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ORIGIN

The first Women's Institute was organized in Saltfleet Township, Wentworth County, on the 19th of February, 1897, with a view to meeting the expressed desire to acquire information which would insure greater efficiency on the part of the women of the rural sections in those varied responsibilities resting upon them in the home and as citizens. The branch is now known as the Stony Creek Institute. Fuller particulars regarding the origin and development of the Institutes will be sent to those writing for the same.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ANTHEM

(Tune: "National Anthem.")

God bless our Institute,  
Give each a mind astute,  
Reverent and kind.  
As we together meet,  
May hearts in union beat,  
May Thine own concord sweet,  
Our spirits bind.

For home and native land,  
May all our members stand,  
Firm for the right.  
An undivided throng,  
May we crush out the wrong,  
And help the good along,  
With all our might.

May discord, hate, and strife  
Be banished from our life  
For evermore.  
May error flee away  
Like mist before the day,  
And own Thy Kingdom's sway,  
From shore to shore.

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