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Supplies--

Manitoba.—We have supplied clothing to Coté, Alberni and Round Lake Indian schools, Teulon Girls' Home, and Vegreville Hospital, four Indian reserves, seven mission fields, as well as our three city missions. Through the untiring efforts of our Presbyterian Supply Secretaries and Auxiliaries we were able to answer promptly any appeals for clothing that were sent to us. These consisted chiefly in appeals from Janow, Man., from Mrs. Murray, Magnet, and from the Supply Secretary, Toronto, for supplies for the new Girls' Home in Teulon.

In view of the need of using every effort to keep in touch with the women of our churches and church districts, who during the past four years have generously given of their time and energy in making up garments for hospital or relief work under the Red Cross Society, and, in view of the fact that this organization is applying to the Government at Ottawa for a charter allowing them to provide for the relief of suffering at any time and wherever it may be found, we believe that as a missionary organization accomplishing at the present time the same work as that desired by the women of our land, we should make every effort to make known the character and needs of the work we are doing, and try to interest in every possible way these women who are anxious for further service.

We would suggest that the Supply Secretary and Mission Band Secretary of each Presbyterian get together and allot possible work for Mission Bands to do, and that they each ask for reports on the supply work accomplished by these Mission Bands.

Our work in the city missions was retarded last fall because of the "flu" ban. With the beginning of the year, however, it opened with renewed vigor.

We pray that the Forward Movement may bring to our workers a great realization of the need of getting in touch with and influencing the foreign-speaking women and children so that they may be true Christian citizens.

Ontario.—Our fifth annual report is one of progress and ability to meet the demand of our ever-increasing need for supply work. It is no easy task to undertake the clothing of nearly 300 children, and in addition to send other supplies to our hospitals, homes, reserves and mission fields. As in former years we have sent these to Round Lake, Portage la Prairie, Birtle, Cecilia Jeffrey, File Hills, and Ahousaht Indian schools; also to Lizard Point and other reserves; to Vegreville, Teulon, Sifton and Ethelbert homes, and to Canora and Bonnyville hospitals. Some twenty missionaries have received supplies, and where needed their fields have been helped. Of the gratitude and appreciation of those we have helped there can be no doubt. That it is a privilege as well as a pleasure to assist in such a work is evidenced by the willingness of all our Presbyterians to respond to any call we may have to make, even after a somewhat long list has been already allocated, and I would like to say just here how much this attitude of co-operation and loyalty lightens the labors of your Provincial Supply Secretary.

This year over 15 tons of clothing have been sent, and in addition \$1,174 in money, considerable of this being for boots and other things not easily obtainable at the place of shipment. It is possible that in the near future the Forward Movement may necessitate even greater demands on our Supply Department.

Quebec.—The supplies allocated to this province were practically all provided, as well as a large number of extra articles, all of which were much appreciated. These consisted of 25 outfits for pupils at Birtle Boarding School; supplies for Teulon Hospital and Sifton Mission House and Dispensary; bed linen for 24 beds at Pointe-aux-Trembles; warm clothing for Jews in Montreal, Pointe-aux-Trembles and French School Homes. The warm clothing for Pointe-aux-Trembles and French School Homes was not required this year. Several infants' outfits were forwarded by the Mont-

real Presbyterian. All supplies were very gratefully acknowledged by the various schools and hospitals. For the coming year our watchword is "Forward," and we feel that we should be able to carry on our work in the department in that spirit.

Saskatchewan.—It is gratifying to note a general progress in the supply work of the province. We have had many outside calls during the past four years, and 1918 has been the most insistent. We feel grateful to our Heavenly Father that the epidemic of influenza interfered very little with this branch of our work. A few reports were late, but the sales were out in September. We owe a great deal to our Presbyterian Supply Secretaries. The strenuous duties of re-packing, shipping and sending in the several papers and receipts necessary to get the freight refund is no small task. Besides the usual allocations we had several special appeals. The Qu'Appelle Reserves were given help, as the epidemic had caused a great deal of hardship. The supply work gives us insight into the needs of our School Homes and Hospitals, and our efforts along this line are worth while.

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,
Secretary.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

In reviewing the year's work among the Chinese in Canada your Secretary can only briefly touch on the work in the three centres. "The seed is being sown and the harvest comes sometimes in Canada and sometimes in China."

Toronto.—Mrs. J. A. MacMillan.—During the year Mrs. MacMillan has done faithful and effective work. In June Miss McGirr was appointed, but we regret to report through illness she had to tender her resignation in September. Only He who seeth us as man seeth can record the year's endeavors. The worker is in danger of expressing the heart's desire rather than a true report of existing facts.

"We in Toronto seek to minister to 42 Chinese women and 76 children. During the year two mothers with their flocks have returned to their own land. The one is a professed follower of Jesus Christ. May she be used as a soul-winner."

The Sunday School work at Cooke's Church has had the valuable aid of Miss Chung, our Chinese medical student. She is able to teach the little tots, who, as yet, speak not the tongue of the land of their adoption. The teen-age girls of our Sunday School and Chinese homes are a most earnest remembrance—bright intelligent girls who need wise leading.

The constant visiting in the homes should be prayerfully held in mind, so the best results possible may be obtained.

