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Section "Home Mission, Reports of Synodical Missionaries"; Sub-section headed "Non Anglo-Saxon Work," further sub-heading "Chinese Work in Canada" [report submitted by David A. Smith]
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Contributions of money for relief supplies amounted to \$77. This was spent for underwear for which there was always a great need.

A donation of five boxes of toilet soap was much appreciated.

Considerable correspondence was involved in answering letters of inquiry, and also in acknowledging the supplies. Acknowledgment has been made wherever possible, Mrs. W. G. Hanna assisting in this part of the work.

The task of repacking the clothing into large bales was a strenuous one, but most interesting. In this connection, mention must be made of the valuable assistance given by Mrs. Anderson, Ontario Provincial Supply Secretary; Mrs. J. A. McClure, Toronto Presbyterial Supply Secretary; Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. Rae, representatives from local congregations and students from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, also gave assistance.

Each bale contained clothing suitable for men, women, children and babies, also quilts and blankets, and weighed about 175 to 180 lbs. One hundred and ninety such bales were packed and shipped to the addresses forwarded by Mrs. H. R. Horne, our representative in Regina.

Regina.....	108	Arvola.....	2
Portage la Prairie.....	4	Heward.....	2
Sourthton.....	6	Prince Albert.....	2
Tisdale.....	2	Rockgen.....	4
McMahon.....	2	Cyrno.....	2
Estevan.....	3	Divide.....	2
Winnipegosis.....	2	Panburn.....	5
Melita.....	3	Weyburn.....	12
Kimling.....	4	Broadyview.....	3
Swift Current.....	2	Barvas.....	2
Moosomin.....	8	Robsart.....	4
Bitterest.....	4	Maple Creek.....	2

These bales, sent by congregations, are in addition to the supplies that the W.M.S. has provided for its regular work.

The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways granted free transportation to bales marked "Western Relief".

The first relief bales were shipped on October 23rd, and from that date till the middle of January, shipments have been made every week, sometimes two and three times a week.

Numerous letters have been received from our western neighbours, gratefully acknowledging the generosity of the east.

(Mrs. W. H.) VIOLLET M. FLETCHER.

Non Anglo-Saxon Work

CHINESE WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese population throughout Canada remains much the same at 55,000 with 50 per cent of these in British Columbia and half of that number in greater Vancouver. Chinese home life is on the increase, with the growing up of native born girls. Again the tendency on the part of the Chinese is to spread out into the smaller towns. This makes the difficulty of reaching them greater, unless it is done, more and more, through local Canadian churches. For the first time in the history of Chinese residency in Canada, Chinese have been compelled, because of severe unemployment conditions, to accept city relief. Even now, however, it is true only of one or two places. The local Chinese Benevolent Bodies have always cared for their own indigent people.

Workers. We have 19 workers on the field. There are 10 Chinese and 9 Canadian. Four are workers on part-time. The policy prevailing in women's and children's work is to have one Chinese and one Canadian worker. This makes for greater efficiency. With the setting up of this policy, Victoria Mission has only three workers to-day instead of six. This means great saving, with no impairing at all of the work. Vancouver has also half a worker less than formerly. Two new workers came to us during the year—Miss Ruth Yandle in Vancouver, a graduate nurse, and Miss Grace Lee in Victoria, a highly trained Chinese worker. With the marriage of Miss Ethel Reid in Canton, China, we have lost a very valuable connecting link with our work in Canada. Again, Mr. T. Y. Lee, our Chinese Teacher of Victoria, is now stationed in the Ottawa Chinese Mission. This mission is financed entirely locally. Mr. Lee, because of his scholarship is a great asset. This is the first time the Ottawa mission has had a man of its own.

One would like to mention the fine body of voluntary workers from Halifax to Victoria. This is a most necessary part of our staff. Several new classes were begun during the year in outlying districts, because of them, and consequently much new personal interest shown in the Chinese.

The Field. Work is carried on at 10 organized points, including Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Brockville, Windsor, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria. There are also 25 Bible Class groups in the different Canadian churches.

Toronto. The work here is centred in the Chinese Y.M.C.I. The building is owned and administered by the Chinese themselves. Fine work has been done by this Institute—affecting the whole of Ontario. Our Church supplies the missionary, and made a grant last year of \$300. The United Church, which was formerly associated in this work, has withdrawn from the Institute entirely. Cooke's Church, Toronto, has a large Chinese Primary Sunday School.

