

the world today it is necessary that education for administration and government should be ahead of technical skill; **and this applies to the highly developed countries as well.**"

Lady Elliot referred to India and Pakistan as countries where the emancipation and higher education of women "has done more than anything else, to bring these countries to the forefront," and she stressed the importance of women in the modern state being able to resist mass pressures and to stand out as individuals and not to be swayed by the crowd.

Among the greatest challenges of the times Lady Elliot put the challenge of the Homeless—the refugees left as an aftermath of the last war. She said, "UN has designated this year World Refugee Year. Is it too much that I should appeal to all of you when you return to your own countries to urge your Governments to support this great humanitarian effort?"

The President Reports Progress

Reviewing her travels and observations in the last inter-conference period, Mrs. Alice M. Berry, A.C.W.W. President, reported a tour of her own country, Australia, where she saw progress particularly in the international interests of the Country Women's Associations. She found more "pennies for friendship," more pen friendships being established, more study of international issues, and a greater interest in youth exchange visits, co-operation with migration centres and an endeavour to assist with the integration of new settlers and to help them to overcome their loneliness in a new land. Homes have been opened to students coming to study in Australia under the Colombo Plan and the members feel that their lives, too, have been enriched by these contacts.

On a second visit to Malaya after six years Mrs. Berry saw a rapid development. The Institutes had just opened their own headquarters and at the annual Agricultural Show the women from the villages showed their first exhibits of preserved fruit. In Calcutta Mrs. Berry attended a conference where the women discussed — and very ably — "Rural Child Welfare" and "The Role of

Women's Organizations in Raising the Economic Standard." This was followed by a Seminar sponsored by FAO on "Education for Rural Home and Community Life in South East Asia." The women of the Philippines showed an impressive programme carried on by their Rural Improvement Clubs and the Japanese women in the Home Improvement Section of the Agricultural Bureau of Japan reported that in the ten years since the clubs were established approximately 180,000 members had been enrolled in 7,000 clubs. The Japanese women do not feel quite ready to become members of A.C.W.W. but they sent observers to the Edinburgh Conference and made many friends among the delegates.

Mrs. Berry paid a tribute to the work of the vice-presidents: Mrs. Hugh Summers, Canada; Mrs. Dahlerup of Denmark; Lady Coomaraswamy of Ceylon; Miss Payne of New Zealand; Mrs. Kleyn of the Netherlands; Mrs. Ebba Ostenso, Finland; Mrs. Price of Southern Rhodesia; Mrs. Apperson, U.S.A.; Mrs. de Mel, Ceylon, and Dr. Nancy Adams, Canada.

The Problem of Hunger

"Two thirds of mankind, inhabiting the less well developed parts of the world, drag out their short unhappy lives imprisoned within the four walls of Hunger, Disease, Ignorance and Oppression," said Mr. John Anderson of the National Agricultural Advisory Service. "These are matters which Christian folk, indeed all men of goodwill whatever our race, creed and colour can not and must not ignore."

Here are a few notes from Mr. Anderson's challenging address:

"At this moment" (through FAO) "there are more than 300 agricultural experts, gathered from all over the free world, working in the hungry countries . . . Cattle are today grazing in deep pastures where only a few years ago there was nothing but sand whipped about by the wind. The first deserts are beginning to bloom . . . Countries working together for the first time are slowly beginning to control the locust." (Previously the locust needed no passport to fly from one country to another so it could not be con-



Delegates from Northern Europe in national dress at the civic garden party at Lauriston Castle, Edinburgh.