

**1939 "Twenty-Sixth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

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Mentions the work of **Mrs. Adams** with **non-Chinese women** in Toronto (as noted in preliminary research report already sent to Elise)

Sub-section heading: "Welcome and Welfare" report by "(Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Secretary"

(60) "**Miss Mary Murray**, our hospital visitor, forwarded to the Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary several names of patients who still needed a visit after leaving the hospital. Many express appreciation for the kindnesses they receive."

(63) "Deaconesses" Report by " Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell, Secretaries"

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Secretaries.

Chinese in Canada

	Staff in 1939	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
	Miss Grace Lee	1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
	Mrs. F. Y. Louie (temporary)	1938
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Fay McTavish	1938
	Mrs. Henry Lore	1932
	Mrs. W. F. Adams (part time)	
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
	Miss Elsie Lee	1935
	Mrs. Gee	1937

Voluntary Worker

Ottawa, Ont. Miss K. Reid

With humble thanks to God we pay tribute to our splendid band of workers, and to all those others who by their voluntary help and co-operation have shown their interest in this department. On behalf of the Women's Missionary Society we also take this opportunity of placing on record our thanks to the Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese Work in Canada, for his never-failing kindness and courtesy and for his practical help in our many problems. Without his invaluable help and co-operation, much that has been accomplished could not have been done.

Victoria. The work here showed no slackening, and the different groups worked well together. Of the 32 children in the kindergarten 20 attend our Sunday School. The event of the year was the visit of Their Majesties, and a special place was reserved for our children. The school closings were well attended, and in the autumn Mrs. MacInnes, Mrs. Allott, and Miss White visited the mission. Miss Scott holds classes for the women who wish to improve their English and

gives some music lessons, and Miss Lee has classes in Chinese. The Mission Band, with 40 members, studied *Talks on New Ways in the King's Service, Sailors All*, and the *Glad Tidings*; it contributed \$4.00 to our Society, and helped with supplies. Mrs. Fuller, Presbyterian Secretary, visited the Band twice and attended the picnic. The Shining Lights Girls' Guild, with 18 members, held 21 meetings and contributed \$1.75 to the Society, besides supply work; in December they were pleased to have Miss Lamont visit them and attended a supper meeting in her honour in St. Paul's Church. The Women's Auxiliary of 21 members, of which Miss Lee is President, again used the group system successfully, each group arranging a meeting's programme; special speakers were the Rev. Mr. Leung and Mrs. Allott. Two visitors were appointed monthly to call on the Chinese families. In September a Young Women's Auxiliary was organized; both our workers attend its monthly meetings. Mr. Leung and Miss Lee were busy in the Chinese school, with 79, of all ages, enrolled, most of them attending the Sunday School. The latter has 115 in seven classes, and a new teacher in Ruth Yeung; 21 pupils received awards for attendance and at the November rally the School won the banner for having the highest percentage of pupils. The Young People's Society (15 members) meets bi-monthly; they put on a play in December to help the church funds and decorated the church for Christmas. There were three weddings in the mission, the brides being members of the new Young Women's Auxiliary. One hundred and one visits were made. In December the congregation suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Chow Young, a Christian gentleman and a faithful member; his wife is an active member of the Auxiliary.

