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Mrs. MacLellan is Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

(p. 13) Miss A. Burdick was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$870.00 (8 months)

Miss Muriel Judd, Salary and expenses, (4 months) \$430.00

Miss Fay McTavish was Superintendent in Toronto, paid \$1200.00.

Vancouver - not listed? in the salary section, but Miss Yeandle still appears as staff in the Chinese in Canada section)

Miss Isabel D. Scott, position not given, Salary (4 months) Victoria, paid \$400.00

Mrs. C. Steinmetz, deaconess in the Hungarian congregation in Toronto, reports the people interested in extending Christ's work in their community and steadily assuming more financial responsibility for their own work. Besides the regular church visiting and activities, far more had to be done in giving comfort and encouragement to the people as letters poured in from Hungary telling of the loss of loved ones and the destitution and turmoil in the lives of those remaining. Money and clothing, especially quilts, sent through the Red Cross were generously given by the Hungarian Church people and the Supply Department. The work of the church must be carried on in English for the rising generation and in Hungarian for the sake of the parents who have played such an important part in founding and building the Hungarian Church in Toronto.

Mrs. M. Fezenko does regular deaconess work in the Ukrainian congregation and assists in the distribution of the paper *Evening Bell*. 500 copies of which are sent to Europe and elsewhere every month; to this paper Dr. Helen MacMurchy contributes helpful articles on "Health for Every Day", which are widely read. Parcels of clothing and warm blankets from the Supply Department and food given by the Ukrainian women were sent to European refugees. Young people who have come up through the Sunday School are now applying to the session for church membership. It is hoped to expand the work of the Sunday School, making it a community Sunday School, as soon as the necessary equipment, such as the sound film projector, is available. The choir is giving radio broadcasts and at Christmas raised \$149 by carol singing, and the Women's Association raised \$198 for the church. Mrs. Fezenko feels that this is the day of opportunity to aid Ukrainian people all over the world.

Miss Marjorie MacKay continued to visit patients in Weston Sanatorium each week, taught a Sunday School class there, and organized a G.I.T. group. With the Leaside congregation established in their new church and become self-sustaining, it was felt that they no longer needed a deaconess, especially as leaders had been found for all organizations. Therefore, after attending three camps as leader, Miss MacKay was transferred to work under the Presbytery of Victoria. On September 1st she left to take up her new work in Port Alberni, British Columbia. In June Miss Evelyn Walker, a graduate deaconess, was appointed to carry on the work in Weston Sanatorium and to work in Fairbank Church, Toronto. After a very successful six months' term of service Miss Walker was transferred to work for six months under Sarrisa Presbytery as deaconess at large.

In Cochrane Miss Ahalie Read conducted church services and Sunday School three Sundays a month and took the service at Timmins when Dr. Aitken preached at Cochrane. On May 12th Dr. Aitken held Communion and Baptist services at Cochrane. In the cold weather the attendance at church is about 20, but as the weather becomes warmer and when Dr. Aitken can be there the attendance reaches 35. Miss Read attended a mother-and-daughter banquet in Timmins and the annual Tentmaking Presbyterial meeting at Kirkland Lake. Families were visited at Nakina, Kapuskasing and other outlying points.

Miss Helen Ross reports that the work of the Protestant Churches in the Province of Quebec is becoming more difficult. Older people are of necessity having to give up the work and young people are leaving to find employment in more congenial places or are indifferent to the church. There are many small groups of young people, however, that could be interested if there were one or two travelling missionaries to guide and encourage them. Miss Ross spent time in St. Andrew's, Quebec City, in Sherbrooke, St. George de Beauce, Charry, Breakville and Val-

carier in regular deaconess work and conducting Daily Vacation Bible School. The visits of two missionaries on furlough, Miss Beattie MacMurchy and Miss Kennedy, were a source of inspiration to those who heard them. Senior and Junior Young People's Societies were organized in St. Andrew's, Quebec.

In Val d'Or Miss Muriel Judd held church services, trained the choir and conducted the Sunday School. Explorer groups and Mission Bands at Val d'Or and Perton were well attended. About a dozen nationalities were represented at a mother-and-daughter banquet held in Val d'Or with an attendance of 63. At the World Day of Prayer services, attended by Anglicans, United Church, Baptists and Presbyterians, Miss Judd gave the address and played the piano. The soloist was an English bride. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held and camps at the Scott camp grounds and Camp Lampman were attended. In September Miss Judd was transferred to the Chinese work in Montreal.

