are we prepared to accept "what we will surely get" if we do not attempt to extend a hand to nations struggling to establish the ways of life which we take for granted?

Let us, as dedicated Institute members, examine carefully the goals toward which our branch is working, so that we may not neglect any part of the work for which our organization was formed.

May I say, in closing, how greatly honoured I am to have been chosen as your President. I realize that with this honour goes a weight of responsibility, and I shall "set my heart" to serve you to the best of my ability. I look forward to meeting the members of our Institutes throughout the Province, and hope that together we may do many worthwhile things 'For Home and Country.'

—MARY I. TRIVERS

amounting to over \$80,000. This includes approximately \$21,000 for international scholarships, \$19,000 in the F.W.I.O. Dorothy Futcher scholarship raised at the time of the Women's Institutes' fiftieth anniversary and given for scholarships at Macdonald Institute, another \$2,000 F.W.I.O. scholarship for Macdonald Institute students and a steadily growing fund in County and District scholarships. A committee was appointed to plan the investment of scholarship funds; and after this committee has made its arrangements we hope to publish in Home and Country a complete report of scholarships offered by F.W.I.O.

Members all over the province will be pleased to hear that the unnamed \$2,000 F.W.I.O. scholarship at Macdonald Institute is to be named the "Florence P. Eadie Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship," in honor of the recently retired Supervisor of Junior Extension in the Ontario Department of Agriculture's Home Economics Service.

Adult Education for Canadian North

Mrs. James Haggerty, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, outlined the UNESCO Number 367 Gift Coupon project to promote adult education for women in Northern Canada. Mrs. Haggerty said: