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ship forms in the office. Before every triennial meeting there's a great rush of applications for membership from women who want to attend the conference. It would be a better way to join now." (Incidentally the next A.C.W.W. conference will be held in Ireland in 1965.)

Miss McKercher thanked the Board members for their support of the Home Economics Extension program. Just as in the Institutes there is a trend towards having more urban members, she said, the Extension Service is having more requests for courses from urban groups. The service is for all women and any group may apply. It is important that when an Institute is having a course it should share it with other organizations in the community.

Miss McKercher expressed her regret at having to lose Miss Montgomery as office secretary for F.W.I.O. and her satisfaction in securing the services of Miss Helen Atkinson for this work. She outlined the program for the Summer School at Guelph, as reported above.

Of the extension program, the Director said that the attendance in some places has not been as good as it should be, and if an Institute finds that it cannot have the required attendance she would appreciate it if they would cancel the course so that staff would be available for work somewhere else. "Our budget is looked at very carefully," she said. The attendance at Training Schools has been generally good and some schools of only one day are being planned — schools with "shorter subjects but more depth." The Service is also looking forward to some special work on radio and television. Miss McKercher mentioned the

popularity of Millinery courses — there seems to be no difficulty about women getting out to these; but she said, "We hope the Board members will support the work we are trying to do in a field as important as nutrition."

Electrical Safety Program

To introduce the Women's Institute program on "safety with electricity" in the home — a program worked out with the Ontario Hydro Commission, the convener, Mrs. Walker Hedley, reported that at each area convention last fall a representative from the Hydro Commission gave a ten-minute talk and demonstration and set up an exhibit somewhere near the auditorium where he could meet the women and answer questions between sessions. Also Area Managers of H.E.P.C. were put on the alert for requests from Institutes for speakers and material for safety meetings. As a result, many communities had public meetings with an authority on electricity there to speak and answer questions. The program often included films, slides, demonstrations in first aid and resuscitation from electric shock, and the distribution of posters and pamphlets.

Mrs. Hedley said: "Many Institutes reported specific cases of these meetings leading to direct action in (1) replacing old wiring with new, (2) trimming trees touching power lines, (3) installing proper cables in barns, (4) installing ground wires where necessary, (5) changing fuses to conform with regulations and load on the circuit, (6) using heat lamps the safe distance from the floor, (7) installing new