

Here and There With the Institutes

More Notes From Secretaries' Reports

In the last issue we published our first lot of gleanings from the Secretaries' Reports of Meetings for the year. Following are notes taken from the remaining reports. As explained previously, these notes are chosen not to give publicity to any branch but to pass along ideas that may offer suggestions from one branch to others.—Editor.

Program Features Recommended

Among the program features mentioned by many Institutes as their most valuable or interesting of the year, were lecture-demonstrations on Safety With Electricity, by a representative from the Ontario Hydro Commission and a film on Cancer Detection obtained from the Cancer Society.

Delhi had a fine panel discussion on world affairs by five local high school students with a history teacher as moderator, an excellent result of sponsoring a high school student to attend a Seminar at United Nations.

Teeterville reports: "An address by our school principal and the discussion period that followed helped to clear up many things the parents had not understood in regard to modern methods of teaching and changes being made in the curriculum."

Atherton had a valuable panel discussion on "The Effects of Advertising on Children." The report also says, "After the talk by a Hydro representative members were more conscious of lamp cords and sockets as well as caution around an electric washer."

Long Point: "Our best program was on Pauline Johnston. We should study more about our Indians."

Lynedoch: "We had an organ recital which everyone enjoyed. Perhaps Institutes are overlooking something of this nature which would liven up meetings and give talented people a chance to demonstrate their abilities."

Codrington: "At our Home Economics and Health Meeting the convener gave each member a slip of paper on which was written a pertinent question. The member was to lead a discussion on the question. Some of the questions were: "What Future Has the Farm Child?" "Why do some women dislike housework?" "Should a girl's education differ from a boy's?"

Seymour East, on Grandmothers' Day had an impromptu discussion by grandmothers on the subject of earlier days in schools, homes, churches and community life.

Gamebridge found a demonstration on re-

finishing furniture and one on Christmas decorations very helpful.

Embro and West Zorra had an interesting program relating to school readers for years back with quotations read from books of different periods.

Lakeside: "The convener of our December meeting thought of asking a florist to demonstrate Christmas decorations. When she found florists were too busy to come at that season, she and her committee decided to give the demonstration themselves. They had a wonderful display of all sorts of Christmas decorations to show at the meeting."

Mount Elgin suggests "Skits and playlets give a light touch and a change from concentration at some lengthy business meetings." One of this Institute's quizzes was to name Canada's Prime Ministers since confederation.

Salford: "Our high school principal gave us an enlightening talk on the new secondary school curriculum. Mothers of children about to enter high school found this of great help." Salford also mentions a program on Physical Fitness. Two high school girls gave a demonstration of exercises and they had a panel discussion on exercise suitable for different ages. **Mono Road** had an inspector of secondary schools explain Ontario's new plan of education for Grade VIII students entering high school.

Zenda: "Our most interesting speaker was a worker with the local Children's Aid Society."

Bolton Juniors planned their program around the theme "Keeping Up To Date." The girls gave most of the talks and demonstrations themselves, the principal subjects being beauty, food and clothing.

Brampton East gave \$25 at Christmas time for the girls in an Ontario Training School in the district.

Castlemore says: "Be sure to have the Agricultural Representative and the County Home Economist at some of your meetings."

At Derry West's grandmothers' meeting which came in December, the grandmothers put on an amusing skit, "The Christmas Spirit of '62."

Gravelridge members find their demonstrations especially interesting. The demonstrations this year included: How to make a wool ball cushion using a frame; How to divide, plant and grow iris; Making noodles; Artificial respiration—three methods; How to make bias binding; Christmas decorations, table centres and gift wrapping; Making ribbon corsages;