

## 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 55<sup>th</sup> Nothing printed. Reports become very succinct from here onwards.

1971. 57<sup>th</sup> Nothing printed.

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

June was successful again as in other years. The major sporting activities are skating and hockey.

"The exterior of the building has been improved by the painting of all woodwork, fire escapes, etc. and, on the inside, new plaster, new tile floors in the playrooms and painting and redecorating have added greatly to the appearance."

Much of the credit for these improvements goes to the Principal, Mr. Ivan B. Robson, and to the Matron, Mrs. Robson, who, with the co-operation of a splendid staff, worked so tirelessly throughout the year.

**CHINESE IN CANADA**

**Montreal**

In spite of the handicap of being short-staffed in Montreal the report of the work for 1955 was most encouraging. Miss Hazel Turnbull was transferred from the Chinese work in the spring and for the summer months Miss Hazel Davis assisted. No successor was found for Miss Turnbull until the end of the year.

Mrs. Louie reports: "Attendance at the Sunday services has been greater in comparison to the year before. The great number of newcomers from China has in part brought about this larger attendance. Attendance in the Sunday school has been encouraging as well. There are 11 classes, 2 of which are attended by women who have just come from China and 7 of which are attended by students studying English. . . Kindergarten was held four afternoons a week. . . Five English classes were held three times a week from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. There are 50 students enrolled in these classes. The Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary, with Mrs. Paul Chan as President, met once a month. At the beginning of March, the Young Chinese Christian Fellowship was organized with a membership of 25. Special activities of this group include visiting hospitals, conducting worship services for young people in the community and taking part in church services. . . Visiting during the year took me into many homes. Many of the families are in need of aid, so visiting includes both bringing the Gospel to them as well as doing social work."

**Toronto**

Miss Margaret Near, B.A., in reporting the Chinese work in Toronto, told of progress being made in some phases of the work. Miss Gee Bun Lee, who works with Miss Near, has been of great assistance in meeting newcomers, in home visitation and as a leader of some of the groups where the Chinese language is spoken.

"The Young People's Society had a successful year with an average attendance of 20. Most of the members sing in the choir which gave loyal and faithful leadership at the church services. The Women's Association meets each Friday afternoon. . . Classes in citizenship are held on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. These classes are of great benefit for the women who are desirous of becoming Canadian citizens. . . English classes are conducted four evenings a week. . . The Sunday school, which meets in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, saw some growth during the year mainly in the Beginners Department."

Miss Lee visited the Chinese in Windsor once each month where she ministers to about thirty Chinese young people who have recently arrived in Canada. It is hoped that Miss Elaine Lee of Hong Kong will soon be in Canada to take over the work in Windsor and in other areas where she is needed.

**Vancouver**

Reports from Misses Ruth Yeandle, Susan Young and Annie Wilson were most encouraging.

Miss Yeandle, Reg.N., who has been on the National staff for twenty-five years, told of some of the activities. "In the kindergarten there were 120 pupils enrolled for the year. No child is allowed to attend kindergarten unless he attends Sunday school. . . English classes were held five times each week with nearly 100 people enrolled. It is encouraging to note that the students of these classes are finding their way into all the groups of the Church. The Spring Conference held by Presbytery's Young People's Society met in the Chinese Church and, in May, the C.G.I.T. had their first Mother and Daughter banquet."

Miss Susan Young, with her great consecration to her work and her knowledge of the Chinese languages, is able to assist in many ways—in the kindergarten, the adult groups and in home visitation.

Miss Annie Wilson, L.L.C.M., because of her musical training, is of great assistance not only in the kindergarten but in all of the other groups. Miss Wilson helps in the kindergarten and has special responsibility for the Mission Band, Explorer group and C.G.I.T.

**Victoria**

Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Grace Lee both taught in the kindergarten which was conducted each week-day morning. The enrolment for the year was 41. Four afternoons and evenings each week classes in English and Chinese were held in the church hall. On Friday afternoons, Miss Scott and Miss Lee visited Chinese homes and sometimes the hospitals. . . The Women's Missionary Society Senior Auxiliary and the Young Women's Auxiliary met regularly. The Senior Auxiliary held a special meeting in December when there were 73 women and children present.

In January, Miss Lee organized a new group for the children called "The True Light" group. This group now has an enrolment of 23. In April they had a special share in the Easter church service and in December joined in the Christmas meeting with the Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries. Miss Lee who became a Christian through the influence of one of our missionaries to China, the late Miss Agnes Dulmage, has been on our staff for twenty-five years.

Briefly the foregoing pages tell a story of the work accomplished by members of the National staff during the year 1955. To all of them we pay tribute for their untiring efforts, their patient understanding and the way they have faced problems, which came to them each day.

