It would be impossible to enumerate the many achievements of our Institute through the past fifty years, but perhaps a few of the outstanding accomplishments might be mentioned. Musical instruction in schools in Ontario was first introduced in Halton by the Palermo Institute in 1924. This was followed by the first Musical Festival. Schools have been helped in many ways—hot lunch equipment, school beautification to mention a few. Agricultural fairs in Milton, Acton and Georgetown have had outstanding displays provided by various Institutes.

The Juniors have been helped through encouragement and leadership in their various projects. Since 1931, Halton District has made it possible for thirteen girls to attend the Chicago World's Fair and twelve to receive trips to Ottawa or elsewhere. These trips have been offered as the highest award for the girls' work. Seven girls' conferences were held with outstanding speakers.

Halton Women's Institutes have always been responsive to any calls for help. Clothing and food have been sent in abundance to victims of fire and flood disasters. During World Wars I and II, our women worked unceasingly to provide comforts for soldiers and civilians. Let us pray that wars may cease and that mankind may find a better way to settle differences than through force of arms.

In conclusion, may we close with a few quotations from Miss Powell's "Forty Years A-growing"—"We have in the Women's Institutes a group of rural homemakers, working together in harmony under definite leadership, accepting responsibility to study needs, acquire and distribute information and to plan ways to help all citizens to better living. The possibility of advance and development of the individual through knowledge, service, loyalty—to the larger sphere of service in leadership in national life is her incentive. The women who have the Institute spirit, service to all, are a force which means much to the whole people in real nation building. The high ideals, with which the Women's Institutes were endowed in the beginning, have been the objective which all the branches have endeavored to keep in view since the inception of the mother body. For every man and woman in Canada today there is an opportunity to be of service to Canada. Could we send out boys and girls in perfect self-control, with sound bodies and minds, the world would bless the mothers of to-day, so let us be diligent homemakers, that we may establish a nation of greatness.

"As Institute members, let us justify our being and fulfil the spirit of our motto — for "Home and Country."

"To be cheerful, to be neighborly, to love little children and cherish their right to be well born, well fed and well bred, to make our houses, homes whose influence for life's best shall radiate throughout our community.

"To be cordial to strangers, generous to friends and helpful to every human life we touch; in short to love our neighbors a little better than ourselves.

"To be ready to pass along what we have learned, whether of homemaking or homekeeping, and quietly teach those about us by word and action, that fine spirit of co-operation which springs from unselfish enthusiasm in our common ideal—right living.

"This is the philosophy that like a golden thread, runs through our work, making the simplest task a link in the chain that unites our homes into finer communities."