

Research notes from the Presbyterian Archives, visited in January and February 2013.

Assisted by archivist Bob Anger.

Article from Velma Demerson: Points mentioned in article are probably a combination of 2 separate items from the annual general report which would have been presented at the Annual General Assembly, June 3-10, 1936, held in Hamilton Ont.

Some additional overall points:

- 1940s, constant back and forwards flow of people to China – missionaries, as well as immigrants and their families, brides, etc.
 - frequent expressions of humility on the part of missionary workers
 - positive reports of the Chinese families they are working with
 - concerns about poaching by other denominations
 - fundraising, building, cleaning and redecorating (basic stuff, like painting) absorbed the time and fund of various Presbyterian outposts in Canada (especially noticeable in the BC reports)
 - kindergarten teachers usually had educational training
 - missionaries sent off to various colleges for training at Church expense (often in the US)
 - repeated concern about the lack of “family life” for Chinese men in Canada
 - concern about Chinese women (wives, mothers) being isolated, especially in smaller towns or in homes outside the Chinatowns of major centres (movement of Chinese families out of the Chinatowns); in the early days some of these women were restricted in mobility because of bound feet
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**Biographical information on women missionaries,
from the *Glad Tidings* publication.**

This should just be **cited** as “Glad Tidings” with date.

Material specific to Mary C. Murray

1. Pamphlet. "Visiting in the Various Hospitals." Written by Murray, 1932.

Citation should include:

The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives, Women's Missonary Society Publications, File number 1988-7004-62-10.

2. Pamphlet. "Mary Murray." Written by Margaret Ness. [n.d. but finding aid lists as c. 1938].

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Material from Women's Missionary Society Records:

Verified with Bob Anger (archivist) that I should **cite** these as:
Presbyterian Church in Canada, Women's Missionary Society, Records of the National Missions Department, Chinese Secretary [**File number is 1988-7004-9-14 and 1988-7004-9-15**]

Terminology: Christian Service Brigade. This may be a predecessor of "Boys' Brigade" = a child/youth organization. There is also the Mission Band for younger children, Sunday School, a kindergarten and a "Cradle Roll" (future members – the Church keeps track of them and sends birthday greetings etc.) File includes reports from all of these organizations, from the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Vancouver; reports also from Montreal, Toronto, YOW.

Church is organized according to regional **synods** (eg. Synod of Saskatchewan, Synod of Hamilton and London) and then within each Synod are the Presbyteries. Within these are individual churches, I think, because each "presbytery" lists several ministers – eg. Presbytery of Westminster lists Ministers in Vancouver, Prince Rupert, New Westminster.

Glad Tidings is the magazine of the Women's Missionary Society; started publication c. 1925.

First file/folder is labelled WMS (W.D.) Chinese Secretary: Chinese in Canada, 1927, June - 1945, Dec. [File number is 1988-7004-9-14]

Finding aid info "Reports and correspondence of W.M.S. missionaries, June 1927 - Dec. 1945"

Mrs. Harold Ferrier seems to have been on the receiving end of the correspondence - according to one letter-writer, she is the **new** "Secretary for the Chinese work" in 1944, preceded by Mrs. J. C. Wood (who was serving as secretary at least as far back as 1936). Official title of Mrs. Ferrier is National Missions Secretary for the Chinese in Canada.

File is all in reverse chronological order.

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**“Annual Report of the Christian Service Brigade Battalion No. 3.
Meetings held every Saturday at 3:00 P; M.
Chinese Presbyterian Church – 261 Keefer St.
For the Year 1944”**

Excerpts. “The first meeting was held on Saturday, March 25th with 5 boys present, and since that time about 25 meetings have been held, enrollment now being 13 boys, three of which are “white” boys.

Brigade meetings are designed to meet the challenge of presenting the Gospel in such a way that will appeal to boys and to train them for service for the Lord.” ...

“Experience has shown the boys to be very reserved in spiritual matters but by watching the faces as the Word goes forth, one can see the Holy Spirit at work - - bringing some to the point of tears. There has been no outward profession of faith in Christ except in the case of “white” boy but I know that in due time, the Word will bring forth fruit unto salvation.” ...

“Certainly God was in the opening of this Battalion for comparison of notes revealed that God had spoken to me about the Chinese boys in Vancouver about the same time that some of your leaders were concerned about these boys.”

- Report signed by Hedley Nielsen, Captain Batt. #3

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Sunday School report. Miss Ruth A. Yeandle seems to have been a key worker in the Vancouver Church. Subsequent documents also mention Miss L. Isabella Bennet and Mrs. Yeandle, Miss Elsie Potter. Chinese workers in the church also including John Chan, Mr. F. Y. Louie (English teacher), Mr. Dick Woo (former superintendent of the Sunday school). Miss Yeung was the most qualified teacher at the kindergarten. Toronto church kindergarten report noted that Miss Yeandle had provided them with support in form of graduating certificates and loaned them caps and gowns.

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Some items demonstrate some inclusion of non-Chinese children in programs that seem to be designed and run by the missionaries to the Chinese community:

“1944 ANNUAL REPORT Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal” (report is unsigned, but could probably get name from the Acts/Proceedings for 1944 if needed)

Excerpt: (underlining in original; bold text is Anne’s): “A two weeks Daily Vacation Bible School was held in July. Sincere teachers came to help us, whose efforts were responsible for the happy instructive time the thirty-five pupils had. **Most** of those pupils were Chinese Children. [capitalized in original]... Just after the Bible School we were enabled to send three Chinese boys to a Christian Boys’ camp near Sherbrooke. Those boys came home in excellent health and filled with enthusiasm for such a camp.”

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“Visiting in the homes has been part of our regular duties and new contacts have been made both with Chinese people and with **white wives of Chinese men**. Tracts and Scriptures have been distributed [sic]. Several Hospital visits have also been our privilege. Some deputation work has been done by each of the three workers, at which times the progress and needs of the work have been told.”

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Letter dated March 27, 1944.

to Mrs. Ferrier (**new** secretary for the Chinese work in Canada, as of 1944)
from Gertrude Scott, 1008 Carberry Gardens, Victoria, B.C.

“... I suppose Victoria and Vancouver are where you would find more Chinese families than anywhere else in Canada. In years gone by Victoria’s Chinese lived in a segregated district known as Chinatown, but now the greater number of the families have moved to residential areas, and as the families prosper they buy or build their own homes, and live very like their Canadian neighbours. Probably in a few more years the chopsticks will be discarded, and rice no longer hold its place as the staple food. The war has made a big difference in the status of the Chinese. A few years ago girls would not be accepted as nurses in training in the hospitals, or be employed in office work in Canadian business firms, and the professions were closed to the young men and women. Now the girls are gladly accepted as nurses, are working in government departments, the Navy Yard, ship yards and all sorts of jobs; and the young men are in the ship yards, taking courses in radio, wireless, engineering etc. and urged to do work prohibited to them before. This all means a big change in the lives of the young people. They are making more friends among the white people and I do not doubt but that there will be more **intermarriages**. When I think back to when I first became acquainted with the Chinese people in 1926 I realize what an entirely different type of people they have become. Of course the adults have not been affected so much but the young people are different. I notice the Kindergarten children speak much more English when they first attend the school than they used to, and almost all of them play with white neighbour children. Little three year olds can carry on quite extended conversations with me in English, and their mothers say the children don’t know whether they are speaking English or Chinese.

The parents are anxious that the children should learn to read and write in Chinese, so the majority of school children put in about two hours a day in study in one of several Chinese schools in town. At our Mission Rev. Leung Moi Fong and Miss Lee teach ... [goes on to discuss kindergarten, children’s groups, etc.]

... I do hope you enjoy your contacts with the Chinese. Perhaps some day you can pay us a visit. I know you would like to meet our Chinese families here, and they would give you a warm welcome.”

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Letter dated September 14, 1944.

to Mrs. Ferrier (**new** secretary for the Chinese work in Canada, as of 1944)
from Gertrude Scott, 1008 Carberry Gardens, Victoria, B.C.

Excerpt: "The Chinese young men have recently received their draft notices for the army, so there is quite a bit of excitement among them. They are willing to serve, and quite a number had enlisted previously in the forces, but among those who have been called up, it means settling their business affairs, and as quite a few were running their own businesses it means trying to get someone else to run things for them or closing out. At least two young brides-to-be I know are debating whether to put off their weddings or go ahead, and one is so worried she is getting thinner every day. She had a new house and furniture but can't bear the idea of living in it alone. Married men are called up too, so their families will have to adjust themselves to changed conditions. However, in many cases the wives will do what they can to carry on their husbands' businesses, and keep things going."

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Letter 27 October 1944

to Mrs. Ferrier, from L. Isabella Bennett (2103 East 46th Ave., Vancouver, BC)

Excerpts: "In these days of Juvenile Delinquency, the importance of winning children to the Lord Jesus Christ, when they are young, can't be stressed too much. It is a known fact that of people who are saved, the percentage of those who are converted after they are 20, is very small. I have been asking the Lord to give me a new vision, and burden for those who are perishing – because they know not the Lord Jesus Christ. I would be glad of your prayers in this connection, too – thank you. ...

Miss Yeandle was telling me that you had your first Chinese meal. I'm glad you liked it. I am very fond of Chinese food."

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Letter Sept. 22, 1944

to Mrs. Ferrier from Ruth Yeandle (2039 Creelman Ave., Vancouver)

Reports on painting, new woodwork, cleaning etc. of the Vancouver kindergarten etc. as a result of WMS gift of \$125.

Then talks about how the children have to be taken home at the end of the day, how busy the workers are.

Excerpt: "So as usual it keeps us busy collecting, teaching, and delivering our little ones each morning. But we are very happy in our work and praise the Lord daily that He gives us the privilege of ministering to these dear little lambs.

We had a very lovely Communion services on the 2nd Sunday of this month. Rev Kwan's two little grandsons were baptized and two new Chinese elders were ordained. Rev. David Smith was here to assist in this service. At the previous communion the little granddaughter of Rev. K. H. Yeung was baptized. These are happy times for us because

they mean the establishing of Christian families of which we have had too few in Vancouver.”

