

Fifty years of achievement

“We have no intention of allowing such a *radical* movement in *our* village” wrote a determined Lady-of-the-Manor, fifty years ago, to a request that a Women’s Institute should be formed at her gates. She understood that, owing to a most undesirable system of voting, in which her vote would count for no more than any cottager’s, there was no

guarantee that she would be the Institute’s chairman, and she considered the whole affair would be most unsettling for the village. But these were unsettling times. The Great War had broken out the year before, and country-women everywhere were looking for a lead in the growing and preserving of food to meet the ever-