As our National missionaries enter upon a new year we know that the prayers and thoughts of all members of the Society will be with them, that they may be ~~strong~~ and greatly blessed in the service of their Master.

FRIENDA E. MATTHEWS

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CHINESE IN CANADA

Expansion and development are also shown in the reports of our work among the Chinese in Canada. Our staff now numbers eleven in five centres.

From Victoria, *Miss Gertrude Scott* and *Miss Grace Lee* report increased attendance in the kindergarten, which meets each morning, Monday to Friday, and an increased enrolment in their Church school. The English classes for newcomers continued throughout the year. These classes are held four days a week, in the afternoon and evening. Chinese classes also are held each day, Monday to Friday. The "True Light" group for children which was organized in January, 1955 by *Miss Lee* also showed much progress. Two Bible Vacation schools were conducted during the summer. The Chinese women who have recently come to Canada are encouraged to attend the Women's auxiliary meeting at which Bible study, Scripture reading and prayer form the major portion of the programme.

In Vancouver, too, where we have four women workers, there are evidences of an increasing interest in the church. There were 25 baptisms of which 10 were adults. 13 new members were added to the Church. The members of the Senior Women's Missionary Society auxiliary felt greatly honoured in having one of their number selected to be a delegate to the Council meetings in Ottawa. *Miss Ruth Yeandle*, in her report, tells of the way in which the members of the young women's group are assuming greater responsibility in the work of the church, in leading week-day groups and in teaching in the Church school. *Miss Susan Young*, who assists with the kindergarten, and the Senior Auxiliary, also teaches in the Church school and conducts a devotional period for those in attendance at the English classes. *Miss Annie Wilson*, I.L.C.M., who drives the school bus, "Betsy", and helps with the kindergarten, has the responsibility of several mid-week groups and also is Sunday school and Church organist. A part-time worker, *Mrs. Mary Yuern*, is an able kindergarten assistant. Our appreciation should also be expressed to *Mrs. Lillian Wong*, who was a member of staff part of the year when *Miss Yeandle* was on sick leave. The attendance at the Vacation Bible school was most encouraging.

In Toronto, *Miss Margaret Neuf*, reporting for 1956 writes, "There were many signs of the moving of the Holy Spirit among the Chinese people, of their growth in Christian grace and of the strengthening of their work in the Church. We are fortunate in that several of the women are very competent and well able to give Scriptural messages. They are never at a loss for speakers to take charge of the meeting. At Christmas, the women visited seven hospitals and nursing homes. Eight of the teachers in the Sunday school are from the congregation. In December, three of the students of the English class were baptized." *Miss Gee Bun Lee* has given unstintingly of her time and energy. In her report she stated that there are about 7,000 Chinese in Toronto, a large percentage of whom are not Christians. Every opportunity is sought to give the Gospel message to these people. English classes are held for newcomers several times a week. At each a short service of worship is conducted. Weekly prayer meetings are also held.

From Montreal, *Miss Florence Goertzen* reports that the enrolment at kindergarten has greatly increased. Two departments of the Sunday School now meet during the Church service. Many Chinese students, who are attending University in Montreal come to the Church and they have assisted in many ways. *Mrs. G. P. Louie* writes of these young men and women and of the help they have given. English classes are conducted at hours most convenient for the young people who are employed during the day. The W.M.S. Auxiliary have a "learn to sing" half hour preceding their meeting. This is enjoyed by all and helps the newcomers to become familiar with the hymns of our Church.

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*Miss Elsie Lee*, who arrived from Hong Kong in August, reported on the beginnings of her work among the Chinese in Windsor. Most of the Chinese are non-Christian and many of the women cannot read. *Miss Lee* conducts Church service, a Chinese school for children and visits in the homes and hospitals.

In all of the centres where the Chinese work is being done there are faithful volunteers, who week after week, teach English to the newcomers, teach in the Sunday school, lead mid-week groups and their help in many other ways is appreciated. Their assistance has been a great encouragement, not only to the Chinese but to all our members of staff. We would mention, too, that in all the reports there was evidence of a greater share of responsibility borne by the Chinese themselves. This is particularly true in the young women's, youth and children's groups. For this we would express our thankfulness.

INDIAN SCHOOLS

**Birtle—Principal, Mr. N. M. Rusaaw**

*Mr. Rusaaw* reported the year of 1956 was one of many and varied activities. For the first part of the year, the Rev. Earl Roberts was Chaplain and in May he was succeeded by the Rev. Rex Krepps. Evening services were conducted each Sunday. It is gratifying that following the conducting of communicants' classes, 24 of the young people became members of the church Sunday school literature and supplies are paid for from the offerings and a contribution is made to the budget. During the week, Mission Band, Explorers and C.G.I.T. groups are held under the direction of members of staff.

