

It was then moved by Mrs. Stevenson, of Ancaster, seconded by Mrs. Brown,

“That Miss Clara M. Walker, of Stoney Creek, District Secretary of South Wentworth, be appointed treasurer to receive these funds towards the memorial.”

## Sketch of Career of Founder of Women's Institute.

The death of the late Mrs. John Hoodless, of Hamilton, which occurred while she was addressing a meeting of the Canadian Club at St. Margaret's College, Toronto, February 26th, 1910, was a loss which seems almost irreparable to the Women's Institutes of Ontario, more especially to the branch where she was the founder of the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, and of which she was honorary president. Though taken away while in the prime of womanhood, she had accomplished what few women have been able to even in a longer lifetime. Through her initiative ability, her earnestness, and eloquence on the platform, she assisted in carrying out many schemes for the advancement of the women of the home. Her high ideals of the Home in relation to the state led her to assist in the formation of the Y. W. C. A. in Hamilton, and to advocate and organize the Women's Institute. It was owing to her advocacy in the Women's Institute, and her personal enthusiasm, to raise the standard of the education of women, that Sir William MacDonald gave of his wealth to establish MacDonald Hall at Guelph, one of the greatest gifts the women of Ontario have ever received. To her influence was also due the establishment of the Normal School of Domestic Science in Hamilton, which has since been moved to MacDonald Hall, Guelph. Through all these institutions her name will be handed down as one of the greatest benefactors of the women in Canada.

We trust that the knowledge that her usefulness to her native province has been appreciated may be an incentive to others to attain such an ideal, for no woman has done more for “Home and Country,” which she first suggested should be the motto of Women's Institutes. No one had higher ideals of womanhood, and few more ambitious ability to further a cause than had Mrs. Hoodless.