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women and officially opened the sessions.

In her opening address, Mrs. Dutt said, "The theme of our conference, "Learning to Live" gives us a wide opportunity to discuss different aspects of the challenge of modern life. There are two very contrasting challenges facing us today — the challenge of the developing countries to eradicate ignorance, illiteracy, poverty and disease; and the challenge in highly developed modern welfare states suffering from tension and inner insecurity. Modern society has to face also the problem of affluence and need. If there is a problem of affluence, the problem on the other side is greater because poverty and ignorance sap the fundamental basis of human dignity. The dream of the architects of A.C.W.W. past and present is to raise the standard of living of rural homes, to create opportunities and open new avenues of services. We believe that because of the inherent dignity of human beings, one has the right to a full and abundant life, and the best way to ensure that is to educate the mothers and homemakers of the present and future.

"As women, as homemakers, we must be aware of the tremendous, inherent possibilities and power we hold in our hands. As mothers and wives, we can influence the family and, as producers and workers in the fields and as consumers, we can influence the economy of the world. We must also realize that it is not enough to know about food preservation, child care, home management of handicrafts, unless we have knowledge and understanding of the world we live in.

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"Life itself can't give you joy
Unless you really will it;
Life just gives you time and space —
It's up to you to fill it!"

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"We must believe that there is a spark of goodwill in every human heart; an action — a word — or another human being can help to kindle that spark and to do that we must kindle that spark in ourselves through knowledge and dedication.

"A.C.W.W. fosters international co-operation as one of our past-presidents, Mrs. Alfred Watt said "by an invisible network of cherished relationship and cherished memories of many meetings together." This is one of such international gatherings and let us hope that, when the conference comes to an end, we shall be able to take back memories to be cherished all our lives."

Overseas Delegates to A.C.W.W. Enjoy Pre Conference Tours

Before attending the conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, many overseas delegates took advantage of pre-conference tours arranged by members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Ladies from Australia, New Zealand, India, The Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Kenya, Rhodesia, England, Scotland, Ireland and the United States were among the visitors.

At Stoney Creek, the members of the Stoney Creek and Saltfleet Branches welcomed the guests. At the Lee home, Mrs. Frank Lee and Miss Marjory Lee, daughter-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erland Lee, received the delegates and conducted them through the Lee Homestead.

Other places visited were the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, Niagara Falls, Battlefield Park. Later, the tour visited the Collingwood area and Western Ontario.

Mrs. Roy Westlake and Mrs. Norman Payne, members of the F.W.I.O. Provincial Board, arranged the tour.

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