

**1936 "Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

**Subheading "Council Executive Report."**

(p.13) Included in the "special work of the year" noted in the report includes "... **co-operation with the Church in opening up new work in Northern Ontario...**"

Report written by (Miss) Elizabeth Forsyth

**NB :** Section heading "National Mission Work" includes Presbyterian Residences, Hospitals, Indian Residential Schools, Welcome and Welfare Department, Deaconess Department, [sometimes these two are combined] and "**Chinese in Canada**" - printed pp 72-75.

Sub Section heading: Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department"

Further sub-heading "Welcome and Welfare" - report signed by "(Mrs. A. E.) Mary F. Stevens, Secretary"

(69) "**Miss Mary Murray** in her visits to eight or more hospitals has many trying experiences, but ministers to all with whom she comes in contact. The sending on of 318 names to the Toronto Presbyterial Secretary led to much fine follow-up work by their Welcome and Welfare Department. Out-of-town patients in hospital whom Miss Murray reached through her appeal in the *Glad Tidings* expressed gratitude for her kindness. She was greatly encouraged by the co-operation of Church organizations and members of the Women's Missionary Society, in helping women referred to them and furnishing clothing and delicacies for patients. Another great source of strength and refreshment, Miss Murray states, is her contact with Auxiliary members to whom she is often invited to speak."

Chinese in Canada—

deavour in Eastview is bearing fruit. The Sunday School is advancing and the Canadian Girls in Training are becoming more and more a missionary group. Visitation of the Chinese families in the surrounding districts formed part of Miss Macarthur's programme during the year.

Miss Shirley Scott's work in New Westminster, B.C., has been three-fold, as she has served in three congregations, St. Andrew's, St. Stephen's and St. Aidan's. A summary of her work can best be given in a paragraph from her report. "The phases of this work in Westminster are many and varied. My time is spent largely with the organizations and in visiting the old people and shut-ins and in congregational visiting. Often the visiting gets crowded out because of the time given to helping in the preparation and planning of meetings. When one has an interest in Primary departments of the Sunday School, Sunday School classes, Mission Bands, teen-age girls, young women's and senior women's organizations, the days seem short and the week should contain more than seven of them to ever get caught up with all one has in mind to do."

The story of our deaconesses in the Western cities has a parallel in the work being done by Miss Margaret Allan, who has given many years of faithful service in St. Enoch's and St. David's Churches in Hamilton. Miss Allan in visiting the people has been able to cheer and comfort many sad and lonely hearts, has made rough places plain and been the means of leading young women to a higher living.

Would that space permitted the recording of the many happy contacts made by our faithful workers, the results of which we leave with God! "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase."

(Mrs. W. H.) TENA A. MITCHELL,  
Secretary.

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
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
" "	Miss Elsie Lee	1935
" "	Mrs. Jean Herman	1929
Brockville, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926
<b>Part Time Workers</b>		
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. Ma	
" "	Miss Lambert	
<b>Voluntary Worker</b>		
Ottawa, Ont.	Miss Reid	

The passing years bring changes and I regret that in this report space will not permit me to express our reluctance at parting with some of our workers and our gratitude to them for the years they have given us.

Victoria. Miss Scott and Miss Lee report a very happy and encouraging year: progress has been noted in Christian living and our Mission has served and helped many. Thirteen graduated from kindergarten to public

school and our closings are happy. Helpers Mission Band met monthly. Boys and Girls of India, and the G voted to sewing and handwork. T sent toys and clothing to the Sun Girls' Guild met fortnightly, studie of China, knitted and helped with "hikes" and a supper at Miss Sc auspices. Miss Ellen Douglas gave an the worship service and serving tea Women's Missionary Society. Seven Sunday School had an enrolment were rewarded for regular attendance years in the school and is now te monthly, with a speaker at each me members in November. Ten membe has helped greatly. The allocation in, as well. Over one hundred and classes two afternoons a week for C Lee for those wishing to learn to attending these classes are all a week. Rev. Mr. Leung and I where religious instruction was also lessons and a monthly recital was by Dr. Kannawin, and raised the their own ping-pong table. It is g their Church and in missions. In Silver Jubilee as minister, his son, occasion and speaking at the event

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Vancouver. Miss Yeandle and Mrs. Louie report a good year. They are gratified at the interest shown by the different Auxiliaries in their work, especially by attending their meetings. We are grateful for the help of Miss Isabelle Bennett, who assists in bringing the children and acts as Secretary for the women's meetings. At the June closing Mrs. D. A. Fowle presented the certificates to the graduates in their caps and gowns; each child was given a New Testament. At Christmas time a pageant was put on. Rev. D. A. Smith presided at both functions and Rev. Mr. Yeung gave addresses. The Sunday School is a very bright spot, and such a splendid band of teachers—Myrtle Sellers, Elsie Potter, Daisy Yeung, Mrs. Louie and Miss Yeandle, and with the boys, Howard and Ted McPhee—Howard competed in the Olympic games last summer. The Bible classes are taught by Rev. K. H. and Mrs. Yeung. The Mission Band won the Presbyterian banner for Scripture memorization, catechism, and missionary knowledge, and contributed \$3.20 to the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Dorothy Smith comes from New Westminster to help the Y. P. S. This Band and the Sunday School are missing Pansy Yeung but are thankful that an opportunity has been given her for further equipping herself for her life's work. A Vacation School was held in July. The W. M. S. Auxiliary are showing an increasing interest, one woman and her little daughter being baptized. They increased their givings, but did not reach their allocation, which was double that of last year. Three hundred and sixty-four visits were made. The steamers were met and portions of Scripture given to people returning to China. Mrs. Fowle presided at the annual meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary and installed the officers.