Vancouver. We have many things to be thankful for, especially for help given by workers from other congregations, and the willingness of the Chinese themselves to help and assume leadership. The Auxiliary officers, with the President Mrs. Con, have increasingly felt their responsibility and been grateful to members of other Auxiliaries for attending their meetings; in December the Chinese ladies entertained them. The givings were down a little, as was expected with all the calls upon them. The young women, under Miss Sellers, met regularly and studied the New Testament *Women and They Went Forth*. Mrs. W. G. Gourlie gave them a very interesting account of the Council meeting. They gave \$4.00 to our Society, \$4.00 to the Chinese Church, and \$4.00 to war relief. The teen-age girls, under Miss Potter, met regularly, contributed \$6.00 to the Society and \$6.00 to the Church, and made dolls for the Sunday School Christmas tree. The Mission Band studied *Sailors All* and gave \$5.00 to our Society. A new boys' group was organized last fall with 40 members, "Chinese Young Presbyterians", a boys' order of the Burning Bush; they meet weekly, under the leadership of Mr. Dick Woo and Mr. Joshua Long. The Sunday School, Mr. Edgar Dong Superintendent, had a good year; the Christmas entertainment was especially fine; and we would thank Mr. Masson of Fairview Church, Miss Elsie Potter of Robertson Memorial, and Miss Myrtle Sellers of Mount Pleasant for their assistance. Two new teachers, Miss Annie Bissett, recently returned from China, and our own Joshua Long, make seven Chinese and five Canadians on the staff. The Vacation School in July was successful, with 67 enrolled; some Chinese young people helped for the first time and did excellent work; Rev. D. A. Smith again gave talks on "Missionaries I Have Known"; among other speakers were Dr. and Mrs. Stevens of Wainwright. Ten Chinese girls had a happy, profitable week at a junior girls' camp at

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Toronto. Miss Fay McTavish took charge in January 1939, and has already endeared herself to the people. God's Word is given first place in all departments, and it was a great joy when Ross Mark, a University graduate, made a definite stand for Christ in the Young People's meeting; he is now in China, where he will be a real missionary. The ladies meet every Friday for work and study, and a social hour afterwards. Dr. Rochester opened the bazaar; and of the proceeds of \$510.00, \$365.00 was sent to the Chinese Red Cross, \$5.00 to the Canadian Red Cross, \$10.00 to the Chinese Young Men's Christian Institute, and \$20.00 to our Society. Miss McTavish and Mrs. Lore regularly visited the Chinese people, who always welcome them. In the kindergarten Mrs. Lore had 25 children; as all have to be called for and returned to their homes scattered through this big city our work is terribly hampered (as in Vancouver) by the need of a car. The workers and their friends are working desperately hard for a car, and we hope to get it. In the Vacation School 22 were enrolled, with Miss McTavish, Mrs. Lore, Miss Lambert, and Miss Ruby Ma as instructors; it closed with a picnic, in which the Chinese School joined. Our Sunday School at Cooke's Church was well attended, and we thank Miss Traill, the Superintendent, for starting our car fund with a gift of \$100.00. We again thank Mr. John Reid for his unfailing kindness in calling for the children. The Christmas supper for parents and children, under Mrs. S. Armstrong's supervision, was the best we ever had, followed by the usual concert and "tree"; we are grateful to the Supply Department for the gifts, and to kind friends for conveying the children to and from the party. In February the children took part with Cooke's Sunday School in the anniversary services. Not many attend the weekly Mission Band, and they are small, but they gave \$13.22 to our Society. On Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Ma, assisted by Miss Gunn, has a Bible class; Miss McTavish attends when possible. About 35 attend the bi-monthly meetings of the Young People's Society, which is ably supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong; we wish we could give all their report. Miss Lambert is actively interested in all departments.

Mrs. Adams holds meetings on Monday evenings, but the main part of her wonderful work is visiting the homes of these non-Chinese girls who are married to, or living with, Chinese men. There are nearly 800 in the city and the number is increasing. In most cases, Mrs. Adams is the only friend and good influence they have. Forty members and children were at their Christmas party at her home, and each woman received a jar of fruit, from the Supply Department. We are grateful to Miss Wright of St. Andrew's for her musical help and to two Bible College students who take charge of the children during the meetings. Most of these women lost out in girlhood, through lack of helpful home and Church environment, and it is our privilege to win them back to honourable womanhood and for Christ. Their offerings go to support a Biblewoman in Manchuria.

The workers hold a monthly prayer meeting. Miss McTavish would like to see Presbyterian friends show a greater interest in the Mission

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and would welcome visitors at any time. Mrs. Lore reports encouragingly of the kindergarten: she gave music lessons, visited with Miss McTavish, Mrs. Adams, and alone, and took mothers and children to the clinics. The Scout Troop, under Mr. Haines of Chalmers Church, carried on as efficiently as heretofore.