All grades from 1 to 9 are taught at the school. The students in the higher grades attend classes in Birtle High School. At the end of the year there were 162 pupils in residence. For the first time a little Eskimo boy, Pokceko, was admitted to the school.

Ten selected students are studying piano in addition to their school work. Vocal music is also taught and in May the students presented a musical concert which was most successful. Sports suited to the seasons are enjoyed by all—the hockey in winter being the favourite.

The produce from the farm and gardens was much appreciated, although the planting and harvesting entailed many extra long hours of work. It is interesting to note that over \$10,000.00 worth of home grown produce was used at the school. The school gardens, driveways, flowerbeds and school surroundings attracted many hundreds of visitors during the summer.

**Cochla Jeffrey—Principal, Mr. J. B. Robson**

In *Mr. Robson's* report there was also the note of varied activities, with the striving towards improved conditions. The opening of day schools on the reserves has meant that many of the children in residence are now from distant Northern reserves. For the first time in several years a group of our students are attending the Kenora-Keewatin District High School. The total enrolment in residence has averaged 150. Morning and evening worship services are conducted each week-day and on Sunday, Church school is held with classes for each age-group. The older students attend the Sunday evening church services in Kenora. Mid-week groups in the school, under the leadership of members of staff are C.O.C., two Explorer groups, a C.G.I.T. group and Sigma C.

Students from our school competed again in the Kenora District Music Festival in May and in the Drama Festival in November and received several awards. In April, *Andrew Williams*, winner of the 1955 public speaking contest competed in the Provincial Finals in Toronto.



Publication Department—

GLAD TIDINGS

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1957

<b>Assets</b>		
Cash on hand and on deposit		\$ 17,656.51
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Subscriptions to "Glad Tidings" paid in advance for the year 1958	\$ 15,661.00	
Loan, Special Fund	1,000.00	
		16,661.00
<b>Surplus</b>		
Deficit, 31st December 1956	\$ 305.98	
Add: Loss for the year ended 31st December 1957	2,198.51	
		2,504.49
Deduct: Grant from General Fund	3,500.00	
		995.51
Surplus, 31st December 1957		\$ 17,656.51

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December 1957

<b>Revenue</b>		
Subscriptions and advertising	\$ 33,724.56	
Less: Paid in advance for the year 1958	15,661.00	
Interest received	\$ 18,063.56	
Loss for the year ended 31st December 1957	221.60	
	2,198.51	
		\$ 20,483.67
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Printing and mailing expense	\$ 20,370.86	
General expense	112.81	
		\$ 20,483.67

Toronto, 7th February 1958.

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Staff 1958

Executive Director of National Missions — Miss Frieda E. Matthews

Deaconess Department

	Date of Appointment
Presbytery of Victoria, B.C.	Miss Winifred Ripley 1949
Presbytery of Westminster, B.C. (Kindergarten Supervisor)	Miss Evelyn Murdoch 1957
Presbytery of Saskatoon, Sask.	Mrs. A. C. McGillivray 1956
Presbytery of Hamilton, Ont.	Miss Lillian Reay 1953
Presbytery of East Toronto, Ont.	Miss Athalie Read 1943
Presbytery of West Toronto, Ont. (Tyndale House)	Miss Hilda Blackwell 1948
Presbytery of Montreal	Miss Flora Whiteford 1956
	Miss Hazell Davis 1957
	Miss Catherine Watson 1947
Montreal and Quebec	Miss Suzanne Dornois 1957
Port Receptionist	Miss Dorothy Lukes 1957
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ont.	Miss Helen Ross 1930
	Miss Kathleen Stewart, Reg. N. 1937
	Miss Martine Jansen Van Beek (under appointment) 1957

Summer Workers

Five student deaconesses

	Date of Appointment
Hospital Visitors	Miss Ellen Douglas 1930
Vancouver—New Westminster	Mrs. Jessie Anderson 1952
Edmonton	Mrs. G. W. Bradley 1951
Winnipeg	Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale 1950
Montreal	Miss Lila Schneider 1955
London	

Chinese Workers

Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott 1926
	Miss Grace Lee 1931
	Miss Ruth Yeandle 1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Susan Yeung 1940
	Miss Annie Wilson, I.L.C.M. 1948
	Mrs. Mary Yuen 1956
	Miss Margaret Near, B.A. 1954
Toronto, Ont.	Miss G. Dr. Lee 1954
Montreal, Que.	Miss Florence Goetzzen 1953
	Mrs. G. P. Louie 1942
Windsor, Ont.	Miss Elsie Lee 1956

