

## OFFICERS OF WEST BRUCE DISTRICT

Mrs. P.J. Brown,  
Tiverton Branch,  
Tiverton, Ontario.

District President 1916-17

Mrs. Christena (Mustard) Brown was of Scottish Ancestry. She was born at Brucefield, Huron County, Sept. 29, 1853, the third child of a family of eight. She was married September 26, 1877 to Peter J. Brown. They settled in Bruce County in 1883 on a farm near Tiverton and were blessed with a family of four girls and two boys.

Mrs. Brown attended Brucefield public school, taught school in S.S. # 5, Hay Township, Wingham Public School and S.S. # 7, East Williams near Springbank, Middlesex County.



Mrs. Brown's interests were wide and varied, she was a leader in every movement which would benefit the community or the people as a whole. She was a good reader and interested in all social, political, national and international affairs. She wrote under the pen name "Tena" for the Ontario Teacher, a paper published in 1873-74 and 75. Mrs. Brown loved working out of doors, she had a wonderful garden and beautiful flowers. She loved nature and was a wonderful promoter of rural life for families. She received a rich religious heritage from her Scottish parents. Sunday was considered a sacred day for the Browns. Both she and her husband gave much time to work in the Sunday School. Mrs. Brown taught the Young Women's Bible Class. She was President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in Tiverton in 1914 and was much in demand as a Guest speaker at Thankoffering meetings. Her happiest moment was when her daughter, Margaret, went to China as a missionary. Mrs. Brown shared her husband's interest in the Farmer's Institute. She loved country life, any hardships were never to be considered in comparison with its wholesome benefits. She prided herself on her bread-making and butter-making which always won prizes at the fall fair.

Mrs. Brown was very pleased when she learned that the Women's Institute of Ontario planned to organize a branch in Tiverton. Unfortunately not enough women attended for a quorum but those present selected Mrs. Brown to act as temporary President, until a regular branch could be organized. In August 1912 Mrs. Brown invited the local women to meet in her home. Many came and a legal branch was organized with Mrs. Brown as their President. Four years later she was elected District President.

Mrs. Brown passed away in Toronto on April 21st, 1917 while returning home from a very dear friends funeral in Ottawa.