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"Little Alie" is named for the charming Dutch girl Alie Schoenmacher who acted as hostess and interpreter for the Ontario delegates during their tour of North Holland. These dolls were made by the Dutch Association and sold on Dutch Day as a means of defraying the expenses of the meeting. Little Alie is dressed in the costume of Volendam and in this photo is being shown by Miss Lewis to Mrs. Laura Rose Stephen, our beloved first government lecturer, at the London area convention. Since arriving in Canada "Little Alie" has travelled over 2800 miles visiting Women's Institute groups throughout the Province.

Miss M. Thompson,
Blackstock, Ontario.

Dear Miss Thompson:

I was still going to school at the time your institute was organized so of course I had nothing to do with it. I have had some pleasant meetings with the Nestleton institute - most of them quite a long time ago - but I certainly wasn't there when it was organized.

Laura Rose was married before I came into Institute work. She must have been a great person to go around to meetings in her day - so sympathetic and entertaining and practical too. I remember as a little girl going to Guelph on a "Model Farm Excursion" and of seeing her demonstrate buttermaking, and thinking how I would like to do something like that.

I think it adds something to the color of your institute's history that it was organized by Laura Rose, the first woman lecturer sent out by the Department.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Ethel Chapman

Ethel Chapman,
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Secured by Miss Ethel Thompson when controversy arose as to who organized Nestleton Women's Institute in 1906.

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