

February. 1947

The Monthly Meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> February; Miss Chamberlain presiding. Owing to the very severe weather only ~~36~~<sup>39</sup> Members were present.

The Minutes of the January Meeting were read and signed. Arising from the Minutes, it was proposed by Mrs Bremmer & seconded by Mr H. Aldridge, that the Old Peoples' Party be held in the Summer, rather than at Easter.

There were no applicants for the Dressmaking Class and it was therefore decided to bring this matter up again in the Autumn. Mrs W. Aldridge stated that the first

Needlework Class had been held the previous day, <sup>thirteen</sup> members <sup>who</sup> were present & had greatly appreciated it. The Monthly letter was read and

Miss Chamberlain then gave details of the forthcoming Group Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> March. Mr H. Aldridge proposed & Mrs Bremmer seconded, that the Entertainments Committee be responsible for the Teas on that occasion & this was agreed to.

The Treasurer then gave a summary of the Institute's finances. She said there were 69 Members, the present balance was £42.6.8, of which approximately

£30 was already earmarked. Mrs H. Aldridge took this opportunity of stating that she had booked the Hall for a Dance on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and Miss Chamberlain

asked Members to save articles for ~~over~~ the fete which we propose holding during the Summer.

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Programmes

It was proposed that Programmes should be issued to Members free of charge this year, but Mr. Talbot proposed and Mr. Stubbs seconded, that Members continue to pay for them and the Meeting agreed to a charge of 4<sup>d</sup> being made. Mr. Bayfield paid tribute to those people who had arranged the 1947 Programme and <sup>his remarks were</sup> this was much appreciated.

21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Miss Chamberlain proposed that as we would be celebrating the Institute's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday at the March Meeting, the Tea on that occasion ~~should~~

Guests

be free and that <sup>all</sup> original Members of the Institute, <sup>when it was first started,</sup> should be invited to be present. This was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Manby offered

Cake

to make a cake and Mr. Lane agreed to make the Birthday Cake; the ingredients for which would be contributed in small amounts by Members. Miss Chamberlain also asked all

Rugs

Resignation. Mr.

H. Hutchings

Rugmakers to bring Rugs for exhibition at the Meeting. All Members were very sorry to learn of Mr. H. Hutchings' resignation on account of leaving the district; her help will be greatly missed.

New Members

Since the last Meeting, three new Members had been elected: Mr. Whittington, Miss Chamberlain & Miss M. Kennedy.  
~~Mr. Whittington proposed~~

War Graves

It was agreed to bring up the question of tending the War Graves at the March Meeting.

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Mercurys The system of Mercurys — i.e. Messengers in each district —  
Library was re-established for use in case of emergency, and it  
was decided to start an Institute Library under the  
management of Miss Corke. It was also decided to have a  
Trading Stall at every Meeting except when there happened  
to be a Bring and Buy Stall — Mr. Hubbard + Mr. Manby  
agreed to be in charge. It was learned, with pleasure,  
that Mr. Bennett (Mythe Cottage) was presenting the Institute  
with a Canning Machine, and information with regard  
to instructions in its use is being sought. The book "Grace  
Hadow" has been purchased by the Institute & will be lent  
to Members in turn.

Miss Fitz Randolph then gave a most interesting  
talk on Oxford and everyone cordially recorded Mr.  
C. Douglas's vote of thanks to her. We hope she will  
visit us another time.

Tea was then enjoyed and ~~was~~ was enlivened  
by impromptu speeches by Mr. Bremner, Mr. Bracon, <sup>Mr. Hildy</sup>  
Miss Cooper & Mr. Hutchings. Miss Atkinson announced  
that the Matchbox <sup>competition</sup> had been won by Mr. Talbot with  
131 articles. There were 21 entries & 8 people collected over 100 items.

Finally, Miss Lane presided at a Bring and Buy Stall  
which realised £2-5-1.

Doris H. Chamberlain

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1942