

This is a paper that was prepared and read by Caroline Johann, now Mrs P Maslin of Regina Sask. at one of the first meetings of the newly organized Women's Institute in Belmore in 1904. She is one of the two living charter members. Mrs W^m Irwin now of London is the other one.

As the President has already said, our subject for this afternoon is "Woman's work". This being the first time that a separate meeting has been held in this Division I think it is an acknowledgement of the fact that it is just as important for Women to discuss subjects relating to the up-building and beautifying of the home, as it is for men to discuss subjects relating to the farm. As it is our duty to strive to make the home both attractive, and comfortable. I think we should do so with the most comfort possible for the rest of the household. The home making the comfort and sympathy that a true woman can provide, is the noble part and embraces all that is needful for soul and body.

The girls who are to be the future home-makers, should study to make them-selves fit for the position and to do it with the greatest ease possible to them-selves, and the most comfort, to the household.

While doing for the comfort of others, let us be just to ourselves, no woman over worked can be good tempered or cheerful. No woman should become the slave of her work, to many women forget that the work of the household is intended merely as the ministry to the general comfort of the home. All homes should have their kitchens fitted with every convenience to lessen their labor and labor saving appliances as far as practicable, making their work as light as possible.

Women should contrive to devote a portion of each day to reading and spare the evenings to the family, taking part in the children's games. It may take considerable planning to do so. Though we some-times fail, by repeated efforts we will conquer and feel