

Ontario at that time to be absolutely wrong. It was a system under which boys and girls were educated along exactly the same lines, in spite of the fact that their normal life work was so vastly different. "Girls," said Mrs. Hoodless in her speech in Guelph, "should be educated to fit them properly for the sphere of life for which they were destined, that of homemaking and this should be done by teaching domestic science in the public schools."

The stress which Mrs. Hoodless placed on this point that evening in Guelph so impressed Mr. Lee that he decided to ask her to come to speak to the women of Saltfleet Township at the first available opportunity. He did not have long to wait. In January of 1877, when planning the programme for the Farmer's Institute meeting, Mr. Lee suggested that Mrs. Hoodless be invited to address the evening session, when the women would be present. Several of the committee members objected. It was left to Mr. Lee to obtain speakers, so in spite of the objections and unknown to the others, he extended a personal invitation to Mrs. Hoodless to address the meeting.

Born and reared on a farm at St. George, Ontario where in October 1937, a cairn was erected to her memory by the Women's Institute of Brant County, Mrs. Hoodless' love and sympathy were for the rural people, so she accepted the invitation. Her address that evening was most interesting and informative. She suggested in the course of her talk that the women form an organization for themselves similar to the Farmer's Institute for the men, and pointed out its many benefits and advantages. Time was limited, the hour was late, so there was no time for discussion. Mr. Lee, who was chairman, and who concurred in all that Mrs. Hoodless had said, asked how many women would attend a similar meeting the next Friday evening, if Mrs. Hoodless would again come to Stoney Creek. Thirty-five women promised to attend.

During the intervening week, Mr. & Mrs. Erland Lee were busy people. They visited many homes in the district endeavouring to arouse the interest of the women and persuading them to attend the meeting. Their efforts bore fruit, for when Mrs. Hoodless arrived at Squire's Hall, Stoney Creek, on the evening of February 19, 1897, she found awaiting her there were one