Our deaconesses, besides faithfully fulfilling their own obligations, have all responded nobly when called upon to take charge of church services, in case of need. Their reports all stress the thought that "Today is our greatest opportunity."

(MRS. A.) MAUD KENNEDY,
(MRS. K. B.) MARGARET SCHROEDER,
Secretaries.

Chinese in Canada

Location	Staff 1947	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1929
	Miss Grace Lee	1929
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1901
	Miss Susan Young	1901
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Fay McTavish	1940
	Miss Ruth Ma (part-time)	1942
Montreal, Que.	Miss Muriel Judd	1942
	Mrs. G. P. Louie	1942

Victoria. The children of the kindergarten and those attending at Chinese School in all centres of Chinese work are very helpful in paving the way for contact with the parents and for carrying the Gospel Message. It takes Miss Scott and Miss Lee about an hour to gather from a large scattered area the 35 children enrolled in the kindergarten. They learn their many hymns in both English and Chinese and dramatize some of their Bible stories. Birthdays are always remembered; often a child brings his cake to school for a party. The June and December closings are outstanding events; on both occasions this year the children were treated to fruit through the generosity of two of the parents.

As most of the sixteen members of the Senior Auxiliary speak only Chinese, their meetings are conducted in that language, each month a group leader having charge of the programme. Six members gave addresses, and the Rev. D. A. Smith, the Rev. Leung Mei Fong and a missionary nurse from Hong Kong, who speaks Cantonese were special speakers. There are seven faithful workers in the Young Women's Auxiliary, formed seven years ago. Each one always tries to bring a friend to the meeting, and all enjoyed the study of Africa. In May and September they met with the Senior Auxiliary. The women took up a "Charity Box" collection for a Christian orphanage in South China for little war victims and the Shining Light Girls' Guild gave the proceeds of their Easter tea. Till June the girls met after the Chinese

classes, having devotions, business and mission study, and also sewing, knitting, and playing games; a Valentine party and a Bunny Tea were special social events. In the autumn, unable to find a suitable time, they discontinued their meetings, but they helped with the Christmas concert. The Willing Helpers Mission Band met on Saturday morning once a month, using the book *My Wife's Two Villages*.

Miss Scott had 18 music pupils during the year; unfortunately as often have to give up their music, often never to resume it. As usual homes were visited regularly as well as patients in hospitals. Social events, such as weddings, birthday parties, etc., afford opportunities to meet other Chinese people.

In the Sunday School 64 pupils were enrolled, with five teachers; and there were 11 babies on the Cradle Roll. In July Bible Vacation School was held for three weeks, the pupils, after their regular work, helping to paint the schoolroom furniture. The Chinese School had 76 pupils in junior and senior classes. At their singing practice on Mondays, the words and music of hymns were learned. The children sing well together. The teaching of Scripture is part of the daily curriculum at the school.

With fair and friendly treatment the Chinese Canadians will be much more ready to hear the Christian message. It is very encouraging to see the young people acquiring a good education and being offered responsible positions which were formerly not open to Chinese here.

Vancouver. The congregation contributed \$300 to the Advance for Christ Fund, \$400 toward their minister's stipend, \$550 for repairs and painting of church and manse, and \$280 to the Budget.

The Auxiliary, which has 16 very faithful members, had a Library Secretary for the first time. To their annual meeting they invited friends from other Vancouver Auxiliaries and there were 65 present; one member and her husband provided the refreshments. The Esther Armstrong Young Women's Group gave \$10 to their church, \$20 to our General Fund (twice as much as last year), and \$3 for the Supply Fund. The Girls' Mission Club studied early missions to China and the Gospel of St. Luke. The girls are interested in cooking and prepared supper for several meetings. The Mission Band studied Africa and the Gospel of John. Altogether these missionary groups gave \$80.38 to the Women's Missionary Society. The three younger secretaries prepared their own reports, with very little help.

The Boys' Brigade had an attendance of 25. The Young People's Society, which had to close during the war, started again. The Sunday School had 116 children on the roll; it remained open all summer. At the Vacation Bible School the children learned about *Peter's Progress*, through the use of the felt-board.

