

Members of the panel on young people in other lands. Left to right: Mrs. Johnson from the Bahamas; Miss Mabel Newberry, daughter of missionaries in Trinidad; Miss

Mary Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions with the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, Chairman of the panel; Mrs. Basrur of India; Mrs. Leone How of Formosa.

Provincial Girls' Conference

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It was a happy idea of Miss Eadie's in planning the 4-H Homemaking Club Girls' Conference on the theme "The Club Girl In Today's World" to give a special place to a consideration of a girl's relationships with people of other countries and other races. Introducing this subject Miss Eadie said to the girls:

"Have you ever stopped to think that everyone in Canada, with the exception of the Eskimos and Indians, is either an immigrant or the descendant of an immigrant? From the end of the war to the beginning of 1917 one and three-quarters of a million people have come to share with us the building of a new nation. What does that mean to us? What should it mean to the new-comers?"

Miss Eadie also referred to the problem of the forty million refugees created by the war and now living in refugee camps where life is "very sad and hard," while in Canada we have so much to be thankful for—freedom, security, adequate food, shelter and clothing, opportunities for the individual and work for most. This, with the fact that Canada is highly regarded throughout the world, Miss Eadie said, should be a challenge to every one of us.

Young People in Other Lands

To tell something about life for young people in other parts of the world, Miss Mary Whale, Executive Director of Overseas Missions with the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society led a panel discussion with

visitors from other countries: Mrs. Johnson from the Bahamas, who is doing post graduate work in education administration, Mrs. Basrur of India, studying at Toronto University with her husband, Mrs. Leone How of Formosa, a graduate of the Deaconess Training School, and Miss Mabel Newberry, a Canadian girl, daughter of missionaries in Trinidad.

Miss Whale, whose work takes her to mission places all over the world, emphasized the point that while we have differences, from one country to another, we also have similarities. "In all the places I visit," she said, "I find people who enjoy laughter, who love beauty, who find joy in song and who have an appreciation of family relationships. In India and Japan especially I found respect for the older members of the family."

Mrs. How explained that Chinese society is built on the family unit. Confucius, one of the great sages of all time stressed the principles of filial piety and love of country, so the son obeys his father and the father obeys the grandfather. With the Western customs coming in, some young people are breaking away from this tradition. A girl's marriage is, in most cases, an arrangement between her parents and the parents of the young man she marries.

In India, Mrs. Basrur said, parents will sacrifice to give their children an education but when a daughter is married, if she has children, they are turned over to the husband's mother. A grand-daughter's marriage