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No concern mentioned about Eurasian children or mixed marriages.

interest in the establishment of preaching Services shown. A request has come from Westminster Presbytery asking for the appointment of a Hungarian student for the summer, if one is available, and that work among the Hungarian people be established, with Abbotsford as centre.

This brief outline tells something of the work being done throughout the Synod. With the end of the war in the Pacific great changes are expected on the British Columbia coast. Already there are signs of far reaching developments.

National Selective Service, and B.C. Rehabilitation Officers, predict for post-war British Columbia the greatest Rehabilitation problem in the whole Dominion and are preparing accordingly. A great influx of ex-service men is certainly expected. Ever so many men in the armed Forces have already signified their intention of settling on the B.C. coast. This, together with the constant trek of Eastern workers, particularly from the Prairies, is demanding on the part of the Government serious consideration.

The Superintendent of Schools in Vancouver makes the statement that "In four years the number of primary school children in the city will be doubled." The schools are planning accordingly.

So, too, must the Church prepare in anticipation of this opportunity and need. It is a real mission challenge. We must not fail to meet it.

Not long ago General Smuts said, "Fundamentally the Church has no need of a new order, or a new plan but only the courageous application of the historic Christian idea."

Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten Son, said, "Go . . . and preach" . . . "All power is given unto Me . . . (to, therefore, and Lo, I am with you alway." This is His command, and His promise.

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Work Among Non-English-Speaking Groups

CHINESE WORK IN CANADA

Reviewing the work of the past year among the Chinese in Canada, one sees many reasons for praise and thankfulness. God has been good to us, despite the drawbacks and tragedies of another year of war—the 7th year for the Chinese people. There are many evidences of progress, and resultant blessing, both for the Chinese and the Church.

A non-Christian Chinese parent, whose child comes to us, said this one day, "I like your place. There is no other Chinese organization to teach our Chinese kiddies the 'good life', and tell them about God".

1. The Dominion census, 1941, shows a Chinese population in Canada of approximately 33,000. Many of the older men, who came here in the early days, are dying off. The Rev. Y. N. Kwan, in Vancouver alone, had 37 funerals during the year. On the other hand there is a marked increase of Chinese family life in Canada, through the increase of marriages among the Canadian-born Chinese young men and women. This is having a fine effect in the building up of Chinese home life—a decided improvement over the past, when home life was rare, because men, resident here, were not (and are not yet) permitted by law to bring their wives and children to Canada.

2. There were not many changes in the staff during the year. Mr. F. Y. Louis for so many years our Chinese teacher in Vancouver has gone to work in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. He goes not only as a teacher but a preacher as well. His decision to become a preacher is most gratifying, and brings credit and blessing to our Mission in Canada. His wife was formerly our Chinese Bible woman in Vancouver.

In the death of Miss H. W. Davies of Brockville a great loss. Miss Davies spent most of her life working among the Chinese in Br. Ontario. For some time she was given an honorarium by the W. services. She was much beloved by all the Chinese and greatly mis

Miss Susan Yeung, who for over five years has assisted us signed. She goes to the Eastern United States. She is con' awaiting permission to enter. Miss Yeung has given us excell Chinese speaker, and a first class Kindergarten Teacher, havi. China before coming to Canada.

We note with pleasure the marriage of Miss Pansy Yeung, our W.M. some years in Toronto. She is the daughter of Rev. K. H. Yeung, and married Dick Woo, one of our Vancouver elders.

Miss Alice Gee, a product of our Victoria Mission, is now resident in the Deaconess Training School, Toronto. Miss Gee has been for some years in the Civil Service Department in Ottawa, but is now studying with a view to Christian teaching in China.

Altogether we have 14 Workers in the Field, eight of whom are Chinese. We would again pay tribute to the fine band of faithful laymen and women, across the Dominion, who, every week in churches and in homes, give of their time and talent, to make possible our larger work among the Chinese in outlying places. Their interest and prayerful service is of outstanding value.

3. The preaching of the Word by means of literature is still of prime importance. Tracts and Scripture portions, both in English and Chinese have been sent out in the different Provinces. Such literature has proved a splendid means of introduction when we visit the homes, and places of business. In this way explanations of the Church's Work can be given, as well as Gospel teaching.

4. Much visiting was carried out during the year in the homes and business places. This work is of paramount importance. There personal contacts are made, confidences encouraged, and prejudices broken down. Here, too, are opportunities offered for intimate Bible study, and prayer.

Among those who, last year, gave a heartfelt welcome to our Workers is an old Chinese lady who is not able to walk to Church. She is indeed a link with that older Chinese era when many Chinese women could not walk to Church. She has bound feet. But, as she says, "she loves God's Word and wants to hear it read".

5. Let us outline, briefly, several items of interest and importance in connection with the work, which show progress.

(a) In Montreal a communion roll has now been instituted, and, last June, three Chinese Elders were ordained and inducted. All departments of the congregation are being organized and steadily built up. The lease on our Church Building in Montreal expires in April, 1945. We are arranging a renewal. It is important, however, that, soon, a more suitable and better equipped Church Building of our own be secured. This would solve several present inconveniences and handicaps to the work. The same is also true of our work in Toronto, where greater progress, we feel, would be made in a Building owned by the Church, and so more suitably equipped for our Mission and Church congregational work.

(b) During the past year alterations were made in the Vancouver church building which greatly enhanced the work, especially the worship side of it. The Church proper is now reserved for Worship services only. Heretofore we have conducted classes there as well. The interior of the Church has been redecorated, pews, instead of chairs, installed. The pews were paid for by generous contributions of individual members of the congregation, each purchasing a pew. In addition a new platform, pulpit, and communion table, have been added, and floorcloth laid along the aisles. This special contribution amounted to \$690. The change has created much interest on the part of