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1922 "Ninth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada"

"Work in Canada" section at this time includes sections entitled "Strangers' Department" & "Chinese":

"Strangers' Department" is basically about meeting ships, but no mention of Chinese and does not look useful except for section on **Miss Murray**:

(p. 100) Excerpt from the "Toronto" sub-heading of Stranger's Department report:

"Miss Murray visited in 5 of the largest hospitals and the Mercer Reformatory. There is need for separate apartments where patients leaving the hospital may meet her privately. There is also need for accommodation where homeless women, whose days of usefulness are passed, might be cared for, and for convalescents who are not public charges." [Report submitted by "(Mrs. J.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

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Chinese section - printed

"Social Service" section does not mention Miss Murray

List of officers shows all with Toronto addresses, although one of the "Honorary Presidents" was Mrs. J.C. Sharp, of Montreal.

President: Mrs. J. MacGillivray

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jas Wilson

Corresponding Secretary: Miss Bessie MacMurchy

the end of the year I found we had saved 57 cents per member, as well as the cost and trouble of shipping and packing. We have met all our obligations for the year for the schools, hospitals and reserves, besides helping in relief work on several mission fields, and still have on hand a good cash balance. We hope for another year it can be done for \$1.00 per member.

I must thank the Presbyterial Supply Secretaries for their kind and efficient help and desire to pay special tribute to Assiniboia Presbyterial and the extra task of clothing 112 children in their own Presbyterial, in addition to their money gift to the general fund. The task was tremendous, but surely their hearts must be filled with joy and the blessing of their Heavenly Father.

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,
Secretary.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

The important work of Christianizing the Chinese in Canada is, as formerly, carried on in the three important centres—Vancouver, Victoria, and Toronto. A great work is being done by our Church in every part of our Dominion, but that of our Woman's department is just in these three centres. We have approximately 700 Chinese women in Canada, the greater number being in Vancouver, as it is the port city. We can readily understand the loneliness of many of these women, who are not only strangers, but in many cases, unwelcome strangers.

Victoria.—Miss Cronkrite, with the able assistance of Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Louie, a Chinese Christian, carries on a most successful work among the Chinese women and their children. Mrs. Louie's support is undertaken by a class in one of the churches in Victoria. The kindergarten closed the year with 48 on the roll and an average attendance of 40, which is increased in fine weather to between 33 and 40. In the afternoon Mrs. Louie and Mrs. Leung carry on a school with 36 on the roll. Of these, two came only one month, seven do not pay, and the rest pay from \$6.00 to \$9.00 for six months, according to grade. Then an English afternoon school is held, with an average attendance of 17. There are 75 on the roll of the Sunday School, which has an average attendance of 45. The collection for the year amounted to \$58.41. This was the first year that no outside help, except \$6.00 for the Christmas treat, was given. There is an alive Mission Band with a membership of 21 and an average attendance of 14. The combined contributions of the Band and the Sunday School to Missions was \$13.07. There is a music club of 13. We deeply regret that its president, Miss Alice Chung, a sister of Dr. Victoria Chung, passed away during the summer—a great grief to all.

There were 60 on the roll of the night school before midsummer, but it fell to 38 after holidays, mainly owing to the policy of the School Board in the segregation of the Chinese.

One woman and two children were baptized. Of the 48 children in the kindergarten 17 are from Christian homes, and 26 families are represented in the Sunday School in the proportion of 9 Christian to 17 non-Christian, and in the kindergarten of 10 Christian to 16 non-Christian. We feel the work here is in a very encouraging state and the new Church building has been a source of great influence for good.

Vancouver.—Possession was taken of our new quarters in January, where Miss Harrison and Miss McCandley live and carry on work. The

securing of this house, so greatly needed, has been most gratifying. For the first six months the kindergarten was conducted in co-operation with the Methodists, but they withdrew, and Miss Harrison has since been carrying on the work alone. Since the 1st of October, there has been an enrolment of 16, with an average attendance of 8. On Tuesday afternoon a class, originally intended for the older girls, but now open to all ages, including the boys, is held. The first Tuesday is Mission Band day, which has been in charge of a voluntary worker. The other Tuesdays were devoted to sewing for the older girls, kindergarten for the smaller ones, and games and drawing for the boys. In June a cooking class was organized, meeting 2 Tuesdays a month, with an average attendance of six, Miss McCauley assisting. There has been an enrolment altogether for the Tuesday classes of 49. Three voluntary teachers helped during the year, and gave valuable assistance. A very delightful Halloween party was given, at which 55 were present, including seven women. The women have Thursday as their day, the first one in the month being a combination of the religious and social interests. It is conducted in Chinese, by one of the women, and is followed by a social cup of tea. The other Thursdays are devoted to lessons—English, sewing and music. Visiting is done in the different homes, and is proving to be one of the best methods for reaching the women. A very successful Christmas entertainment was held, at which over 200 were present, and something for every boy and girl was on the tree.