Ottawa. We owe a debt of gratitude to Miss Reid, our voluntary worker, for her never-failing interest in the Chinese people. The day school attendance was perfect and the children assisted at entertainments in the different churches. There were three Communion services, the October one conducted by the Rev. D. A. Smith. Two girls were baptized; two others, members of our Church, are attending McGill and helping Miss Dickson in her Sunday School. Lady Tweedsmuir graciously attended the Women's Auxiliary tea in February. Three picnics were held and a banquet for Mr. Paul Chan, their beloved teacher and friend, before he left to take up the larger work in Montreal.

Saskatchewan. Mrs. Farley sent out the same number of papers as last year; Mrs. Horne assists by preparing the papers for mailing. The Port Hope Sunday School pays for the Primary papers. Mrs. Farley reports the marriage of a trained nurse to a graduate of Marquette University, Wisconsin; there were about fifty guests, including the Lieutenant Governor and his wife.

Montreal. The close of the year marked the end of another chapter in Chinese work in Montreal; then all work was transferred to new quarters entirely under our supervision, the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal. Results have proved the wisdom of the change. In 1939 work was carried on, as usual, in rented rooms in the Y.M.C.I. The average attendance at the women's bi-weekly meetings was sixteen. The women have shown a keen interest in our new building, several attending Sunday services; they worked for the Red Cross, and showed a real interest in Bible study. As often as possible they were visited in their homes, and helped whenever interpreting was needed. They arranged a birthday party for Miss Dickson and entertained the Rev. D. A. Smith. Two women died during the year, one leaving eleven children; another regular attendant lost her husband, and has twelve children to look after, the older ones all connected with our work. In the Sunday School the young women's Bible class, with seven members, met regularly and studied the International lessons; two young Ottawa ladies attending McGill assisted greatly. Two members left to teach in the Sunday School, but others took their places. The growth of the school in the new building has been phenomenal. Mr. Burnett has continued as Superintendent; most of his class are Scouts. Mr. John Denny, a Theological student, has Cubs, of whom he has charge, in his class. The Scouts—24 enrolled—shared in guarding the royal route when Their Majesties visited Montreal, and were greatly applauded as they marched to their place. The True Light Club of teen-age girls continued its work under the faithful leader, Miss Muckersie, assisted by Mrs. Herman, who gave health talks and taught the girls to make medical supplies. They did Red Cross work and contributed \$2.00 to our Society. A marked difference in their interest and attitude during the latter part of the year was attributed to a praying group that remembered them all summer. The Mission Band meets every Saturday, work and study periods alternating; they worked for destitute children in China, and their quilt was sent to a Hong Kong orphanage. They took part most creditably in the Mission Band rally and gave \$3.00 to our Society. We regret that Mrs. McCrudden had to give up in September, but Mrs. Gravener superintended the hand-

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(Mrs. J. C.) Margaret E. B. Wood,
Secretary.

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

Manchuria

	Staff in 1939	Date of Appointment
Szepingkai	Mrs. L. Gehman	1937
Szepingkai	Miss Helena Gibbs	1937
Married Missionaries		
Taonan	Mrs. W. G. Davis	1930
Szepingkai	Mrs. Allan Reoch	1931
Szepingkai	Mrs. E. H. Johnson	1935

In these difficult days we rejoice with our missionaries in the progress of the Church in Manchuria. Prayer and faith are its marked characteristics.

In 1929 with work opened at eight centres the contributions were a few hundred dollars, while in 1939 the total offerings from the 53 groups amounted to \$18,302, the largest since the inception of the work.

The missionary staff is now on the field in full strength—Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Davis, Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Johnson, and Rev. Allan and Mrs. Reoch, and, since the completion of their year at the College of Chinese Studies in Peking last June, Mrs. Gehman and Miss Gibbs.