"Gather the children—that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God and observe to do all the words of this law." This command is being carried out conscientiously in the Kindergarten, where 60 children are gathered each day under the capable leadership of Miss Yeandle. Miss Bennett's splendid services have been much appreciated since she left in the summer, but Mrs. Yuen's help is much missed. Miss Yuen taught three afternoons and two evenings all year at the Chinese School, where she and the Rev. Mr. Kwan had 76 children and young people.

To families and to the authorities all possible help has been given. Good things have happened, but also joyous ones. The joy of the children shown their sincerity, as they attend Sunday School and Mission Band regularly.

Toronto. A year without a minister! The faithful ones are getting ever and some of these are becoming so involved in other affairs that they are becoming inactive in church. A minister is needed, if we are to hold our work among the Chinese. The Sunday School, carried on as usual in Cooke's Church, had an attendance of 50, the highest in eight years; and four girls attended a Sunday afternoon Bible Class. The children gave \$15.37 to the Advance Fund; half of the Sunday School offering went to Cooke's to help a little towards their books and papers. The privileges they enjoyed there; the rest, \$42, they gave to the budget. The Kindergarten enrollment was about the same. Early in the year contagious diseases played havoc with the attendance, but the all showed a record enrollment of 25 children, with accommodation for only 14; with good weather, however, they could spend much time out doors. On account of the crushed stone in the yard the sand boxes could not be used.

The Mission Band met every other Saturday, with an average attendance of 16; \$6.80 was sent to the Presbyterian Treasurer. On the other Saturdays the Explorers' Group met, with eight members. The other girls were disappointed that there was no camp in the summer; some went to the United Church camp, held for the first time. This left two weeks. No Nursery School children could attend, owing to lack of help.

The young people hold a Sunday evening Fireside Hour once a month. They had small but excellent meetings, with splendid speakers. One of the two social meetings gifts were presented to two members turned from overseas. They sent \$5 to the Board of Missions and \$5 to the China Inland Mission. There are many Chinese young people in Toronto, many attending the University, and others who have been brought up in our Sunday School, and for them, as for others, there is great need of a young consecrated minister and his wife. It is too much to expect of our faithful and sincere deaconess, Miss McArthur, and her part-time assistant, Miss Ma, to carry this very heavy burden. There is so much visiting to be done and the families are so scattered. Then too, the children are often taken to visit other churches and sing at meetings, thus presenting the work in a very real way. The vaccination or toxoid treatments are usually attended to by mothers now; they are fortunate in having a Chinese Canadian doctor.

The Evening Auxiliary is a small group, with one Home Helper; their offerings amounted to \$22. The Ladies' Auxiliary met once a month at first and sometimes every week later on. In appreciation of the visiting done by Miss Dickson and her messages in Chinese at the meetings, they gave her a small gift; to Miss Lambert, who resigned after many years of faithful and loving service, they presented a gold watch. Mrs. Quan now leads the class. Chinese goods were not available at the bazaar, and it was held only one day, but with what the ladies had collected before, they raised \$500, of which \$30 was given to our society.

Ottawa. The twenty Chinese families and a large number of young people in Ottawa were without a teacher for over a year and a half. Miss Therine Reid carried on the work as well as she could, with occasional visits from the Rev. D. A. Smith, the Rev. Paul Chan, Dr. Noyes and Mr. Louis. The Chinese community and young people held a reception for the new teacher, Mr. Dong, who arrived on October 1st. Day school is opened and regular Sunday services in Chinese were begun. The young people meet on Saturday evenings for sports and, as usual, held

a banquet, to which they invited their families, friends, and former members who are away from home attending Universities.

Montreal. The parcelling of the site and building where services have been held for some years is under discussion. Mrs. Louie's work in connection with the canvass for money to help meet the cost took her as far as the West Coast, and she collected \$8,000. This canvass also gave her an opportunity to meet Chinese who had had no contact with Christians. These non-Christian Chinese gave money to help build a Christian church; now they are asking, "Where is the church?"

Miss Muriel Judd came to Montreal in September to take the position left vacant when Miss Burdick resigned. Her musical ability has meant a great deal to all, especially to the Rev. Paul Chan, for it made all the difference in the world to his service; quiet music changed the whole scene.

