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"(Mrs. Joseph M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

to the School Homes: Pointe aux Trembles, St. Pierre, Teulon (boys), Vegroville (boys), Boswell and Fortune, Vegreville (girls), Sifton and Ethelbert Home; and to the Reserves: Rolling River, Hurricane Hills and Qu'Appelle.

Every hospital received a generous supply of honey and bottled fruit. This was much appreciated.

The total value of supplies and bales was \$34,069.76, and \$796.28 was paid for freight, of which \$596.17 was refunded by the Government on bales to Indian Schools.

It is needless to say our bales of clothing were very much appreciated.

QUEBEC: In presenting the annual report, I am much pleased to be able to report another year of progress.

Quebec Presbyterial sent the following supplies: Outfits for 7 pupils of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Boarding School; bales to St. John's Hall, Quebec, and the Dr. Hunter Hospital, Teulon; total value of which was \$789.75.

Montreal Presbyterial sent outfits for 20 pupils of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, quilts and 30 yards pillow cotton; supplies to Namur School; and Tourville; bales to Bonnyville Hospital, Dorchester House, Strangers' Department, French Work, Rev. Mr. Roy, Jewish Mission, Pointe aux Trembles, Rosemont fire sufferers; Columba House—baby layette. Total value, \$3,024.95. This makes a total value from our Province of \$3,814.70, which is an increase over last year. As we rejoice in any progress that may have been made, let us enter our new work with the fixed purpose to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." According as we have this aim in our lives, to that extent shall we develop, and through us our work, according to His will.

SASKATCHEWAN: The allocation of supplies was as follows: Cote Indian Day School, partial outfit; Moose Mountain Day School, partial outfit; requirements for Grande Prairie Hospital (not needed, so are held over to be sent to Vermilion Hospital Unit in spring); Battleford and Prince Albert School Homes. Value supplies, \$2,917.33.

Reserve bales were sent to Moose Mountain, Round Lake and Cote Indian Reserve. Value reserve bales, \$1,307.15.

Total value supplies, \$4,224.48.

We thus send a message of cheer into our hospitals, school homes, Indian schools and reserves, as well as into many districts where the gift of prosperity has not been very liberal during the past three years. During the autumn every Presbyterial sent bales to the drought-afflicted districts, and special mention must be made of the willingness and enthusiasm shown by the Supply Secretaries and helpers in gathering those bales at a time when we thought our supply work finished for the year. Our work and interests have broadened with the years.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE SIX PROVINCIALS

Receipts		
Alberta		\$1620 90
British Columbia:		
Cash	\$657 60	
Bales	1236 00	
Manitoba:		1893 60
Cash	\$3218 55	
Supplies and Bales	1213 80	
		4432 35

Ontario	34069 76
Quebec	3814 70
Saskatchewan:	
Supplies	\$2917 33
Reserve Bales	1307 15
	4224 48

Expenditure for Equipment

Strangers' Department	\$ 42 50
Jews	8 00
School Homes	370 31
Indian Boarding Schools	398 71
Hospitals	1895 14
Foreign Equipment	331 17
	\$3045 83
School Homes Forward Movement Fund	650 00
Chinese Work	400 00
Hospital Unit from sale Grande Prairie	770 59

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WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

The interest in the Christianization of the men and women coming from far distant China deepens, as our knowledge grows of them personally, and our sense of the tremendous importance of the work in relationship to missionary work in their mother land. It also deepens, when we realize the great effect the carrying on of this work; or its neglect has on ourselves and our country.

The wonderful industry and economy of these people, combined with a quickness of mind, and a desire to learn everything that will advance them materially, have aroused the antipathy of certain sections of our Canadian community. We cannot shut our eyes to the vices peculiarly common to themselves, but when we look at those of our own people, we cannot adopt the Pharisaical attitude of being "holier than thou". The Chinese Oriental is here, pursuing his calling in a quiet unoffensive way. As a Church, we believe in the evangelization of the heathen, and we have them beside us, and it is our fault if they do not learn of the Saviour of the World.

It is very gratifying to be able to report a responsive interest in them on the part of all denominations. This common interest is doing a great deal towards promoting a sense of brotherhood among Christians of all Churches, and in this way accomplishing a two-fold work.

