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

Continuation of the sad state of affairs in **Saskatchewan** – devastation due to poor crops, out-migration, hardships faced by those who remain, difficulty of paying the ministers, etc.

General feeling that there is a need for more missionaries in northern mining towns, but no specific mention of Chinese men or white wives.

Sub-section: "Chinese Work in Canada, 1938" [report submitted by David A. Smith]  
Great concern about how situation in China affects work in Canada. (p. 14) It has been "a year filled with much anxiety and sadness. Despite that, or, maybe, because of that, there has been in all departments of our work, a deepening interest in our Christian message." ...

(p. 15) Sub-heading: "*V. The Young People.*" ... Continued discussion of the significance of **Chiang Kai Shek's profession of Christian faith.** "A short time ago, General Chiang Kai Shek made this avowal, "I am a true follower of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and his revolution, based on his principles, but I found that I had to take a further step and become a (p. 16) follower of Jesus Christ." This is a far-reaching and significant statement and is having a profound effect on Chinese life." ...

(p. 16) Sub-heading: "*VI. Other Mission Activities.*" And within that, further sub-heading, "**(b) Mixed Marriages. – In Toronto, under Mrs. Adams, formerly a missionary in North China, an excellent piece of work is being done among white women married to Chinese. This is a difficult work, but one that demands attention. There are almost 200 such women in the city. Visiting in the homes, weekly meetings for hand work and Bible Study, are proving most helpful. This year the class decided to work for the support of a Bible woman in our Manchuria mission. In Montreal there is also a very pressing problem of intermarriage. Plans are now being considered to meet this need also.**"

(p. 17) Sub-heading "*IX. The Oriental Problem in B.C.* – The discussion of this difficult problem has greatly increased of recent months. Especially does this apply to the rapid growth of the Japanese population in that Province. While that does not particularly come under the review of our report this matter has a most direct bearing one the less on our Chinese work, since what is said about one section of the Oriental population in time and in turn, is usually applied to all. Regarding the solution of this problem this may be said, that while many persons and parties are ardently discussing it, few constructive suggestions are advanced. The Church, in the meantime is at work solving it through Him, who alone has

power so to do. That being the case, at no point, therefore, must the Church slacken its interest or its effort, but rather redouble it, FOR HIS IS THE WAY.”