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(p. 18) Miss Muriel Judd, was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$1410.00 Salary and expenses

Miss Fay McTavish was Superintendent in Toronto, salary and expenses \$1503.40

Miss Ruth Yeandle was Superintendent in Vancouver, paid \$1510.00, Salary and expenses

Miss G. Scott was Superintendent in Victoria, salary \$1400.00

—Miss Ripley visited in the homes and in Prince Albert many patients were visited in the hospitals and sanatorium.

—Miss HILGARD was appointed to work for the summer months in Saskatchewan and Manitoba in co-operation with Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary. Many areas were visited; twenty meetings were attended; over one hundred calls were made; leadership was given at five Vacation Bible schools and two camps; and over five thousand miles were travelled.

—Miss HILDUR HERMANSON, nurse-on-furlough from Formosa, spent September and October at the Weirdale mission in Saskatchewan re-opening the work there.

### Chinese in Canada

**Montreal.** Since November, 1947, the Chinese work in Montreal has been conducted in the Chinese Young Men's Christian Institute. Our workers there are grateful for having the use of part of this building but they will be very happy when their own church is completed. The annual reports prepared by Miss MURIEL Judd and Mrs. G. P. LOUIE tell of many activities.

Sunday School is attended by practically all the Chinese children within reasonable distance. Seven students received prizes for 90% attendance and one boy had perfect attendance. Special services were held on Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Rally Day, Christmas Sunday and on November 14th an open session was held to which parents and friends were invited.

The kindergarten was conducted four afternoons each week under the direction of Miss Judd and Mrs. Louie. The programme included lessons, songs, and games in Chinese and in English, rhythm band and handwork, Bible stories and verses. At the closing day in June about 120 Chinese and English friends were present.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Louie the W.M.S. Senior Auxiliary was held each month. The members met their allocation of \$30.00 and also sent \$15.00 to the Peace Thanksgiving Fund. In February the World Day of Prayer was observed, conducted in Chinese and the offering of \$3.40 was forwarded to the Treasurer of the World Day of Prayer. The C.G.I.T. group used the Mission study. From their offerings \$3.00 was sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer and \$5.00 was given towards the Building Fund of the church. Early in October the Canadian Chinese Children's Club (the four C's) was organized. The programme consists largely of handicrafts and stories.

Instruction in reading Chinese was given by Rev. Paul Chan and Mrs. Louie and the value of this interest in the boys and girls was seen in the regular attendance at Sunday School of the Chinese school children. Twice a week Miss Judd gave English and French lessons to three boys who recently arrived from China and who attend Sunday School and church regularly.

Other activities include vacation Bible school conducted for two weeks in July, a congregational picnic held at St. Helen's Island, which was attended by more than 70 Chinese people, a Christmas concert on December 17th, and a New Year's Day reception.

In both Mrs. Louie's and Miss Judd's reports mention was made of the value of visiting in the hospitals and in homes. Mrs. Louie writes, "The young people whom I have contacted have attended our church services regularly and have taken great interest in doing so. Some are preparing to be baptized and join our church in March at our first communion of 1948."

One of the outstanding events of the Young People's groups was the assistance given by them in May at the Cavalcade of Christendom sponsored by the Montreal Diocese of the Church of England. Several times during the period when the Cavalcade was presented young people's and children's choirs trained by Mrs. Louie and accompanied by Miss Judd, sang, hymns both in English and in Chinese. Each day Chinese girls in native costumes were in attendance, in the Chinese booth, to give information about the exhibit. Miss Judd reports "Thus we were able to give help to a worth while enterprise and at the same time publicity was given to our work as the Cavalcade was visited by many thousands of people. A cheque of \$50.00 was given to our Building Fund from the 'love offerings' which were received from day to day in the booth; and on Mother's Day many of the workers on the Cavalcade Committee on China attended our church service."

**Ottawa.** Mrs. Louie occasionally found time to make hurried visits to Ottawa where at present we have no national missionary to work with the large number of Chinese families residing there.

A great loss came to our work in Ottawa in the death in October of Miss Katherine Reid who for many years was a faithful worker among the Chinese people in that city. Of her Mrs. Louie wrote, "I, along with all those she left behind, miss her very much, a very well-loved and faithful servant of our Lord."

**Toronto.** In Toronto, as in Montreal, we are faced with the problem of having to carry on our work in a building which is not our own and which in many ways is not suitable for the activities of our mission.

