

Memorial to Mrs Alfred Watt.

Members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, meeting in biennial session at Winnipeg make a pilgrimage to the ^{International} ~~Manitoba~~ North Dakota Peace Garden to honor Mrs Alfred Watt M.A., M.B.E. and dedicate a memorial to her. The memorial address was given by Mrs S.E. Cummer ~~who~~

Standing in a grove of birches on the shores of lovely Lake Sturgeon is the picnic pavillion erected by the effort of women from every province of Canada. Here people from all over the world - the people that ~~who~~ Mrs Watt loved - will come to enjoy themselves and to find peace in that garden which is the symbol of it.

"This fitting" said Mrs Cummer, that this Peace Garden should bear a tribute to her memory for through her whole lifetime she labored in the cause of peace through understanding. Her life work was to bring the women of the world together to understand and know each other, to break down the barriers of suspicion and distrust and to work together. She was a great leader a woman of vision and courage who saw the need of a united organization of countrywomen and who was able to bring this dream to fruition.

Mrs Watt was born in Collingwood Ont. came to B.C. in 1910 when her husband was sent to the Quarantine Station at William Head the most northerly station point in B.C. as the medical officer. There Mrs Watt joined the Metchosin B.I.

21 In 1913 her husband died and she went to England with her 2 young sons. There she organized Britain's first Institute two years later, all the time envisioning a Union of the Country Women of the World. With the help of Lady Aberdeen this dream became a reality in 1933 when the Associated Country Women of the World came into being at Stockholm. In 1947, aged 79 years, she relinquished her presidency of this group at its triennial conference in Amsterdam. A year later she died.

"To those of us who knew her" declared Mrs. Cunningham, "The world was a better place because of her. Her vision, her leadership, her wise counsel and judgement have left their unforgettable mark upon our lives. May we be faithful to the memory of this great Canadian leader and continue to uphold the ideals for which she worked & labored. Making the whole world our vineyard and all the women therein our care and responsibility."

Mr D. C. McKenzie, president of International Peace Garden Inc., also paid tribute to Mrs Watt in his stirring words "Symbols of Peace". The J. Tinline, Sept 1. P. C. E., expressed his appreciation of all that the Federated Women's Institute had done for the Peace Garden - This was the first organization to buy a plot after the Garden was opened in 1932.

Mrs J. W. Adams, pres. of Women's Institute of Canada cut the tape to ~~the~~ open the picnic pavilion. Blessed is the leader ~~is~~ she said, "who has her head in the clouds, but her feet on the ground. Blessed is the leader who con-

side's leadership an opportunity for service. Blessed
is the leader who seeks for the best ~~for~~ those
she serves.