Indian Schools

Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ont.	Mr. Howard Neely, Principal 1957
	Mrs. Howard Neely, Matron 1957
Birtle, Manitoba	Mr. N. M. Rusaw, Principal 1945
	Mrs. N. M. Rusaw, Matron 1945

1957

1957

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Chinese in Canada

Vancouver, British Columbia

Because of the greater concentration of Chinese people in Vancouver our work there is larger than in any other city in Canada. Our staff numbers four—Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Susan Young, Miss Annie Wilson, and Mrs. Mary Yuen. Each of these women have certain areas of work for which they are particularly responsible, and each one is a valued member of staff. The kindergarten had an average attendance of 58 and here, as in all of our Chinese kindergartens, the programme is in both English and Chinese. History was made in June when Mrs. Adamson, Past President, presented certificates to 36 graduates, this being the first time a member of Council Executive had attended the graduation ceremony. Visits to the homes of the kindergarten children by Miss Yeandle and Miss Young totalled over 100 during the year. Our staff have a busy schedule as they assist with the W.M.S. Auxiliary, English classes, Church School, Young People's Society and children's mid-week groups. In September, Miss Annie Wilson began her furlough study in the United States.

Toronto, Ontario

Miss Margaret Near, B.A. and Miss Gee Bun Lee, our two members of staff in Toronto, report many encouraging features of the work in the past year. Miss Near writes, "The brightest spot in our work is the Sunday School. This year we have 83 students on the roll and a staff of 14. The Women's Association had a good year and was able to make a substantial donation to the Church building, and increase their contribution to the Women's Missionary Society. Twenty-three volunteer teachers have assisted in teaching in the English classes, which continue to serve a need in the Chinese community." Miss Lee tells of some of the Chinese women coming early in the morning for prayer and meditation, and of family meetings held every two weeks in the homes of members of the congregation.

Montreal, Quebec

In Montreal, increases have been noted in attendance at Church service and Church school. Since September there has also been an increased enrolment in the kindergarten. Some of the mothers bring their children to kindergarten and because of this, a new procedure in the programme has been introduced. Mrs. Louie Goertzen is in charge of the kindergarten children for the mothers, while Miss Goertzen is in charge of the kindergarten children for recreation and rest periods. Chinese classes, English classes and other mid-week groups, along with visiting and welfare calls, make a busy schedule for Mrs. Louie and Miss Goertzen.

Windsor, Ontario

Miss Elsie Lee reports that 600 Chinese people in Windsor, most of whom are non-Christians. Each Sunday afternoon a Chinese service is conducted for those who do not understand the English language. Mrs. Lee visits in the homes and helps the Chinese women who do not speak English—to shop, bank, translate and write Chinese letters. A few of the women come every morning to the church for prayer and Bible study.

INDIANS

Brule Indian Residential School

Mr. N. M. Rusaw, Principal, reports, "The Rev. Rex Krepps, who has been the Chaplain of the school, conducts the regular Sunday evening church service and comes for specially arranged weekly classes. On December 8th, 11 students joined the Church. In the service 68 students and staff partook of Communion. Sunday School is held each Sunday morning, with the staff and

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senior students as teachers. C.G.I.T. and Explorer groups were held weekly under the supervision of two members of staff.

"Grades I to IX are taught in the school while grades X to XII attend classes daily at the Britle High School. Resident pupillage at the end of June was 153—at the close of the year 166. Of the 24 students in Grades X to XII, the following is the break-down for September, 1957. 13 of these returned to school; 5 are in attendance at the Manitoba Technical Institute; one at Manitoba Teachers' College; one at University of Manitoba; one at St. Boniface Hospital for training as a practical nurse; and three are at their homes on reserves. Many of the graduates look to the school as home, and for some it is the only home they have. More and more the school will have to be the home for many young people who have gotten their early training here. Piano instruction was given weekly to 12 students and vocal instruction to all students. Recreation is as varied as can be made with the facilities we have. In winter, the rink provides skating to music, and hockey. Parties with games, surprises, lunch, etc. are provided periodically during the year. In the warm summer periods, which are too few, baseball and soft-ball provide good recreation. The small children have swings, slides, teeter-totters for playground sport, and hand-sleighs for the winter hills. All the meat used was a home product, as well as most of the vegetables and much of the fruit. Decorating and painting were carried on as usual. Several improvements were made in the buildings. A fine new milk-room was built at the barn and fully equipped. The appearance of gardens, flowerbeds, driveways and farm premises attract many visitors. It was an honour and a pleasure to provide the setting for the Indian Workers' Conference at the school during the last week of June.

