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Welfare" which describes the work of **Miss Murray**)
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grant of \$1,000, but by gifts of equipment to the hospital. Miss Wilkins, who had been the capable Superintendent for five years, resigned in May. Miss Lily Simpson, now with Dr. Wilkie in India, supplied for three months, when Miss Cuddy, formerly of South Porcupine hospital, was appointed Superintendent. Miss Cuddy took up her new duties on September 1st, and under her efficient management, the hospital has done excellent work. The hearty co-operation of the doctors of Ganora has contributed greatly to the success of the work.

Vegreville, Alta.—The 'Rolland M. Boswell' Hospital situated in the town of Vegreville, ministers to a large foreign population. It is a twenty bed hospital, under the efficient superintendency of Miss McPherson, who has been Superintendent for five years, and is beloved by patients and staff alike. During the year, 374 patients were treated, 121 of these being surgical.

Extensive repairs have been made to the building, inside and out, which have not only improved the appearance of the hospital, but have added to the comfort and efficiency of the patients and staff.

Tribute must be paid to the splendid work of the Hospital Aid of Vegreville. The ladies have completely renovated the Nurses' Home, putting in a new furnace, and re-furnishing the sitting-room. They also gave a fruit shower for the hospital, which added 130 quarts of fruit, to the fruit cellar and to the enjoyment of the patients. Tribute also is paid to Dr. Reid for his loyal support and co-operation in everything affecting the welfare of the hospital.

(Mrs. J. M.) JESSIE A. POOLE,
Secretary.

Social Service

Deaconess Work—Welcome and Welfare

Another year of varied ministry is recorded by this Department. Reports show increasing interest, and faithful co-operation of, not only Secretaries and special workers, but by individual members everywhere who have welcomed the strangers, visited the sick, fed the hungry, and cared for those whose need claimed the 'greatest of these—love.'

OUR STAFF:

Miss Mary Murray, hospital visitor, Toronto, goes on her errands of mercy, carrying messages of comfort to the sick, and performing many acts of kindness such as, writing to friends, following up discharged patients and helping them in their homes, gathering lonely girls about her in her room or linking them up with some young women's club or Bible class. Her work of love takes her into our detention homes where she meets women and girls who have lost touch with every good influence and who have no one to stand beside them in their need of a friend. Miss Murray goes to these with sympathy and understanding, seeking to win them back to the high road.

Miss Annule Whitby is doing deaconess work in the Riverdale district, Toronto, for this year.

Miss Kate Lowther has been assigned to young people's work in Scott Institute.

Your Secretary regrets to report the resignation of Miss Ethel Gunn, special Jewish worker in Toronto and the removal by death of Miss Dandfields MacDonald, our much beloved worker in Scott Institute.

Miss Margaret Allan continues general deaconess work in Hamilton.

Miss Lily MacArthur, deaconess and port worker in Montreal, will be transferred to Quebec for the summer months to meet the increasing immigration service.

Miss Iris Munro, port worker in Montreal, will have an assistant for the summer months, Miss MacArthur and Miss Munro have organized a Girls' Club for newcomers which is very successful and much appreciated. The members of this Club provided Christmas cheer for some needy families among newcomers.

Miss Mary Hagill, deaconess, is assisting in recruiting church members, and scholars for the Sunday Schools in mission charges and new congregations in Montreal.

Miss E. I. Johnston served as a missionary deaconess in Cochrane for nine months. Miss Johnston speaks very appreciatively of the supply bases which were such a help in her work.

Mrs. Jean Howey, deaconess at large, Winnipeg, reports much relief work necessary. Sometimes she shelters needy newcomers in her home. The W. M. S. assists in this relief work by special contributions. A flourishing Girls' Friendly Club is a feature of the work here.

Mrs. Mackenzie, All People's Mission, Selkirk, Man. (Box 339), is missionary, teacher, preacher, and friend to the new Canadians and is making a valuable contribution to our Church in a work that is very encouraging and showing splendid results.

Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess at large, Vancouver. Welcoming strangers and reporting newcomers to the nearest church organization, visiting the sick in the home and hospitals, relief and social service particularly in the winter months, are some features of Mrs. McLean's service.

Mrs. E. A. Wright has been carrying on Sunday School and young people's work in the district of Murrayville, B.C., during the winter months, in the absence of the student missionary.

Miss E. R. Scott, port worker at Quebec, and Miss Lena Fraser (under the Eastern Division) at Halifax, are the first to greet our newcomers and to extend a kindly welcome in the name of our Church. Both of these members are exceedingly prompt and attentive.

