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"Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare" (printed section under sub-heading "Deaconess
Work" which describes the work of **Miss Murray**)
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Deaconess, Welcome and Welfare—

Such an organization of young women who meet in Knox Crescent Church and who have been most generous toward our relief work. Miss Mary Huggill has had a busy year among the newly arrived Presbyterian families in Verdun, Montreal, and has also assisted in Misses Band and mission work in addition to hospital visiting and Sunday School supervision.

In Toronto, Miss Annie Whitty is dividing her time among three congregations in the east end of the city and also assists with the volunteer work at the depot.

Miss Mary Murray, hospital visitor for Toronto, reports an unmitigated demand upon her services last year. The "flu" epidemic caused much hardship and welcome indeed were Miss Murray's visits to the lonely and sick ones in the hospitals. With the growth of the city the number of hospital patients is increasing and the work is heavier. Miss Murray appreciates the gifts of jam, candies, etc., which she is able to distribute among the hard and needy ones, as she gives herself unspareingly to this tender service.

Scott Institute Summer Camp was again assisted by our W.M.S. Miss Rose Paton is now attached to Scott Institute, succeeding Miss Doris Millie who has been in charge of Young Peoples' Work.

Volunteers have assisted in meeting young women who are coming to the Canadian Women's Hostel where Miss Duff is the superintendent. Miss Duff co-operates by forwarding names of Presbyterian girls to Mrs. Wilson. A fine piece of work is done just here and our Societies and Churches in Toronto owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Wilson for her prompt and unflinching services in forwarding names to Secretaries.

Miss Margaret Allen, Hamilton. Besides hospital and congregational visiting, Miss Allen has charge of Women's and Mission Band work in St. Enoch's and St. David's Churches.

Miss Jean Howey, deaconess-in-charge for Winnipeg, has supervised the Girls' Friendly Club in addition to hospital visiting and Welcome and Welfare work. The ladies of the Winnipeg churches have shown kindly interest in the Girls' Club by entertaining them. A hostel for such girls is much needed and would provide suitable accommodation and opportunity for extension. Mrs. Howey reports more sickness and distress this year but with it, an increasing generosity which is a great encouragement and help.

Miss M. MacKenzie sends a splendid record for Honor Mission. The many people who have been under care and training are now able to take their places as teachers, Mission Band leaders and helpers. Two of the girls are looking forward to deaconess training. All who know of Mrs. MacKenzie's devoted service will congratulate her in seeing the fruit of her patient and faithful sewing and care, and rejoice with her sincerely. Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess-in-charge for Vancouver, has been appointed deaconess in charge for the Province of British Columbia for the rest of the year. Mrs. McLean commenced this duty in January and her work is already commending itself in the scattered and isolated places and will be very valuable.

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson has been appointed deaconess-in-charge for Vancouver City, commencing May 1st.

Welcome and Welfare:

The Welcome and Welfare Department aims to fulfil all that the name implies. To welcome newcomers to our country, to relate them as soon as possible to our Church and Church life, to help them to find a place amongst familiar scenes and faces, they will be happy and content as among friends.

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ORIENTALS IN CANADA

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Place	Start	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Mrs. E. Macqueen	1919
"	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
"	Miss Lily Chan	1926
"	Miss Sibyl Crawford	1929
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Esther Fong Dickman	1927
"	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1924
Toronto, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926
Brookville, Ont.	Miss Ethel C. Reid	1911
Montreal, Que.	Miss Hattie Jue	1927

Kindergarten classes for children of pre-school age are a feature of the work in the four large centres—Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal. The children attending these classes open the homes for the entrance of the teachers and missionary with the gospel message. Besides the daily lessons and songs learned in such classes, the scriptures and Christian hymns have a prominent place. Psalm 23, the Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and many single texts are memorized. Bible stories are told—the B.S. picture rolls being used to illustrate them. Gospel hymns are readily learned, for the children love to sing. Suitable prayers are taught. The seed of the word is being sown in the hearts of 117 children when the memory is most retentive and the heart most impressionable.

