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Montreal.**

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- includes mention of **Miss Murray**, printed p 59

NB: There seem to be no further records on Deaconesses for these years, only for 1945-47  
(pages 48 and 49 in the finding aid).

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Fuel costs were nil, as in breaking and clearing land for farming, enough wood was cut for use. 20 pigs and 40 sheep were raised and used for food. A water softener, given by the Government, has added to the efficiency of the water system, boilers and laundry.

All the children here have been inoculated for diphtheria. A first aid class has been started, also a school choir for Sunday School and Church services. Sleigh riding in the ravine is a favorite recreation. The boys make their own sleighs, and the girls have used even cardboard.

Worship is conducted in the dining room morning and evening, and is attended by the children and all the inside staff. Mr. Lockhart also dispenses ordinances once a year on the reserves, thus saving a salary to the Board of Missions.

In all work with Indian children, so lovable, yet at times so trying, the early environment and habits of living must never be forgotten. The restraint and regularity of school life is so different from home conditions where time is not a consideration, that it is a wonder that more do not rebel. Discipline is always a problem. Love and patience work wonders, and Christian ideals are making their way into the hearts of these boys and girls.

Wages must be paid to our faithful Principals and staffs who in season and out of season, unceasingly give of their best to this work. Mention should also be made of Church and Government officials who are always ready to give counsel and help.

(Mrs. D. T. L.) MARY C. McKERROLL,  
Secretary.

### Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department

Place	Name	Date of Appointment
Toronto, Ont.	Miss M. Murray, Hospital Visitor	1914
Hamilton, Ont.	Miss M. Allan, Deaconess at large	1913
Ottawa, Ont.	Miss M. Huggill, Deaconess at large	1919
Montreal, Que.	Miss I. Munro, Port Worker	1926
Regina, Sask.	Miss M. Macarthur, Deaconess	1918
Brownvale, Alta.	Miss M. Todd, Deaconess at large	1930
Saskatoon, Sask.	Miss H. Ross, Deaconess at large	1930
Calgary, Alta.	*Miss S. V. Scott	1933
Red Deer, Alta.	Miss Faeda Matthews, Deaconess at large	
Wanham, Alta.	Miss M. Grigor, Deaconess at large	1931
Winnipeg, Man.	Miss H. Macdonald, Deaconess at large	1930
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Roberta Smith, Deaconess at large	1930
	<b>Part Time Workers</b>	
Bekevar, Sask.	Mrs. F. Kovacs, Missionary	1932
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. Chas. Steinmetz, Missionary	1932
"	Mrs. M. Fesenko, Missionary	1932
	*Part year.	

A ministry of kindness, helpfulness and sympathy—the service rendered by the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries throughout our Church is one which cannot be tabulated. Of this one Provincial Secretary writes: "The effect of nearly 13,000 calls on strangers and sick ones, heart sore

and lonely ones, and on disinterested ones, will never be known. But such ministry of love is not in vain. Eleven hundred letters must have carried this message into many hearts, and the knowledge that through the efforts of our Secretaries nearly 700 souls were retained and won for service in His Church, shows the possibilities within the scope of this department. The wider meaning of this work, born of necessity, in the war years makes it one very effective means of supplementing the work of the Church.

Our present staff of deaconesses numbers 14. No matter where they are located, or what they are called upon to do, their work is characterized by the same high standard of loyalty and self-forgetfulness. Many letters have been received from individuals, and from Presbyteries, bearing the testimony to the great service given by these young women, not only in strengthening our church, but in laying foundations for future building.

Some are engaged in a particular type of work. Miss Munro at Montreal, is our only port worker, as the work at Quebec was discontinued for the death of Miss Scott. During the year, 1594 names were discontinued at the churches concerned. Much encouragement has been derived from helping those who are strangers, particularly those who do not speak our tongue. The Overseas Girls' Club, having passed its eighth milestone, continues in enthusiasm and usefulness.

Miss Murray, now in her twenty-first year of hospital visiting in Toronto, finds her work increasing and intensified. Old and new patients like well some her as one who cares, and in her great heart of pity she sympathizes with them all. Visiting in the Dunlap Building for X-ray, here the clinics have increased ten times during the depression, is a work in itself. Of visiting in hospitals she says: "Your visitor saters each ward having secured all the names registered Presbyterian, but never sees anyone without a smile or a word, and by this I have found many lonely one—sickness is a great leveller. The doctor cares for the ill, the mind and body, but your visitor has the great privilege of ministering to the spirit." "Every Saturday from two to four I visit the Greer Reformatory. I never ask of their past, but try to make stepping stones to a new and better life." "It is a real uplift to go to the Hospital for Incurables. Many have been there twenty-five years—helpless, helpless humanity, some mellowed through suffering, others still asking why." To all who have put into Miss Murray's hands the material things bring cheer to her patients, she would express sincere thanks.

Mrs. Fesenko is our worker among the Ukrainians, of whom it is estimated there are 14,000 in Toronto, most of them churchless, and many of them influenced by atheistic propaganda. The congregation of which Mrs. Fesenko is the minister is steadily growing, and they hope in time to have a small church building. Visiting the sick, interpreting, helping those in difficulty is changing a hostile attitude to one of friendliness.