The Welcome and Welfare of newcomers is another branch of our social service. Reports generally are satisfactory and show interest and co-operation wherever a Welcome and Welfare department exists. Much has been done by the first visit of the Secretary, but repeated visits are most necessary. This opportunity for service rests upon every member, and your Secretaries and workers appeal for support and assistance in the effort to make newcomers realize that there is a place for them in our church and community life. A leaflet is being prepared which will be available for all Secretaries to send with a letter to any who are too far away from a church to attend. An effort will be made to supply these families with Sunday School papers and literature which will help to keep them in touch with the Presbyterian Church. Additional part time workers are to be secured for stations work in some of our western cities.

Extracts from Provincial reports:

Alberta.—Miss Foote, Calgary: "More careful follow-up work. Families have been written to and supplied with Sunday School papers and visits made to the sick and shut-ins."

British Columbia.—Mrs. W. H. MacLennan, Victoria: "Better results, and more careful returns. Very helpful suggestion for leaflet. Mrs. McLean's work in Vancouver is much appreciated."

Winnipeg: "The work here though at
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London: "9,198 visits made, 3,580 Wel-
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choir or membership. Hospital visiting,
relief work, and some helpful suggestions
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Montreal: "Relief work, visiting the sick,
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Graham, Prince Albert: "Names of new-
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Mrs. C. W.) MABEL McMULLEN,

Secretary.

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Chinese in Canada

Place	Staff	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Mrs. E. Macquoen	1919
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Lily Chan	1926
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Lawrence	1926
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Esther Fong Dickman	1927
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
Montreal, Que.	Miss Ethel C. Reid	1911
Montreal, Que.	Miss Hattie Jue	1927
Brookville, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926

Our Women's Missionary Society is carrying on work from five centres: Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Brookville and Montreal. In four of these cities the work has been greatly helped by the fact that one or more of the workers speak the Chinese language. One addition has been made to the staff—Miss Hattie Jue in Montreal. In Vancouver, Miss Esther Fong Dickman has taken the place of Miss Ida Woo. A very important contribution to the work in Ontario has come through the appointment, by the General Board of Missions, of Bay, K. O. Yeung as their worker. The scholarship, genial nature and adaptability of this Christian gentleman has won for him a real place in the Chinese community. Although appointed primarily for men's work he is rendering valuable service for the women and children.

Victoria—Mrs. Macquoen has been visiting faithfully in the homes as well as carrying on class work. Five women have been given reading lessons. They can now read a little in the New Testament. The children's afternoon English class has grown from 17 to 23. The evening class for young men has 5 pupils. It is interesting to note that one member of this class, Mr. David Lee, is preparing for medical missionary work in China. His expenses are met by a Chinese class in Knox Presbyterian Church, Windsor, Ontario. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary membership is 10 but more attend the meetings. Their offerings were \$39.30 and nine bags for Bible women, valued at \$10. A noteworthy feature is that most of the members take part in the devotional exercises. The kindergarten, conducted by Miss Scott, has an enrollment of 46, with an average attendance of 30. The music class has 23 members. Each gets a half hour lesson a week. Seventeen are members of a music club which meets monthly for recital. The Mission Band has 43 members. The devotional exercises and mission study is followed by a sewing lesson. She teaches in night school and Sabbath school. The enrollment in the latter is 90.

Much prayer is being offered that many may be chosen witnesses for Christ. One of Miss Scott's class of ten girls has already graduated as a Sabbath School teacher.

Lily Chan has proved a faithful and efficient assistant and interpreter. She is Secretary for the W.M.S. and has a class in the primary department of the Sunday School.

Vancouver—Splendid progress has been made notwithstanding an enforced removal from the mission property to temporary quarters. The

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S. S. has a membership of 118. The Superintendent, Secretary and four teachers are Chinese. The primary department is in charge of Miss Esther Fong Dickman and Miss Daisy Yeung.

At the Christmas entertainment the programme, given by members of the school, was enhanced by addresses from Mr. Pillar, Provincial President, and Mrs. Herd, Presbyterian President. All the pupils received gifts. Mission Bands, Young Women's Auxiliaries and C.G.I.T. Groups made dolls and aprons for the girls. Prizes were presented to 24 pupils for regular attendance.

The Mission Band has an average attendance of 20. "Brave Adventurers" was studied. Alternating with the Band is a Bible and mission story hour with lantern slides.

The music class of 14 pupils has weekly lessons. The kindergarten has 19 children enrolled. The regular work is varied with Bible stories in Chinese by Miss Dickman. Four women get English lessons. This affords a fine opportunity for Christian teaching.

