

# Mrs. Rodgers Gives Peace Talk at W.I.

## Next Meeting in Town Hall

The November meeting of the Jarvis Women's Institute was held on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Henry Johnson. After the usual opening the minutes were read and approved and roll call responded to by the exhibit of quilt blocks. Several items of business were discussed and Mrs. Gowan, the delegate to the Hamilton Convention, gave a splendid report. Mrs. Leathong also reported a morning session. It was decided we should have an exchange of gifts not exceeding 25c at the December meeting.

Mrs. Rodgers, who has been a very faithful member for many years, had charge of the topic "What Can I Do To Further Peace?" and at this time when so many countries are at war, it was felt this splendid paper should be published, which follows:

"Peace, like charity, begins at home. There is an old proverb which runs: 'Charity begins at home' and we all know how very true it is. Charity means that love which leads us to help one another in time of need and it is in our homes that this fine virtue is cultivated at its best. The charitable spirit must be exercised at home before we can truly exhibit it in the life of the community. Like charity, peace also begins at home."

Our November meeting brings us to the time when we mark the anniversary of the Armistice by a two minute silence in memory of the lads who gave their lives in the hope that their sacrifice would end war and bring about a lasting peace. If we want to rid the world of war, we must get peace in the mind and heart of every individual. Behind us all there is the influence of the home. Home is the place where things have their beginning. Here it is that the minds of our boys and girls are trained, their attitude towards others are largely set. So you see how very true my subject is. Peace, like charity, begins at home. Here are two homes as an example: In the one, the atmosphere is selfish, each member out for himself. He takes that attitude out into the world and it makes for angry words and causes bitterness and jealousy, which often turns to hatred. In the second home, the atmosphere is love, kindness, consideration for others, the members are taught to be thoughtful and find happiness in making others happy, and carries that spirit into the life of society. Both attitudes have their beginning in the home. The home is the heart of the nation. We can do much to make a peace nation by cultivating peace in our homes. That will be our greatest contribution to the cause of world peace."

A peace tower is planned for the international Peace Garden, located in the Turtle Mountains, Dakota-Manitoba boundary. Whatever success may be achieved, this is welcome news as compared with despatches from the wrangling countries of the world.

The spirit of Jesus expressed in love of brotherhood in the hearts of men, is the only foundation for peace."

Mrs. Robinson moved a vote of thanks to our hostess and the meeting closed with "God Save the King." The next meeting will be held in the hall unless further notice is given.

# Mrs. Chas. McBride Re-elected Head Jarvis W.I.

The annual meeting of the Jarvis Womens Institute met in the hall on Wednesday, May 11th at 2 P.M. Mrs. McBride in the chair. After the business, Mrs. Wodham gave an interesting paper on Flowers Most Suitable for the Farm and Mrs. Rider the topic, "The Man Who Turns His Back on Toil Says Farewell to Happiness." This topic is printed below.

The election of officers then followed with the following results: President, Mrs. Charles McBride; 1st Vice President, Mrs. E. Stallwood; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. E. Marr; Secretary, Mrs. E. Gowan; Treasurer, Mrs. B. Bailey; District Director, Mrs. G. Lethong; Directors, Mrs. A. Belbeck, Mrs. Carl Smith, Miss Cullen; Auditors, Mrs. Ben Johnson; Mrs. Law; Organist, Mrs. G. Leathong.

## "A Man Who Turns His Back on Work Says Farewell to Happiness"

Often at this time of the year, when we are busy house cleaning, cleaning yards, putting in gardens, shrubs, etc., we think if we had no work how happy we would be. But it is not so. Remember the old adage—All play and no work makes Jack a dull boy. If we sat with our hands folded and had no work to do we would not be satisfied.

The lesson telling us of the starving cricket that went to the ant one cold winters day, to beg a mouth (Continued on page eight)

(continued from page one) ful of grain, teaches us that if we live without work we must live without food. The thrifty ant refused the lazy cricket. So it is with people. Those who toil do not suffer for want and food.

If we had no idle people in the country we would not have to pay such enormous amounts of money out for relief. Surely these people on relief would be happier if working than undergoing the humiliation of begging.

Our great English writer Carlyle wrote a lesson called "Honourable Toil" which emphatically tells us that one who turns his back on toil is not honoured by his fellow citizens. For example he writes of the toll-worn craftsman, that with earth made implement laboriously conquers the earth.

A hand that is hard, crooked and coarse is venerable. A face too, that is rugged, weather-tanned, be-solled, etc., is also venerable. For it is for us that the body is so bent and straight lines and fingers so deformed. Another writer tells us that all who work are honourable but all else is chaff and dust which let the wind blow whither it listeth.

Since the forbidden fruit was eaten in the Garden of Eden, it has been man's lot to earn his living by the sweat of his brow. So it has been when we are busiest we are happiest.

Of course the best work is done when we are happy doing it. No matter what be the occupation, one who works at it happily will do more in the same time and do it better than one who follows the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same environment as the gloomy worker and do it better. He will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue while he marches to music.

It is a duty of parents to do their very best for their children. After all our life work is for our children. It behooves us then to educate them for what they wish to become so that they will be happy while at their work. Too often a doctor thinks his son must be a doctor too, whether the son wishes to be or not. This should not be, but let the generation coming on pick on the work he wishes to do and then do that and our country will have a happier, thriftier and more contented lot of men and women.

## 1 Back Row

Nellie Stallwood  
Genevieve Lundy  
Pearl Marr  
Dorothy Harris  
Dorothy Higgins  
Bella Craddock

Anna Harrison  
Hazel Blake  
Mary Dosses  
Jennie McIntosh

Jean Wiedersdorf  
Mary Anderson

Nellie Held

## 2 Second Row

Pearl Johnson  
Lutie Belbeck  
Myrtle Louan



## 3 In front kneeling

Hazel Smuck  
Margaret Church  
Jessie A. Miller  
Marion R. Bailey  
Amy Bartlett  
Children  
Joan Elizabeth Church  
Richard Bartlett

Effie Deller Ella Telford Mary Mitchell, Flo Porter,  
Annie C. Belbeck.



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