

Report of Women's Institutes, of Prince Edward Island

EGLINGTON—HOWE BAY.—The Annual meeting of this Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Fisher, on April 2nd, nine members and two visitors being present. After singing the Ode, the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Roll call was responded to with "Gems of Thought." This was followed by the report of the year's work, a summary of which is as follows: Total receipts \$83.36, the majority of which was expended on the school, in painting, sheathing, new blackboard, and for prizes and School Fairs. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Alice Morrow, Vice, Mrs. Wm. Mills, Secretary-treas. Mrs. Jas. MacKenzie. Two sick and two school committees were appointed for Howe Bay and Eglinton districts. After the business of the meeting was over, a pleasant social hour was spent, during which a recitation was given by Miss Marion Fisher. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Alice Morrow.

"STERLING."—The annual meeting of this Institute was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Wm. Millar, Stanley Bridge, ten members and one visitor being present. After the usual opening, a report of the year's work was given. A lecture and pie social was held in November, sign-boards for Stanley and Hope River schools were ordered, and placed on the schools, a treat was given the school children at Xmas, and money donated for prizes. Sick and school committees were appointed. The treasurer reported an expenditure for the year of \$31.33 with a balance on hand of \$23.44. The following officers were elected: Honorary President, Mrs. Walter Simpson, Pres. Mrs. Wm. Millar, Vice, Mrs. Wm. Pendergast, Sec'y-treas. Mrs. Thos. Bolger. A vote of thanks was tendered the president for the hospitality she has given the members by opening her home so often for their use. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

FAIRVIEW.—The Annual meeting of this Institute was held April 2nd, nine members attending. After singing the Ode, the minutes of the last meetings were read and adopted. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. Edward Currie, Vice, Mrs. Thos. Burdett, Sec'y-treas. Miss Madeline McIsaac. A summary of the year's work is as follows: Receipts \$106.64. Expenditures include new fence, globe, drinking cups for the school, and materials for bazaar and orphanage work, also gifts to members and teacher. At this meeting some material was distributed among the members for sewing.

At the next meeting which will be held at the school, the members will plant trees and shrubs etc.

NORTHAM.—The regular monthly meeting of this Institute was held at the Schoolhouse on May 8th, seventeen members and two visitors being present. The meeting opened by singing the Ode, followed by the reading and adopting of the minutes. The letter re W. L. Exchange was read and plans were made to do some work. A Demonstration on "Paper Flowers" was given by Miss Ina Phillips, after which a dainty lunch was served to all, including the school children. Meeting closed with the National Anthem. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Colwill.

ST. PETER'S SOUTH.—The regular May meeting of this Institute was held in the schoolhouse on the evening of the 23rd, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, only five members and one visitor were present. After singing the Ode, roll call was responded to by "Favorite Names." The minutes of the Annual meeting were read and adopted, and the Sec'y-treas. reported \$10.80 as proceeds from the pantry sale which was held in Anderson's store, May 17th. It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. L. Anderson for the use of his store. It was then decided to donate \$25.00 towards the painting of the schoolhouse, and a committee of four men were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. It was also decided to purchase a new flag, to erect a flag-pole and a sign-board on the school. The letter re W. L. Exchange was read also Mr. Hine's school report. Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

FREDERICTON.—The May meeting of this Institute was held at the home of Miss Annie MacLennan on May 21st, thirteen members were present and responded to roll call with a verse. After the opening business, had been conducted, the President read a letter re W. L. Exchange. This Institute is also very much in favor of the scheme. It was decided to buy a flag for the Memorial Tablet in the Hall, also a flag and flag-pole for the school grounds. This Institute is continuing subscribing to four magazines for this year. A sick committee was appointed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Phoebe Stewart, and roll call will be answered with a verse.

PORT HILL.—Twelve members and seven visitors attended the May meeting of this Institute which was held at the home of Miss Mary Adams. The meeting opened in the usual manner and Miss Adams read an interesting paper entitled "The Power of Words," after which a short discussion took place on Miss Archibalds "Better English Drive." It was decided to have the school removed to a better location, if a suitable place could be obtained. The next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Anrus McLellan.

HAZEL GROVE.—On May 20th, twelve members and two visitors met in the Schoolhouse where the regular monthly meeting of this Institute was held. The meeting opened in the usual manner. The chief item of business transacted, was the decision to hold an Ice Cream Social, and committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Each member is also to make up 3 pounds of sugar into candy. A committee of two were appointed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Everett McLeod. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ella Ferris.

VICTORIA.—The May meeting of this Institute was held in the Hall, ten members being present. After the usual business had been conducted the purpose of the W. L. Exchange was presented by the President, and discussed by the meeting. Members expressed their willingness to contribute an assortment of articles. Reports from the various committees were heard, and a wish was expressed that the members attend the Annual School meeting. The next meeting will be held in the Hall, June 13th, when the Supervisor will be present and demonstrate on "Cakes and Icings."

HARRINGTON.—Five members attended the May meeting of this Institute which was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Stewart. After the usual business had been conducted, it was decided to buy more material for bazaar work and to meet in 2 weeks time to sew. Lunch

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One often reads that crops should be in the ground early and sees ones neighbors making all haste to be the first "done seeding." Springtime is called the coming out or growing season and it seems as though this idea is contagious and fills everyone with the craze for speed.

In this mad rush of seeding the cardinal point is often overlooked that the kind and amount of cultivation given is a limiting factor in crop production. Cultivation makes the crop in many cases and the lack of it ruins it. For the sake of a day or two or even a week behind your neighbor do not, under any circumstances, work the land before it is ready. Many a field has been ruined through this mistake in Pascal's answer.—Rev. W. J. Dawson, D. D.

was served, after which the meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

NORTH RIVER.—The regular monthly meeting of this Institute was held at the home of Mrs. John Moreside on May 14th, twelve members and one visitor being present, and answered roll call by reading conundrums. It was decided to spend \$10.00 cleaning the school. The letter regarding the W. L. Exchange was read and discussed. Delegates to Convention were appointed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry R. Scott. At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

PRIEST POND.—The regular monthly meeting of this Institute was held at the home of Mrs. D. J. Campbell, and was attended by five members and three visitors. Plans were made for holding a social and dance in the school on June 20th. After the business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed, at the conclusion of which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. D. MacEachern.

Creed and Deed

We really believe only that which we practise. "I wish I had your creed; then I would live your life," said a seeker after truth to Pascal the great French thinker. "Live my life and you will soon have my creed," was the swift reply. The solution of all difficulties of faith lies in Pascal's answer.—Rev. W. J. Dawson, D. D.

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