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario

At the end of July Mr. and Mrs. Ivan B. Robson, who had been Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey School for three years, left the staff. Mr. and Mrs. Robson had worked hard and given unstintingly of their time and energy for which we record our appreciation. In the new work as a missionary to the Indian people in the Lake of the Woods area, to which Mr. Robson has been appointed, we extend to him our good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Neely were appointed to succeed Mr. and Mrs. Robson in August. There were several other changes in staff during the year, which meant that at certain periods extra responsibilities were given to those members of staff who continued. Of those we would write of our appreciation for their loyalty and faithfulness.

One of the highlights of the school year was the opening of a new classroom block, adjacent to the main building. This new building contains the three senior classrooms as well as the industrial arts and the home economics rooms. The two junior classrooms are in the main building. With the opening of the new classrooms, the space formerly used for three classrooms in the main building was made use of quickly—one room for the sorting and packing of bales, one for the staff sitting-room, and the third one again used for a girls' dormitory. In the bale room, several hundreds of parcels of clothing were sorted, some articles kept for use at the school, and many boxes and barrels prepared for distribution on reserves. In both schools, Britle and Cecilia Jeffrey, this sorting and packing each autumn means long hours of heavy, back-breaking work on the part of the Matrons and other members of staff who assist them.

Chapel service each day, and Sunday School are conducted at the school. On Sunday the children are taken by bus to the Presbyterian Church in Kenora, to attend the service there. Two of the older boys attend the Adult Bible class in the church each Sunday morning.

Big students attend the Kenora High School, three in Grade X and three in Grade IX.

# National Missions

Staff — 1961

Executive Director of National Missions — Miss Frieda E. Matthews

## Deaconess Department

Presbytery of Victoria, B.C.	Miss Winnifred Ripley	1949
Presbytery of Westminster, B.C.	Miss Tamiko Nakamura	1959
St. Matthew's Centre	Miss Evelyn Murdoch	1957
Kindergarten Supervisor	Mrs. Bessie Aibe	1961
Presbytery of Red Deer, Alta.	Miss Hilda Blackwell	1948
Presbytery of Saskatoon, Sask.	Miss Lillian Reay	1953
Presbytery of Prince Albert, Sask.	Miss Ada Wade	1958
Presbytery of Winnipeg, Man.	Miss Catherine Denholm	1959
Presbytery of Hamilton, Ont.	Miss Bernice Barker	1960
Presbytery of Temiskaming, Ont.	Miss Athalie Read	1943
Presbytery of West Toronto, Ont.	Miss Martine Jansen van Beek	1957
Presbytery of East Toronto, Ont.	Miss Hazell Davis	1957
Presbytery of Kingston, Ont.	Miss Dorothy McCombie	1961
Presbytery of Montreal, Que.	Miss Florence Goertzen	1953
(Tyndale House)	Miss Flora Whiteford	1956
Montreal and Quebec	Miss Catherine Watson	1947
(Port Receptionist)	Miss Dorothy Lukes	1957
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ont.	Miss Helen Ross	1930

## Winnipeg Fellowship House

### Summer Workers

Mr. and Mrs. R. Denholm  
1960

Seven student deaconesses

### Hospital Visitors

Vancouver - New Westminster	Miss Ellen Douglas	1930
Edmonton	Mrs. Jessie Anderson	1952
Winnipeg	Mrs. G. W. Bradley	1951
Montreal	Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale	1950

### Chinese Workers

Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Dorothy Spring	1961
	Miss Grace Lee	1931
	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
	* Miss Susan Yeung	1940
	Miss Agnes Wilton, I.L.C.M.	1948
	Mrs. Elsie Young	1958
	Miss Margaret Near, B.A.	1952
	* Miss Gae Bun Lee	1954
	Miss Lila Schneider	1955
	Mrs. G. P. Louie	1942
	Miss Kathryn Wu	1939
	Miss Elsie Lee	1956

Toronto, Ont.  
Montreal, Que.

### Indian Schools

Windsor, Ont.	Mr. S. T. Robinson, Principal	1958
Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ont.	Mrs. S. T. Robinson, Matron	1958
Birdie, Manitoba	Mr. N. M. Rusaw, Principal	1945
	Mrs. N. M. Rusaw, Matron	1945

on furlough  
Miss Gae Bun Lee, beginning January 1st, 1961  
Miss Susan Yeung, beginning May 1st, 1961

# National Missions Report — 1960

Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Director of National Missions

The annual reports of all of the members of the National staff tell of much that was accomplished in 1960. On the following pages you will read some of the interesting facts about your own workers in Canada.