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Report (undated but I think this is from 1944) signed by Fay McTavish.

Excerpt from section headed “Camp Report”

“Last year Camp was a new venture with the Chinese and they were naturally reticent. This year they relaxed more fully the benefits and joys of Camp life and so we had a larger crowd. “ ...

“On asking different ones [children] why they liked camp the answers were varied. Practically all put the swimming first, others liked the walks, the fresh fruit we could buy on the farms, the fellowship, the cooperation, even to the fun of washing dishes. All enjoyed the sunshine and fresh air.”

(Talks about Miss Ballaugh, Miss Ma and Miss Ferrier – I think this report is from Toronto area but not sure)

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Undated letter, probably from late June or July 1944.

to Mrs. Ferrier from Miss Annie G. Hill, St. Andrew’s Church, New Westminster,

“The Annual Graduation exercises of the Chinese Kindergarten, Vancouver, were held in the flower-decorated Church Hall on June 21st, with thirty-three children present ... The programme opened with singing, in Chinese, followed by the Lord’s Prayer, in English, and the Twenty-Third Psalm in both English and Chinese. Then the children sang, in English, “I am so glad that Jesus loves me.

These were followed by Group Activities, which included a Chinese Folk Dance and a Flag Drill, using Canada and Chinese flags, during which “O, Canada,” and the Chinese National Anthem were sung.

Rev. Mr. Kwan, the minister, then gave an address in Chinese, interspersed with a few sentences in English. “ [talks about the children carrying forward to public school lessons learned in kindergarten]. His address included the following : “China and Canada are good friends together. We love our country, China, but we love Canada too.”

More discussion of proceedings. Mention of Miss Yeandle, “their beloved teacher.” ... “The way in which the hour-and-a-half programme was carried out, gave the audience some insight into the infinite amount of devotion and patience required for all this memorization in two difficult languages, one, to teachers and pupils alike, a foreign one, and to each of the teachers a great deal of credit is due.”

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Letter March 6, 1944

to Mrs. Ferrier from Ruth Yeandle (2039 Creelman Ave., Vancouver)

Excerpt: "The Pentecostal Church has just put a Cantonese speaking missionary to work among the Chinese here. They are great proselytizers and we would covet your prayers that our people may be protected."

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"1943 ANNUAL REPORT Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal" (report is unsigned, but could probably get name from the Acts/Proceedings for 1943 – by same person who did the 1944 report, evidently, and not Mrs. Louie – who was sending her report separately)

No mention of white women this year: "The usual visiting in the homes has been done and an effort made to reach any Chinese people who are at all interested in things Christian."

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"Report of Work of the Chinese Presbyterian Mission 1943"

Excerpt: "Mrs. Adams, our worker among the **white mothers** also retired in Sept. feeling that for the present there was not the same opportunities for reaching them."

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“Annual Report - Chinese Mission – Vancouver, B.C, 1943”

A six-page single-spaced typed report of activities, signed by Ruth Yeandle, L. Isabella Bennett, and Susan Yeung.

[Item 9 of the report] “(9) An attempt was made last year to reach the **“white”, (Canadian) mothers** with the Gospel message. An informal meeting was held when they brought a quilt and quilted it. This took several weeks and we didn’t preach a sermon but just talked and took advantage of any opportunity that offered itself. We at least won their confidence and I think we will try to get them together again.”

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Letter to Mrs. Ferrier, on small slip of paper but not clear where it’s from. Signed M.F. Pae, I think. (something like that; can’t quite read it; note that by 1950s there is a Mrs. Arthur. W. Pae who is Secretary of the WMS, and she is in Toronto). Mentions Knox Crescent – so probably Toronto. Also mentions Miss Louie and Miss Burdick (who was in Montreal in mid-1940s; resigned in 1946), and poaching by the Catholics. mentions **french woman w/two children living w/chinese man.** Photo-copied.

[Information from a later letter – Maydee F. Pae, was president - not sure of what, but this was dated Feb 27, 1952 and was in regard to the Toronto kindergarten] [NB : Miss Burdick in 1943 was in Montreal]

Note : Pae is a Korean name, not Chinese, according to google. Have also a photocopy of an obit on Mrs. Pae from Glad Tidings. Included in some documents dated around 1944-1943. I have filed this with the the biographical information on the missionary women.

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Report: “Chinese Work in Canada. 1943.” Signed by David W. Smith.
This report is also included in the Acts and Proceedings.

Excerpt: “ During the year, also, **Mrs. Adams**, who has been in charge of Anglo-Chinese women’s work in Toronto, resigned. She **proved herself a faithful and devoted help to the many white women married to Chinese.**”

Second file/folder is labelled WMS (W.D.) Chinese Secretary: Chinese in Canada, 1946, Jan – 1948, Jun. [File number is 1988-7004-9-15]

1946

Several letters: Missionaries express their gratitude for the increase in salary, which they attribute to the interventions of Mrs. Ferrier.

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fondness for Chinese food:

eg. Letter from Muriel Judd to Ferrier, Nov 15, 1946 excerpt:

“P.S. I’m still thinking of that delicious Chinese dinner of last Sunday!”

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Expressions of humility also common:

eg. Letter from Grace Lee (1971 Newton St. Victoria BC) to Ferrier, Nov. 10, 1946

Letter is thanking Ferrier for salary increase.

“In your letter, I think you have praised me too much, I thank you for it, but I feel shame to deserve all this. I just do what I can do. God always make them good.”

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Letter from Ferrier to Yeandle, Sept 7 1946.

Yeandle (from Vancouver) to come to Toronto for the “meeting of Council.” List of 8 questions that she might be asked at the meeting.

Excerpt:

“4. Are Chinese homes increasing here and what, if any, are the problems arising out of this?”

5. Is there much inter-marriage with white people? What problems arise from this?”

[Too bad that there is no indication here of how Miss Yeandle might reply to these questions.]

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Letter from Yeandle to Ferrier, June 13, 1946.

Talks about buying a house to use to care for children. “It is not an educational institution nor a social service agency which we want. We want, and need badly, a home where the presence of Christ is manifest, where parents and children alike might get to know Him whom to know is life eternal. ...

Since we first felt this need we have lost 6 whole families because the Roman Catholics could keep the children all day. I personally persuaded one of the Anglican workers to take a girl whose mother begged me to take her. She has since been baptized in the Anglican Mission. We rejoice that our early labours with her were not in vain but we can’t help wishing it had been in our church she was baptized.

This is a hard letter for me to write because my heart is so burdened about the matter. But what of the heart of the Saviour? He will work on their behalf I know. May He help us to obey when He commands.”

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Letter, Alma Burdick to Ferrier, March 4 46

Excerpt:

“You can never guess where I am – Down at the Dental Clinic waiting for a little Chinese Boy who is having his teeth fixed. The little boy is an orphan but is being cared for by his old grandfather who lives in a sort of men’s club down in China town. No kind of “home life.” We have finally secured the grandfather’s permission to have William’s teeth attended to and so hours are spent at the clinic.”

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Gertrude Scott: “Report of the Chinese Presbyterian Mission, Victoria, B.C., for the year ending December 31st, 1945.

Excerpt:

Section on the kindergarten: “As the years go on more English is used in the Chinese homes, and the Kindergarten pupils are now much more fluent in expressing themselves in English than they were a few years ago. When a Bible story is told some of the children can reproduce it with little difficulty. Two quite small pupils speak nothing but English as their **mother is a white woman.**”

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Letter from Ruth Yeandle (Vancouver) to Ferrier, dated Dec 15 1945.

“Bernice was a little bit of humanity five years ago not claimed by her Chinese father nor wanted by her white mother so “FOR SALE”! A Chinese couple thought they would like her so asked me to have her registered in their name.” They now have her legally.

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Letter from Ruth Yeandle (Vancouver) to Ferrier, dated Nov 15 1945.

Discussion of **mixed-race children**. Also hilarious section on attitude towards working with United Church workers. Photo-copied.

COMPLETED READING THROUGH BOTH OF THESE FILES. These records only exist for these two time periods, as noted in the titles of the two folders. After 1947, files appear in a different section, headed “Chinese in Canada”

Cite: Presbyterian Church in Canada, Women's Missionary Society, Records of the National Missions Department, Chinese in Canada, "**Reports of and correspondence with deaconesses in Toronto concerning work in Chinese Kindergarten and with Chinese Church**"

File folder: Chinese in Canada-Toronto 1947, Jan - 1955 Dec [File number is 1988-7004-23-3]

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Letters regarding resignation of Fay McTavish. These indicate the practice of the WMS to move people around (although it seems that many people *don't* move around), and the importance of building personal relationships to the work among the Chinese.

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"Quarterly report for period ending March 31, 1955" submitted by Margaret Near (Toronto) to Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Director of National Missions. Excerpt: "I had thought we were making a little **progress in integrating the Canadian-born and the China-born young people** but the progress is slow. However there is one encouraging sign; the young people have been translating the main ideas of the speaker into Chinese and also reading the Scripture and singing in the two languages."

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Letter, Matthews to Margaret Near, January 7 1955.

Excerpt: "We are all concerned over the fact that there is a **tension between the Canadian-born Chinese and those who have been born in China.** I do hope that this situation can be remedied. We know it will take tact, patience and great understanding and I trust that the coming of Miss Lee will help to smooth some of these differences over."

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Letter from Mrs. Matthews' secretary to Fay McTavish. Undated, c. mid-November, 1950. Re: request to try to help a **Dutch girl married to a Chinese man.** Photo-copied.

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Letter from ____ Scott, to Mrs. W. A. McLennan, undated but postmarked Strathroy, Ont. October 30, 1950. Also about the **Dutch girl**; she is university-educated; **class** seems to make her a special case. Photo-copied.