Vancouver. We have completed our first year in our new mission building. Comparing the past with the present, it is like comparing night with day. There is greatly increased interest and attendance in all departments. The Chinese have a real pride now in their own place of worship, and so are meeting their new responsibilities gladly. There are one or two things that are worthy of note. The increasing number of Chinese women attending. Systematic visiting is now done. We are holding a big band of growing young people. The Chinese are themselves financing the whole salary of a Chinese teacher. The total revenue for last year was \$2,489. Prior to 1931 the greatest total amount ever raised by the mission was never more than \$550. The new running expenses alone are \$740. For this the Chinese congregation is responsible. Last year they also increased their Budget giving—while the new Chinese W.M.S. raised \$24. The congregation also raised \$450 toward their part of the Building Fund. All these things are told in order to indicate the new spirit both of giving and interest.

Literature. Much progress has been made recently in the distribution of Chinese Christian Literature. This includes Tracts, S.S. supplies to families, and Bibles. Great stress is put, by our Chinese preachers, on the distribution of Bibles in Chinese. The New Testament, and particularly the Gospels are most helpful. The Chinese prefer these to anything else. They want to read for themselves, without interpretation, the life of Jesus, and what He says and teaches. Many applications have been made for these. Alberta is now added to the list of provinces for the organized distribution of S.S. literature. This makes five provinces in all now. It is meeting with great success.

Work Among the Young. The work among the young is still holding the forefront. They are growing up, and on them largely depends the future of our work. Through them we get an entrance to non-Christian homes. This brings the mother to our services, and classes. We have two Chinese W.M.S. now and four C.G.I.T. A Young Women's Association was organized recently. We have also Boys' Groups, Mission Bands, Music Chubs, Prayer Groups and Cradle Rolls. One of the encouraging features of our work this last year was the installing of four native born Chinese S.S. teachers. This is an entirely new departure and best indicates the

trend of the Mission. This is the fruit of many years of missionary labour. *Christianity among the Chinese is but two or three generations old.* It is but taking root, but it is taking root. I wonder if a recent Christian Chinese proselyt means anything to us. It said, "Mark well, China is destined from its trend to be a great Christian nation." These words are worth weighing.

More and more young Chinese are setting their minds to Christian service. We already have several in training, and there are many who are anxious for training when opportunity offers. The needs of China are great. Native Christian workers are essential to its salvation. Every Chinese man, woman and child in Canada is a potential missionary to that needy land.

Dr. Koo, celebrated Chinese Leader, discussing China recently said: "The incalculating of sound character, and the promotion of the true spirit of service surpasses in importance any political or economic consideration in China to-day." This was said before the present outbreak of hostilities. The only power to accomplish this for any people is God, through Jesus Christ. China and the Chinese are changing fast. Not a slackening, but a tightening up, of our prayer and missionary interest is needed. By Chinese work in Canada we are not only solving our own mission problem, but that great one also beyond the seas.

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID A. SMITH.

SCANDINAVIAN MISSION BRITISH COLUMBIA

This last year has been a very trying one. But through it all we have found that "God is faithful. Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." "My grace is sufficient for thee." "My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Whatever we go we find people on relief. Our men are struggling on, trying to get along even without some of the necessities of life. The few that have money and work show a splendid Christian spirit of brotherhood in helping and supporting those who are in need, thus helping to inspire courage and hope.

A few of the immigrants who have been in the country only a short while have been sent home, and hundreds of others went back to their respective homelands of their own accord. In looking over my records I find the mission has enrolled nearly 800 members, and they are now scattered all over the Dominion. A few members in Vancouver, a few in Port Alberni, some in Prince Rupert, Queensboro and many other places. Some have united with the English speaking churches, and quite a few have died, happy in the faith and are now united with the Church triumphant. As soon as the clouds of depression have rolled away, when the lumber camps and mills start up, we expect most of our working forces back to take their places in developing this great western country.

Have received very urgent letters from Prince George. Many of our people have gone in there and some of them are gathering up wealth, and that is a dangerous position without a church home. And now we learn that the P.C.E. Railway is sold and the new owners are pledged to spend several million dollars in extending the road, and the interior of British Columbia will bustle with activity, beginning this summer, and hundreds of our people will gather around Prince George. I am planning a trip there soon.

With a hopeful view of the future and our hearts set on the promises of God we are marching on to victory.