## CHINESE IN CANADA

### Victoria

"The close of another year (1960) has found the Chinese mission a very busy and much used place", wrote Miss Gertrude Scott in her annual report. Both Miss Scott and her associate, Miss Grace Lee, reported increased attendance in mid-week group attendance and a larger enrolment in their morning kindergarten. At the kindergarten closing in June it was noted that in eight instances the mother or father of the children had once been a pupil at the kindergarten. Chinese classes with an enrolment of 50, and English classes with an enrolment of 32 are conducted each week day at hours convenient for the students. The Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries and the True Light group for children are very active and made a total contribution of \$138.85 to the Society's funds in 1960.

### Vancouver

One of the interesting phases of the work in Vancouver in 1960 was the organizing of four Bible study groups for Chinese girls and boys in their home areas. This project entailed much work but the results were worth while in that almost 50 children attended these groups. Under the leadership of Miss Ruth Yeandle, Susan Yeung, Annie Wilson and Mrs. Elsie Young, the kindergarten, English classes, Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries, Explorers and Church School had a most successful year. The Church School attendance was so large that two classes had to be taught in the school bus and in a private car. In the kindergarten 120 children were enrolled, with 44 graduating in June. All the children accepted for kindergarten must attend Church School regularly. Many visits were made in homes and hospitals.

### Toronto

The highlight of the work in Toronto in 1960 was the opening and dedication on December 11th of the new Chinese Church. This has given a great impetus to the life of the groups within the Church and increased interest is very evident. Miss Margaret Near in her report wrote — "The young people have shown good spirit and co-operation. In the moving and settling in the new building, several members gave, particularly outstanding help. . . . The women continued their good work. They have paid for the furnishings of the kitchen. . . . they have encouraged encouraging the non-Christians to attend their meetings and in the fall we women, . . . had 'hearts' for a long time, were baptized." Miss Gae Bun Lee in addition to her many duties of leadership and visiting, was active for a period of time in assisting in canvassing for the building fund of the new Church.

### Montreal

There were many changes in the work in Montreal in 1960. Mrs. G. P. Louie was on furlough from July until December. Miss Dorothy Keller was transferred to the Organization Department and in her place, Miss Lila Schneider, formerly Hospital Visitor in London, was appointed. Miss Kathryn Wu, who had come to Canada from Hong Kong in November, 1959, was able to continue all year. In Montreal as in the other centres, much of the volunteer leadership has been given by the Chinese people themselves. This has been most encouraging and speaks well for the future growth and development of our work. The average attendance at the Women's Auxiliary was 37. English classes arranged at an hour



'Chinese in Canada'

Sudbury

In March, the Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay requested the appointment of a graduate deaconess to work among the Chinese people in Sudbury, and also to give assistance in Christian Education in the congregations of Parkside and Calvin, Sudbury. Miss Mary Duffin was appointed to this work and took up her duties in mid-May. The months of July and August were occupied with four Vacation Schools, one of these, which was held in Knox Church, had one-third of its enrolment made-up of Chinese children. Miss Duffin worked closely with the Chinese W.M.S. Auxiliary which meets in Knox Church, and, along with the Elder for the Chinese district, visited in the Chinese homes. With the pulpit vacancy at Calvin and Parkside during November and December, Miss Duffin had added duties of hospital and pastoral visitation and also taught the teenage Bible Class at Parkside.

Toronto

In spite of several disruptions in leadership, the work among the Chinese in Toronto gave cause for encouragement. Miss Margaret Near was on leave of absence for the first six months of the year, during which time she successfully completed work for her Master of Arts degree in Christian Education, from San Francisco University in San Anselmo, California. Miss Gee Bun Lee was on leave from September 1st, and finally found it necessary to resign at the end of the year for health reasons. Dr. Zi also had a period of illness, so that each worker in turn had heavier than usual responsibilities to bear. We are most grateful to Mrs. Doon Lee who gave valuable assistance to Miss Near during the latter months of the year.

Miss Near reports as follows: "The Women's Auxiliary meets faithfully, and continues to reach out to the Chinese-speaking middle-aged and older women. Their Christmas Meeting attracted some 80 women, plus children. The week before Christmas, the Women's Auxiliary visited nine hospitals and old age homes, seeing 75 patients. Two of the Young Women's Guild were among the drivers. Though the women do the visiting and buy the gifts for the patients, they do so in the name of the Church."

The Church School has progressed in spite of a shortage of teachers. There was an average attendance throughout the year of 76. This number could be increased if more transportation were available. The Young Women's Guild, which was organized last year, has been active, with the members always ready to give assistance where necessary. The Young People's Society had a good year, with an average attendance of 20. Two Vacation Church Schools were conducted during the summer. These were of two weeks duration each. The average attendance for the teenage school was 19 and for the children's 44.