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Letters about the arrival of a Miss Kong as a new worker from China – she proved unsuitable. They were going to find her other work. (More on this in File number 1988-7004-23-4, in which Miss Kong quits and then avoids Presbyterian missionary people. Then leaves Toronto to pursue studies in USA. Worked for about 3 years for the WMS first).

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A “historical sketch of the Toronto Chinese Young Men’s Christian Institute.”

File folder: Chinese in Canada-Toronto 1950, Nov. – 1952, Nov. [File number is 1988-7004-23-4]

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Oct 1 1952. "INTERVIEW WHICH MRS REID AND MISS MATTHEWS HAD WITH THE REV. D. A. SMITH, OF Vancouver, SEPT. 30TH."

More discussion of the **differences between Canadian-born and China-born Chinese.**

Sub-section heading: "Re Chinese Kindergarten". Excerpt:

"Mr. Smith says that the kindergarten is very important. He says that it is one of the finest avenues of approach to our Chinese homes. (Many of these homes are still pagan.) Then he added this: there is no reason why they could not go to the kindergarten set up by the Board of Education but "Why cut off our nose to spite our face"."

Also more info on the fate of Miss Kong (see previous folder).

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Fay McTavish off for an extended period due to goiter surgery. Miss Kong helped fill in. She seems to have been a bit unused to discipline.

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Letter from Frieda E. Matthews, National Executive Secretary, to Fay McTavish, (addressed to Room number 504, Private Patients Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital), January 21st, 1952.

Dear Fay ..

Excerpt: "As I read your annual report I thought of the many ways in which your work has developed. You mentioned that the kindergarten personnel had changed considerably, yet that is a part of all the new developments. **The fact that the Chinese families are moving away from that area appears to me to be an indication that more and more they are being assimilated into the life of Canada.** The children will attend schools in those areas, make friends, and we hope will be taken into the churches in those districts.

Meantime there is a big opportunity for our church, in visiting the homes, welcoming the new arrivals from China, and in helping a nucleus of faithful church members."

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Transcript of two speeches dated 1951 from L.P. Kan about the work of the YMCI: "WHAT THE Y.M.C.I CAN DO FOR THE CHINESE" and "SOME WORDS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE". These talk about how children born in Canada to Chinese parents often don't speak Chinese well, and do not have the pride in their ancestry and culture that they should have. Justification for taking Chinese classes, etc. There is also attached an un-dated Christmas talk "GLIMPSES OF OUR CHINESE MISSION" by L. P. Kan (probably Christmas of 1950, because it is number page 12 in this series of documents, before the other two speeches noted here. Photo-copied.

File folder: Chinese in Canada-Toronto 1956, Feb. – 1958, Dec. [File number is 1988-7004-23-5]

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Correspondence with Margaret Near about her missionary training courses in San Francisco

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Nov 5 1958. Letter, Miss Matthews to Immigration Branch in support of application for permanent residence for missionary in Toronto, Miss Gee Bun Lee from China.

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Jul 21 1958. Report from Margaret Near to Frieda Matthews. "Report of the Half-Year ending June 30, 1958."

Says that much work is to be done in Toronto

Excerpt : "The Young People's Society is in need of a thorough rebuilding. They have a reputation of being "cliquish", and they have done nothing to bring the China-born young people out, so they are down to just a handful at their last few meetings. Some of the young People who come to English classes here, we know go to the Young People's meeting at the United Church."

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Report from Margaret Near to Frieda Matthews. "Report for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1956."

Section on **white woman and Chinese wife**. Photo-copied.

File folder: Chinese in Canada-Toronto 1959-1960 [File number is 1988-7004-23-6]
Reviewed this file but there was nothing useful.

“Reports of and correspondence with deaconesses in Montreal concerning work with Chinese Church”
- Nothing useful

File folder: Chinese in Canada-Montreal 1947-1950 [File number is 1988-7004-22-5]
- Nothing useful

File folder: Chinese in Canada-Montreal 1950, Apr – 1954, Jan [File number is 1988-7004-22-1]

Photo-copied: Copy of translation of a letter in Chinese that would be handed out by missionaries introducing themselves to Chinese families. Original letter written by Rev. Paul Chan of the Chinese Presbyterian Church Montreal at the request of Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary, for use in various parts of Canada. Letter dated November 12, 1953.

This is the only folder I have looked at in this box.

DAVID ANGUS SMITH FONDS.

Cite as:

Presbyterian Church in Canada, David Angus Smith Fonds, File number (as noted below)

* requested photocopy of one letter

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO (from finding aid):

“David Smith (1887-1964) was a Presbyterian Minister and Superintendent of Chinese Missions for Canada for The Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was born in Dundee, Scotland, and came to Canada in his teens. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of British Columbia, and completed his theological training at Westminster Hall. His first charges were Cedar Hall and St. Aidan’s in the Presbytery of Victoria, in 1918 and 1919. He went to Hong Kong in 1919, to study and work as a missionary, and returned to work in the Chinese Missions in Vancouver in 1922. In 1925, he was appointed **Superintendent of Chinese Missions for Canada**, and held this post until he retired in 1962. In that year, he was also honoured with a Doctor of Divinity degree from Presbyterian College, Montreal. D.A. Smith was also interested in the history of the Presbyterian Church in British Columbia and wrote several essays on the topic. David Smith passed away on August 7th, 1964.”

FILE 1973-5012-1-9 “Correspondence and report re: Survey of the interior of BC”

Smith toured BC for the Presbyterian Church, in August 1925. Letter of Aug 22 1925 talks about his campaign against “union” [with Methodists and Congregationalists as United Church of Canada] in various towns. File contains not much more than this single, detailed, 6-7 page handwritten letter. Goes to Nakusp, Armstrong, Canoe and other places. eg. Kamloops – particularly interesting that the Church was meeting there in the Masonic Temple, which was used for dancing several nights a week: “Moreover, this hall is used almost every week nights [sic] for dancing - and that so long as this continues there are ever so many people who positively refused to come out to service.” Nowhere else to meet. “They simply must get a new place of worship or capitulate to the Unionists, or as is most likely to be done by most – leave off trying to hold together the group and join up with the local Church of England.”

FILE 1973-5012-1-10 "Correspondence and report re: Survey of Northern BC"

Consists of another letter, to Dr. Cameron. The survey was three weeks. Such a "survey" consisted of travelling to towns like YPR and YXS and finding out if there are Presbyterians there and what they were up to. He didn't have much info to go on when he started out.

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"SURVEY - Northern British Columbia 1946" By Rev. David A. Smith

Excerpts: (p. 1) "At the request of the Mission Board, a survey was made, in the month of June of the territory between Prince Rupert and Prince George ... The purpose of the survey was to explore the possibility of re-establishing the Presbyterian Church in this area."

"While there was an urgent demand for the survey on the part of those interested, there was no definite information available as to any possible Presbyterian group in any section, nor were there even names of individual Presbyterians available. These had to be sought out, which was no easy task, because of the length of time our Church has been absent from this area and, alas, because of the fact that those who are, or have been Presbyterian, are now, more or less, perforce, interested in one or other of the Churches in the various settlements." ...

(p.3) "There is no doubt if our Church is ever going again into this North country this is the time to do it. As a Church we have been out of it twenty-five years. That is a long time. There are Presbyterian people there, and more going in each year. True, they are scattered, and from a Church-attendance standpoint, uncertain. But our church surely still has a place, as it also surely has a place in other long stretches of territory in other parts of B.C., where our Church has not been at work since 1925." ...

"As one ardent United Church lady said to me one day, when I was making the survey, and told her how remarkable a recovery our Church had made throughout these years following the Disruption of 1925: "I never knew, I thought the Presbyterian Church was on its last legs: (and there are many in that north country who have been thinking so) "Yes, " I said, "it IS on its last legs, but these legs also happen to be its first. Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. That is the foundation. That, its enduring power."

FILE 1973-5012-1-14 "Correspondence with Mrs. Daniel Strachan" [...etc.]

An exchange of letters about opening nursery schools in Vancouver, 1943.

eg. Letter from David Smith to Mrs. Daniel Strachan, June 24, 1943. Photo-copied.

Finding Aid 15: **Board of Moral and Social Reform.**

Reviewed File: 1973-1010-2-15. **Mixed Marriages.**

This is not on inter-racial marriage, but on marriages between Presbyterians and Roman Catholics. Therefore, not useful.

PAMPHLETS produced by WMS

Cite these as The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives, Women's Missionary Society Publications, File number ____ (as noted below).

(see notebook for 2 additional pamphlets that I requested copies of)

File 1988-7004-62-8 : "Pamphlets - Publicity and Activities of W.M.S" [ca. 1925-1948]:

"What Exactly is the W.M.S.?" [1935] Photo-copied.

"How the W.M.S. Wheels Go Round" [1935] Photo-copied.

"The Department of the Stranger" [n.d., but talks about young soldiers returning from the war] Photo-copied.

"Welcome, Welfare and Deaconess Work in Canada" (from the series "Presbyterian Work Across Canada" [1931] Photo-copied pp. 3-7.

"How to Approach the Stranger" [1925] Photo-copied.

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Excerpt from "What is a Strangers' Secretary Expected to Do?" [n.d.]

"Another committee visits the sick in hospitals and on their return to their homes. Regular visiting in hospitals by voluntary workers is most successful where the hospitals and staffs are small. In the case of larger hospitals, it can be carried out by visiting when the patient goes home. By finding foreigners in hospital and visiting later in their homes, some committees have become practically interested in non-English-speaking Canadians." ...

"The secretaries in one province are planning for the oversight of young women who disembark from trains in smaller places, unaccompanied."

File 1988-7004-62-9 : "Pamphlets - Publicity and Activities of W.M.S" [ca. 1919-1959]

"Opportunity Unlimited!" (P. 3) [undated]

***One of the things that the WMS was supervising was (excerpt) :

"**St. Margaret's Centre, Toronto**, its superintendent and staff, where girls from 14 to 16 years of age whose home conditions are unsuitable will have the opportunity of living a supervised, wholesome Christian life"

File 1988-7004-62-10: "Pamphlets – National Missions" [ca. 1923-1935]

"Chinese Work in Canada – The Story of Ah Wing" by Lereine Ballantyne. [1930] A condescending tale of the beneficence of the Presbyterian Church. End of page two gives some details of the WMS workers and their goals. Photo-copied.