Victoria.—The kindergarten with 36 pupils, is taught by Miss Scott, with Miss Chan as assistant and interpreter. Twenty-seven of the more advanced and older children come in the afternoon for lessons under Mrs. Macqueen. An Auxiliary of 11 members is conducted by Mrs. Macqueen and Miss Chan, and a Mission Band of 40 members by Miss Scott. The study books have been used by both organizations. The Auxiliary has the distinction of having every member taking part. A box of children's supplies was prepared, valued at \$13.25. The offerings of the Auxiliary were \$26.65. Miss Scott has a music class of 28 pupils. Lessons are given to those connected with the mission. Mrs. Macqueen teaches English to 7 young women in their homes. The Bible is the text book. The B.S. has 40 pupils enrolled. All are memorizing scripture. Our three workers are teachers, David Lee, an ex-pupil is progressing with his medical studies in Shanghai. David Lee is supported by the Chinese of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ont., not Knox Church as was inadvertently stated in last year's report. A donation from the B.S. offering was given toward his expenses. Seven attend the night school.

Vancouver.—The kindergarten, with an enrollment of 35, was taught by Miss Lawrence and Miss Esther Fong Dickman. The Mission Band included "New Chums for Young Canadians" and "The Glad Tidings." They made scrap books, rag dolls, and work bags for the Supply department. Their offerings were \$14.85. There are 7 Home Helpers. The B.S. numbered 80. Verses and Catechism are memorized. There is a Grade roll of 45. A G.I.T. Group of 8 girls have given fine help in the Church activities. Seven girls receive instruction in music.

It was with deep regret we received the resignation of Miss Gertrude Scott in December. She has given valuable service. Miss Sibyl Crawford has been appointed in her place.

Montreal.—Mrs. Walker Martin, of Regina, a voluntary worker, has continued her faithful service. She has visited the Chinese at many points in the province and arranged a system of distributing literature monthly

to them. Miss Sibyl Crawford, a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, spent several months in the province last summer. She brought a gospel message to 30 of the women and left literature with them.

Toronto.—Miss Dickson, our missionary, has the language. Miss Thompson, the United Church appointee, assists in part of the work. The kindergarten, organized in October with 18 pupils, is held in the Chinese Y.M.C.I. on University Avenue. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held in July with an enrollment of 36. This proved very popular and was much appreciated by the parents. Eighteen children attended the Saturday afternoon class. Besides the devotional studies, sewing is taught and games enjoyed.

The Chinese Primary Department in Cooke's Church B.S. is in charge of Mrs. Dickson. There is an enrollment of 27. Miss Thompson takes the very little ones to and from the school in a motor car. Total Chinese offerings in the school were \$30.67. A service for women is held in Chinese on Sabbath afternoon. Mr. R. J. Lillico has contributed his much appreciated service of bringing the women and children in their homes and did not women are visited as often as possible. The women's sewing circle meets on Friday afternoon. They held a bazaar in November and netted \$21.00. Total offerings from all Chinese work were \$215.73; of this \$168.00 were sent to China to aid in famine relief.

During the last four months of the year Miss Dickson had to take an enforced rest because of illness. Mrs. Oldfield, a Missionary Auxiliary worker from South China, took the Sabbath class and visited the women for two months when Miss Luella Crockett, one of our missionaries from South China, was able to come and complete the year. Miss Mary Lambert has given very valuable aid to Miss Dickson with Saturday and Sunday afternoon meetings. She had charge of the Primary Department of the Bally Vearin Bible School. She receives a small honorarium. The Misses Blair and Bernath, students in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, gave much appreciated help on Saturday afternoon.

A monthly Sabbath service for women and girls is held in Hamilton, by Miss Dickson, and the women are visited in their homes. Two visits were made to Brimpton. No outside visiting was done during the last four months.