Our Society's work is still confined to three centres—Victoria, Vancouver and Toronto, but in all three a new enthusiasm has been created by the securing of buildings more suitable than formerly. Work can be done when buildings are larger and airier, and our worker not fighting continually against depressing surroundings.

In Vancouver, Miss Harrison has had much to contend with and her faith and patience were severely tried by the delay in securing a good and suitable building, but that difficulty has at last been overcome and the outlook is bright. She and Miss McCauley the housekeeper are now in comfortable quarters and where classes for the Chinese women and girls are held. The women have a club which meets every Thursday, the first one of

Deaconess Work

Although there has been no expansion of the Deaconess Work this year, there have been some changes in the fields supplied.

The brief reports of our workers which follow, indicate something of the variety of ways a deaconess may serve the Church—from that of a pastor's assistant in a city church, to that of a missionary on an Indian Reserve.

Alberta.—Edmonton.—Miss Agnes Coutie, as Deaconess-at-large, continues her work with the same unflinching devotion. She reports the erection and opening of a little church in the Walterdale section, where she has been doing mission work for some time, holding service in the school house. A combined church and Sunday school service is held here on Sunday morning, while in the afternoon she conducts a Bible class in Calvin Church and assists with the service which follows. During the week mothers' meetings are held in different districts and many visits made.

British Columbia.—Nanaimo.—Miss Lulu Phoenix carried on the work here while the congregation was without a pastor, and rendered valuable service to the church and community. She retired from our staff at the end of June and later took up work under another department of the church.

Manitoba.—Winnipeg.—Miss Anna M. Keith, deaconess to the Ruthenians, reports a difficult year owing to opposition due to socialistic and nationalistic ideas. The Junior Congregation, begun in January, and continuing until the fall, proved very successful, and while without a pastor was the only church service besides the Sunday School. The work of the latter has been most encouraging, and much help has been given by volunteer workers.

A Mission Band of junior boys and girls was organized in October and gives great promise; meetings are held weekly. The work amongst the teen age girls is more difficult, but an adapted form of the C. G. I. T. program is being used with good results.

The work of the older boys is under the direction of a university student, who for the past three years has kept in close touch with their Sunday and mid-week activities. Miss Perich, a Ruthenian student, assisted Miss Keith for a few months with great acceptance, her knowledge of the language and customs of the people was of great value.

Miss Jessie Mackenzie, whose work lay in Point Douglas district, rendered excellent service until November when she entered the Jewish work.

Ontario.—Hamilton.—Miss Margaret Allan, deaconess in St. David's congregation, who has rendered efficient service for a number of years, still continues her good work, although her engagement with the W. M. G. terminated the end of April.

Miss Sophia Mitchell, in Laidlaw Memorial Church, reports a very strenuous year, owing to business depression, and the large relief work which had to be done for the new comers who were unable to find employment. Progress has been made in all departments of the church work.

Strangers' Department

In the Department of the Stranger there are now thirteen missionaries under the W.M.S. giving their full time to the work and reporting as follows:

Montreal.—Miss King states that every overseas boat and ship-train has been met by a representative of our church. A number of brides and unaccompanied children have come to Canada. The British immigrants were of good type. An exceptional number of Jews have passed through, and the direct route to Italy accounted for a larger number of Italians. Correspondence will be started with Waldensian pastors, and Miss King will give some time to the study of Italian. The Signal Service has kept the port workers informed of the arrival of ships, thus avoiding waste of time. Conductresses have co-operated, and reports were frequently sent on request to the Government in special cases. The Presbyterian Society of Montreal has contributed comforts for women and children going up country; Miss Harvie has given much voluntary service. Miss McArthur has assisted Miss King during the busy season, but devoted most of her time to locating immigrants in the city. In most cases she was successful. She has also helped the members of our auxiliaries in visiting and linking the newcomers to the churches. Meetings for conference have been held with secretaries of the auxiliaries. Miss Hall, a visitor in the hospitals, tells of a number of patients from the United States and the Maritime Provinces. The Officials have been most cordial. A communion service was arranged for the elderly bed-ridden patients in St. Margaret's Home. The workers in Montreal meet periodically with the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery.