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"The Chinese in Canada" by M.F. Pae and Laura K. Pelton. 1935. Photo-copied.
- mentions **intermarriage**

"Visiting in the Various Hospitals" by **Miss Murray** [1932]. Photo-copied. *****Note that I have filed this pamphlet in the material related to Miss Murray.**

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An interesting pamphlet: "Home Mission Hospitals"

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"As we Work Among the Indians" (4pp) by M.F.Pae 1935.

Published by Women's Missionary Society, Toronto.

Excerpt (p. 4), from the section about the Presbyterian WMS run school at Mistiwasis : 'Is it all worth while, some may say. "An Indian is an Indian, and you can never change him." There is one sense in which we do not aspire to change him. We want him to remain an Indian, with all his worthwhile characteristics, but we want him to be a better Indian; we want him to be a child of his Heavenly Father, and we believe that in order to be that, he must know Christ, the Lord of Life.

Captain Edwards, the Indian Agent, sums it up for us when he says: "The Indian has justified the trust the early missionaries placed in him and has valiantly borne the ordeal of contact with our boasted civilization. This manly, dignified race of people, from whom we have taken the land which we enjoy, the fruits of their country, demoralized by the worst we have in our race, forced to follow uncongenial occupations – unadjusted, rather than lazy – have the same feelings and aspirations as ourselves, and soon will be taking their natural and honourable places at our sides. Shall we not prove our friendliness to these neighbours of the forest by our eagerness to give them the Master's friendship?" '

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"The Indian Before the White Man Came"

File 1988-7004-62-11: "Pamphlets – Overseas Missions" [ca. 1920-1930]

"Healing the Sick: Our Hospitals and Foreign Work" (1930). Notes importance of hospitals as a facility where newcomers to Canada can come under the influence of the Presbyterians. Photo-copied.

File 1988-7004-60-15.

“Chinese Work in Canada, 1925-1935” [1935] by Rev. D.A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese Missions in Canada 1925-1962. Photo-copied.

Note that this is really just his report to the General Assembly, but it was reprinted by the WMS as a pamphlet, probably because it is a summary of the whole 10-year period.

Mentions the “**growing number of Eurasians**” as a problem on last page.

- Importance of the Chinese congregations to the Presbyterian Church after the 1925 union.
- Note that this publication was printed for the WMS but Smith’s position was not with the WMS but with the Presbyterian Church itself; WMS work lay outside Smith’s actual jurisdiction.

Acts and Proceedings of the annual General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. [Typed excerpts and photo-copies] * With blue cover page.**

Note that these are published bound volumes. They have a double numbering system - first section is the "Acts and Proceedings"; second section is the more detailed "Appendices." Each section is numbered starting at page one, therefore it is essential to indicate "Appendices" if the material cited is actually from the appendices. Some of these volumes may be available at locations other than Presbyterian Archives. (eg. I viewed volumes for 1929, 1933, 1935 and 1937 in Scott Library at York.)

Note also that organizational changes meant that the titles of relevant categories/sub-categories/section headings changed over these years. I tried to find the material related to Chinese missionary work in Canada.

I looked at all the years 1929 through 1945.

Cite material from these as:

"The Acts and Proceedings of the [eg. Sixty-Sixth] General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," Year, Appendices [if applicable], page number. [Note that I have given additional information below as to the section and sub-heading when I have included some material below, but I did check with Bob Anger, archivist, who said that citations need not include this information, nor is it necessary to cite The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives for these.]

I asked for photo-copies of a lot of these reports on the Chinese Work in Canada, which generally give summary information on missionary workers and their activities in locations across Canada, and demographic information on the Chinese population in Canada.

There is also a section under "institutional work" about the "Presbyterian Home for Girls, Toronto" - this seems to be a home for unwed mothers. I have photo-copies of some of this information as well.

NB: I have also been reading through the sections on Northern Ontario, seeking any indication to follow up on the article that Velma Demerson gave to Elise; and while the Church emphasizes its opportunities in the booming resource towns, lots of building and growth, I found **no specific mention of Chinese** in Northern Ontario. So I have generally not photo-copied these sections.

NB: The **Women's Missionary Society** had its own general meetings and was not under the jurisdiction of the General Board of Missions, but it did submit a brief summary report on its work which was included in these Acts and Proceedings. I have generally not paid too much attention to these summaries, because I looked at the (200+ page) WMS annual reports instead.

1929 From bound volume, "The Acts and Proceedings of the Fifty-Fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." Held in Ottawa, Ontario, June 5-12, 1929.

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Mission Report,"
[General: board of home missions also includes work among the Hungarians, Ukrainians, Italians, French, and "Indian" at various times.]

Northern Ontario – lots of work going on, churches built, missionaries in place, discussion of growth and immigration but no specific mention of the Chinese.

Section "Non Anglo-Saxon Work"; Sub-section headed "Chinese Work in Canada" [report submitted by D. A. Smith]. Photo-copied p. 31-33. Some discussion of work in smaller towns, outside major centres.

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Sub-heading "**Redemptive Home.**" Photo-copied p. 41.

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Addresses for deaconesses not given for 1929.

1930 From bound volume, "The Acts and Proceedings of the Fifty-Sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." Held in Hamilton, Ontario, June 4-11, **1930**.

Notes below [and page numbering] are from Appendices:

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Mission Report,"

Sub-section "Reports of Synodical Missionaries"

"Report for Northern Ontario" by "W. M. MacKay, *Synodical Missionary*" (2 page report)

Excerpt (p. 20) " "Summing up then we see that while in 1925 we had five preaching places we have now some thirty-five with membership trebled. Minority groups have erected one hundred and fifty thousand dollars' worth of church buildings during the last four years. Possibilities are limited only by the supply of ministers and money. As time goes on the calls for help from our own Presbyterian people are becoming more urgent. The restoration of the Presbyterian church in Northern Ontario is a necessity if Protestantism is to be maintained in that connecting link of East and West."

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Section "Non Anglo-Saxon Work"; Sub-section headed "Chinese Work in Canada" [report submitted by David A. Smith]:

(32) "It has been truly said that Chinese work in Canada is "Foreign Missions at our door, minus the romance." But no more important work faces the Church today. So much depends upon our attitude to the Chinese in Canada for the success of all mission work in China." [Photo-copied pp. 32-33, "Chinese Work in Canada"; also pp. 49-50 on the Presbyterian Home, seemingly for **unwed mothers**]

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Addresses for deaconesses not given for 1930.

1931 From bound volume, "**The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**" Held in Toronto, Ontario, June 3-11, **1931.**

Notes below are from Appendices:

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Mission Report,"
Section "Non Anglo-Saxon Work," Sub-section headed "Chinese Work in Canada" [report submitted by David A. Smith]
Photo-copied pp. 20-21

1932 From bound volume, **“The Acts and Proceedings of the Fifty-Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.”** Held in London, Ontario, June 1-9, 1932.

Notes below are from Appendices:

“The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Missions Report,”
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]
Photo-copied pp. 22-24

And under Sub-section “Institutional Work” p. 36 is the work of the “Redemptive Home, Toronto” . Photo-copied p. 36

1933 From bound volume, "The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." Held in Peterborough, Ontario, **June 7-15, 1933.**

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Mission Report,"

Sub-section "Reports of Synodical Missionaries"

"Report for Northern Ontario" by "W. M. MacKay, *Synodical Missionary*" (2 page report not printed includes details of work being done, including among the road-building camps for the (11) "Trans-Canada Highway."

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Section "Non Anglo-Saxon Work"; Sub-section headed "Chinese Work in Canada" [report submitted by David A. Smith]. Photo-copied p. 19-21. Some discussion of work in smaller towns, outside major centres.

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Sub-section, "Institutional Work"; further sub-heading "Presbyterian Girls' Home, Toronto" Photo-copied p. 30.

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Also including a page which lists the names and address of all W.M.S. workers, to give an indication of numbers, locations, and ethnicity. **Mary Murray** at 1 Lockwood Road Photo-copied p. 65.

1934 From bound volume, **“The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixtieth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.”** Held in Toronto, Ontario, June 6-14, 1934.

Notes below are from Appendices:

“The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Missions Report,”

Sub-section “Home Mission Report, Reports of Synodical Missionaries”

(p 6) “Northern Ontario and Manitoba” by “W. M. MacKay, *Synodical Missionary*”

Depression and “cuts in our financial estimates” meant some retrenchment, but overall MacKay remains positive: “The main business of the year nineteen thirty-three has been one of holding and consolidating the congregations and mission fields of our Church.”

Section “Non Anglo-Saxon Work”; Sub-section headed “Chinese Work in Canada” [report submitted by David A. Smith]

Photo-copied pp. 15-17.

Note: I have been reading through the sections on Northern Ontario and while the Church emphasizes its opportunities in the booming resource towns, lots of building and growth, there is no specific mention of Chinese.

Note: Under sub-heading “Institutional Work” (same hierarchical level as “Non Anglo-Saxon Work”) w/further sub-heading “Tyndale House, Seventh Annual Report” there is mention of the work of **Miss Murray**. Photo-copied pp. 26-28, which includes the **home for girls** and Miss Murray’s work. Tyndale House seems to be a settlement house in Montreal though – perhaps this is not the same Miss Murray. Don’t know for sure, but there is nothing in the biographical pamphlet on Mary Murray that mentions Montreal. [From a Presbyterian Archives online exhibit: “Tyndale House (now Tyndale – St. Georges Community Centre) was established in 1927 with financial assistance from The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal.”] <http://www.presbyterianarchives.ca/commentary.html>

Presbyterian home for girls remains a breeding ground for infants; 42 girls and 28 babies in 1933 (not printed)

From “Report of Work of the Women’s Missionary Society, (W.D.)