Brookville.—Five men, 2 women and 8 children returned to China during the year, 6 of these had professed faith in Christ and 7 were in Miss Davies' class. This is a fine contribution to the winning of China for Christ. There are 6 boys and girls in S.S. In the 14 towns visited there is a total of 367 Chinese, 17 of them are women and 23 children. Misses all receive Chinese literature for devotional study.

Montreal.—Miss Ethel C. Reid is our missionary at this centre. She is ably assisted by Miss Hattie Jue. The kindergarten is held in the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Dorchester St. The enrollment has grown from 14 in 1927 to 26 in 1928. Chinese reading and writing is taught as well as English. Very fine scripture memory work is done by these little folks. Several have recited without a mistake Psalm 23, the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments and have received prizes.

Mrs. Eraser Robertson, of Missesonville, has continued a much appreciated voluntary service two afternoons a week so that Miss Reid can carry the gospel message into the homes of the mothers. Quite a few are always ready to study a Bible lesson with her. Miss C. E. Cameron, of the Provincial Board, gave the children and their mothers a party which was much enjoyed.

A meeting is held monthly for women with a good attendance. The gospel message is listened to with increasing interest. Singing by the pupils of the school adds to the entertainment.

—Orientals in Canada

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Twelve places in Eastern Ontario and Quebec have been visited this time by Miss Reid. There are 24 women. Few speak English, they greatly appreciate the missionary's visit. In Ottawa, she had the privilege of addressing the Chinese Men's Bible Class. Once the women were invited to the mission to hear a gospel message and 6 of the 8 women and 15 children came.

The Christmas concert is a gala occasion in each centre for while much preparation is made by the teachers and pupils. Many interested friends join in the celebration. The Supply Department and special classes generously provide the gifts for mothers and children. A liberal gift of \$50.00 was given to Miss Reid by Stanley Church S.S. for the school in Montreal. It was applied on the purchase of a piano. Mr. Nelson, a valuable gift of 100 Chinese scripture calendars was made to the work by Mrs. Willis, of Shanghai.

Miss Dickson, Miss Reid and Mrs. Macquennan render the Society a fine service by giving inspirational addresses to Auxiliaries and Mission Bands in Montreal. Miss Jue and the children of the school are often asked to accompany Miss Reid to sing and recite their memory work.

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Secretary.

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK British Guiana

Place	Missionaries	Date of Appointment
New Amsterdam, Berbice	Miss A. M. Murray, B.A.	1928
"	Miss Ethel Barlow	1927
"	Mrs. W. A. Hunter	1927
Georgetown, Demerara	Mrs. J. B. Cropper	1927
Stadde, Essequibo	Mrs. R. G. Fisher	1927

After several months of delays and disappointments in securing a principal for the Girls' High School at New Amsterdam, Berbice, we were delighted and greatly heartened when Miss Mary Murray, of Milton, Quebec, a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, and of the Missionary and Domestic Training Home, Toronto, offered her services.

She left for British Guiana in June and after a very delightful trip was enthusiastically welcomed at Georgetown by all the missionaries of the colony. Unfortunately, soon after her arrival she became ill. She writes that "It was almost a pleasure to be ill, for I've those past weeks at St. George's Hope House with Dr. and Mrs. Cropper."

On October 15th she began her work with an attendance of 41 girls, representing all the races in the country, unfortunately, not as many of our own special people, the East Indians, as she and we would wish. The few she has are doing well. Previously, when there was no teacher in the school who was a university graduate, the two senior forms had to go to the Boys' High School for their classes, which is inadvisable. Now, however, by means of exchange of teachers with the Boys' High School, the difficulty is partly obviated. To carry on the work satisfactorily new and better teachers would be needed. The pupils there need so much individual attention, they do not seem to be able to study by themselves.

Miss Murray writes very happily and enthusiastically of her work and of her opportunities for service. While she conducts the school her own and other tasks, she does not devote all her energies to it. For, she writes, that she expects soon to re-designate the "Widening Workman."