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Notes below are from Appendices:

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Mission Report,"
Section "Home Mission Report, Reports of Synodical Missionaries"; Sub-section headed "Northern Ontario and Manitoba" [report submitted by "W. M. MacKay, *Synodical Missionary*"]

Just printed pp. 10-11 as an example of the optimism and high regard for missionary work expressed in the concluding paragraph.

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Mission Report,"
Section "Home Mission Report, Reports of Synodical Missionaries";

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Sub-section headed (p.21) "Chinese Work in Canada" [report submitted by David A. Smith]

**Photo-copied from York U copy, pp. 20-21.

Sub-heading: "II. The work among the young Chinese has been particularly promising. Their case is especially exercising the minds of the older people. They are in the transition stage between the older customs of China, and the new ones of Canada. As a leading Chinese man put it - "They are neither fish nor fowl, and so tend to make both peoples lose patience with them." The public schools do not give what the Chinese speaking parents find it hard to impart. "So," said this man, "a special burden is laid on the Church to bridge this gap, and give the needed training." This we are doing." ...

"**The New Life Movement in China**, concerned very much with both of these matters referred to, dancing and smoking, is being very definitely reflected over here, and is bearing fruit. Special pains are being taken to develop this young leadership for on it depends the Christian outcome of all our work and the future place of the Chinese in Canadian life."

Sub-heading "IV. A word ought to be inserted here about the way the Chinese are measuring up to their financial obligations in this work. For the first time in the history of the work in Toronto, a donation to our Misison Work was made by the Chinese. \$30 was sent to the Women's Missionary Society. This is a welcome gesture and we are hoping it is the forerunner of new contacts of this kind." More on donations given in other congregations, esp. in BC.

"Report of Work of the Women's Misisonary Society (W.D.)" [WD is Western Division, which includes Ontario]. This report begins on p. 68. Report submitted by "The Council

Executive of the Women's Missionary Society" and is signed by "Elizabeth Forsyth, *Recording Secretary*" and **Beatrice A. McLennan, President**. McLennan is cited in the Velma Demerson article from the Toronto Star. [This is a summary of the 200+ page reports of the Women's Missionary Society, which are on microfilm]

(p.68) Finances for "National Missions." [There is also a separate, slightly larger budget, for "Overseas Missions" (p. 69)including only \$1,850.00 for "China and South China" – much less than for the Chinese in Canada.]

Budget estimate for 1936 includes line item of \$9,200 for "Chinese in Canada" [this is out of a total budget of \$57, 745.00. [Some of the other items covered under National Missions include Hospitals (\$8,850.00), Presbyterian Residences, Indian Schools – Presbyterians operated three of these - Birtle, Man., Mistawasis, Sask., and Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora ,Ont.]

(p.69) There is also a "Statement of Trust Funds as on December 31st, 1935" which includes a line item of \$1,329.09 for "Fund for education of Chinese girl" [singular - not girls]

(p. 70) Excerpt from the report of work. Sub-heading "Chinese in Canada"

"Our Chinese friends are realizing more and more their responsibility to the Women's Missionary Society. In Vancouver and Victoria our Auxiliaries met their full allocation, while the Chinese ladies in Toronto made a substantial contribution to the funds of the Society, as well as sending a large sum to China for Christian work. In the hope of extending our work, a survey of Saskatchewan was made, and a similar survey will, we trust, soon be made in the other provinces. Our workers continue to devote themselves to the cause with untiring energy and zeal ,and we are all very grateful for the signs of encouragement in 1935." [This is the entire entry]

(p. 71) Sub-heading "Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Work"

Excerpt: "**Miss Murray**, in Toronto, visits women in 7 large hospitals and the Mercer Reformatory. She was assisted by Miss Hugill, formerly in Ottawa, during the last five months of the year." [The list of staff on p. 76 has "Miss Mary Murray, 36 Churchill Ave." listed under "Deaconess – Welcome and Welfare"]

(p. 71) Sub-heading "Supply Department"

Excerpt:

"5. Chinese in Canada. Our workers in Montreal, Brockville, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria, were provided with Christmas gifts for the Chinese women and children who attend the various classes."

Both CN and CP railways carried free of charge (p. 72) "bales of second-hand clothing for distribution on the mission fields of our Church" [esp. Indian Reserves] and (p. 75) church literature.

from p.76 "Names and Addresses of W.M.S. Staff" **Miss Mary Murray** still at 36 Churchill Ave.