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**Miss Murray.** [Report by "(Mrs. Joseph M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

**Ontario.**—It is gratifying to be able to report that the work of our Supply Department has been even more satisfactory than in former years. The work assigned by the Council was not light. Though clothing and other supplies had to be purchased, for the most part at top prices, and other calls have been many and insistent, our supplies have suffered no diminution. We all realize in some degree the value of the work being carried on in our schools, Homes and hospitals, and the difficulties under which our workers in those places labor. It is needless to say our supplies are appreciated. It is not only the quantity and quality that appeals to us, but also the loving care shown in the way they are packed, and in the Christmas gifts and toys sent. More books might be included among the gifts to the children, for they love to get them, and when wisely selected they have an educational value, as well as giving great pleasure.

Supplies were sent to Alberni, Round Lake, Rolling River, Birtle, File Hills, Portage la Prairie and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Schools, to Ethelbert, Vegreville and Teulon Homes, and Francois Lake, B.C., Canora, Ethelbert, Wakaw, Vegreville, and Teulon Hospitals. As there are also many needy among the Indian old people and the little children, clothing suitable for them was sent to Lizard Point and Okanese Reserves. A large amount was sent to our own missionaries on the fields, and some to Banskara, India.

Wherever possible each Presbyterial, when its allocation is filled, should send to the Provincial Supply Secretary a small amount of money. Quite a number responded to this request last year, but we would like the principle to become more general. It is well to have on hand a fund from which to draw for special cases that frequently arise and are sometimes most urgent.

**Quebec.**—Considerable progress has been made in our work and great praise should be given to our two Presbyterial Secretaries for their large share in this work. As the need has become more apparent the Auxiliaries have accepted heavier responsibility. Our total value in supplies shows an increase of \$224.24.

The allocations were as follows:—Quebec Presbyterial: Outfits for 7 pupils at Portage la Prairie Boarding School; warm clothing and prizes for French schools; sheets, pillow cases and warm clothing for Namur; a parcel of Christmas gifts, valued at \$63.05, was sent with the outfits, and a special bale valued at \$175.00 to Teulon. Montreal Presbyterial: Outfits for 18 pupils at Portage la Prairie Boarding School; supplies and warm clothing for Jewish work in Montreal; supplies for "Anna Turnbull" Hospital, Wakaw, Sask.; a generous supply of bedding for Pointe aux Trembles. In addition, a bale valued at \$162.22 was sent to Dorchester House to be used in connection with the work of the Strangers' Department. Supplies were provided for French mission work valued at \$175.00, making a total value of bales shipped, \$3,201.26.

**Saskatchewan.**—The women of the W.M.S. of Saskatchewan have done wonderfully well for the Supply Department. As a rule the members of our Society are practical people, and working for hospitals and children appeals to Christian women. Last year the Forward Movement was an incentive to all our work. The special gift to Round Lake School required a special effort. This year we were slightly below 1919. There have been unusually heavy calls in our towns and cities this year, and the W.M.S. women are usually the ones to respond. Three Presbyterials report bales of clothing sent to needy mission fields without being valued. Another Presbyterial reports presenting one of the missionaries on a reserve with a cutter and a set of harness, without valuing it. Our supplies to reserves are an invaluable aid to the missionary in giving help to the needy. Supplies were sent to Ahouaht for 25 children, also a bale for old people and small children under school age; to Harrienne Hills, clothing for 30 children and a bale of reserve clothing; to Canora School Home, half the necessary

clothing for 15 boys and 15 girls. A good supply of linen, quilts, layettes and operating-room necessities were sent to Bonnyville Hospital. The Mission Bands gave splendid assistance, and to them we would extend our sincerest thanks.

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,  
Secretary.

## WORK IN CANADA

### The Chinese

It is with sincere and grateful hearts that we present the annual report of our work amongst the Chinese in Canada, in the three centres, Vancouver, Victoria and Toronto. It would have given us great gratification if a new centre of work could have been opened up. We feel that the work amongst the Chinese in our country is of great importance, not only for their sake, but because of the effect it is bound to have on our work in North and South China. Many return to their native land—what report do they carry back of our so-called Christian civilization? Too often, and with sorrow we confess it, their report cannot be much to our credit. For this reason we are thankful for even a small part in bringing the Good News to those from the land of Sinim, and in convincing some that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe, and that many in our homeland illustrate this, though they see so much to the contrary.