During 1948 there were some changes in the staff personnel. In January Miss IRENE KONG arrived from China to assist Miss McTAVISH and Miss RUTH MA left our staff to continue her study of music. We are grateful that Miss Ma finds time to give much valuable volunteer assistance. In September and October Miss Ma had supervision of the work when Miss McTAVISH was away due to the illness and death of her mother.

The kindergarten had a total enrollment of 29 7 of whom left in June to attend public school. Special events were held for the kindergarten in June, October and in December. The Mission Band reported successful meetings until the end of June with an average attendance of 21 members. From September to December this group was discontinued but will be re-organized in the New Year.

The Sunday-school which is conducted in Cooke's Church had an enrollment of 62. A group of efficient and faithful teachers assist Miss McTAVISH. Some of the mothers bring their children to Sunday school and attend the morning service in Cooke's Church while the Sunday school is in session.

The Women's Association met once a month in the winter time and every Friday during the summer months. They helped to bring shoes to the Chinese patients in the various hospitals by visiting and giving gifts at Christmas. They also contributed \$100.00 to relieve suffering in China.

The Young People's Society held monthly meetings at which they had special speakers. They assisted at the Christmas concert as well as putting on a play on New Year's night. In July the young people worship were conducted by the Rev. C. N. Lee, at present the minister in charge of the mission in Toronto.

The Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society held nine meetings. This is a small but active group. They contributed \$15.00 to the General Fund, \$2.00 for supplies and articles to the value of \$15.00.

A summer Bible school was held for three weeks in July. Group play, handwork, stories and the memorization of Scripture made up the programme. On the Saturday following the closing exercises a picnic was held for the mothers and children.

Aside from the work done at the organization Miss McTavish and Miss Kong do a great deal of visiting in the homes, becoming acquainted with the families and often assisting them in many ways.

The report of the work in Toronto would not be complete without mentioning the great loss we suffered in the death of Miss Mary Lambert. Of her Miss McTavish writes, "For many years she devoted herself unsparringly to the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary and other organizations. She loved the Chinese and was loved by them. Her desire was that everyone should hear God's Word and His plan of salvation. With her passing the Chinese have lost both a friend and a helper."

**Vancouver.** In the Vancouver Chinese Mission we have three members of staff at the present time, Miss RUTH YEANDLE, MISS SUSAN YEUNG and Miss ANNIE WILSON. The reports from these workers for 1948 were all very encouraging.

In the kindergarten there was an enrolment of 67. Of these, 12 graduated into public school in June. Bible stories, handwork and songs formed part of the programme. In the fall imaginary visits were made to other lands; their songs and games were learned and enjoyed. Miss Wilson, who is specially trained in music for pre-school children, gave Group music lessons to some of the four and five year olds each week. They are showing a real interest in this and are continuing to make progress.

Under the leadership of Miss Wilson, the Mission Band and Explorers have had successful weekly meetings. The Mission Band reported new members since October and \$5.00 was sent to the Presbyterian Treasurer for the General Fund. The Explorers organized in May have a membership of 19, and contributed \$3.00 to the General Fund. In both groups the study on China was taken with projects relating to the study. Late in the fall the handwork done by these groups was on display.

The Esther Armstrong Young Women's group reports a good year. In addition to their own regular monthly meetings they have assisted the Senior Auxiliary in some of their meetings. They used the studies on India and on China and gave \$32.00 to the General Fund.

The Young People's Society, which re-organized in 1947, has had a busy year. Besides their regular meetings they sponsored a rally in Vancouver for all Chinese young people. The special speaker was the Rev. Calvin Chao, a Chinese Presbyterian minister visiting in America. In March they assisted in the Good Friday and Easter services and in May they were hosts to the Presbyterian Young People's Association. Under the special care of Miss Yeung the Senior Auxiliary reports a year of great interest. Both Miss Yeung and Mrs. John Con, the President, have been most diligent in working amongst their own women, trying to help and encourage them. The members took part in the Day of Prayer service for Chinese women which was held in their church. They also took part in the Synodical meetings. In December at their annual meeting they entertained the members of other Auxiliaries when Mrs. Angus Mackay, Jhansi, India, was the special speaker.

The Sunday school held regular sessions throughout the entire year and in July a well-attended vacation Bible school was conducted. The offering which was taken at the closing of the vacation school was sent to Fernosa to purchase paints and crayons for Miss Dorothy Douglas' art class.

