



Mr. Erland Lee

"Motto"

FOR HOME AND COUNTRY

"ODE"

A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure
sweet
Nor dims the radiant light.
No unkind words our lips shall pass,
No envy sour the mind;
But each shall seek the common weal—
The good of all mankind.

The author of the Ode is unknown. It was used by the 'Sons of Temperance' lodge in the days of its organization in Stroud, Simcoe county in the late '70's.

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Women's Institutes

Born in South Wentworth, the organization was conceived by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, a pioneer in what was then known as domestic science. Mrs. Hoodless had lost an infant son, and doctors declared that death was due to the drinking of contaminated milk. Since Mrs. Hoodless was anxious that other mothers should not have the same heart-breaking experience, she decided to try and interest rural women in the things which vitally affected the home.

To this end, Mrs. Hoodless sought the co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Erland Lee, of Stoney Creek. Mr. Lee had long been prominent in the work of the Farmers' Institute. Together they consulted Calvin Davis, then editor of the Hamilton Times. Mr. Davis assured them that a women's institute pledged to ignore political party and religious creed could not prosper. Time has proved that Mr. Davis was wrong.

For Home and Country

On the night of February 19, 1897, 100 women met in Squire's hall, at Stoney Creek, and the first Women's Institute was organized, with Mrs. E. D. Smith, of Winona, as president, and Miss Maggie Nash, of Stoney Creek, as secretary.

For Home and Country was the motto chosen by the new organization. Women's Institutes or similar organizations are now found in every province in Canada, and are also established in England, Scotland, Wales, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. They are affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World. The organizations function in Ontario under the guidance of the department of agriculture of the Ontario government.

Emphasis is placed on the understanding of human beings and their relationships: Artistry in housing, foods and clothing, and the social and economic factors harmonizing community and home life.



Mrs. E. D. Smith

"Creed"

Mary Stewart Collect.

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, and in deed.
Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.
May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.
Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create the differences; that in the big things of life we are one.
And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all, and, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

Written in 1904 by Mary Stewart in Longmont, Colorado, for a club the "It was written as a prayer for the day"

It is known wherever English-speaking women meet together as a "Collect for Club Women"

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