The Annual Fall Bazaar was a success, and realized \$1,900.00 for the Building Fund. The Young Women's Guild was asked to help the Chinese Overseas Student's Association at the University appropriate the money done at the Bazaar for their annual "China Night". This presented an opportunity for contact with the students.

Of her working period during 1962 Miss Neal writes: "It has been six months of busyness, with some frustration in accomplishing what seemed needful, and yet we have been mindful at the same time of the unchangeable absence of God and His purposes, and we know that through all these things God is working, and that His grace is sufficient for all our needs."

Windsor

Miss Elsie Lee continued her work among the Chinese people of Windsor until the middle of September, when she began her study furrough at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. A Service in Chinese was conducted by Miss Lee each Sunday after-

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noon in St. Andrew's Church. Two afternoons each week a number of Chinese children gathered to study the Chinese language. English classes also were conducted one evening a week, following which a brief worship service was conducted by Miss Lee.

Home visitation formed an important part of Miss Lee's programme, at which time the Gospel message was told and Christian literature distributed. The visitation of the sick in homes and hospitals was carried out, as well as assistance given in writing letters in Chinese and translating letters from Chinese into English.

A very successful annual dinner was held by the Chinese women in May when over a hundred women attended. Miss Lee comments on the increasing number of Chinese in Windsor, and voices the prayer that they be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and come to know the love of God for them.

Montreal

Mrs. G. P. Louie reports that "with the coming of 1962, we are happy to report that our Sunday School won the highest percentage award banner again at the annual Presbyterian Sunday School Rally held on January 7th". Chinese Sunday School with Mrs. Louie and Miss Kathryn Wu in charge, was followed by English Sunday School, and a Kindergarten Sunday School or the tiny tots, whose parents attended the Church Service.

Miss Lila Schneider served as the Non-Chinese staff member until May, when she was succeeded by Miss Louise Gamble. These young women carried responsibility for the English Secretarial Work of the Mission, as well as giving leadership in the various youth groups. Miss Wu assumed responsibility for the Chinese Secretarial Work.

The Kindergarten, which saw six of its members graduate in June, began the Fall term with an enrolment of 31. All three staff members shared in the leadership beginning in September. The children were honoured by a visit from the Moderator, at which time they sang a Chinese song for him. They also participated in the Christmas Concert.

An Explorer Group, with a membership of 8, was organized by Miss Gamble in October and got off to an encouraging start. A Women's Fellowship was started in October by Miss Wu. This group, with a membership of ten, meet twice a month.

English classes were held two afternoons each week and the Chinese School, with an enrolment of 70, also was held twice a week.

The Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary continued to be active, meeting monthly. During the year 14 children and 7 adults were baptized. A Chinese Summer School was held during July with 30 students in attendance. The Young People's Society, which doubles as the Choir, was very active. Besides leading the praise in the Sunday Services, they presented a Special Candlelight Service in December.

Mrs. Louie states, "Visiting is of prime importance in our work. This is the real key to our work. We visit the sick, the needy, and aided many in solving their problems, of the home and language. We feel that in helping those in need, we are showing God's Love."

Montreal

THE DEACONESSES

In her report, Miss Dorothy Lukes, Port Receptionist, wrote: "During the past season I met the ships, met and welcomed the immigrants and helped them in any way possible. It is interesting to note that many people have commented on how wonderful it is to have the Church meeting, welcoming and helping the immigrants". She met 104 ships at Montreal and 2 at Quebec during 1962.



teachers had been given various responsibilities for it and carried out their parts well. One played the piano for the entire service.

"Now that I am conversing with the Chinese people, I find many lack a deep understanding of what it means to be a Christian. So the challenge that presents itself to me in 1969 is to try with God's help to present Christ in such a way that He will become their Lord and Saviour and that the faith of others will be deepened."

#### Vancouver

In reviewing the year in which she reached her official retirement, Miss Ruth Yeandle looked back on her earlier years of service to the Chinese people in Vancouver (See Glad Tidings article, May 1969). The spring months sped by quickly as she endeavoured to wind up her wider responsibilities. In keeping with the Society's policy in the case of long-service staff who reach retirement, Miss Yeandle was invited to attend the annual council meeting in Toronto during the last week of May. Effective September 1 Miss Yeandle took up part-time duties in the Chinese work. She writes, "What year is this?" The question came from our Chinese minister, the Rev. Andrew Ng as he rushed through the Kindergarten room one afternoon in early spring. It interrupted the story I was telling to a group of pre-schoolers. Mr. Ng is an intelligent man. His question amazed me, but I answered, "It is 1968!"

