

Another interesting bulletin just issued by the Association is a directory of free and inexpensive publications entitled "Program Guide Supplement," price 25 cents. Booklets and books are listed dealing with agriculture, arts, Canada, citizenship, immigration, co-operatives, economics and business, education including education of the immigrant and of youth, films, health, safety, home economics, housing and town planning, insurance, intercultural relations, international affairs, labour

and employment, leadership, public relations, recreation, religion and welfare—general, old age and treatment of offenders.

While we may think of these publications primarily as programme helps for Women's Institutes, Junior Farmers, Church organizations and other groups, the material is just as good for personal study. Individuals carrying on their own programme of adult education will find a wealth of suggestions for good reading and for reference.

Country Women of the East

BEFORE it was announced that the A.C.W.W. Conference for 1956 would be postponed, the Head Office at London had prepared a conference edition of *The Countrywoman*, containing notes from reports to be presented at the conference by some of the delegates from Asia and Africa. We had hoped to have a conference report in our paper too. Since that is not possible we are giving these few notes from *The Countrywoman*.

CEYLON

During the last three years the Lanka Mahila Samiti of Ceylon has increased its membership from 40,000 to 65,000 in 995 centres. Rural workers—there are now 718 in the field—continue to be trained at the Kaduwela Centre and go out to remote parts of the island "carrying with them a message of hope and enlightenment." One project has been the establishment of nursery schools under the management of trained personnel. They are also working to reduce maternal and infant mortality by persuading mothers to have pre-natal and post-natal care. Their educational programme continues to raise health standards, to encourage food production through home gardens and to carry on an adult education plan through which twenty women in each Samiti are attending literacy classes. Training in handicrafts and finding markets for the work done is another important part of their work.

MALAYA

The Association of Women's Institutes of Malaya joined the A.C.W.W. this year. Government grants are assisting them in setting up a national headquarters. In eighteen months, under the presidency of Lady Temp- lar, the Association grew from nothing to 250 Women's Institutes "with a membership of approximately 8,000 women of all races." They have held handicraft competitions and have published a Cook Book with European, Chinese and Indian recipes. Malayan Institutes have about 56 "links" with country women's groups in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada and Australia.

NYASALAND

The Nyasaland Council of Women has a membership of only a little over 100, but they have held an African art exhibit, assisted with a home for elderly Europeans and are working for the establishment of a Department of Social Welfare in Nyasaland. The report says: "By means of donations from our charitable funds we pay for the training of African mid-wives, and help with a holiday home for European children. We have a very active branch of the Save the Children Fund which has been running a soup kitchen for children at a Eur-African and Indo-African school and also does its best to help with other children in need."

SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa the Women's Agricultural Union has 30,000 members. Education in all its aspects is a main interest. Lectures, study weeks, talks on mental hygiene have been provided and the local organizations work closely with their schools. Monthly meetings are open to senior pupils. Many farm branches act as depots for the Provincial Travelling Libraries and they report that children make good use of these as well as their school libraries. Also that members "are waking up to the dangers of poor literature and are demanding books and periodicals of a higher standard. The Association was asked to submit a memorandum to the Government Commission on undesirable publications. Cultural activities have included Handicraft Competitions, Drama Festivals and short courses on music appreciation. Mozart programmes have been featured in this year's branch meetings.

In agriculture the Association co-operates closely with Department of Nature Conservation and the women have taken an active part in tree-planting schemes. Home Economics Officers visit the branches and this education is so much appreciated that one province raised £2,000 by voluntary contributions from members to assist in training students in home economics to relieve the shortage of these officers. Practically all branches try to improve the public health in their localities and