Yours in His name,

J. J. PETERSON.

HUNGARIAN WORK

No review of any organization while reporting for the past year would fail to mention in way of explanation of its difficulties, the depression. Perhaps the most recent settlers in Ontario are the Hungarians. But, in spite of the fact that in some of our congregations unemployment reached the 80 per cent mark, the work of the Church advanced in every respect. There were many who left for the old country or settled on small farms, or otherwise scattered, yet, through the efforts of the ministers and elders, the congregations regained their numerical strength. But what has been gained by the negative influence of hard times, when the Church had an opportunity to serve the people in various ways and when friendships were tried, when self-sacrifice was brought into play daily, no one can tell.

Toronto and Oshawa under the leadership of Rev. Charles Kovacs, M.Th., are making progress. In Toronto there are 70 members and about the same number of adherents. The attendance at services is about 50 or more, averaging 75 per cent. There were no deaths, but 10 marriages and 7 baptisms were administered, showing a healthy growth. The social activities among the young people and children gained during 1931 with the assistance of a part-time deaconess. The cottage services recently inaugurated proved a source of spiritual blessings. In Oshawa the membership somewhat decreased, it being now about 20, but the attendance—every other Sunday—is good.

Hamilton. In this city the Hungarian work is carried on under limitations. A building is the great need, after six years of "floating" in different parts of the city. Since it became known that the purchase of Old Westminster Church at Barton and Sherman Ave. is out of question, the congregation is now bending its energy to build a modest church home shortly. All the necessary labour will be voluntary and it is hoped that materials could be purchased at very low prices, so that the congregation will not be burdened by heavy mortgages. A new building fund is canvassed for with good results so far. The membership remains the same as the loss by dismissals was made up by additions. Attendance at services was kept up even during the winter months, although no heat has been supplied for sake of economy. Cottage services were held with 20 to 30 attending. The Summer School was attended by 25 children, 3 were confirmed, 15 children baptized. Aid of the minister was sought in about 1,500 cases during the last year. Through lectures on Hungarian immigration, missions and several concerts, valuable contacts with native-born Canadians were further developed. It is very important that all churches contributing toward the missionary enterprises should know exactly what is being done by the Church at large. The minister, Frank Kovacs, besides looking after his own Hungarian congregation at Hamilton, is caring for "sister churches" at *Caledonia, Guelph and Brantford*, where the membership is about 25 at each place and monthly services are held, the congregations being made up of farmers of the respective districts.

The *Frugiel*, or *Hungarian Observer* is also published and edited by the Hamilton missionary. It is issued in 2,000 copies and goes not only to Hungarian Presbyterians in large centres, but to western farmers and scattered groups as well. The Hungarian immigrants get it at the ports as they arrive. This paper is issued monthly and is self-supporting.

Weland and Port Colborne. These congregations advanced during the last year in every way. Their membership increased, the Sunday School was added to, attendance was good. Eight couples were married and 15 children baptized. Great interest was shown toward all activities of the Church. The women and young people made especially commendable progress. The session is doing everything to assist the minister, Rev. Frank Nagy, M.Th. One of the elders declared at the last congregational meeting, while encouraging his associates: "I will rather neglect my private affairs, but will take time for the conscientious and prompt attendance on God's work!" The advantage of having a settlement building for Sunday School and social activities is fully appreciated by the Hungarians of Weland. Education and wholesome recreation accomplish much especially among the unemployed, where mere words of encouragement may fail.

along definite denominational lines, but serves rather the whole community what is known as the Beach Road district (surrounded by railways, factories, etc., like a little village), our Church may well congratulate itself for having in due time stepped in to take hold of the population through the young. The Neighbourhood House is doing a real constructive work in the part of Hamilton where it is most needed. The attendance at the various activities being about 50 per cent Non Anglo-Saxon, and that part composed of 17 different nationalities, the importance of the House in such polygot neighbourhood is evident. In most departments the work advanced, especially marked was the progress among the boys, but it must be stated with regret that after having fostered it for several years, and having supplied a large number of girls for it, the girl guide movement deemed it wise to take the troop away to a nearby location. Such is the disadvantage of entrusting an outside organization with the care of our young. But the Neighbourhood House has learned long ago what self-sacrifice means and while it was bled frequently by similar operations, it always grew back into its proper size and importance in the affected department.

Outside of the minister in charge and the two full-time workers, a part time boys' worker is engaged and nine volunteers who assist in work with various groups from one to three periods per week.

The total enrolment in Sunday School and various clubs at present is 454. The total attendance at all activities during the last year was 25,716, the average monthly attendance being 2,338, the greatest attendance (monthly) 2,967.

