

committees of the United Nations, such as the World Health Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization, and through the Colombo Plan, the welfare of many millions of underprivileged people has been enhanced. Along with this profound material advance has been developed a change in the outlook of both providers and receivers of this aid, a mutual regard and respect for each other, and the desire for friendship. None of these international activities is concerned solely with a 'handout.' With the provision of urgent necessities goes the education and training of people within the countries themselves. In this manner the dignity of the individual is inspired, and dignity is an essence of true friendship.

"The cruel futility of war is now being realized among the free nations of the world. But fear and greed, intolerance and mistrust cannot be dispelled solely by arms or by disarmament. Treaties and pacts have all failed in the past, as no problem can ever be solved purely by a negative approach. True friendship among nations can be only the summation of individual friendships among the individuals comprising them. These in their turn develop and mature only by personal contacts. That a conference such as this, bringing together the hearts and minds of individual women from so many countries of the world, should devote priority to the consideration of friendship, is

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KNITTED SHAWL

Margaret Widdemer

She said when we asked her: "Why, nothing, dears, at all.
Perhaps a large-print Bible or a little knitted shawl."

We begged her, "Oh, remember!" Because she used to tell
Of all that we should bring her when our grown world went well —

Gardens full of roses and trips to carry her
Where lovely halls of statutes and ancient temples were

(Gay feet and restless, that never could run free,
Because of our hands clinging to hand and breast and knee!)

Cobweb-patterned laces and yellow, starry rings
And clinking silver bracelets and silken underthings!

But we who could recall her, so young and tired and gay
With long, wild, girlish longings for things she could not say —

All that we could bring her forever now at all
Was just a large-print Bible and a little knitted shawl.

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A PRAYER FOR EVERY DAY

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace . . .
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light,
And where there is sickness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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one of the most heartening, encouraging and uplifting occasions of our time; and gives the lie to the weight of publicity concerning the many minor and insignificant discords and disagreements that occur from time to time between countries, families and individuals. Let us, therefore, be comforted that at the conclusion of this conference we shall return to our homes ever grateful that we have been enriched by many new friendships."

Leisure

Mr. Eric Westbrook, Director of Australian National Gallery spoke on "Using Leisure Creatively." Some of his observations were:

"One of the great drives in the world today has been to give people more time to themselves. One result is that it means less and less work, more time off, more holidays, more tea breaks and higher salaries. These things have been demanded by Trade Unions and in many cases are now being achieved. What is so frightening is that in many cases no one has attempted to find out what people do with that time. If you have a vacuum or a series of vacuums they will be filled with something and what we have to consider is the nature of what will rush in. This is not just a personal problem. What people do with their leisure could alter the whole face of our civilization very rapidly. There is one dreadful danger. The vacuum of the hour we have off is potentially the victim of commercial exploitation by way of the mass media of the time—the radio, television, the magazine, the novel and so on.

"Many of these things can be purely time-consuming, a way of whittling away time when leisure hangs heavily on people's hands and they want to avoid the problem of having to think. They are ready to accept the pre-digested thought provided for them through these various channels which can be destructive to the mind. I would ask you to look