**Toronto.**—Our representative, Miss Hugill, has for the past nine months been in South China to perfect herself in the language, and to learn better to understand the mentality of the people she is seeking to serve. We feel that Miss Hugill's work amongst the women and children of our city was of inestimable value, even before she left for China, and will, we know, be still more valuable on her return. Mrs. McMillan, who did so much in days past for the work, has sought, as far as possible, to fill Miss Hugill's place during her temporary absence. She reports that there are between fifty and sixty women now in Toronto, and at least one hundred children. The systematic visiting of the homes has done much to win the love of the women and children, and many of them are eagerly looking forward to Miss Hugill's return. The Sunday Schools, though not large, give promise of results, judging from the faithful, earnest spirit of those attending. They have received great inspiration from the visits of Miss Dickson and Miss Gunn.

There is a great feeling of hopefulness over the appointment of Rev. Mr. Noyes to superintend this work in Ontario and Quebec, and our prayer will be that his work amongst the Chinese in Canada may be as blessed as it was in China itself, where he and his father worked so faithfully amongst the people they loved.

**Vancouver.**—Miss Harrison, our worker since last July, has worked well, in spite of the severe handicap of poor quarters. When she was appointed last summer she was asked to begin the study of the language and to become acquainted with the people and conditions, and as she says, such preparatory work, though it does not make a great showing in a report, is absolutely vital if anything worth while is to be done. She was met with critical looks from many of the women when she began, but has won her way with them and finds that sympathetic interest, especially in times of sickness, is a great help. Last October it was arranged to have every

Thursday afternoon for the women, but the handicap of very poor accommodation has not been conducive to arousing interest. The women regard the building as belonging to the men and tradition and training are hard to overcome. The Board gave Miss Harrison permission to secure a cottage where she could live and where the women could come, but to secure a suitable one has so far been impossible. A Mission Band has been organized and a most successful Christmas entertainment was given. We do trust that better quarters may, before long, be found for our work in this city to which so many Chinese come. We cannot expect our workers to do their best work in unfavorable surroundings.

**Victoria.**—Miss Cronkhite and Mrs. McQueen are our efficient and faithful representatives here. Miss Cronkhite's letters are a continual pleasure. She enters so vividly into the details of her work that she makes these people live for us, although we have not seen them. Their joys and sorrows are evidently hers, and one wishes for a big fortune to help this work so dear to her. We feel we know Rev. Mr. Leung and his four children, Solomon, Rebecca, Ruth and Lily, the last named able to play accompaniments at ten years of age. We went through their Christmas entertainment with them in Victoria, so vividly did Miss Cronkhite describe it, and clapped invisible hands at the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by Rev. Mr. Keran, Rev. Mr. Leung and Mr. Walter Lee. We have grieved over the trials of poor Florence Lee, a girl of seventeen, who is being persecuted for righteousness' sake. Miss Cronkhite showed her some pictures of missionaries, under which were the words: "Who follows in their train?" She said to her, "Do you Florence?" "Yes, Miss Cronkhite," was her reply. The kindergarten began with 20 and closed with 35. Twenty-four attend night school, 57, Chinese school, 88, S. S., and 26 are members of the Mission Band, and 12 of a music club. Ten dollars was given by the Mission Band, and the total raised for all purposes by a membership of 49 was \$371. Nine hundred dollars was promised for the Forward Movement, of which \$500 has been paid.

The severe handicap to the work in Victoria, as in Vancouver, is inadequate room, but there is a prospect of a change which we do trust may materialize. But in every place we realize and are thankful for the fact that it is "not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit" that this or any other work can go forward. We rejoice that so many from the land of Sinim are finding Christ to be their Saviour.

## Deaconess Work

There are 14 Deaconesses on our staff. They are stationed as follows: 1 in Alberta; 1 in British Columbia; 2 in Manitoba; 8 in Ontario; 1 in Quebec; 1 in Saskatchewan. The following brief extracts, culled from their reports, are chosen to show the diversity in their work and the excellence of their service:

**Alberta.**—**Edmonton.**—Miss Agnes B. Coutie, deaconess at large, reports great variety in her work. A choir of teen age girls was organized in the "Walterdale" Mission. Rest meetings for the mothers were held each week in the different districts, needy families were assisted, and the Gospel story told daily.