Amongst those who were baptized during the year were two young women who had been hindered from baptism by the wish of their father

who passed away a year ago. Both are active in the work of the church, one as secretary of the Sunday School and the other as secretary of the Young People's Society.

There are 40 members on the Cradle Roll. In reporting about the Cradle Roll Miss Yeandle speaks of the change now in the attitude towards baby girls. A few years ago baby girls were not welcomed in the Chinese homes, now there is a marked difference and in most families the baby, whether girl or boy, is the darling of the house.

Miss Yeung had 18 pupils, ranging from Beginners to Grade VI studying the Chinese language. One of the pupils was a fourth generation Chinese girl from Trinidad, who could not speak any Chinese. Miss Wilson is also studying Chinese and is making great progress.

Visiting in the homes is an important part of the work in Vancouver. The parents of the children who attend kindergarten and other age groups are visited and often won to the Christian faith through the teachings given to the children.

**Victoria.** In Victoria the kindergarten had an enrolment of 48. In June, 12 children graduated into public school. Through Bible stories, prayers and hymns in both English and Chinese, the children are taught daily. Outstanding days in the school year were the school closing in June and December when parents, friends and older children who had once attended kindergarten, came to hear the programme. Both occasions were enjoyable and provided an opportunity for the parents to meet together and to foster good fellowship. Greetings were brought from the Presbyterian.

Three days a week classes are conducted by Miss GERTRUDE SOYFI for those wishing to learn English. As these pupils are newcomers to Victoria from China Miss Scott felt it was a privilege to help fit them into the new life here. They are keen, interested students and several of them are faithful in their attendance at church services and the Young People's Society. Miss Scott also had a music class for six girls. In June a music recital was held in the home of one of the pupils.

Many visits in the homes were made last year by both Miss Scott and Miss GRACE LEE, who tried to keep in touch with all the church members, parents of the school children and hospital patients.

The active organizations in the Mission in 1948 were the Young People's Society, 16 members, which was re-organized in May after a lapse of several years; the Sunday school, with an enrolment of 53; the Mission Band with an enrolment of 12; the Senior Auxiliary; the Young Women's Auxiliary; The Senior Women's Auxiliary, with 16 members, met every month except July. Group leaders had charge of the programme. The General Fund contributions were \$54.30—Supply, \$4.25, and delegates' billeting fund \$1.50. The Young Women's Auxiliary, a smaller group with nine members, held monthly meetings in the members' homes. So many mothers bring their small children to their meetings that at Easter a special meeting was held to which a number of visitors were invited and a tea party was given to the children. They contributed \$12.07 to the General Fund and \$1.35 for supplies.

A vacation Bible school was held for three weeks in July. Bible stories, the memorizing of Scripture and handwork formed the programme.

The Christmas concert, held on December 21st, was a happy evening. The chairman was Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese missions, and all the children in the Sunday school, and Chinese classes took part in the programme.

In both Miss Scott's and Miss Lee's reports mention was made of Miss Lee's visit to Toronto to attend the Council meeting. Miss Lee felt it was an honour and a privilege and wrote, "They gave me great

help and more courage to continue my work." For those of us who were at the Council meeting we felt it was a wonderful experience to hear Miss LeVell tell her own story as we realized more and more how closely the Overseas and National mission work is linked together.

### Indian Schools

#### Birtle Indian Residential School.

Mr. RUSAW, Principal of the school, reports that the children are showing a keener interest in class work and in special subjects on the programme.

The children in Grades I to III now spend the whole day in the classroom. From Grades IV to VIII four and a half days per week are spent in the classroom. On the other half-day instruction is given in different departments around the school and on the farm. Household Science classes are conducted one half day per week for the girls in each grade in the Senior classroom. Instruction is given in sewing, knitting, embroidery work, cooking and homemaking. The courses followed are those sponsored by the Extension Service of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. A qualified Manual Training instructor conducts classes each week for the boys from the Senior classroom. Many very fine articles were made during these classes as well as necessary repairs made to the school and furnishings. Several prizes awarded at Brandon and Portage Exhibitions were received by both girls and boys for exhibits from the sewing and manual training groups.

Special courses in First Aid and Home Nursing were given and certificates received for those taking the course from the St. John Ambulance Corps. A number of the girls are taking piano lessons. A radio was installed in the Senior classroom, so the pupils might follow the Manitoba School broadcasts on various subjects and also have an opportunity to develop an appreciation of good music.