Excerpt from sub-heading “National Mission Work” and further sub-heading,

“Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Work”: (p.59) “Part time workers are employed among the Hungarian and Ukrainian people in Toronto, Hamilton and Oshawa, and every effort made to win these people, and guard them from the evil teachings of communism.”

from p. 64 “Names and Addresses of W.M.S. Staff” Miss **Mary Murray** now at 18 Huntley St.

1935 From bound volume, "The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." Held in Montreal, Quebec **June 5-13, 1935.**

***** NB 1935 includes some 10-year overviews – eg. of the Presbyterian Girls' Home and the Chinese work.**

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"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Mission Report,"

Sub-section "Reports of Synodical Missionaries"

"Northern Ontario and Manitoba" by "W. M. MacKay, *Synodical Missionary*" (3-page report not printed, written with MacKay's usual dramatic flair, disdain for the United Church, and evangelistic zeal)

Excerpt (p. 9) "It is ours to go forth as a church to possess the promised land or to remain in the wilderness and die there." Not unlike the other reports by other missionaries from other areas.

Further sub-section " "Frontier Fields"

Section "Non Anglo-Saxon Work"; Sub-section headed "Chinese Work in Canada 1925-1935" [report submitted by David A. Smith and also republished with minor changes as a pamphlet by WMS]. Photo-copied p. 26-29. Summary of 10 years missionary activity.

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NB: sections headed "Western Relief" and "Non Anglo-Saxon Work" *follow* this section.

Sub-section, "Institutional Work"; Sub-heading "**Presbyterian Home for Girls 1925-1935.**" Summary of ten years activity. Photo-copied p. 44.

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From "Report of Work of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.) from p. 65-66 "Names and Addresses of W.M.S. Staff" [Printed] **Mary Murray** at 1 Lockwood Road

1936 From bound volume, **“The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Second General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.”** Held in Hamilton, Ontario, June 3-10, 1936.

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 Huggill, 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.

1937 From bound volume, "**The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Third General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**" Held in Ottawa, Ontario, June 2-9, 1937.

Page numbering below from **general minutes** (Acts and Proceedings section), not from the Appendices:

(p. 17) Under sub-heading "Third Sederunt" (afternoon session held June 3, 1937). Women's Missionary Society reports were delivered. "For the Western Division, the report, as printed, was presented by the President, Mrs. W.A. McLennan, who also addressed the Assembly, **giving much valuable information** as to the great work of the Division." [Bob Anger, archivist, is of the opinion that she said much more than was recorded in the report or the minutes.]

(P. 21-23) Sub-heading: "Report of the Survey Committee." This is the survey mentioned on p. 70 of 1936 report, I think.

(p. 44) Under sub-heading "*Re: Home and Foreign Missions.*" Moved "That a Home Mission Secretary be appointed at the 1938 General Assembly, and that nominations for same be called for ..."

Page numbering below is from Appendices.

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Mission Report," Section "Home Mission Report"

Sub-section "**Reports of Synodical Missionaries**"

What follows are reports on each synod's various types of mission work.

In sub-section "Northern Ontario and Manitoba" no mention of the Chinese.

In sub-section "Synod of Montreal and Ottawa," [report submitted by "Allan S. Reid, *Synodical Missionary*"], for example, there is discussion of United Church in Montreal's willingness to leave work among the Chinese to the Presbyterians, but there was some trouble: (p. 11) "The trouble evidently is with the Home Mission Board of the United Church of Canada, which refuses to withdraw their Chinese Work in Montreal unless we withdraw ours somewhere else. So there it stands."

Sub-section "**Frontier Fields**"

Further Sub-section (p.22) "Chinese in Canada" [Report submitted by David A. Smith]

"The Chinese as a people are today seriously interested in the study of the Scriptures, and earnestly discussing Christianity, and its true worth, to them and their country. They want to know."

(p.23) Sub-heading "*I. Workers*" ... "**Mrs. W. F. Adams, also, was appointed to work among the white women married to Chinese in Toronto. There are over 200. Mrs.**

Adams has had great experience as a missionary both in China and Canada. The whole Eurasian Problem has been made possible by the fact that Chinese women, under the Immigration Act, have not been permitted entrance to Canada, or at an impossible head-tax. Intermarriage is therefore increasing and presents a difficult problem.” ...

[Note: p. 77 list of WMS staff . Under “Chinese in Canada” there are listings for workers in Montreal, Toronto, Victoria and Vancouver. Toronto: Miss Esther Armstrong, Miss Lily Yeung, and “Mrs. W. F. Adams, 53 Millwood Rd.,(part time)”; archivist has no personal papers from Mrs. Adams. There are also four “Travelling Secretaries: Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary [no address given]; Miss Laura K. Pelton, Young Women’s Secretary; Miss Violet Tennant, Girls’ Work Secretary.]

Miss Mary Murray at “Apt. 1, Spruce Court, Spruce Court St.”

(p. 23) Praise for “those who, throughout the country are helping to preach Christ by showing a personal interest in the Chinese... [examples of individual outreach given]. Where such Christian kindness is shown, it goes a long way toward interpreting Jesus Christ to the Chinese. Right across the Dominion we have such Presbyterian people, as well as outstanding key Chinese men, who are in similar ways assisting us in our work.” ...

The Chinese are perceived to be particularly receptive to Christian proselytizing at this time because of the influence of **Chiang Kai Shek**. “Never in the history of this work, has there been such attentive hearing of the Gospel as now, the men even going so far on occasion, as to applaud the spoken work. I think there is a reason for this. Going on in China at the present time, there is what is known as the **New Life Movement**. It is headed by China’s Christian President Cheung Kai Shek, who today has a grip of China as no man has ever had. This movement has four fundamental points: – courteous manners; righteous living; a pure and simple life; and, a due sense of humility and repentance for wrong done. These are being spread systematically into every walk of life. Particularly does Mr. and Mrs. Cheung Kai Shek stress the reading of the Bible, and have themselves given large donations for the spread of the Bible and the gospels. Here, I think, is the secret. This, then, is being reflected in Canada. During the past three or four months President Cheung Kai Shek has succeeded in getting 90% of the people behind him in his work, not the least of which is this moral movement. For the Christian Church in China has organized evangelistic bands who are going out and taking advantage of this moral revival to preach Christ and Him crucified.”

Perceived zeal of Chinese for spreading Christianity within the Chinese community. Sub-heading: “III. *Progress in the Work.*” (p. 24) “Here is something of interest. One little girl in one of our Mission Bands, [usually pre-teen age group, 6-12 year-olds approx] the other day asked her teacher if it would be alright to bring a friend. “Certainly” said the teacher. Behold her amazement when this **little black haired miss led in a little English speaking blonde**. The Chinese girl had even loaned her a Bible to get up (p. 25) her verses before they came, and helped her hunt out the passages at the meeting. Moreover she brought her the following day to Sunday School, and has since brought in a second. So

the personal missionary spirit, we see, is also being developed.” [Location not given; this section refers mostly to BC and Ontario; previous paragraph is about Victoria.]

Discussion of how Chinese donate money to the Church and often carry the expense of mission work.

eg. In Victoria: “This year they are also planning to put in a new furnace, and pews instead of chairs in the church. As one Canadian lady said when these things were discussed, “I like their spirit of self-respect. It is rather salutary.” ”

1938 From bound volume, “**The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Fourth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**” Held in Toronto, Ontario, June 1-9, 1938.

Page numbering below is from Appendices.

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

Sub-section: “**Northern Ontario and Manitoba**, Report for 1937.” [Report signed by “W. M. MacKay, *Synodical Missionary.*”]

(p. 14) Photo-copied. – **Mention of the arrival of a deaconess in Kirkland Lake** but no specific mention of the Chinese.

(p. 15) “In Northern Ontario, we have the golden and iron links which bind Canada East and West, if not the whole world itself, the destined cradle of a civilization built up through agriculture, mining and manufacturing, the greatest home missionary opportunity which has ever come to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It therefore behoves us as pioneers, trail rangers, path finders, ancients of the earth and in the (p. 16) morning of the times, to build courageously and fearlessly, leaving to Almighty God His Own prerogative to give the increase in His own good time and way. But while such an opportunity offers itself to us at the present time, we are in no adequate way prepared for it. The era of decadence is beginning to set in, owing, not merely to our disappointing financial situation, but owing more to our man power.” etc. Report signed by “W. M. MacKay, *Synodical Missionary.*”

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Sub-section: “**Chinese Work in Canada, 1937**” [Report submitted by D. A. Smith]

(p.19) “We are conscious, these days, of the tragedy now being enacted in China. The influence of this is far reaching and reflected here. It would seem, however, to be proving a stimulous [sic], rather than a hinderance, to our mission work.”

Mrs. Adams seems to have been sick for part of the year.

(p.20) More on Chiang Kai Shek and Mrs. CKS; Christianity in China, Christians can be trusted as government leaders.

(p. 21) Sub-heading: “*V. Refugee relief in China.*” ... “One of the fine things about this relief work is the wonderful way Chinese and Canadians have been drawn together. They sit on the same Committees. In (p. 22) Saskatchewan, the Lieut.-Governor with leading business men and local Chinese sit side by side to discuss ways and means of raising funds. This is very much worth while.” ...

(p. 22) Sub-heading: “*VI. Our Oriental Problem.*” Concern about agitation for registering Chinese and Japanese.

1939 From bound volume, “**The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**” Held in Midland, Ontario, June 7-15, 1939.

Page numbering below is from Appendices.

**“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.”

1940 From bound volume, **“The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.”** Held in St. Catharines, Ontario, June 5-12, 1940.

Page numbering below is from Appendices.

**“The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign Missions”
Section “Home Mission Reports, Reports of Synodical Missionaries”**

Sub-section: “The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, Report for 1939-1940.” [Report submitted by “Allan S. Reid, *Synodical Missionary*”]

(p. 7) Sub-heading: “Chinese Work, Montreal” ... “... a former Jewish Synagogue has been taken over, and (p 8) rented for the Chinese work.” Things are looking promising for work among the Chinese in Montreal.

