

ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS

ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS WAS A WOMAN OF INTELLIGENCE AND EDUCATION;but when her first baby died she felt that he might have lived if she had known more about how to take care of a baby. So she lead a campaign for clean milk in her city of Hamilton, and a crusade to have homemaking- Household Science- included in every girl's education in public school, with special courses available at colleges and universities. All of this was accomplished before her death at the age of fifty- two. She died Feb. 25, 1910.

Mrs. Hoodless also wanted homemaking education for women who were already mothers of young children. She spoke of this at a meeting of Ontario Farmers' Experimental Union; and Erland Lee, a young farmer of Stoney Creek, offered to organize a meeting of the women of his township, Saltfleet, if Mrs. Hoodless would speak to them. Following this meeting the world's first WOMEN'S INSTITUTE was organized at STONEY CREEK ONTARIO, on February 19th, 1897. Its purpose: BETTER HOMES AND A BETTER COMMUNITY LIFE.



The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, the birthplace of the founder of Women's Institutes

St. George, Ontario, Brant County, Canada

The Homestead was purchased by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and is being restore@d in the period when Adelaide Hunter Hoodless lived here (1858-1910) This is a project of all Women's Institutes.