Toronto.—Miss Dickson has "carried on" in our home on Murray Street. She has also visited in Montreal, where there are 45 women; in Ottawa, where there are 8; Brockville, 6; Hamilton, 7; and one each in Kingston, Perth and Cornwall. Miss Dickson greatly regrets that her visits have been only hurried ones in passing. Ottawa is especially anxious to have systematic work begun. There are 60 women in Toronto at present. Two have returned to China. Two others came from St. Catharines; one of these has since returned there, and the other has gone to Brockville. One Christian woman went to Hamilton, and one has come from Oshawa. In her visiting Miss Dickson found 3 who could read Chinese fairly well, and who have enjoyed Happy Childhood greatly. A prayer-meeting is held every Friday, and the regular attendants can read more or less. Two of them are thinking of making a public profession, but as yet have not done so. The attendance rarely exceeds five or six, though as many as ten have been there; but the spirit of those attending is making it really worth while. Two receptions were held, one when the home on Murray Street was opened, on October 6th, and the other to bid farewell to Mrs. J. W. MacMillan, who, with her husband, has gone to South China. The women then presented her with a beautiful leather case as a token of their appreciation of all she had done for them. Thanks are due six voluntary workers, young ladies who have helped Miss Dickson so willingly with the care of the children, and in the singing. The Murray Street home is filling a long-felt want. The women feel so glad they have a place of their own. We ask for the increasing interest and prayers of our Canadian Christian women in these Chinese women in Canada, that the Gospel may take hold of their hearts.

(Mrs. A.) MARGARET HAMILTON,
Secretary.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The first step taken in this work was to send out through the Messenger a call to our members for:

(a) More personal service in reaching out to the lives of those of the church community, bringing them into closer relationship with the church—following the example of Jesus, who went about doing good;

(b) Closer co-operation with teachers in the Sunday School for follow-up work;

(c) A better welcome for the foreigner and deeper interest in his welfare.

(d) Co-operation with all Social Service work already started in the Church;

(e) Co-operation with all other religious bodies, organizations and institutions doing social service work in the community;

(f) The study of the needs and resources of the community, especially relating to children, and so building for the future.

In order to carry out the resolution passed by the W.M.S. at the Galt Council meeting in 1922, representatives of the Executive Board met the Advisory Committee of the Assembly's Board of Home Missions and Social Service to discuss the work of the W.M.S. Social Service department. At this meeting the W.M.S. stated that, as the Board of Home Missions and Social Service had asked them, as its auxiliary, to consider taking up this line of work, the Board should, through its Presbyteries' Committees, secure the co-operation of the ministers of our church before any special work be undertaken. The Advisory Committee agreed that if the work is to be a success such an understanding would be necessary. Representatives from our W.M.S. were asked to prepare an outline of what they considered should be presented to the full Board of Home Missions and Social Service, and to the ministry through Presbyteries' Committees. The W.M.S., in outlining this programme, considers that its policy must be a constructive one, especially relating itself to child welfare, and aiming to build around the child a deeper spiritual life, and a better home and community life—the outcome of which should be a better national life.

In order to carry this out, the following suggestions were approved by the Advisory Committee and the Executive Board of the W.M.S., and will be presented to Assembly's Board on March 20th:

First.—That in every Presbytery there shall be a conference between the Presbytery, the Presbyterial Society and, where possible, Presbyterian school inspectors and teachers, doctors, nurses, and any others who are deeply interested in making their community a better place in which to live.

Second.—That this conference consider the following:

1. Religious Education as part of the week-day programme: (a) Co-operate with the home, the school, the church, the community, to give religious instruction under competent teachers. This has been carried out in several centres, using the half-hour at the end of the school day allowed for this purpose by the Department of Education.

2. Vacation and leisure time of the child study in relation to:

- (a) Vacation Bible Schools,
- (b) Summer Camps,
- (c) Summer Schools,
- (d) Libraries with the story hour,
- (e) Playgrounds,
- (f) Child labor.

3. The child on the farm.

4. The child in industry.