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(p. 9) Sub-section: “Northern Ontario and Manitoba.” [Report submitted by “W. M. MacKay, *Synodical Missionary*”]

“So far as our Mission Fields are concerned, “all is quiet on the Western front”. No extra grants have been required and the condition in many places has been substantially improved.” (p. 10) .. Church continues to expand into the mining towns of Northern Ontario. ... “With the coming of the Church to Timmins, our cause is established in every centre of population with the status of a city in the North country.” (p. 11) Discussion of how most of the north Ontario churches seem to have joined the Union in 1925 “with the result that in 1925 every Presbytery of our Church within the bounds of Northern Ontario had disappeared The restoration of our Church in this great Northland in general, ... shows conclusively that the idealism of the days now gone, resulting in organic union, has been seriously shattered, and young and old are returning to their first love. But as a Church we are still in the morning of the times so far as this new Northland is concerned. Our task is to plan to become established in other new centres and to broaden out around the centres we now have. ... Canada never had a greater Home Mission Field than we now have in Northern Ontario, with its area and resources sufficient to make it an Empire comparable to any which we have in Europe today.”

Saskatchewan: Church continues to bring solace to the drought-stricken, but Church remains in crisis in Sask.

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(p. 14) Sub-section: “Chinese Work in Canada.” [Report submitted by David A. Smith]

“Reviewing the work of the past year among the Chinese in Canada, one sees many reasons for giving thanks to God for His continued blessing upon it. While there have been difficulties facing us, as always, there are evidences of improvements and advance. A Chinese man, not long ago, speaking before a group of Canadian people said, “Do you

realize that except through the Church, we Chinese have little or no social contacts with the people of Canada? In the Church there is, for us, a common worship-place, and one where the Canadian people show us friendliness and sympathy." From this remark we see our Mission is, indeed, twofold. First, spreading God's Word, and telling of Christ's saving love; and, then, the creating of understanding and friendliness between peoples so sorely needed...."

Item 2. (status of missionary workers) Note that one of the [many] Chinese missionaries working for the Church in Canada married: "During the summer Miss Lily Leung became the wife of Dr. Henry Lore. Mrs. Lore is continuing with her work in Toronto."

(p. 15) Item 4. Continuing emphasis on work among the young [much of this work is done by the Women's Missionary Society.] ... "May we say, in connection with the work among the young, that up till now in our Chinese work there were, over the years, more adults (mostly men) baptized than any other. With the growth of family life more and more parents are presenting their children for holy baptism, or, as so often happens, **the children who attend our Missions are winning over their parents**, and really presenting them, who, in turn, present the children."

(p. 16) Chinese are asking questions about citizenship and their role in Canadian society, their position in the eyes of the state.

1941 From bound volume, "**The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Seventh General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**" Held in Toronto, Ontario, June 4-11, 1941

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

Section from "Chinese Work in Canada." Photo-copied p.18. Report submitted by David Smith. [Mention in section 8 of **Mrs. Adams and inter-marriage.**]

1942 From bound volume, "**The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Eighth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**" Held in Montreal, Que, June 3-10, 1942

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

Does not look like there is anything useful.

1943 From bound volume, "**The Acts and Proceedings of the Sixty-Ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**" Held in Hamilton, Ont., June 2-10, 1943

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

Sub-section "Northern Ontario and Manitoba", report submitted by W. M. MacKay. Photo-copied p. 16-17, for its view of the role of the Presbyterian Church.

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Section from "Chinese Work in Canada." Photo-copied p. 23. Report submitted by David Smith. [Mentions home visitations and a **Vancouver class for white women married to Chinese**]

1944 From bound volume, "**The Acts and Proceedings of the Seventieth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**" Held in Toronto, Ont., June 7-15, 1944

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign"

Section "Home Mission Reports"; Sub-section "Work Among Non-English-Speaking Groups, Chinese Work in Canada."

Photo-copied p. 15-17. Report submitted by David A Smith. [Section about **Mrs. Adams'** retirement and higher status of Chinese in Canada]

1945 From bound volume, "**The Acts and Proceedings of the Seventy-First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.**" Held in Toronto, Ont., June 6-14, 1945

"The General Board of Missions, Home and Foreign"

Section "Home Mission Reports"

Sub-section "Work Among Non-English-Speaking Groups, Chinese Work in Canada."

Photo-copied p. 14-15. Report submitted by David A Smith.

No concern mentioned about Eurasian children or mixed marriages.

Annual Reports of the Women's Missionary Society

From Microfilm reels. Excerpts and print-outs. [Cover page is yellow]

Cite:

The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives, "First Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" (1914), page number, reel number. [Section headings and sub-headings not required].

Terminology:

Mission Bands are fund-raising organizations for the missions. It seems that they are a younger age group than the Boys' Christian Service Brigade. (One report mentions children aged 6-9; another mentions 'older boys')

Glad Tidings is church periodical.

Happy Childhood is periodical for children.

Note that the reports on the Chinese in Canada include reports from all areas where the WMS (WD) operates. Many of these little area sub-headings include mention of the women missionaries travelling from their home base (eg. Brockville, in particular) to outlying towns. This work is general mission work and seems to be mostly among Chinese women, not white wives of Chinese men, so it does not look all that useful.

Reel # 1 of 6 covers 1914-1921

Reel # 2 of 6 covers 1922-1930

Reel # 3 covers 1931, 1934-1942

1932 and 1933 are not available on microfilm (Bob Anger, archivist, will work to correct this at some point)

Reel # 4 of 6 covers 1943-1954

Reel # 5 of 6 1955-1966

Reel # 6 of 6 1967-1979

Note: These reels contain notes on Miss **Mary Murray**, who visited hospitals and the Mercer Reformatory. As per Elise's instructions, I have made a note of any mention of Murray and her activities. I decided to keep everything filed chronologically, rather than separating references to Murray, but excerpts or printed pages with references to Murray have a pink tape flag to help find them quickly.

Reports become much shorter after 1948.

1914 "First Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada"

Printed the section on "The Department of the Stranger" pp 47-50 as this introduces the goals of this department and includes a first notice of the work of **Miss Murray**.

Printed "Report of Work Among the Chinese in Canada" pp 111-113.

1915 "Second Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada"

"Report of Deaconess Work" mentions two un-named deaconesses. No detail and no specific mention of Miss Murray.

Printed "Report of Work Among the Chinese in Canada" pp 63-67

1916 “Third Annual Report of the Women’s Missionary Society W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada” [Note that previous reports do not mention W.D. [Western Division]

Section heading: “Work in Canada” includes sub-sections “**The Chinese**” (printed pp 62-63), includes mentions of **slave women**, presumably Chinese.

Additional sub-section “Deaconess Work” mentions two un-named deaconesses. No detail and no specific mention of Miss Murray.

“**Strangers’ Department**” printed p 76 w/reference to work of **Miss Murray**. [Report by “(Mrs. J. M.) Ethel West”]

1917 "Fourth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada"

Section heading: "Work in Canada" includes sub-sections "**The Chinese**" (printed pp 61-63),

"Strangers' Department" includes a single line describing work of **Miss Murray**.
(p. 77) "**Toronto**. Miss Murray in the hospitals." [Report by "(Mrs. J. M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

1918 "Fifth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada"

Section heading: "Work in Canada" includes sub-section "**The Chinese**" printed pp 77-78.

"Strangers' Department" printed p. 92 with the work of **Miss Murray**. [Report by "(Mrs. Joseph M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

1919 "Sixth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada"

Section heading: "Work in Canada" includes sub-sections "**The Chinese**" (printed pp 87-88)

"Strangers' Department" printed pp 102-104 inc. the work of **Miss Murray**. [Report by "(Mrs. Joseph M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

1920 "Seventh Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada"

Section heading: "Work in Canada" includes sub-sections "**The Chinese**" printed pp 79-80.

"Strangers' Department" sub-section "missionaries": printed page 96. inc. the work of **Miss Murray**. [Report by "(Mrs. Joseph M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

1921 "Eighth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada"

Section heading: "Work in Canada" includes sub-sections "**The Chinese**" printed pp 85 only.

"Strangers' Department" printed pp, 104 - 105 inc. the work of **Miss Murray**. [Report by "(Mrs. Joseph M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

Reel # 2 of 6 covers 1922-1930

1922 "Ninth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada"

"Work in Canada" section at this time includes sections entitled "Strangers' Department" & "Chinese":

"Strangers' Department" is basically about meeting ships, but no mention of Chinese and does not look useful except for section on **Miss Murray**:

(p. 100) Excerpt from the "Toronto" sub-heading of Stranger's Department report:

"Miss Murray visited in 5 of the largest hospitals and the Mercer Reformatory. There is need for separate apartments where patients leaving the hospital may meet her privately. There is also need for accommodation where homeless women, whose days of usefulness are passed, might be cared for, and for convalescents who are not public charges."

[Report submitted by "(Mrs. J.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

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Chinese section - printed

"Social Service" section does not mention Miss Murray

List of officers shows all with Toronto addresses, although one of the "Honorary Presidents" was Mrs. J.C. Sharp, of Montreal.

President: Mrs. J. MacGillivray

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jas Wilson

Corresponding Secretary: Miss Bessie MacMurchy

1923 "Tenth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada"

(8) "Summary of Proceedings of the General Council" ... Excerpt: " Silver Jubilee Medals were presented by Mrs. McKerroll to the workers who had given longest service in their departments. These were [Canada]:" ... [list of names includes Miss Mary C. Murray] Mrs. McKerroll is listed in the "Committees" section as a member of the "Executive Committee" with no particular title (president, etc. are not named this year, and names are given in alphabetical order, a couple dozen of them)

"Work in Canada" subsection "The Chinese" - printed

"Social Service" section; sub-heading "Report of Workers"

Excerpt: (p. 90) [note bold type is in original here] "**Miss Mary Murray**, hospital visitor, reports splendid co-operation with staffs of the different hospitals, the Home for Incurables, the Mercer Reformatory. Her visits touch the stranger just out from the old land, the young, the old, the sorrowing and the wayward.