Toronto.—Miss Murray, in her hospital visiting found a need for a place where patients, who would be difficult to connect with the social life of the churches on account of the nature of their treatment in the hospitals, might visit from time to time, and receive spiritual help. Some of these people were from out of town and were attending day clinics. She has, for this reason, provided herself with a small apartment. Many women have broken down from war strain and unemployment. The Testaments have proved invaluable. Never once has the Presbyterian Society or some friend failed to meet her needs. In some hospitals nurses ask her help with patients in trouble. In the General Hospital she addresses the nurses-in-training on her work in Scotland and in the city.

Miss McDougall has secured names of strangers from the Home Mission Office, Government Employment Bureau, Colleges and the Board of Education—507 Presbyterians in all. Every week the Board of Education sends the names of all children transferred from one school to another, stating the new address and religion. Miss McDougall, acting for an inter-church committee, forwards this information at once to a secretary for each denomination, who in turn communicates with her respective congregation. Between five hundred and one thousand names are received monthly and through them an equal number of little or older children and twice as many adults were discovered. This type of work has proved to be the most definite and immediately fruitful of all our efforts. Immigrant trains have been met, the workers of all denominations working together and relieving one another.

Mrs. McIntyre continues her tireless work among the foreign born, chiefly Ukrainian, until she is known by them throughout the city. She has had a great help to the Rev. F. C. Crath, their minister, and has helped to bring together all the "foreign" missionaries in the city. An unusual number of "intellectuals" from Europe have come to Toronto and have

been given an immediate welcome and introduced to English speaking people in our churches. We desire to emphasize again the importance of the re-action of the life of the foreign born in Canada on their home lands, particularly in Central Europe at present. The Canadian National Exposition gave increased attention to the exhibit of Ukrainian handiwork and has provided prizes for the next exhibition. An amusing tribute to the work of the Mission has been the action of the Bolsheviks, who in applying for citizenship papers, gave their religion as Presbyterian and our Missionary as a reference.

Winnipeg.—Miss McLeod has spent a busy year in the hospitals. She has found her knowledge of Indian and Ukrainian helpful. The auxiliaries both from town and country, have helped in comforts, delicacies and visiting. There were 2096 patients in hospitals; 108 at home and 33 were taken care of by congregations.

Mrs. Lewis has come face to face with difficulties in housing and unemployment in dealing with immigrants. Whole families have come, also many young men and women. She has been able to co-operate with the City Social Welfare and Scottish Societies. One of her newcomers is now an elder, some are in choirs. She emphasizes the increased importance of the second, third and fourth visit to a stranger after having called once. The names of students have been received from the colleges.

Miss Grogan was appointed to immigration work but was used to visit the families of Sunday School scholars in St. John's, Old Kildonan and St. Giles churches. She has brought out the need for this in all congregations as many teachers do not visit their pupils in their homes. In seven and a half months she made 786 calls and made definite reports to the churches, in one case at least, entering the names in the elders' books. The other four missionaries combine in each of the cities where they live the separate work of those in the larger cities—hospitals, students, immigration.

Saskatoon.—Miss Russenholt at Saskatoon has spent her first full year of work in that city and reports progress. She emphasizes particularly the need for sustained social life, rather than spasmodic, in the churches, for students. Her hospital work has been full of variety for overseas and out-of-town patients far from home.

Edmonton.—Miss Coutie at Edmonton reports 310 strangers, 1714 Presbyterian hospital patients and 470 soldiers in hospital. Literature has been distributed; country and city secretaries have pulled together to make it a useful, happy year.

Calgary.—Miss MacKenzie at Calgary reports, for her first year, 969 persons and 477 of the overseas people reported to her were Scotch or Irish. In visiting the 969 she found many other strangers who had slipped out of the knowledge of the church.

British Columbia.—Miss Sutherland, at Vancouver, besides doing her city work visited many newcomers who were establishing homes in the outskirts. The hospital visiting has been heavy. She had been asked to address meetings and this almost invariably led to personal work by our members. After many years of service as deaconess at Prince Rupert, the Kootenay and Vancouver, she will go east for a well-earned rest of three months. All the missionaries speak of the co-operation of the churches, the unemployment, the calls to address meetings, the general interest in immigration. They urge the need for reporting removals when people leave our churches and schools if we are to find them before they lapse into indifference. Our thanks are again due to the Bible Society for free copies of the Scriptures.