

as to the things they love. In such a society children learn that certain things are right and others are wrong; and they grow from stage to stage of confidence, skill, affection, understanding and responsibility. They build character."

And "a person of character," Mr. Stewart quoted from the Royal Bank Letter, "is one who hates cruelty, despises softness and detests those who climb on the shoulders of others. He recognizes the dignity of duty, fairness, sympathy, co-operation and all the other things that make a decent society possible . . . Character is a quality that sets one person apart from another. The person of character is discriminating, which means that he has learned to scorn mediocrity and to prefer the best." In a world of material things we have come to attach great importance to gadgets. People spend money they haven't got to buy things they don't need, to impress people they don't care about.

Continuing on the question of standards and values, Mr. Stewart had this word for the girls: "As young ladies you have to think of your reputation. Guard well your good name. There will be few who will want you for a life partner who do not respect you. I know you are at a stage when you're interested in looking toward marriage. Then look for a person who has his eye on the future and what he will do, not just one who is satisfied merely to drift along." The Minister quoted an old woman, years ago, warning her granddaughter "Don't just look at what you see on the outside."

"Your role will be more pronounced in the future than it has been in the past," said Mr. Stewart. "Develop your 4H work; look for opportunities for service; set your sights on high goals; dedicate yourselves again to 4H ideals; and you may look on this conference as one of the highlights of your youth.

Louise Cooper of Grenville county thanked the Minister for his address, and Margaret Buttar of Northumberland expressed to Dr. MacLachlan the girls' appreciation of the hospitality of the college, the direction of the "conference choir" by Mr. Ralph Kidd and Mrs. Kidd, and the planning and organizing of the conference by Miss Jean Scott and her staff of Home Economics Extension Service.

As in other years, rehearsals leading up to the choir singing at the banquet were an enjoyable part of the conference. All the girls took part in this. A brief piano and organ recital of music for weddings was a highlight of the final morning. It seemed fitting that another feature of this last session was a visit to the Horticultural Department to see a demonstration of flower arrangement.

At the Get-Acquainted Party and again at

an informal evening of skits and music following the final banquet, the girls showed their capacity to have a good time and to make friends.

A Fascinating Study Book

THE BOOK, "People Have Power," by Dorothy Henderson, resident of King, Ontario, is a book for individual reading or for group study. It is a book on the democratic way of life, the art of self government and human relations. David Smith, who provides a set of questions for study groups at the close of each chapter, says:

"Dorothy Henderson writes of democracy as a 'way of life.' A 'way of life' covers a lot of ground—ways of behaving in the home, in the community of our friends and neighbors, in the larger community of the nation. Our way of life includes our beliefs, attitudes, values . . . the organization of our society politically, economically, socially."

There are chapters on our responsibilities as members of an organization—do we belong to too many?; on the responsibility of using our vote; on right and wrong practices of pressure groups. There are chapters on making decisions and evaluations; on techniques and objectives, even such down to earth objectives as the goals we would set for our family, community, society and nation.

The book is of course concerned primarily with people; and Mrs. Henderson argues that it is possible to change human nature, which naturally leads into questions about programs for community development, for education and health. There are chapters on Leadership, Racial Prejudice, Woman's Role in a Democracy, The Use of Leisure, Religion and almost a score of others. In a conclusion, Mrs. Henderson says:

"Symptoms today point to the danger that civilization may be reverting to forms of ancient and barbaric violence. Equally serious are the indications that many of us are also following in the footsteps of the early recluse who, unable to survive in society as he found it, retired to his own personal high and holy mountain . . . To seek withdrawal from the tensions of society by a complete abandonment of responsibility for it is as destructive of life forces as to move selfishly and aimlessly with no honest convictions as to the real meaning of life. To balance the inner life with the outer is a task that demands the utmost of our intelligence and our sensitivities." Clearly, the purpose of this book is to help us in this task.

"People Have Power" is published by Harvest House, Montreal; 285 pages; price, cloth \$5.00, paperback, \$2.50; in quantities of 10 or more, paperback \$1.95.