Saskatchewan. Mrs. Farley reports that Miss Macarthur's survey has been most helpful. Literature, consisting of *Northern Messengers*, primary papers and Chinese cards, was sent out regularly. The primary

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papers are paid for by a Sunday School class in Sarnia. The average number of papers and cards mailed was sixty, as against fifty-six last year.

**Toronto.** Miss Armstrong and Miss Yeung, assisted by Miss Lambert, report a very full year's work. The most encouraging part is our children's work. Miss Yeung gives music lessons to eleven children. One little kindergartner said, "I love God; He makes the day so warm and bright." An English mother reported that when her husband was very ill her two little boys, four and five years old, sang "God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall" to him in Chinese. God only knows the influence of that simple hymn. The June closing was well attended by the parents. The Public Health nurse and doctor call regularly, and eleven children were vaccinated at the City Hall. Our Mission Band of forty-two members contributed \$25.00 to the Women's Missionary Society; we are very grateful to Mrs. Rochester, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Holt and Miss Blair for their assistance. Miss Lambert had charge of the boys' work. In spite of the heat our Vacation school was a great success; Ruth and Ruby Ma were splendid assistants; and at the closing Mr. George Mark presented certificates to thirty-six children. Mrs. Ma and Miss Gunn have charge of the Ladies' Bible Class. The Friday class has an open meeting once a month, to which those interested in the work are invited. From the proceeds of the annual bazaar \$20.00 was given to the Women's Missionary Society. The women, as a group, attended the World Day of Prayer service at St. James Cathedral. Our Sunday School at Cooke's Church has seventy on the roll. We had the usual two Christmas concerts, with a supper at Cooke's Church, and wish to thank Mrs. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Roulston, Mr. J. Reid and Mr. Boal for transportation. Our Chinese school is well organized and well attended. Miss Jean MacMurehy is still leader of the C.G.I.T., and Mr. Haines and Mr. Morrison lead the Scouts and Cubs. The Y. P. S. is very grateful for the use of St. Andrew's Church gymnasium. Seven of this group attended the Y. P. S. Convention in Hamilton in October. The Alexandra Bible Class of Victoria Church donated a quilt and St. Andrew's Church layettes. We ask the prayers and sympathy of Canadian friends for this work at our door.

**Brockville.** Miss Davies has, as always, done a valuable work in Brockville and surrounding places, calling on our Chinese friends and distributing supplies; she impresses on them that these are gifts from Christian friends. She visited Montreal, Ottawa, Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Perth, Kingston, Gananoque, Westport and Prescott.

**Ottawa.** Miss Reid reports the return to China of Mr. Lee, their teacher-evangelist, whom they are missing very much. They had their usual picnic and Christmas banquet. The women were visited regularly. In Aylmer, three boys, whose mother died three years ago, come to Sunday School and Mission Band. Another family in Hull attend the Cushman Church, attend Sunday School, Mission Band and C.G.I.T. and sing in the choir; one of the girls was presented with a Junior Membership at the fall Mission Band rally.

**Montreal.** There are at present forty-three women in Montreal and the bi-monthly meetings have been well attended. They are becoming very much interested in learning to read the Scriptures and in singing simple hymns. The homes have been visited as regularly as possible. There were 103 Chinese present at the annual picnic. The Mission Band had a successful year under the faithful leadership of Miss Gladys Aitken and her devoted helpers; the members contributed \$5.50 to the Women's Missionary Society and attended and took part in the March rally. We regret that there has been no work among the boys. A successful vacation school was conducted by Mr. Solomon Leung and Miss Elsie Lee, assisted by two other Chinese, Miss Isabel and Mr. Wilson Lee, the latter taking charge of the music. Seventeen children were given music lessons, and

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With gratitude to God for His enabling which has made this year's service possible and praying there may be abiding fruit.

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

## OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

### British Guiana

Place	Name	Date of Appointment
New Amsterdam	Miss Olwen Davies, B.A.	1935

#### Married Missionaries

Georgetown	Mrs. David Marshall	1933
New Amsterdam	Mrs. James Dunn	1936

On the anniversary of her arrival in New Amsterdam, Miss Olwen Davies, Principal of the Berbice Girls' High School, wrote: "When I think about home and all my friends in Canada, it seems years since I left; but, on the other hand, when I look back on my work in New Amsterdam, I feel I have just started, and that I have accomplished very little, indeed." A fair percentage of her pupils, however, passed the Cambridge examinations. One girl enters the Teachers' Training Centre; another passed the Senior Cambridge examination and has since been appointed on the staff of the Girls' High School; and four girls passed the Junior Cambridge examination.

The enlargement of the staff (another teacher had been appointed at the beginning of the school year) made it possible for Miss Davies to do more evangelistic work and less teaching in the school this year. She is "highly elated" that now she has some time to visit the women in their homes, to know them personally and to learn their needs. In the autumn she found time to visit the homes of all the New Amsterdam congregation. Her idea is to get a close contact with the women and then organize women's meetings. Unfortunately, one of her teachers resigned and she was forced to give more time to the school.

The Sunday School which Miss Davies reorganized shortly after her arrival has grown quite rapidly. In January, 1936, there were thirty-six scholars and in January, 1937, sixty-four. Two East Indian teachers are her capable assistants.

Special Easter and Christmas entertainments by the children were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the parents. She has also conducted two girls' classes, one a senior class, which was formerly under the direction of Mrs. Dunn. These classes meet weekly in the Girls' High School. They have varied programmes—missionary, devotional, literary, and social. The Senior class, which has been named "The British Guiana Girls' Train-