

## THE LADY TWEEDSMUIR BIDS FAREWELL



THE LATE LORD TWEEDSMUIR.



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Every Women's Institute member in Canada must have been proud to hear The Lady Tweedsmuir's farewell message to the Canadian people. While resident in Canada, she honoured us by accepting a life membership in the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and by acting as our Honorary President. In her farewell address she gave us this message of inspiration:

"To my friends and fellow members of the Women's Institutes, I would like to say how much I hope they will press on with their work in education and in all other lines. I have so much enjoyed my association with them here, and, though I have not been able to answer their many kind letters sent to me in the last month, I would like to say how grateful I am to receive them. I hope that the Canadian and British Women's Institutes will always be linked together in the warmest friendship and closest association, and that we shall continue to work as ardently in the future for the welfare of the countryside as we have done in the past."

The secretary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario has sent a letter to the Lady Tweedsmuir expressing our appreciation of her enthusiasm for our ideals and of the active interest which she took in our work. We pledged ourselves to carry on "our educational work and all other activities for the welfare of the countryside", as she has requested, and to strengthen the links which bind the Canadian and British Women's Institutes together. The presence of The Lady Tweedsmuir in England as a life member of the Ontario Women's Institutes will be one of the strongest of these links.

The memory of The Lady Tweedsmuir's residence here will ever be a pleasant and inspiring one. We will recall with gratitude her addresses with their wise counsel, the very pleasant hours which some of us were privileged to spend at Government House, and the friendly chats which we enjoyed there and elsewhere.

With these memories of the Lady Tweedsmuir we shall treasure, too those of the late Lord Tweedsmuir. His understanding and sympathetic interest in the Women's Institutes was ever apparent. To The Lady Tweedsmuir and her family we offer our deep sympathy in their bereavement. Canadian people have lost not only a wise Governor-General but a man who won the true friendship of all.

It was a privilege for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to contribute to the gift of furs from the Canadian women to The Lady Tweedsmuir on her departure from Canada.

Let us resolve to keep alive the inspiration which has been given us by ever seeking to advance the work of those Institutes to which we belong.

### Foreword

"I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes are going to compile Village History Books. Events move very fast now-a-days, houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the country-side changes completely, sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes and to see that water-coloured sketches and prints, poems and prose legends, should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your Village Histories will be the basis of accurate facts, much valued by the historian of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them "The Tweedsmuir Village Histories"

SUSAN TWEEDSMUIR."