

**Picton Women's Institute**

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The Picton Women's Institute held an enjoyable and interesting session on the evening of January 13th, in the lecture room of the First Methodist Church, and was well attended, about one hundred being present. The programme for the evening's entertainment had been arranged by Mrs. Mabee and Mrs. McCornock, and was most entertaining.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Alfred Hubbs, who in a few well chosen remarks extended a hearty welcome to all present.

The programme began by a piano duet, given by Misses Thompson and Kelly, and was much appreciated by all. One of the most important features of the evening was a debate, resolved "That departmental stores are an injury to smaller stores." Mr. Harold Mabee, Mr. Love, affirmative; Mr. Campney and Mr. Leslie Holmes, negative. The subject was thoroughly and ably handled and was most interesting and humorous. The rapt attention and applause showed how the audience appreciated the boys' work. While the judges were deciding the debate, Miss Elizabeth Buchanan sang in splendid voice the beautiful solo, "Garden of Roses," and was followed by Miss Conger, who gave a splendid reading as an additional treat.

The judges of the debate, Miss Williams of the Collegiate staff, Mr. Howard McMullen and Rev. J Shaver were at this part of the programme, ready with their decision. Mr. Shaver, in giving the decision said, "It was quite hard to decide. The boys were all to be congratulated on the excellent way they handled the subject, splendid points had been given on both sides showing the time and thought put on the subject, and that special mention should be made of Messrs. Mabee and Campney. Mr. Mabee for his fine oratory, and Mr. Campney for the great number of points made."

The judges decided in favor of the negative.

Delicious candy made by Mrs. Mabee and Mrs. McCornock was served and enjoyed by all. Miss Aileen McLean and Miss Anna Allison contributed a piano duet which showed promise of these young ladies becoming great musicians. The President then called on

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