

amination of the individual," pointing out the pitfalls as well as the best methods of approach in community leadership. Every one of you would have found this day useful, for we gained so many ideas as to why people behave as they do, that are useful within the family as well as at community level. On Tuesday Dr. Helen Abell spoke on "Human Resources"; Wednesday Dr. Lane dealt with Physical Resources of the Community; and Thursday Dean Richards spoke on Natural Resources of the Community. After each address the discussion groups gathered, roughly divided according to the region of the province each represented, to examine the topic as it related to their particular group or region.

At all times there were books and pamphlets available in the reading room on the topics and films on hand to be shown to the groups as they were requested. We had some very hot discussions, needless to say, but we were not expected to arrive at any set conclusions or solutions. As Prof. Dent pointed out to us on the first day: "We have never said all that could be said on any subject," and there is very seldom only one answer to any problem.

Throughout the discussions our leaders drew our attention to valuable information in our folders and helped us to apply parliamentary procedure and good discussion practices, so

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WITH ESTHER

By Wilfrid Scawen Blunt

He who has once been happy is for aye
 Out of destruction's reach. His fortune then
 Holds nothing secret; and Eternity,
 Which is a mystery to other men,
 Has like a woman given him its joy.
 Time is his conquest. Life, if it should fret,
 Has paid him tribute. He can bear to die,
 He who has once been happy! When I set
 The world before me and survey its range,
 Its mean ambitions, its scant fantasies,
 The shreds of pleasure which for lack of change
 Men wrap around them and call happiness,
 The poor delights which are the tale and sum
 Of the world's courage in its martyrdom;
 When I hear laughter from a tavern door,
 When I see crowds agape and in the rain
 Watching on tiptoe and with stifled roar
 To see a rocket fired or a bull slain,
 When misers handle gold, when orators
 Touch strong men's heart with glory till they
 weep,
 When cities deck their streets for barren wars
 Which have laid waste their youth, and when I
 keep
 Calmly the count of my own life and see
 On what poor stuff my manhood's dreams were
 fed
 Till I too learn'd what dole of vanity
 Will serve a human soul for daily bread,
 — Then I remember that I once was young
 And lived with Esther the world's gods among.

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we were "learning by doing." I think Institutes are very wise to cooperate in sending delegates to these forums. To keep us from "mental indigestion," the evenings were rounded off by a recreation period. The first part of this was a directed period, also a training in leadership, while the second was a free period to dance, sing or to spend as you chose.

One afternoon after the close of regular sessions, practically all of us who were Women's Institute members held a special informal meeting of our own in one of the discussion rooms. We had ladies from every part of the province and a most enjoyable hour of talking over points of common interest while we were getting acquainted. To me it was one of the highlights of the whole week.

On the Friday evening each group presented a skit, serious or otherwise, on some aspect of the week's work. It was interesting to note that in the questionnaire we had completed the delegates had stated in more than half of the replies that the greatest need in their communities was for more and better recreational facilities. I think this is worthy of note by Women's Institute groups, for this is something we should be able to do something about.

Saturday noon we took leave of a group who had come to be during that week a small community in itself. Those of you who have attended a Leadership Forum will agree I think that the results of an experience of this kind are not those which you are aware of all at once but that make themselves known very gradually. I am sure it has been useful to me in many ways and will continue to be. I heartily appreciate your sending me and hope I may be able to carry forward my duties better because of this opportunity.

Our National Organization

Concerning the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, Mrs. Trivers reported:

It is the hope of the committee that work will be completed on the Hoodless Homestead by 1967.

Regarding the Canadian Mosaic; F.W.I.C. is still trying to obtain financial support for this project. Mrs. L. G. Lymburner has found it necessary to resign and as yet has not been replaced.

Miss Florence P. Eadie again will go to the North West Territories for two months this summer as a field worker for F.W.I.C. It is hoped to increase interest, form other Women's Institutes and assist in guiding those Institutes already under way. It is hoped an observer from the North will have the opportunity to attend the national convention. The proceeds from the sale of articles in the handicraft display will further the work in this part of Canada.