The work of looking after and placing the unmarried mother becomes more difficult because of scarcity of work: She also has difficulty in placing aged women in Homes, because of the lack of accommodation." [Report submitted by "(Mrs. R.) Helen Wilson"]

**1924 "Eleventh Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"The Chinese" section printed, pp. 93-94.

(p.90) is the Toronto information from the "Strangers' Department" section, printed.

Excerpt: "Social Service" section; sub-heading "Report of Deaconesses"

(p. 96) [note bold type is in original here] "**Hospital visitor - Miss M. Murray** visited seven hospitals regularly. Many lonely women were cheered and needy folks ministered to. Visits were made to the Home for Insurables, [sic - this is a typo - from a reference elsewhere, it seems that she means Home for *Incurables*], the Mercer Reformatory, the House of Industry, the Canadian Hostel and Knox Rest Home."

[Report submitted by "(Mrs. G. L.) Jessie Munro Johnston"]

1925 “Twelfth Annual Report of the Women’s Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada”

NB: “National Mission Work” now includes “**Oriental in Canada**” with sub-heading “Chinese in Canada” (printed)

Strangers’ Department listed for 1924, but not for 1925 or later.

“Social Service” section; sub-heading: “Deaconess Work – Welcome and Welfare” (printed pp 49-50, mentions **Miss Murray** and the **Mercer Reformatory**)

**1926 “Thirteenth Annual Report of the Women’s Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada”**

“Orientals in Canada” section, sub-heading “Chinese in Canada” printed pp. 54-56. Mention of work in **Eastern Ontario**.

“Social Service” section; sub-heading: “Deaconess Work – Welcome and Welfare”

Excerpt: (p. 52) [note bold type is in original here] “**Miss Murray, at Toronto**, who goes in and out among the sick in hospitals and institutions, helping the wayward and unfortunate ones who have been overcome by the temptation of the the city. Because “somebody cared” Miss Murray has been able to bring practical sympathy and assistance to many needy and discouraged ones, by gifts of love from members of the W. M. S. and friends.”
[Report submitted by (Mrs. C. W.) Mabel McMullen]

**1927 "Fourteenth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Orientals in Canada" - "Chinese in Canada" section printed

"Social Service" (printed section with sub-heading: "Deaconess Work - Welcome and Welfare" which describes the work of **Miss Murray**)
[Report submitted by (Mrs. C. W.) Mabel McMullen]

**1928 "Fifteenth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Orientals in Canada [sub-heading "Chinese in Canada"] printed

"Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare" (printed section under sub-heading "Deaconess
Work" which describes the work of **Miss Murray**)
[Report submitted by (Mrs. C. W.) Mabel McMullen]

**1929 "Sixteenth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Orientals in Canada [sub-heading "Chinese in Canada"] printed pp 68-69.

Printed page under section heading: "Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare" which describes the work of **Miss Murray**. [Report submitted by ("Mrs. C. W.) Mabel McMullen, Secretary"]

**1930 "Seventeenth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Orientals in Canada [sub-heading "Chinese in Canada"] printed pp 73-75.

"Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department"

Excerpt: (p.71) [note bold type is in original here] "**Toronto. Miss Mary Murray**, hospital visitor, visits 7 large hospitals in addition to ther work among the poor. Gifts of candies and fruit, given in the name of the Presbyterian Church, are much appreciated and Miss Murray's sympathetic interest and counsel eargerly asked for. Miss Kathleen Anderson, "Scott Institute," has also assisted with the relief work of the unemployed, large numbers of whom are given free meal daily." [Report submitted by (Mrs. C. W.) Mabel McMullen]

Reel # 3 covers 1931, 1934-1942 [Reports for 1932 and not available on microfilm, but there are bound hard copies of the reports.]

**1931 "Eighteenth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

(16) Total expenditures on "Chinese in Canada" \$9538.74; includes information on salaries and expenses. – **printed** and attached to **Chinese in Canada** report, printed pp 71-72

(68) From "Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department" report signed by "(Mrs. C. W.) Mabel MCMullen, Secretary"

- includes mention of **Miss Murray**, printed p 68.

1932 – not on Microfilm reel. ‘Nineteenth Annual Report of the Women’s Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada’ 1932

“Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department” – photo-copied pp-70-73

Includes the work of **Miss Murray**.

“Chinese in Canada” – photo-copied pp-73-75.

1933 – not on Microfilm reel; ‘Twentieth Annual Report of the Women’s Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada’ 1933

“Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department” – photo-copied pp-74-75
Includes the work of **Miss Murray**.

“Chinese in Canada” – photo-copied pp 75-77.

**1934 "Twenty-first Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada" 1931**

**"Chinese in Canada" section printed pp 61-63. Mention of Eurasian children in
Montreal.**

(58) From "Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department" report signed by "(Mrs. C.
W.) Mabel MCMullen, Secretary"

- includes mention of **Miss Murray**, printed p 59

NB : There seem to be no further records on Deaconesses for these years, only for 1945-47
(pages 48 and 49 in the finding aid).

1935. "Twenty-Second Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada"

(p. 8) Beginning of the "Summary of the Proceedings of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W. D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, May 26th-29th, 1936, Toronto, Ontario"

(p. 13) Excerpt: "We appreciate the attendance of the press, and the courtesy and completeness with which they recorded the proceedings." [This might explain where **Velma Demerson's newspaper article** came from? – because the summary report given at the annual general assembly in Hamilton did not mention points reported on in the article.]

Summary written by (Miss) Elizabeth Forsyth, Recording Secretary

Subheading: Organization

Further subheading: Auxiliaries

Begins on p. 29. Excerpt (p. 30) "From Ontario come many stories of the steadfastness of the women in the lonely places. The three northern Presbyterians all reached their allocations and report sustained interest. In northern Ontario many new towns are springing up, needing the gospel. Are we going to fail them and allow godlessness and indifference to the higher things of life to hold sway? They need deaconesses!"

Report by (Mrs. Donald) Margaret D. Gordon, Corresponding Secretary

Under subheading "Young Women's Auxiliaries"

(p. 32) Excerpt: "One Young Women's group meets jointly with the Senior Auxiliary, for their share of the programme using the book *The Chinese Church in Action*."

Report by (Mrs. J. D.) Fergie D. Holman, Secretary.

(60) Under subheading "Welcome and Welfare" report signed by "(Mrs. A. E.) Mary F. Stevens, Secretary"

Excerpt: "**Miss Mary Murray**, our hospital visitor in Toronto, was assisted from August 1st till the end of the year by Miss Mary Hugill, who visited seven hospitals regularly, endearing herself to all her patients. Miss Murray appreciates the help given her by the W. M. S. in supporting her // - (61) by prayer, and by contributions of clothing, jams and jellies. One cannot, she says, estimate what it means to so many who have gradually let Church connection slip to have this kindness shown them by our women and to have a worker to assist them in their distress of body and mind."

Under subheading "Deaconesses-at-Large" written by "(Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell"
(p. 61) This report describes "the loving and sacrificial service rendered by nine
deaconesses who are working in different parts of our Dominion. The people among whom
they are working express appreciation for what is being done for them."

Goes on to describe work in various locations across Canada.

(p. 62) Excerpt: "The problems of those who are working in the cities are different....
[talks about Regina area] When making a survey of the Chinese in the surrounding towns,
Miss Macarthur received a cordial welcome from the Chinese women and, particularly,
from **women who were not Chinese, but married to Chinese men. ..**"

(p. 63) sub-heading: "**Chinese in Canada**" printed.

1936 "Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada"

Subheading "**Council Executive Report.**"

(p.13) Included in the "special work of the year" noted in the report includes "... **co-operation with the Church in opening up new work in Northern Ontario...**"

Report written by (Miss) Elizabeth Forsyth

NB : Section heading "National Mission Work" includes Presbyterian Residences, Hospitals, Indian Residential Schools, Welcome and Welfare Department, Deaconess Department, [sometimes these two are combined] and "**Chinese in Canada**" - printed pp 72-75.

Sub Section heading: Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department"

Further sub-heading "Welcome and Welfare" - report signed by "(Mrs. A. E.) Mary F. Stevens, Secretary"

(69) "**Miss Mary Murray** in her visits to eight or more hospitals has many trying experiences, but ministers to all with whom she comes in contact. The sending on of 318 names to the Toronto Presbyterial Secretary led to much fine follow-up work by their Welcome and Welfare Department. Out-of-town patients in hospital whom Miss Murray reached through her appeal in the *Glad Tidings* expressed gratitude for her kindness. She was greatly encouraged by the co-operation of Church organizations and members of the Women's Missionary Society, in helping women referred to them and furnishing clothing and delicacies for patients. Another great source of strength and refreshment, Miss Murray states, is her contact with Auxiliary members to whom she is often invited to speak."

1937 “Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Women’s Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada”

“Chinese in Canada” – printed pp 73-76.

Mentions the work of **Mrs. Adams** with **non-Chinese women** in Toronto (as noted in preliminary research report already sent to Elise)

Sub-section heading: “Deaconess Department”

Excerpt: (72) “In Toronto, our hospital visitor, **Miss Mary Murray**, is truly a “Helper of Joy”. Space does not permit the enumeration of instances of comfort and joy brought to the sick by a sympathetic hand-clasp, a cheery word, by a jar of jam left at the bedside, or dainty baby clothes for the unmarried mother. Eternity alone will reveal what this ministry of love has done for those broken in spirit and in body.”

[Report signed: “(Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell, Secretary”]

1938 "Twenty-Fifth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada"

"Chinese in Canada" – printed 63-66.

