

Kidd at the piano. This year the numbers learned and presented at the closing banquet were Beethoven's "Creation Hymn," the spiritual "Down By the River Side" and a Wedding Hymn, the words by Edith Kidd, the music Handel's Aria "Art Thou Troubled?" Following the singing at the banquet the appreciation of the audience was matched by the ovation the girls gave Mr. and Mrs. Kidd.

The conference began and ended with a social "do": a get acquainted party the first night with games on the campus, followed by singing in the hall — the girls also had an hour in the swimming pool and a bus tour of the campus. On the closing night the girls themselves staged a party and their originality and grace as hostesses were a joy to the staff members who were their guests.

Miss Eadie, presiding at the closing banquet, introduced Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and in her greetings Mrs. Lymburner speaking for her organization said:

"We are concerned about the girls in Ontario but not especially worried. Your thinking as shown in your discussion today shows that you know where you are going. And because we believe in girls we have promoted clubs and scholarships. For the most important thing for you, next to your life with your family, is to get an education.

"We are concerned, too, because these are extraordinary times," Mrs. Lymburner said. "They require the development of all our talents if we are to have a good living and a good life. So it is important that you meet together to share your ideas . . . Another thing we have to learn is self discipline. The time may come when you will be away from home; and when you go to work or to university you will need all the moral fibre you have." The speaker wished the girls "a happy time ahead" but, what she considered more important, "a useful time."

Miss Helen McKercher, Director Home Economics Extension Service, said how happy the Department was to bring over two hundred girls together for this conference and thanked the College for its hospitality and the assistance of staff members. Miss McKercher had interrupted a holiday to spend a day at the conference.

The guest speaker, Mr. T. R. Hilliard, Acting Deputy Minister of the Department of Agriculture, first referred to the responsibility of women in setting standards in both family and community life and to "the tremendous influence the two hundred young women assembled would have in the next ten years". He stressed the importance of education if this influence is to be as great as it might be; and

urged the girls not only to complete their secondary education but to plan for further education after that. The choice of a vocation is important. Some girls may not have long to practice a vocation outside the home so it is important to choose a vocation that will be meaningful to them personally and to their families in the future. The homemaking learned in club work will be a great help too.

"All of you are going to be teachers," Mr. Hilliard said. "You may not study to be teachers but you will be teachers when you have a young family in your home. In the community where I live," Mr. Hilliard continued, "we have highly paid school teachers but the children haven't learned to use basic English. The language I hear on the baseball field is atrocious. The blame must go back to the home, for women in their homes are our greatest teachers of English, manners and religion." The Acting Deputy Minister said that from now on, any awards the Department of Agriculture gives to young people — awards such as the trip to Britain — will go to those who, among other things, speak good English.

Mr. Hilliard spoke of the significance of a credit card — a sort of certificate of standing issued to make it simple for a man to travel anywhere in Canada. "But a credit card allows you entry to a lot of things besides travel," Mr. Hilliard said. "In all your education and training you are preparing for yourselves a credit card that will open many doors for you. Youth is the time for this preparation."

Mr. Hilliard suggested that a good way to look forward is to look back, through the eyes of someone who has lived longer and he quoted from a letter from a farmer club member saying that it would have been much more difficult for her to take the responsibilities of her home and young family as well as some

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A VAGABOND SONG

By Bliss Carman

There is something in the autumn that is
native to my blood —
Touch of manner, hint of mood;
And my heart is like a rhyme,
With the yellow and the purple and the
crimson keeping time.

The scarlet of the maples can shake me like
a cry
Of bugles going by.
And my lonely spirit thrills
To see the frosty asters like a smoke upon
the hills.

There is something in October sets the gypsy
blood astir;
We must rise and follow her,
When from every hill of flame
She calls and calls each vagabond by name.

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