The Hungarian people of Toronto are in the care of Mrs. Steinmetz. Their church services are held in Scott Institute, and they too, conscious of the limitations of the present building, are saving every penny to secure a church home of their own. Besides the usual congregational work, Mrs. Steinmetz, because her life is related to her people by nationality, called upon to befriend many in difficulties.

Mrs. Kovacs says: "It was with a heavy heart, in obedience to the church's call, we left Hamilton in April to journey to Bekevar, the pioneer Hungarian Presbyterian congregation in Saskatchewan." The report at the end of the year shows, Sunday Schools, Young People's Society, Women's Missionary Society and a Ladies' Aid organized—a good account of stewardship. Some of our deaconesses find their work in newer sections of the large cities.

Miss Allan, Hamilton, Ober has done extensive visiting and strengthening visits reveal the crying need at the present time. she made 100 visits to Mt Hill Sunday School, spirit in work at East of work done in Regina a main function of the contact with her people, source of all strength

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### Chinese in Canada

Place	Staff	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
" "	Miss Grace Lee	1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Mrs. G. P. Louie	1930
" "	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Esther Armstrong	1933
" "	Miss Lily Yeung	1932
Breckville, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
" "	Miss Hattie Jue	1927
" "	Mrs. Hernan	1929
<b>Part Time Workers</b>		
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. Ma	
" "	Miss Lambert	
<b>Voluntary Workers</b>		
Ottawa, Ont.	Miss Reid	
Windsor, Ont.	Miss Melrose	

The last census of Chinese people in Canada was between forty-five and fifty thousand, and of these a large percentage will return to live in China. What a wonderful band of missionaries this would be, if we could send them home, all Christian Chinese.

**Victoria.** Miss Scott, in presenting the work done by Miss Lee and herself, reports that 1934 has been a very happy, encouraging year. The children love to come to kindergarten, and the enrollment was 42 until June, when 17 passed into the public schools. In September, 15 new ones enrolled to fill the places of the graduates. Besides singing in English, the children are learning Chinese hymns and songs and this gives great pleasure at home. Four times a week classes in English are held for the women, and Miss Lee helps them to read the Scriptures in Chinese. Miss Scott gives music lessons to 14 pupils, all members of the Sunday School or Church organizations. They hold a monthly recital and are studying the lives of great masters. The choir has improved very much, under Mr. Pearson. The W.M.S. of 15 members reached their allocation of \$50.00 and provided an outfit for an Indian boy. The Mission Band of 31 members, attended 2 rallies and studied "Flowers in Far Fields." The C.G.I.T. Group, "The Shining Lights," has a membership of 12, is affiliated with the W.M.S., and always has a mission study period. "If I Lived in India" was much enjoyed. The Y.P.S. has made great progress in the conducting of meetings and self-government. Two of the members did some very clever carpentry work, in improving the pulpit platform and railings. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 119. A good deal of visiting has been done. Mrs. Martin (Sask.) speaks of her delight in attending the W.M.S. annual meeting and how well the Chinese ladies gave their reports.

**Vancouver.** Mrs. Louie reports a remarkable year. God has been very good, and she feels His power ever at work among the Chinese people. Parents are more willing to allow their children to come to church and the kindergarten, and less opposed to the teachings of Christ. Mrs. Louie has made 358 calls and told "the old old story" to women too-busy to come to the meetings. She also went to the prison with women who had husbands or sons there. The kindergarten has flourished, in spite of strong opposition. Miss Yeandle reports an enrollment of 92, the largest we have had in Vancouver. The Misses Ruth Heighton and Mary Wong gave great help

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to the summer school in July, and Rev. R. H. Yeung, and Rev. D. A. Smith were special speakers. The use of the W.M.S. slides and lantern was much appreciated. The hand-work was sent to Rev. Allan Reoch, Manchuria. Six of the girls attended a camp at Keats Island. It was a profitable fortnight and would leave a lasting impression on their lives. A spirit of unity and good fellowship prevailed. The day the girls took charge of camp, a Chinese girl was physical director, another led the singing and two others had charge of the hand-work. The Mission Band has entered a memory contest on the Koreans in Japan. The Y.P.S. has had a very encouraging year, Miss D. Smith of New Westminster coming over to help.

**Saskatchewan.** Since Mrs. Martin's removal to the coast, Mrs. Farley has been doing what she could in sending out literature, etc. No visiting has been done, on account of lack of funds.

