

requests, but some wanted comic recitations. We have no collection of comic recitations. I have no objection to them, but simply we did not happen to have them. I tried to help those questioners by suggesting where they might get such material. In the other cases, it was usually owing to the fact that we have not yet gotten a really good knowledge of what you want. We are learning, but we are not yet quite sure of the nature of the help you want. We are gradually improving, and I am quite sure that a good many of these requests we could satisfy now, although we could not at the time they came in.

What has been accomplished in connection with this work, you may look at from various points of view. Looking at it from my own, it has done very much for me, because it was necessary to do a great deal of reading in order to catalogue and put into accessible form the material which we had available. Had you not wanted it, a great deal of that material would still be waiting a more convenient season; as it is, a great deal has been done and it has broadened my outlook immensely. I wish every one of you could have done the whole thing yourselves, and from my point of view the work has been well worth while.

For Macdonald Institute a great deal has also been accomplished. Much of our most valuable material was buried in magazines and pamphlets which when you wanted you could not find. We are gradually making it accessible by this cataloging process. Therefore, it has been good for Macdonald Institute. For the Women's Institute? That is for you to say. Doubtless we very often sent material less helpful than you expected. We probably often sent quite the wrong thing because we were not quite sure of your point of view, and we sometimes sent with a malice of forethought material that would provoke the heartiest kind of discussion. We did not expect to do all the work. We always expected you to do a good deal of the work yourselves in picking out the helpful parts of the material we sent, and then putting it into a good paper of your own.

What do we want to do? If you will notice, those of you who have attended all the sessions here, every speaker has kept constantly before you the idea, behind all of your work, better homes for Canada. Macdonald Institute is working for precisely the same thing, with this difference: You Women Institute people are students on the job while our students are only getting ready for it. There is a great difference. We want to do what we can because it is a centre. Macdonald Institute is a centre where we are gathering together a great deal of good material. We have to have it for our students. Unfortunately they do not get nearly enough time, the days are not long enough to do all they would like to do in the way of consulting our library. We want to place these resources at your service, and so long as you consider it worth while to seek our help you shall have it.

Now do not be discouraged if we write you that we cannot help you this time, because perhaps next time we shall be able, and as the years go on our collection ought to be increasingly valuable. We are trying to take every magazine as it comes in and keep it in accessible form, especially those with material upon food, with its divisions of dietetics, and matter upon sanitation and the house; matter upon the home; matter upon economics from the home-maker's standpoint, and in that we take up that most vexed question of the financial rights of the woman. We have a good deal of material upon education and a good deal upon social questions; some upon dress. There are not very many upon dress, but they are increasing, and we have some other divisions summed up; so if you have a question that you think we can help you on, do not be afraid to send it in.