Four of the children attend High School in Birtle, one boy in Grade X and three girls in Grade IX. There are six children in Grade VIII, most of whom, we hope, will be attending High School in the autumn of 1949. All the pupils are encouraged to take part in sports. In the winter they enjoy skating and sleighing. Three hockey teams were trained and they won most of the games they played with other teams. During the spring and fall softball was the favourite game for most of the children. At the annual sports day for the schools in Birtle district, the first prize for the parade was awarded to our school.

Occasionally parties are held for the children and every week films rented through the Extension service of the Department of Education, are shown. Usually the teachers have a follow-up lesson on some of the topics the next day in the classroom.

The health of the children has been excellent considering the number in the school. Three entered Brandon Sanatorium for a short time and during the spring there were a few cases of "flu" and whooping cough. Chest and dental clinics were held and dental work was done where necessary.

In the sewing-room besides the weekly mending and patching of all the children's clothes many articles have been made such as 106 sheets and 59 pillow cases for both children's and staff beds; 48 tea towels, 132 girls' uniforms, 2 pair snow slacks, 50 aprons, 18 pair curtains; jumpers and blouses for the high school girls, and 6 coats made over for little girls.

Each year some re-decorating is done in the school. The boys paint the large surfaces while the trim, windows and doors, etc., are done by the staff.

The gardens provided the school with a plentiful supply of fruits and vegetables. Besides the raw fruit used for the table, 150 quarts of strawberries, 200 quarts of raspberries, were canned. Large quantities of vegetables were also canned including 250 quarts of peas, 600 quarts of beans, 100 quarts of tomatoes, 80 quarts of tomato juice and catsup. Other vegetables such as onion, carrots, turnips, beets and cabbages were stored in the roothouse. The value of farm produce consumed at the school for 1948 amounted to over \$5,000.00 and farm sales amounted to over \$2,000.00. Most of the hay and grain produced was kept for winter feed for the stock.

From the beginning of September the Rev. J. Marzoch of Ephantone has had charge of the Sunday evening services, twice each month. Mr. RUSAW writes, "Mr. Marzoch's appointment as school Chaplain has given all a deeper interest in the Church." The girls' choir contributes to the service with anthems and solos. Sunday school is held each Sunday morning. The children are divided into classes with staff members teaching the senior groups and the High School and Grade VIII students teaching the juniors. Two C.G.I.T. groups and one Mission Band held regular meetings throughout the term under the leadership of two members of staff.

In his report Mr. RUSAW states, "This is a work of steadily increasing interest for all who have the welfare of the children at heart. Their possibilities are becoming more and more evident as we work with them. . . . and we are endeavouring to open the way for their development."

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. It was with sincere regret that we accepted the resignation of Mr. D. S. Pitts as Principal and Mrs. Pitts as Matron of the school. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts had been on our staff for seven years, most of which were war years. During that period, they served faithfully and well. We were fortunate in securing as their successors Mr. AND Mrs. T. C. ROSS of Saskatoon who began their duties late in August.

During the year there were 150 enrolled at the school. All of the three classrooms are overcrowded and it is hoped that in the near future another teacher will be added to the staff. In the senior classroom (Grades IV to VIII) all the grades except Grade VIII spend only one-half day in class; the other half day is spent in receiving some other training. Two pupils are attending High School, one boy in Grade X and one girl in Grade IX.

Under the nurse's able direction the senior girls receive practical training in First Aid and learn much of value in personal hygiene. Special classes in First Aid were given by Mrs. W. L. Watson, R.N., of Kenora. In the sewing room the weekly patching, mending and mending for the hundred and fifty pupils gives all but the very youngest girls plenty of practice and they learn to do a good job. Girls while on duty in the kitchen have gained experience in preparing food. Under the kitchen matron's able supervision they have learned much in the art of serving food under good sanitary conditions. In the laundry the girls receive instruction on how to wash clothes and to iron them carefully and neatly.

The older girls have been given an opportunity to learn handloom weaving. Many beautiful articles have been woven by these girls on looms made by the boys in the manual training classes. Two of the boys made looms for their sisters to take home during the summer and in both cases the looms were put to good use.

From the Manual Training teacher the boys receive instruction in the use and care of carpenter's tools and in various types of woodwork.