Night school is held. Valuable help was given by voluntary teachers from the various Presbyterian churches. Miss Dickman has given valued service with Miss Lawrence in every department.

Toronto.—There are about 60 women and 140 children in the home. Three families have returned to China, among them the Rev. T. K. Ma and his family. Mrs. Ma's going was a great loss to the women's work.

Through the courtesy of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Institute the women's and children's work is carried on in their building. The Sunday afternoon women's meeting, under Miss Dickson's leadership, has an average attendance of 10. Their offerings amounted to \$18.00. These were donated to the Chinese Home Missionary Society. A prayer service is held Friday afternoons. The Saturday afternoon children's class has 13 on the roll. Their work consists of sewing, kindergarten work, games, singing and a missionary story.

Miss Siyol Crawford, student from the Deaconess Home, has rendered splendid service especially among the children.

Miss Dickson is Superintendent of the Chinese Primary Department in Cooke's Church, S. S. There are 25 children on the roll. Their missionary offerings, of \$38.77, were sent to the Chinese Home Missionary Society. About 70 boys and girls are in the S. S.

A Christmas tree and supper was enjoyed by 19 mothers and 109 children. Quilts were presented to the women attending the Sunday afternoon service, through the kindness of the Supply Department. Mrs. Thomas of Todmorden, and Miss Heal of Calvin Church sent beautiful dolls, dressed by their S. S. classes. The Board Secretaries were remembered by gifts from the Chinese women which were much appreciated.

The older girls are enrolled in a C.G.I.T. Group led by Miss Marjory Mewat and Miss Stevenson.

Four women receive Chinese lessons from Miss Dickson. She holds a monthly Sabbath service in Hamilton, and has visited the women in Windsor, Chatham, London and Bradford.

Brookville.—Miss Davies visited the Chinese in Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Perth, Renfrew, Ottawa, Cardinal, Prescott, Belleville, Kingston and Brockville, leaving Christian literature. It was well received. In nine of these towns there are women and children. She takes a deep interest in their spiritual welfare. She remembers them all at Christmas with greetings and gifts. Twelve boys and girls are in the S. S. in Brockville, and the names of 4 babes on the cradle roll. During her vacation she visited the Chinese in Windsor, Walkerville and Stratford.

Miss Reid spent January in Windsor where there are some 700 Chinese. Eight are women. She visited these regularly and had the joy of seeing one baptized with her two children in St. Andrew's Church. She helped with the regular Chinese class each Sunday, giving a message in Chinese. She visited Chinese business places, distributing literature and giving a gospel message, also the Chinese in Chatham, Ingersoll and London.

In February, with Miss Dickson, she went to Montreal with a view to possible extension of the work. Miss Reid has continued there. In May a primary school was started in the Chinese Y.M.C.I. with Miss Hattie Yue as assistant. The enrollment is 14 and the parents are particularly pleased because Chinese instruction is given as well as English. Mrs. Fraser Robertson gives very valuable assistance two afternoons each week. There are about 44 Chinese women. These are visited and religious instruction given when possible.

A monthly meeting is held for the women with an attendance of from 16 to 15. A social hour follows the giving of the message. A most successful Christmas gathering was held at the Y.M.C.I. Beautiful quilts were presented to the mothers of the primary school children and useful gifts to the children through the kindness of the Supply department.

As opportunity offers, Miss Reid visits the towns in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, where Chinese reside, addressing many classes and services for men as well as ministering to the women and children.

Mary Auxiliaries and Mission Bands seek the help of Miss Reid and Miss Dickson in deepening their interest and increasing their knowledge of work among Chinese.

Miss Dickson, Miss Davies and Miss Reid attended the Eastern Canada Chinese Workers Conference held in London in November. Miss Dickson gave the closing address.

Special gifts.—The sum of \$44.85 was received by Miss Dickson from the Women's Auxiliary of Knox Church, Hamilton. It was given in memory of Miss Agnes Duhaime to be used for the purchase of Chinese literature. Gifts from Miss Longmore and Miss Margaret Duhaime were received for the same purpose. The Council Executive added \$50.00 to this fund and a small foundation has been laid for Chinese literature. Miss Heal's Sunday School class in Calvin Church, Toronto, made a gift of \$50.00 to Chinese work. This was applied on the salary of Miss Hattie Yue, Montreal. Starkey Church Sunday School in Montreal sent \$50.00 to assist in the primary work there.

This report cannot be closed without acknowledging a great debt of gratitude to the many faithful volunteer helpers who are giving much time and thought to the advancement of the work among the Chinese.

(Mrs. W. G.) JENNIE S. HANNA,

Secretary.