



#### ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS

Adelaide Hunter Hoodless was the youngest of twelve children of David and Jane Hunter. She was born near St. George, Ontario on February 27, 1857, after her father's death. Her parents were Irish Presbyterians who had come to Canada in 1830.

The only formal education she had was at school at St. George.

Adelaide Hunter married John Hoodless, a businessman when she was 24. They had a family of 4 children.

Mrs. Hoodless was active in the Y. W. C. A., the Victorian Order of Nurses, National Council of Women, the Macdonald Institute at Guelph, as well as being the founder of the Women's Institute, a world-wide organization.

Because she, as a mother, refused to accept her young son's death, her name is on the honour roll of women's organizations in Canada and all over the world. The Women's Institute in Ontario was organized on February 19, 1897, with 101 members.

Mrs. Hoodless died on February 26, 1910, stricken with a heart attack while she was addressing the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto.

One paper's comment was "She had the prophet's vision of what ought to be and nobly took upon herself the burden of the voice crying in the wilderness".