**British Columbia.**—**Nanaimo.**—Miss L. M. Phoenix' work has been varied, useful and greatly appreciated. She has cared for the sick, greeted the lonely newcomer, written notes of comfort to the sorrowing, urged people to use the means of grace, and led the children publicly to express themselves in prayer. In the words of her minister, Mr. Unsworth, "She has given patient, painstaking, and wholly devoted and faithful assistance, and no one can estimate the power of the ministry of prayer of this wise and devoted Christian woman."

**Manitoba.**—**Winnipeg.**—Miss Anna M. Keith, deaconess to the Ruthenians, reports progress. The Sunday School has grown from 35 to 120 in three years. A Manitoba College student is Superintendent, and four other University men and women assist on Sundays or week days. Two of the senior Ruthenian girls help in the beginners' department. \$88.08 was contributed to the Famine Fund.

Miss Jessie Mackenzie, whose field is Point Douglas, says that there is great need of leadership, and that visiting is a necessity. She is President of the W.M.S. They have organized a Junior Congregation and she had charge of it for three Sundays. The task she faces is a big one, but, in the strength of the One who is all-sufficient, she goes forward.

**Ontario.**—**Toronto.**—Miss Annie Miller is doing excellent work in St. Giles. She has one of the largest Mission Bands in the city, with a membership of 125. She assists in all the other activities of the church.

Miss C. J. Moffatt graduated in April and was designated to Fairbank Church in May. Much time was given to visiting, as the district is scattered. The Sunday School is growing rapidly, the attendance having more than doubled in the year. Teachers and leaders are hard to find. Miss Moffatt acts as Superintendent of the Intermediate Department and Junior Endeavor, conducts two cottage prayer meetings a week, and also does secretarial work.

Miss Annie Hicks was appointed to give part time in Silverthorne. There is no Presbyterian Church there, but preparations are being made to purchase a site. In the meantime, Miss Hicks is looking after the Presbyterian cause by visiting, holding cottage prayer meetings and a Sunday School.

Miss Alice C. E. Porter, deaconess at Dale Church, Toronto, has paid over 400 visits to sick people. Besides this ministry, she works in the Sunday School, Young People's Meetings and Mission Bands. The Junior Band, under her superintendence, has increased from 20 to 52. She also finds ample opportunity for many other forms of service.

**Hamilton.**—Miss Margaret Allen reports much work accomplished. She teaches in the Sunday School, and in addition, has a young women's Bible class, which meets at 2 o'clock. All the girl teachers in the Sunday School attend. Studying the Sunday School lesson with them helps them in their own classes. The girls have a missionary offering every Sunday, and hope to raise enough money to keep an Indian native worker, and also provide flowers for the sick. Much time is spent visiting, and the results are good. An Associate Society of the W.M.S. was recently organized in connection with the mothers' meetings.

Miss Sophie Mitchell, Deaconess at Laidlaw Memorial has had a strenuous year. There were 200 children in the Sunday School, and the Department has an attendance of nearly 200. Interest in all church organizations has been encouraging and, notwithstanding business depression, the generous gifts of the people have been worthy of commendation. Hospital visiting claimed much time.

**Sault Ste. Marie.**—Miss Agnes Staples.—In May, the Italian and All People's Mission united, and they now have a well-organized Community Centre, with four workers on the staff, the Presbyterian missionary, Mr. Sauro, an Italian, and Miss Agnes Staples, our Deaconess, being two of the four. The building is commodious. Italian, Finnish, Russian, Ukrainian, Syrian, English and Canadian children attend the Sunday School, 136 being on the roll. The little folk are taught with sand tables and pictures. Two Syrian women and three senior girls attended the Summer School. The President of the C.G.I.T. is an English girl, the Vice-President, an Italian; the Secretary and Treasurer, Finns. Syrian and Russian girls are active members. This is a field of great opportunity.

**Copper Cliff.**—Miss Vienu Heinonen, Deaconess among the Finns, resigned in October, to continue her studies in Toronto University. She did splendid work among the Finnish settlers in Louise Township, holding church services and Daily Vacation School during the summer.