**Toronto.** Miss Armstrong, Miss Lily Yeung and Miss Lambert have had a very encouraging and profitable year. The Sunday class, conducted by Mrs. Ma, has an attendance of 12 and was addressed by Mr. Ma, Miss Dickson and Miss Gunn. Three women have been baptized and 5 have become members of Knox Church, 2 on profession of faith and 3 by certificate. 150 visits have been made and Miss Armstrong reports much more freedom in the homes. Mothers and babies have been looked after, children taken for medical treatment, one invalid to have her teeth extracted, and one child was taken care of for two weeks by Miss Armstrong and Miss Yeung, while the mother was ill. Three layettes from St. Andrew's Church and one from Rosedale Church were much appreciated. The kindergarten has 30 on the roll and the Vacation School had a high average attendance in Toronto. Dr. Rochester spoke at the closing. There are 49 members in the Mission Band. They sent \$4.00 to the Presbyterial Treasurer. The Boy Scouts, under Mr. G. Haines, of Chalmers Church, are doing splendid work. There is also a troop of Cubs, under the leadership of two young men of Chalmers Church. The C.G.I.T. of 15 girls is under the leadership of Miss Jean MacMurchy. Jessie Jang and Katie Wong enjoyed a pleasant week, as guests, at a girls' camp. Katie is now at school in China, her family returning there in August. Two of this family, Fay and Laing, are graduates of Toronto University and are both teaching in China. Mrs. P. Quan takes charge of the Friday afternoon meetings and in November these women held a very successful bazaar. Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Yeung have given music lessons to 15 pupils. The Y.P.S. of 25 members, has the use of St. Andrew's Church gymnasium for basket-ball and badminton. The usual Christmas festival was held at Cooke's Church, a bountiful supper being provided for parents and children. Everyone was remembered by the W.M.S. with gifts. A second concert was held on Christmas night at the Institute. We had four weddings during the year. The women attend our classes regularly.

**Brockville.** Miss Davies had made visits to Kingston, Gananoque, Smiths Falls, Perth, Carleton Place, Morrisburg, Cornwall and Prescott and attended the Brockville Presbyterial at Kemptville. There has been much sickness and distress among the people, and our worker has been able to help with the supplies received from the Presbyterial. Dorothy Hong, with 5 other girls, received Bibles and diplomas for repeating the Shorter Catechism, the books being the gift of Mrs. Comstock. Miss Davies held missionary meetings, and continues to do her work so capably, despite ill health.

**Ottawa.** Miss Reid reports a good year. Ten of the children sang at the November Mission Band rally and one little girl sang, "Listen to the Voice of Jesus", at the Presbyterial. In August, a bright boy of eight was drowned. After the burial service the father said, "He cannot come to us, but we can all go to him, and be with Jesus." The lad had attended

Sunday School 41 Sundays out of 42, and his prize, a beautiful Bible, was given to his parents "in memoriam."

**Windsor.** Miss Melrose is holding meetings, supplying literature, and giving religious instruction to white women married to Chinese men.

**Montreal.** Miss Dickson reports the number of Chinese women in Montreal as 46. The usual meetings have been held for Chinese and Canadian women, all joining in the social tea hour at the close. The homes have been visited, as often as time and strength permitted, and many calls responded to when women and children needed help. The kindergarten has an enrollment of 34, with an ever increasing number of Eurasian children. Seven out of 8 children, entering public school, went into the second grade. Miss M. Johnston, our substitute teacher, was married in November. Ten children are being given music-lessons, the four senior ones being taught by Mrs. Trill. The June closing and Christmas festival were the usual large, enthusiastic gatherings. The Montreal Presbyterial generously provided for these entertainments, and supplied an abundance of gifts. Their sympathetic interest and prayer for our work is appreciated. The friends who made possible the redecorating of our kindergarten, are gratefully thanked. The greatest satisfaction, of the year's work, has been the formation of the "Light Bearers" Mission Band, with a membership of 26, under the leadership of Miss G. Aiken, assisted by Miss Hay, Miss Abbott, Miss E. Lee (Chinese) and Mrs. Miller, Solomon Leung taking charge of the boys. They have studied India and sent \$2.50 to the Presbyterial Treasurer. Miss Dickson has addressed many meetings and visited Ottawa, Aylmer, Toronto, Windsor, Leamington, Chatham, London, Ingersoll, Brantford and Hamilton. Miss Dickson's work was rather broken by illness, but a long vacation helped her to regain her strength. The problems are still with us, especially the Eurasian one and the materialistic outlook of so many Chinese people. We ask your prayers for the coming year, that we may have His divine wisdom in the development of the work.

(Mrs. J. C.) MARGARET E. B. WOOD,  
Secretary.

## OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

### British Guiana

"We, like the victor in Browning's little poem, "Have never doubted clouds would break . . . Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better. Sleep to wake."

And our faith is being rewarded. British Guiana, basking under her tropical sun, is feeling the throb of the re-awakening hope and courage that is sweeping over the world. She is eager to advance. Our Church's plans for the re-construction of her work is also advancing. As we hear the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us", coming from British Guiana we are rejoiced that, in a measure, we are again able to help those East Indian girls and women, who are our particular care, to know Him Whom to know is life eternal.

Early this year Rev. Mr. David Marshall, chairman of the Mission Council, advised our Executive of the need for a qualified lady teacher as principal of the Girls' High School in New Amsterdam, Berbice. Almost simultaneous with this request, came an application to the Candidates Secretary for work under our Board, from Miss Olwen Davies, B.A., of Willowdale, Ontario, a graduate of the Ontario College of Education. It gave us great pleasure, in which she shared, to appoint her to this position.