The Auxiliary usually meets twice a month, with about the same number of women. These ladies have not all been baptized but they attend church and Auxiliary quite regularly and give very generously to the church. They contributed \$25 to our General Fund, and in June sent \$100 (Hong Kong currency) to a church in Canton for the relief of refugees. The C.G.I.T. group has been reorganized, and the girls have begun to take music lessons. A Boys' Brigade has also been formed. This, with the Mission Band, there will be an organization for boys and girls from Kindergarten age up to the middle teens. Three of the children took part in the Thanksgiving pageant presented by members of various Presbyterian Mission Bands in Montreal.

Most of the visiting is done by Mrs. Louie and Mr. Chan as Miss Judd does not speak Chinese, but sometimes she accompanies Mrs. Louie. Mr. Chan has his Chinese School four afternoons a week after day school and, when possible, Miss Judd attends these classes, in order to learn some Chinese, that she may be able to say a few words to the people in their own language and follow the church services, which are in Chinese. At these classes, too, she sees the Chinese young people and they get to know her; and she helps with the social hour—an ideal way to win the youth, of whom we have a large number in Montreal.

(MRS. H. P.) KATHLEEN FERRIER,

Secretary.

Hospitals and Residence

In July 1938 our Women's Missionary Society opened the Rocky Mountain House Hospital in Alberta and for eight years continued to operate it. It was known as a Presbyterian centre all through the surrounding country; in it people of all nationalities received medical attention and, in a great many cases, were helped spiritually as well. During these years there were two Superintendents, Miss Irene McRae and Miss Hildur Hermanson. In July 1946 the hospital was taken over by the municipality.

The Weirdale Nursing Home had had to be closed because there was no longer a doctor in the district, and this year it was decided that the Women's Missionary Society would not again use it as a hospital.

The Saskatoon Residence, which has been under the direction of our Women's Missionary Society for nearly twenty years, has been discontinued as a residence for girls, the last of many such residences operated by our Society. Since the summer of 1946 it has been used by our Church for men students under the direction of a Special Committee.

(MRS. J. A.) HELEN K. McCUIRE,

Secretary.

Children's Centres

The Children's Centre, Vancouver. Miss Evangeline Vincent, Superintendent; Mrs. Cynthia Davies, Assistant.

Miss Vincent reports that the year 1946 has been one not so much of increase in the number of children and adults attending the Centre as of stabilization. This is due to two factors, a less shifting population and a greater interest on the part of parents in the work of the Centre. This has been a characteristic of all ages from the pre-school to the Explorer groups. Seventy-five homes were represented in the various groups and of this number only five families have moved from the district. This feature makes it possible for the group leaders to carry on a consistent piece of work both in the groups and in the follow-up work in the homes. This follow-up work is perhaps the most important part of the work of the Centre.

An enrolment of thirty-five children in the Mission Band brings an average attendance of twenty children twice a week. Thirty children enrolled as Explorers bring an average attendance of fifteen twice a week and thirty enrolled as pre-school children bring an average attendance of twenty-four children five times a week.

This year the need for a Sunday afternoon group was felt. This began in November and some marked interest has been shown by many members from all age groups attending during the week. Another feature of the work is the parents' meeting held twice a month.

In September the Centre was accredited by the D.V.A. as a training centre for students in Pre-School Education. One student has partially completed a course.

The alterations made to the house during the past year have added immeasurably to the scope and effectiveness of our work.

The Children's Centre, Montreal. Miss Isabel Taylor, Superintendent. This work has been carried on in Tyrdale House and under the Tyrdale House Board. Miss Isabel Taylor opened this work in January 1946 and also helped in conducting work among older children. She left the work on October 1st, to return to her former work in Formosa, and the work has been temporarily in charge of Miss Mary Chatterton, pending a permanent appointment.

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN.

St. Margaret's Girls' Centre

St. Margaret's Girls' Centre is now in its second year, having been opened with a dedicatory service by the Presbytery of Toronto, followed by a reception, on February 9th, 1946. It is an attractive, well equipped and suitably furnished house of eleven rooms, with a recreation room in the basement. It stands on a piece of ground terraced and elevated from the street. Last summer flowers and vegetables were grown in the garden and there is room for croquet and tennis.

The project was undertaken because we saw a very great need to assist young girls, and the main object is to provide a good home and Christian training for those who have been subjected to unsuitable conditions and unhappy circumstances in their homes and, therefore, have not learned to live normally. We take girls of 14, 15 and 16 years of age and the Centre is fortunately situated near good Public and High Schools.