

A short history of the establishment and growth of the Women's Institute all over the world-----and-----the work of the Paisley Branch.

The Paisley branch of the Women's Institute was organized in January, 1901. The first president was the late Mrs. Donald McIntyre. The past history of the local branch is lamentably incomplete, owing to the unfortunate loss of several of the minute books. However, members of long standing assure me that the traditions and spirit behind the forming of the organization have been adhered to at all times. A gradually increasing membership proves that interest has been kept alive in the beneficial and very necessary work performed by the Institute.

Shut-ins have always been remembered by cards at Christmas, as well as visits by the Sunshine Committees. Many worthy causes have been given a helping hand by the Paisley Institute, such as tag days for the blind, the tuberculosis X-ray clinics, overseas relief, local sewing classes, etc. Money has been raised in various ways, as for instance, home baking sales, teas, quilts, sponsoring of plays and entertainments. Work has been enlivened by enjoyment at various intervals, in pot-luck suppers, the annual picnic, not to mention the usual half-hour after meetings when the members indulge in lunch and informal chat.

The past presidents are honored in this book by photographs as far as they are available. The photograph of Mrs. Donald McIntyre was supplied by Miss Kate McBeath.

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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.

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Be generous in judgment, putting into  
action our better impulses, and by  
being more friendly than ever before.

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"For Home and Country."