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stances between the preaching points cause hard-ship for the missionaries. Churches and manses are among the mentioned has at present only four rooms, but more are being built. There is also great need of hospitals. To enable the people of his parish more frequently, an automobile would be of inestimable value. The missionary welcomed, whether he visits a family, a bachelor's home, or a mission camp.

B.C.—Willow River, Duck Range, Hefley Creek, and Lang, Rich Valley, Milk River; Sask.—Lily Dale, and Waldock, Wartime, Bowell and Redcliff, Hatton, and Ashern; Ontario—Sellwood, Dean Lake.

(Miss) CECILIA GRAY,  
Secretary.

## Strangers' Department

The report of the Department of the Stranger, shows the work done in the different provinces and special missions. In 1920, 3,046 removals were reported to the head office, with an additional number sent directly to the The Methodist and Anglican Women's Missioning Strangers' Secretaries, and we are already in

the Canadian Council of Immigration of Women. There are hostels at Halifax, St. John, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Manifesting a deeper personal interest in the foreigners, by teaching them English. We have found them restless, even Bolshevik at times, deeply concerned about their affairs, willing to talk freely about religion, but they have imperfect ideas about God which react against them, but they deprecate the lack of religious education and the dearth of Christian literature in their own language. The usual number are "intellectuals," in whom there is much good or ill.

Request from the head of the Ukrainian Diplomatic Mission that we urge our Church to start a medical mission

is being sent to Rev. Hunter Boyd at Glasgow, for his cooperation on the outgoing ships.

In appreciation of the co-operation of railway companies, immigration parties, employers, school teachers, and others, the majority of whom are Christian people, the Church is deeply concerned about immigration, but would welcome a pronouncement by the Church regarding the expected of our new citizens. We urge our members and women to all positions of trust, to secure good Christians as teachers and to emphasize the work in the schools.

### MISSIONARIES

She has continued her strenuous duties without rest. She has written to Ottawa with regard to the selection of a large number of Jews are arriving, for whom we are prepared. It was necessary to appoint someone to undertake the work among those remaining

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in the city. Miss Lily McArthur, a graduate deaconess, was chosen. Miss Hall reports many out-of-town and American patients in the hospitals. She is now permitted to visit the Royal Victoria Hospital. Our three missionaries meet monthly in conference with Rev. Mr. McLeod, Rev. Mr. Chisholm and the Strangers' Secretaries.

Toronto.—Miss Murray reports a year of blessing in the hospitals. In addition to former work she visits the Mercer Reformatory and the Burnside Hospital and addresses the nurses. Miss McDougall made a special study of conditions among students and children of the public schools transferred across the city. There are 12,000 such transfers annually. We urge the co-operation between rural and city churches to protect the youth of our churches from the allurements of the city. Mrs. McIntyre is a pioneer in the work of the W.M.S. among the foreigners. She has met them in language lessons in the Shevchenko Society, at the church, in private lessons, in the Juvenile Court and Police Court, in their search for employment and in their homes. An interesting exhibit of Ukrainian workmanship was placed in the Canadian National Exhibition. The small hall on Bathurst St. has given place to a beautiful church on Royce Avenue, provided by the Presbytery. The W. M. S. contributed an organ and a lantern. In Toronto the missionaries, Strangers' Secretaries and Presidents meet in conference periodically.

Winnipeg.—Miss McLeod has been appointed to visit hospitals. Mrs. Lewis has taken charge of the cross-city work and immigration. She has emphasized the care of scholars leaving our Sunday Schools and the lack of boarding accommodation for young women. Miss Robertson, who had the immigration work from March to June, and Miss Matheson, who had it from June to November, have retired after faithful work.

Saskatoon.—Miss Russenholt began work December 1st, and is making a careful study of local conditions.

Calgary.—In the autumn, Miss Mackenzie was appointed to the work. She is linking up with the Secretaries and the Presbytery's Committee. Hospital visiting has been valuable.

Edmonton.—Miss Isabel Coutie continues her work in hospital visiting and immigration, linking together the city and country Secretaries and co-operating with other churches.

Vancouver.—Miss Sutherland has visited the hospitals and taken care of the strangers and is interesting the young women of the city in them. She finds that frequently a new arrival helps to locate a former immigrant whose address was unknown.

In all the work the newcomers are introduced to the churches, and the Scriptures given to the patients in the hospitals. The total expenditure of the department was slightly over \$10,000.

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Secretary.