

Education Keynote For Success

MISS HELEN McKERCHER, director of the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food addressed the Conference using the conference theme, "You and Canada's Centennial," as her subject.

Miss McKercher said, "Centennial Year presents the opportunity for Canadians to look at themselves and figure out what makes it possible for this country to celebrate 100 years as a nation. Most people will do this through the groups to which they belong, whether it is 4H Homemaking groups, clubs, schools, churches, etc., but the real success of Centennial will depend on the extent to which every Canadian takes part and helps to do something worthwhile in the community."

"Education is the keynote of success. Whether you are fit to make your way to the top depends on what you are doing now to fit yourself for the climb. Young people cannot wait for the future in the hope that everything will turn out all right. Effort is needed to gain new and increased knowledge, advanced education and the ever improving techniques of a fast-moving world.

Another important factor in life is motivation. Joy in life comes from having a purpose, an objective. It is wise also to examine our ambitions and try to fit your ambitions to your individual power. If you dislike chemistry, physics and mathematics, home economics would not be a wise choice for you."

We must face our next century with assurance, resolved to bear the turns of fortune with good spirit. We should say let ancient times delight other folk—I rejoice that I was not born until now."

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Dr. Mathews, acting president of the University of Guelph welcomed the girls to the Campus. Dr. Mathews said that the University was started in 1874 as the Ontario School of Agriculture and the first class had only 31 students. The instruction and the board were free and they got \$50 if they passed their exams. The Agriculture College at Guelph was the first English speaking Agricultural School in the world. Dr. Mathews emphasized that through the years the University has kept in close contact with rural Ontario and that he, on behalf of the University, was glad to have the 4H Homemaking Club Conference there and that the staff at the University were pleased to assist in any way to make the Conference a success.

THE NEW MORALITY



A discussion group, left to right—Karen McKinley, Huron; Dr. Ethel Chapman, Toronto; Grace Riach, Oxford; Isobel Rose, Middlesex; Eleanor Beattie, South Simcoe.

THE MAIN ADDRESS at the Conference was given by Dr. Ethel Chapman. Her subject was The New Morality. Dr. Chapman said, "A new morality was given to the world many years ago in a set of moral laws known as the Ten Commandments. Centuries later Christ simplified that morality when he said, "To love God with all our heart and strength and mind and our neighbour as ourself." This new morality is based on love and the new morality about which we hear so much today is based on love, but a different aspect of love. This present aspect seems to say, "Do as you like as long as you can put up a good excuse for it." In reality to love God with all our heart and strength and mind goes away beyond what was required by the old moral laws, and requires as lot more of us."

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." What 'other gods' might a girl have? asked Dr. Chapman. "Would one of them be popularity?"

The speaker continued, "How are you going to handle the danger of compromising with your own standards for the sake of being one of the crowd, of being popular? Isn't your best protection a commitment to the new morality—a love of God, which means a love of things that are in keeping with our conception of God—the eternal verities, goodness, truth and beauty. The new morality means a commitment to what is good and preparing ourselves to do our best with it. This means putting your education to work.

Some of the points from Dr. Chapman's lecture which were brought up for responses from the girls and discussion were—

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"Nought is given 'neath the sun,
Nought is had that is not won."
(Swedish hymn)