

of the Stoney Creek Women's Institute on February 19, 1897.

In 1899 Mrs Hoodless suggested that the W.I.'s ask the Government to provide for the scientific education of women by establishing a women's department at O.A.C. Suelph. She approached Sir William Macdonald of Montreal, and he was so interested that he contributed \$200,000. for the building at Suelph now known as Macdonald Institute.

The now familiar motto, "For Home and Country", was adopted in 1902 through the suggestion of Mrs. Laura Rose Stephens, first Government lecturer. Mrs. Hoodless was convenor of the committee to discuss the matter and the next year (1903) the emblematic pin was selected. It was designed from a signet ring worn by Mrs. Stephens and bore the motto and the letters O.W.I. (Ontario Women's Institute).

Since those early days the W.I. has become a world wide organization — a fitting tribute to a woman whose main concern was to find a better way of life for her countrywomen.

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