Activities include a weekly church service; Sunday School; mothers' club; five clubs for girls of different ages, always well attended and interesting programme provided; girl guides removed during the year; four clubs for boys, two of them being under the guidance of the Big Brothers' Movement; Saturday playtime for children under ten, baby clinic under the direction of the Babies' Dispensary Guild and piano lessons; kindergarten five days a week.

This year, as usual, the Daily Vacation Bible School was held with an enrolment of 159 and an average attendance of 99. Following up the success of the previous Vacation School's Bible Lesson series, this time a course was given in the New Testament, the lessons being grouped around the life of Christ. The encouraging result justified the effort of the paid and volunteer workers. After Bible lessons, memory work and song-time followed and handwork of various types.

Aside from the regular work, men and women of the neighbourhood claim the attention of the workers with their various problems.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK KOVACS.

Redemptive Home, Toronto

During 1931 this Home cared for 41 girls and 27 children. Thirty girls and 24 children were received during the year.

Nature of case: Maternity, 27; discipline, 3.

Religious denominations: Presbyterian, 16; Anglican, 7; United Church, 6; Baptist, 1.

Discharged during the year—28.

Returned to parents or guardians, 16; secured positions, 9; married, 1; returned to school, 1; began training as nurse, 1.

Children adopted, 13; foster homes, 8; under care of Home, 6.

We are encouraged greatly because of the response our girls have made to religious training during the year. Each one has made a firm resolve to live a life worthy of a good citizen.

The spiritual change in their lives is wonderful and we fully realize the power of God helping us fulfill His commands.

The girls are grateful to the Home for giving them a fresh start toward making life a success.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

North Formosa

EVANGELISTIC WORK

Because of the fact that next year is to be the 60th anniversary of the Missionary Society, it was decided to commemorate the event throughout the Church. Presbytery wished in some way to stress evangelism as one of the means of celebrating the anniversary. This evangelism was to take two forms,—one the holding of meetings for the evangelization of non-Christians, and the other to encourage all the Christians to aggressively engage in personal evangelism. All the preachers were to call for many volunteers as possible to join in this endeavour, and to assist the preacher in holding meetings and also to pledge themselves to definitely attempt to lead at least one person to Christ during the year. In some churches there are from fifteen to twenty who have thus volunteered, and have been working with the preacher towards this end.

One rather striking incident of this effort has come to our attention. A man was a leper was pronounced free of symptoms at the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Leprosy Clinic a little over a year ago. While taking his leprosy treatments he had heard the Gospel, believed, and was baptized. When the preacher he had heard the Gospel, believed, and was baptized. When the preacher he eagerly volunteered and said that he would not be satisfied to win one only, that his ambition was to win many during the year. He spent a good deal of calling on his friends and soon had twenty people coming to hear the Gospel for the first time. Five of these a short time ago asked for baptism, and three of them accepted, the other two not yet being familiar enough with the Gospel. It is early to know what the results of this kind of work will be, but we trust that year's effort along this line is only a beginning, and will not cease at the end of the year.

Several churches have conducted evangelistic campaigns at different times during the year, and in every case of which we have received reports, they have unexcelled opportunities from the standpoint of persons in attendance and the nations with which they have listened. The Evangelistic Band this year was increased in number from two to three, and they also report unusual opportunities from beginning of the year to the present.

None of the male missionaries have been able to engage in full-time evangelistic work this year because of institutional work, but have been going to the churches helping with evangelistic meetings in various places as time permitted.

Miss Ramsay has been engaged in evangelistic work in the country the greater part of the year, holding classes for women and girls, conducting women's meetings in the homes, and helping with Sunday School work. Mrs. Koa and Bible women have also been engaged in similar work, and have given encouraging reports of their work in many quarters.

In July a ten day preachers' conference was held in Tamsui, in which the presence as well as the missionaries from the English Presbyterian Church in the southern island joined us. This was the first time since the early days of the mission such a union conference between the two missions has been held.

TAMSUI METHODIST SCHOOL

In March, 1931, nine students received graduation diplomas. Three of graduates entered the Theological College.

The opening of the new year in April, found the enrollment at a higher than ever before, namely two hundred and sixty-three boys. Though the number of applicants had fallen off, undoubtedly in part due to the depression, yet, the cause kept numbers of pupils in the higher years from going to Japan, as we then had hoped to do. Thus we have had a full school, with unusually large numbers in the fourth and fifth years.