"Then came the explanation. 'Is this the year you retire?' Evidently it had just dawned on him that I had only a few more months to carry on the work which had been my life for nearly 37 years. It set my mind running back to that day in October 1931, when I first entered the Chinese Presbyterian Church.

"About 30 children were gathered in the big bleak gymnasium. With them was a Chinese lady whom I came to know as Mrs. G. P. Louie. This lady became my teacher and director in a type of work I had never done before. As I gazed wonderingly at those little black-eyed, black-haired youngsters, I thought to myself, 'What on earth does one do with them? If only they were laid neatly in little white beds I think I could cope with the situation. But running all over the place like this! Whatever does one do?' Up to that day I had been working at my profession as a nurse. It was because I was a nurse that the Superintendent of Chinese work for The Presbyterian Church in Canada had asked me if I would undertake to do this missionary job. Public Health nurses were few and far between and there was difficulty getting Chinese mothers to agree to inoculations and other medical devices. So here I was confronted with my first big problem—a group of healthy, lively children. It made me smile as I thought of it that afternoon in the lovely sunny Kindergarten room which the W.M.S. helped us to erect a few years ago. After 37 years the children were no problem at all. I had learned to cope with them.

"But I had learned many other things too. I had learned that people of another race are much like ourselves under the skin. There are all sorts of dispositions among Chinese just as there are all sorts of dispositions among Anglo-Saxons. I had learned that the Lord is faithful who promised. It is good to wait on Him. He is never too late nor is He too early. His ways are not our ways, but they are always the right ways. I had learned to laugh, especially at myself! When one is trying to speak Cantonese, the possibility of making a mistake is ever present. Chinese people are patient with beginners, but even now I make many mistakes and it is good to laugh at them. Dr. David Smith told me at the beginning of my work that that one of the most important things is a sense of humour. I have found that this is so. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." The medicine is useful for those who have the "merry heart" as well as for those about him. It is well worth cultivating.

"From September 1st, I seemed to have been as busy as ever. My part-time work at the Chinese Church includes correspondence, helping newcomers,

taking charge of one or two morning worship services, and preparing the weekly Bible study in English. During the year we have covered Exodus and Numbers in English and Chinese. Mr. Ng did Leviticus himself while I was away. I have also spoken at five meetings, and took one of the Sunday morning services. Miss Yeung and I have made several calls on Chinese families. I have attended all meetings of the Kirk Session and kept the minutes for that body. I have also attended meetings of Presbytery and reported any matters of importance to the Chinese Kirk Session.

This report would not be complete without a few words of appreciation to my co-workers at the Chinese Church, both W.M.S. staff and lay workers. It is truly a joy to see how each one has taken hold of the work. This is the reward of long service in one place. One is enabled to watch the Lord working in hearts and lives as children grow into youth and youth into adulthood. Part of my present work is upholding these dear ones at God's throne. May I close with these verses:

#### YEAR OF RETIREMENT

1. "I have not attained. . . . I press on" Phil. 3:12-14  
*Do you ask what it means to retire?  
 Does it mean that a person goes back?  
 Does it mean that one does not aspire  
 To things that are better and higher?  
 Does it mean, then, that life becomes a sleep?  
 Well, for me, I can say, that's not so!  
 I still have a great goal to reach.  
 For my imperfections I know:  
 In holiness progress is slow.  
 My Master has much yet to teach.  
 There is plenty of work to be done  
 For one who is willing and free.  
 In the hourglass the sand's almost run;  
 Days of panic and fear have begun;  
 Soon the Lord of the harvest will see.  
 4. So retirement means labouring still  
 From dawn until setting sun;  
 And His faithfulness, shown to me, will  
 Be passed on to others, until  
 He returns, and the victory's won!*

Miss Annie Wilson, who assumed major responsibility for the Kindergarten with the retirement of Miss Yeandle, reports as follows: "Application to the Welfare Department for our Kindergarten license is in process of being completed, so facts for it are fresh in mind—189 school days, total enrolment of 170, daily average attendance 52. From a personal level this reads—a total of 23 children transported 4456 miles in about 260 driving hours. It is 13 years since I began to drive children to school. Every child has brought his or her measure of joy and delight (testing too) to the miles of driving and hours in school, however 1968 will always hold special memories of children from Christian homes, whose hearts are already captured by the Lover of little ones, and of others not so endowed but who with childhood's simplicity are responding to His wooing. What a privilege to be His representative among them!

"There have been three Mother's meetings during the year—February, when W.M.S. women from Fairview prepared and served refreshments to the parents; April, on Easter Sunday morning, a move much appreciated by fathers especially, as they are seldom free to attend any weekday programmes; and lastly October, when we carried out a thanksgiving theme. Each meeting was well attended and parents showed increased interest each time. The two