



"FOR HOME AND COUNTRY".

The following extract is from a motto given at an Institute meeting by Mrs. R. Turnbull on the topic 'Home and Country':

"Under the guidance of Mrs. Hoodless, these women formed a group and called themselves 'Women's Institutes'".

"The primary object of this group was the improvement of the rural home. It has been frequently said that the home must be raised to the highest possible level, since a nation cannot rise higher than its homes.

"Because of this idea, in 1902, the motto 'For Home and Country' was chosen for the Women's Institute".

This paper was given by Mrs. Turnbull, shortly after our Branch was organized in 1947.

The following extract is from a motto prepared by Mrs. W. Williams - 'Heritage is from the past; our responsibility is to the future':

"The historian J. N. Larned, speaking of history says 'Most of the science which we value so in these days, has come to us in the train of all history, out of the past; and poetry, too, has come with it, and music, and the great laws of righteousness, without which we could be little better than beasts.

"How vast an estate it is that we come into, as intellectual heirs of all the watchers, and searchers, and thinkers, and singers of the generations that are dead. What a heritage of stored wealth".

"Many years ago Joseph Howe wrote, 'A wise nation preserves its records'. Our country's

records will be found in old books, letters, newspapers and the relics of bygone days. Let us look well before we are guilty of throwing these things away.. . .

"Without personal responsibility no reform or better society is ever possible.

"We who would see our nation grow in the future, must have eyes to behold the march of ideas, the growth and flowering of principles, the unfolding of laws, the network of reverences, hopes, dreams, the mystic ties of memory uniting past, present and future".

These mottoes convey so well the high ideals and principles of the Women's Institutes of Canada.

This Tweedsmuir History Book was under the guidance of the late Mrs. Chas. Kelly in its infancy. She laid a good foundation, upon which subsequent members of Tweedsmuir Committees have built. Mrs. James Reoch continued the work Mrs. Kelly had started and handed on to her successors the wealth of information she had acquired.

Mrs. M. Jamieson followed Mrs. Reoch as custodian, and in the Fall of 1959, she attended the Tweedsmuir Workshop held in Port Elgin, her assistant being Mrs. Jas. McEwing, with the Historical Research Branch Convenor, Mrs. Grant Clazie being automatically a member of the Tweedsmuir Committee. In October, 1959 the Branch voted to enter this book in the Tweedsmuir Competition in 1961, so it has been prepared for the District Annual Meeting of the Bruce Centre District, being held in May, 1960.