

## 25th ANNIVERSARY

### LAKESIDE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CELEBRATES REACHING ITS QUARTER-CENTURY MARK.

In Lakeside United Church on Wednesday, October 21st, a memorable occasion was celebrated when the Lakeside Women's Institute marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding with a fitting program of songs, speeches and the cutting of a birthday cake. Mrs. H. Munds, the President, was in the chair and called on Mrs. Jack Clark to give the address of welcome.

Two minutes' silence was observed in honor of twenty-nine members who have passed on. A report on the work of the Institute was given by Mrs. Chas. Sutherland, followed by: an address, Mrs. Wesley Richardson of Wellburn; duet, Mrs. Otto Rounds and Miss Rutledge; address, Mrs. Jesse Ridley of St. Pauls; piano solo, Mrs. Bolton Fitzgerald, Thorndale; address, Mrs. Alex. Laurence, Embro; chorus, townline ladies; address, Mrs. (Dr.) MacKenzie of Lakeside; solo, Mrs. (Dr.) Walters, Thorndale; address, Mrs. I. Mead; community singing; readings by Mrs. Dawes and Mrs. C. McLeod; address, Mrs. Robt. Leslie; music, Mesdames Roy and Bryant Sutherland, S. Smith; address, Mrs. A. Baker.

Following the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Mead received at the door. Mrs. (Dr.) Widdis and Mrs. E. Gleason were in charge of the register of members and guests. Mrs. D. Wilson and Miss M. Baker invited to the tea room in the basement which was very prettily decorated in the Institute colors. Mrs. A. Baker cut the birthday cake which had been made by Mrs. C. K. McLeod. A delicious lunch was served of salads, sandwiches, jellies, cake, tarts and pickles, Mrs. I. Mead and Mrs. John Holden pouring tea.

It was during the month of February, 1911, that a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Seaton. Miss Gilholm, the county representative, was in charge and gave a talk on Institute work and organized an Institute.

The following officers were elected:—Hon. Pres., Mrs. Jane Seaton; President, Mrs. Frank Seaton; Vice-President, Gretta Sutherland; Secretary, Annie K. Murray.

The second meeting was held in the hall and Embro ladies put on the program with President in the chair. The third meeting was held in the hall and Kintore ladies put on the program with the President in the chair. The fourth meeting was held in the hall in the evening with Dr. A. J. Murray chairman. Two government speakers were there and gave two addresses, accompanied by illustrations! After that the society carried on meetings similar to what they do now. The Presidents have been:—Mrs. Frank Seaton, Mrs. Abe Whetstone, Mrs. (Dr.) Murray, Mrs. Chas. Sutherland, Mrs. Burley Chandler. The Secretaries:—Annie K. Murray, Clara Vining, Mrs. D. Ridley, Mrs. (Dr.) MacKenzie.

It was during these years the war was on and from 1915 to 1918 the Institute was turned into a Red Cross Society, met twice a month to sew, knit and pack boxes for the soldiers. Held meetings in homes and hall until November 1916, when Rev. Mr. Allan invited the ladies to the basement of church where Mr. Rawlings always had fires on for the meeting. Had two knitting contests, Mrs. (Dr.) Murray and Mrs. C. N. Mitchell, captains for first, took in 270 pairs of socks. Mrs. C. Dawes and Mrs. J. Gregory were captains for second and took in 68 pairs of socks. Had reception and social evening in the hall in February 1918 for returned boys which was enjoyed by all. The Institute had a supper at Dalrymple's pavilion and presented 22 returned boys with gold chains valued at \$8.00 each.

What was sent away in one year:—193 pair socks, 12 trench caps, 6 wash cloths, 104 suits pajamas, \$30 to War Pensions Fund, 30 doz. eggs to Toronto Sanitarium, 58 boxes each valued at \$3.00, 3 quilts and 6 caps to Halifax Relief.

In October 1921, a meeting was held at Mrs. D. Wilson's to organize for Women's Institute again. Mrs. (Dr.) Atkinson of Embro organized the society again with Mrs. (Dr.) Allison as president. The following have been presi-

dents since:—Mrs. (Dr.) Allison, Mrs. I. Mead, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. (Dr.) MacKenzie, Mrs. Robt. Leslie, Mrs. Alex. Lawrence, Mrs. Geo. Gates, Mrs. A. Baker, Mrs. C. McLeod, Mrs. H. Munds; Secretaries:—Mrs. D. Wilson, Miss Addie Kirk, Mrs. I. Mead, Mrs. H. Munds, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. Roy Sutherland, Mrs. C. K. McLeod, Mrs. Jno. Sutherland, Mrs. R. Leslie, Mrs. R. Matheson.

The Institute have been doing community and relief work also having a good social time. Had a sewing class, nursing and first aid, also a garment-making club for girls and started a library.