Mentions the work of **Mrs. Adams** with **non-Chinese women** in Toronto (as noted in preliminary research report already sent to Elise)

Sub-section heading: "Welcome and Welfare"

Excerpt: (60) "**Miss Mary Murray**, our hospital visitor in Toronto, expresses in her report her appreciation of the "follow-up" work of the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries in visiting patients after they leave the hospital."

[Report by "(Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell, Secretary"]

Sub-heading "Deaconesses" Excerpt: (61) "**Miss Murray**, our hospital visitor in Toronto, continues her faithful service in visiting the sick in the hospitals, and in many cases does "follow-up" visitation in the homes, leaving behind her the thought that "the Church does care.""

[Report submitted by "(Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Secretary"]

1939 "Twenty-Sixth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D., Presbyterian Church in Canada"

"Chinese in Canada" – printed pp 63-67.

Mentions the work of **Mrs. Adams** with **non-Chinese women** in Toronto (as noted in preliminary research report already sent to Elise)

Sub-section heading: "Welcome and Welfare" report by "(Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Secretary"

(60) "**Miss Mary Murray**, our hospital visitor, forwarded to the Presbyterian Welcome and Welfare Secretary several names of patients who still needed a visit after leaving the hospital. Many express appreciation for the kindnesses they receive."

(63) "Deaconesses" Report by " Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell, Secretaries"

"In Toronto **Mrs. S. Gillespie**, part-time worker, served in Melrose Park congregations, where a Sunday School, a Women's Association, and a Young Peoples' Society were organized. The congregations is looking forward to building a church soon. Mrs. Gillespie has been appointed part-time Hospital Visitor in Toronto for 1940.

Miss **Murray**, our Hospital Visitor in Toronto, continues after twenty-five years of loving service to carry messages of love and cheer to the patients in our hospitals and institutions. Miss Murray has been appointed part-time Hospital Visitor for 1940.

In reviewing the reports of our deaconesses one must become conscious of the many sacrifices they are making to help others; therefore, it is ours to accept the call and challenge to the very best that is in us to stand back of our missionary workers and to support them with our prayers." [Note that final paragraph concludes a longer report and does not apply solely to Miss Murray but to all deaconesses.]

Excerpt from unsigned "Report of Work of the Chinese Presbyterian Mission 1943" [I might be able to find out probable author for this report but I haven't done this yet; let me know if it is worth the time]

"**Mrs. Adams**, our worker among the white mothers also retired in Sept. feeling that for the present there was not the same opportunities for reaching them."

Source:

Presbyterian Church in Canada, Women's Missionary Society, Records of the National Missions Department, Chinese Secretary. File name: WMS (W.D.) Chinese Secretary: Chinese in Canada, 1927, June – 1945, Dec. File number: 1988-7004-9-14.

**1940 "Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Deaconesses" Report by " (Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell,
Secretaries"

(56) **Miss Murray retires.** Printed pp 56-57.

Chinese in Canada – printed pp 58-62. Brief mention of the work of **Mrs. Adams** in
Toronto and of two Anglo-Chinese girls being baptized.

**1941 "Twenty-Eighth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada" 1941**

"Deaconesses" Report by " (Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell,
Secretaries" printed pp 53, [**Miss Gillespie is now the hospital visitor**, replacing Miss
Murray.]

Chinese in Canada – printed pp 58-59.

**1942 "Twenty-Ninth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Council Executive Report" leads off the annual report, and is signed by "(Mrs. Donald) Margaret D. Gordon, recording secretary"

This is only a 2-page report. Excerpt from p. 2 "I cannot close this report without mentioning the **marriage of Miss Mary Murray**, our beloved Hospital visitor; I am sure all the members will join with the Council Executive in wishing for her years of health and happiness." [have located a Star article – wedding announcement from 1942; but this is Mary Marguerite Murray, not Mary C. Murray – so don't have Miss Murray's new name.]

"Deaconesses" Report by "(Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell, Secretaries" pp. 54-55 printed.

"Chinese in Canada " – printed pp 62-66. Includes mention of the **work of Mrs. Adams among the white women in Toronto.**

Reel # 4 of 6 covers 1943-1954

**1943 "Thirtieth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Chinese in Canada" section printed pp 60-63. **Mentions that Mrs. Adams retired.**

Mrs. MacLennan is still Corresponding Secretary.

(p. 14) Miss A. Burdick was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$1310.00 for salary and expenses

Miss Fay McTavish was Superintendent in Toronto, paid \$1200.00 for Salary (plus expenses)

(p. 15) Among other paid workers, Mrs. W. F. Adams, Anglo-Chinese Work, Salary (part year) \$205.00.

Miss Ruth Yeandle was Superintendent in Vancouver, paid \$1310.00

Miss G. Scott was Superintendent in Victoria, paid \$1200.00

[Note that there were other paid workers as well]

**1944 "Thirty-First Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Chinese in Canada" section printed pp 60-63.

Mrs. MacLellan is Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Miss A. Burdick was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$1310.00

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

Miss Ruth Yeandle was Superintendent in Vancouver, paid \$1310.00

Miss G. Scott was Superintendent in Victoria, paid \$1200.00

**1945 "Thirty-Second Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Chinese in Canada" section printed pp 55-57.

- report is a separate "Chinese in Canada" unsigned but probably prepared by Ferrier who was secretary

Mrs. MacLellan is Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Miss A. Burdick was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$1310.00

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

Miss Ruth Yeandle was Superintendent in Vancouver, paid \$1310.00

Miss G. Scott was Superintendent in Victoria, paid \$1200.00

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

I also include here, "Estimates for 1945: Chinese in Canada." This is a page from :
Presbyterian Church in Canada, Women's Missionary Society, Records of the National
Missions Department, Chinese Secretary, File **1988-7004-9-15**.

**1946 "Thirty-Third Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Chinese in Canada" section printed pp 47-50.

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

**1947 "Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Chinese Work" section printed pp 52-55.

-part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary

Mrs. MacLellan is Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

(p. 18) Miss Muriel Judd, was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$1410.00 Salary and expenses

Miss Fay McTavish was Superintendent in Toronto, salary \$1400.00

Miss Ruth Yeandle was Superintendent in Vancouver, paid \$1510.00, Salary and expenses

Miss G. Scott was Superintendent in Victoria, salary \$1400.00

**1948 "Thirty-Fifth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Chinese in Canada" section printed pp 54 - 58

- report is part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary

Mrs. MacLellan is Corresponding Secretary.

(p. 18) Miss Muriel Judd, was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$1410.00 Salary and expenses

Miss Fay McTavish was Superintendent in Toronto, salary and expenses \$1503.40

Miss Ruth Yeandle was Superintendent in Vancouver, paid \$1510.00, Salary and expenses

Miss G. Scott was Superintendent in Victoria, salary \$1400.00

REPORTS FROM 1949 TO 1954.

- Reports become much shorter starting in 1949

1949 (Chinese in Canada section printed) (Thirty-sixth Annual Report)

-part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary, printed pp 42-43.

1950 (Chinese in Canada section printed) (Thirty-seventh Annual Report)

-part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary

1951 (Chinese in Canada section printed) (Thirty-eighth Annual Report)

-part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary

1952 (Chinese in Canada section printed) (Thirty-ninth Annual Report)

-part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary

1953 (Chinese in Canada section printed) (Fortieth Annual Report)

-part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary

1954 (Chinese in Canada section printed) (Forty-first Annual Report)

-part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary
Miss Judd by this time was a Deaconess in Peace River.

REPORTS FROM 1955 - 1973

Reel # 5 of 6 1955-1966

1955 (Chinese in Canada section printed) ("Forty-second Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

"Chinese in Canada" printed. This is part of the "National Missions Annual Report for 1955"
[Report submitted by "Frieda E. Matthews"]

Note that sections on Deaconesses and "Welcome and Welfare" have nothing that looks useful.

1956 (Chinese in Canada section printed) ("Forty-third Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

"Chinese in Canada" printed. This is part of the "National Missions Annual Report for 1956"
[Report submitted by "Frieda E. Matthews, *Director of National Missions*"]

1957 ("Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

p. 52 of "Chinese in Canada" printed. This is part of the "National Missions Annual Report for 1956"

[Report submitted by "Frieda E. Matthews, *Director of National Missions*"]

1958. "Chinese in Canada" section does not look useful. Not printed. ("Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

- nothing printed

1959. "Chinese in Canada" section does not look useful. Not printed. ("Forty-Fifth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

- nothing printed

1960 ("Forty-Sixth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

p. 45 of "Chinese in Canada" printed. This is part of the "National Missions Report - 1960"
Indicates the dedication of a new Chinese Church. The work continues.

[Report submitted by "Frieda E. Matthews, *Executive Director of National Missions*"]

1961. ("Forty-Seventh Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

"Chinese in Canada" section does not look useful. Not printed.

1962 ("Forty-Eighth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

p. 52 of "Chinese in Canada" printed. This is part of the "National Missions Report - 1962" Indicates the dedication of a new Chinese Church. The work continues.
[Report submitted by "Giollo G. Kelly, B.A., *Executive Director of National Missions*"]

1963 ("Forty-Ninth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

"Chinese in Canada" section does not look useful. Not printed.

1964 ("Fiftieth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

"Chinese in Canada" section does not look useful. Not printed.

1965 ("Fifty-first Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

"Chinese in Canada" section does not look useful. Not printed.

1966 ("Fifty-second Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

"Chinese in Canada" section does not look useful. Not printed.

Reel # 6 of 6 1967-1979

Had a quick look at this, but useful information seems to be petering out here.

1967 ("Fifty-Third Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")· Not printed

1968 ("Fifty-Fourth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D, the Presbyterian Church in Canada")

Printed p. 46 about Miss Yeandle's reflections, upon her retirement. From "National Mission Report" sub-section on "Chinese in Canada"

[Report submitted by "Giollo G. Kelly, B.A., *Executive Director*"]

1970 56th. Nothing printed

1969 55th Nothing printed. Reports become very succinct from here onwards.

1971. 57th Nothing printed.

By 1973, reports are just a (short) list of workers, with no details.

