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BOOKS

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

Consider what you have in the smallest chosen library. A company of the wisest and wittiest men that could be picked out of all civil countries, in a thousand years, have set in best order the results of their learning and wisdom. The men themselves were hid and inaccessible, solitary, impatient of interruption, fenced by etiquette; but the thought which they did not uncover to their bosom friend is here written out in transparent words to us, the strangers of another age.

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the abortion is carried out by a recognized Medical Practitioner, under the authority of a Medical Committee duly constituted, and when carried out in a duly accredited place."

Concerned about reports of children being so injured by beating or other abuse that they require the attention of a physician, and with the purpose of preventing further abuses and safeguarding these children, this resolution was passed at the Simcoe Area convention: Be it resolved that the Association of Children's Aid Societies petition the Honourable Minister of Health to seek legislation which would require any physician who has cause to believe that a child under the age of 16 years, brought to him or coming before him for examination, care or treatment, has had physical injury which appears to have been caused as a result of physical abuse or neglect, to report immediately such incident or cause a report to be made to the local police authority; Pursuant to such legislation it will be the responsibility of the police authority to inform the local Children's Aid Society of the report. The police authority and the Children's Aid Society would then make investigations and take whatever action is necessary to protect the child . . . Anyone participating in good faith in the making of a report pursuant to this legislation shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed for so doing.

This resolution was sustained by the Board but Mrs. Lymburner pointed out that it was asking a great deal of the medical profession. She said: "If one is convinced that matters require investigation one may always go to the proper authorities and have full protection if properly carried out."

Farewell Party

Fifteen board directors attended their last meeting, so there were many participants at the "graduation party" in the common room at Macdonald Hall. The invitation and program presented to each one were hand-printed by Miss Muriel Newton White of Charlton Station. Mrs. Bert Brownlee of Englehart was responsible for this. A jolly time was spent exchanging autographs and doubtless this in-

itation and program will find its way into many a scrap book.

Mrs. Elgin Smith was chairman for the evening's programme of games, contests, a solo by Mrs. Trivers and many exciting happenings. The graduating class received diplomas for their "efforts" over the past three years, all suitably engraved. The focal point of the buffet table was a beautifully decorated three-tier graduation cake, which tasted as good as it looked (thanks to Mrs. F. Moyer).

Mrs. Trivers' term of office expires and a new president will be elected at the fall board meeting. Nominations come from the 31 board directors who have served on the board since the last president was elected. Written nominations are required to be in the hands of the nominations committee by July 1, 1965. Refer to page 49, Hand Book.

Do You Know

That if the district director is unable to attend a district annual, then the alternate takes her place but the district director's name is ratified; and that branch has representation on the district board for the coming year. If no one is present for ratification, that branch has no vote all year.

That F.W.I.O.'s senior board director's travel expense to FWIC Board Meetings and Convention is borne by FWIC. Travel is either by first class rail or economy flight. It was decided to adopt a policy whereby the FWIO Junior board directors on FWIC travel on the same basis as FWIO Senior member although the Junior Board are FWIO's responsibility.

Our Cercle de Fermiere Neighbors

Correspondence was received from Millcreek branch, desirous of having closer contact with the rural women of Quebec. This branch asked that direction be given by FWIO toward a closer association with Cercle De Fermiere, links with branches, pen pals, visits and a stronger English-French relationship. During the discussion it was pointed out that the WI's along the Ottawa River and northern groups have over the years had a close contact. Women's Institutes and their French counterparts especially in this part of Ontario, have had a friendly relationship for many years.

F.W.I.C. Office Address

Mrs. H. G. Taylor, Secretary Federated Women's Institutes of Canada has asked to have the F.W.I.C. office address published in Home and Country because so many letters are delayed in reaching the office or returned to the sender for want of the proper address. It is: Secretary, Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, Room 28, 46 Elgin Street, Ottawa 4, Ont.