

On November 22nd, a meeting was held at Kilbride, 75 ladies were present and Mrs. Arthur Newell, Mrs. P. McGregor and Mrs. Robt. Aitken were added to the Board of Directors. 15 ladies signed as members.

On November 23rd, a meeting was held at Hornby with 36 ladies present. Mrs. George Thompson was elected Director and 8 ladies became members. Miss Laura Rose was speaker.

On January 14th, 1902, the meeting was held in Milton with 50 ladies present. It was decided to get a lady to give demonstrations in cooking.

On February 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, meetings were held at Norval, Drumquin, Postville and Appleby with Miss Linton as demonstrator. On February 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, meetings were held in Milton by Mrs. Torrence. On March 4th and 5th, meeting were held in Burlington and Oakville and were in charge of Miss Smith. On March 27th, 28th and 29th, meetings were held at Acton with cooking demonstrations.

The annual meeting was held on June 15th, 1902, with the following elected as officers, President, Mrs. J. S. Deacon; Vice-President, Mrs. Robertson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Wilmott.

On November 21st, a meeting was held at Campbellville with Miss Millar of Guelph speaking on "Emergencies." It was decided to organize a Branch here, with Mrs. Murray Crawford as President and Mrs. C. A. Elsley as Secretary-Treasurer.

On November 22nd, a meeting was held at Nelson and on the 24th, one at Glen Williams, with Miss Millar as speaker.

On January 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1903, meetings were held at Brookville, Kilbride, Hornby and Palermo, with Miss Smith of Hamilton as speaker. It was decided to organize a Branch at Palermo. Mrs. W. C. Inglehart was elected President and Miss Norton, Secretary. This Branch has been in continuous operation ever since.

On February 3rd, a meeting was held at Ballinafad, where Miss Morris of Toronto talked on "Food Values." On February 19th at a meeting held in Milton, it was decided to hold monthly meetings in Milton on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

On February 20th, 1903, Burlington Branch was organized with Mrs. George Fisher as President and Mrs. S. Dynes as Secretary.

On March 24th, 1903, Acton Branch was organized with Miss M. Nelson as President and Mrs. John Cameron, Secretary. On March 25th, 1903, Georgetown was organized with Mrs. L. L. Bennett as President and Miss Reid.

At the District Annual Meeting in June, 1903, it is recorded that the Branches all reported, showing the Institute to be in a very prosperous condition and giving promise of still greater achievement. It was suggested here that a cup of tea be served occasionally to make the meetings more interesting.

At the District Annual Meeting in 1904, it was decided to tax each member 5 cents to be sent to the District Secretary for printing and other expenses.

Annual Meetings have been held continuously ever since in different parts of the District. Reports have been given by convenors of the various Standing Committees and inspiration and encouragement gleaned from the meetings.

As we look back over the past fifty years, we feel the Women's Institutes have lived up to their motto "For Home and Country." Though some Branches were organized and have ceased to function, largely through inability to get officers willing to accept responsibility, most of the Branches organized are carrying on with increasing interest and efficiency in their respective communities. To the officers and members of the early Institutes, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude that we can never repay. It was a pioneer venture, and only through their unselfish devotion to the cause has the splendid organization of today been made possible. It was and is no easy task to keep an Institute functioning with harmony and efficiency but the torch has been handed down from generation to generation and offers a challenge for us to accomplish greater things. All through the years, the Institute with its multiple interests, has added inestimably to home and community life. Addresses, discussions, demonstrations along the lines of Nutrition, Health, Clothing, Housing, have been most helpful. The Department of Agriculture has always been anxious to help with speakers, short courses, training classes, not to mention the loan library and travelling libraries.