

Minutes of Regular Monthly, Executive and Directors' Meetings

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Mrs Keith Milliken opened her home for the W.D. meeting held on Thursday May 25 with an attendance of 36. The meeting opened in the usual way with the singing of the opening ode followed by the members repeating the Lord's prayer. The roll call was answered by the paying of fees. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, also the financial report was given. The matter of a short course was discussed, but it was moved by Miss Jean Carpenter, and seconded by Mrs E. Walter that we leave this matter to the delegates attending the convention to decide. Our guest speaker was Mr Arthur Magill, Field Secretary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, who gave us a most unique outline of the history of work carried on by the Institute. Up until 20 years ago, little was done for the blind people of Canada. Men & women stood on street corners begging. They suffered in sight of the public. A group of 67 blinded soldiers came from overseas and went to Training school & formed the C. N. I. for the blind. An entire register of blind people has been developed 10,000 in Canada, 2,431 in Hamilton. To-day, blind men & women are working in ordinary factories, with no charity but are paid normal wages. They are also employed at Cigar and Cigarette Counters, Industries, Cafeterias, Hamilton Cottons. Some work