The Sabbath class for women, although not without its difficulties, goes on with good results. Pray that the women may learn the importance of hiding God's word in the heart.

During the last six months, Miss Ethel Reid, of South China, has rendered willing and most acceptable service in our midst.

We are most happy over the appointment of Miss Hugill to the Chinese work in Toronto. Her success depends much on the grace of faithfulness in intercession for her.

Vancouver.—Mrs. W. R. McKay.—We have been very fortunate during the last year in having Mrs. McKay still in charge of our work at this point.

"More Chinese women are coming to Canada every year, and the greater number of them come to Vancouver. They come and they go, and the missionary here is often preparing the way for workers in other places."

Deaconess Work—

A great part of my time has been spent in visiting the women in their homes. There was always a welcome for me. I taught English in some homes, knitting in others, so I could make weekly visits.

During the first part of the year I held weekly meetings in my home. Besides the Gospel teaching we had simple cooking lessons and games for the children.

The Sunday School was conducted by members of the Chinese church, assisted by workers from the city churches. We have been encouraged by the faithfulness of the officers. I might just mention Miss Dong, who not only is organist, but primary class teacher as well, and has done excellent work.

The Night School for men was small at first, but since midsummer eighty names have been enrolled. It means much for the men to come to the mission when they first come to Canada. Indirectly it helps the women's work, for whatever brings Christianity into favor amongst the thousands of men will make it easier to reach the few hundred women. We are glad to report the arrival in February of the new Chinese pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Yueng. Mr. Yueng has been licensed, ordained and certified by the Canton Presbytery. He has left China to come to a 'foreign country' with some regret, for there are millions in China who need the Gospel, but he hopes to gain many here who will become missionaries and go back with 'the message' to their own land."

Victoria.—Miss Alice Cronkhite.—This is the first full year's report since the appointment of our worker in Victoria, and from statements received throughout the year much work has been overtaken.

"Our Mission Hall is better fitted up for work than it was this time last year. The furnishings were supplied by the W.M.S. Board, the Chinese young men of the mission, and friends from the various churches. The Sunday School, just opened last year, has an average attendance of 24. There are four girls in attendance who speak English very well, so we have formed a larger girls' class.

A Mission Band has also been organized, all the offices being taken by the girls. We only take an offering once in three months. It is new for them to give, so we must go slowly.

The kindergarten was opened with 12, and closed with 20 on the roll, with a good average attendance throughout the year. The night school is well attended, and the churches have nobly responded to the call for workers.

I visit in eighteen homes. Seven of these are Christian. Other homes were visited, but we were not invited to enter. During the epidemic I was able to pay 39 calls where there was sickness. In some cases simple medicines were given or recommended, and sometimes the doctor called.

Christmas this year was a very happy time for the children, and all enjoyed their gifts from their first Christmas tree. Two little girls were given special prizes for regular attendance at Sunday School."

To our faithful workers we extend our heartfelt appreciation. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me."

(Miss) MARY RUSSELL,
Secretary.

Deaconess Work

In Toronto we still have Miss Annie Miller in St. Giles' Church, and Miss K. MacDonald in the Davenport Church, doing splendid missionary work, which grows in interest and opportunity. Each day brings its round

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of duties as in previous years, but when the "flu" epidemic raged all church work was disorganized, and the deaconess played a noble part in the stricken homes.

In Hamilton, Miss M. Allaa continues her splendid work in the Wentworth Street Mission, rejoicing in her many opportunities to serve her Master, and Miss S. Mitchell, after five years of service in the Laidlaw Memorial Church, reports advancement in every department of her work. Situated in a growing industrial centre, the opportunities for service are limitless. The Sabbath School is very strong, numbering five hundred. Mothers' and Young People's meetings are all in a flourishing condition. For the most part, the people are inexperienced workers, and a deaconess is indispensable.

Miss Agnes R. Staples, who served in the mission fields of Alberta during the summer, has commenced her duties at Sault Ste. Marie, in connection with the Italian Mission, to which she was appointed February of this year.

Following Miss Craig's resignation from the Ruthenian Mission in Winnipeg, where she had accomplished much among the children and women, and before a successor was appointed, all activities were for a time suspended because of the epidemic. Miss A. M. Keith received the appointment, and assumed her duties early in January. She reports reorganization well under way, and a beginning made in the study of the language. Miss Keith was highly commended for her services upon the mission field in Saskatchewan.

Miss Robertson, who serves in Winnipeg as a deaconess at large, reports a house-to-house canvass, as a means of strengthening the church, and through visitation keeping a strong link between the careless and the means of grace.

Miss Phoenix, with almost a year to her credit, serves very acceptably in St. Andrew's Church, in the mining town of Nanaimo, where much visitation is necessary, owing to a scattered congregation and changing population. The children are the great point of contact. "Patient, prayerful and loving service are needed until there is a real return to God."

Miss A. R. Coutie continues diligently and joyfully in the many forms of service which she finds to do as deaconess at large in Edmonton. She is available each day, at a given place at noon hour, to anyone who may wish to interview her. She and Miss A. Sutherland, who serves in the Kootenay, are giving themselves unstintingly, and stand ready to sacrifice that "others may be the more helped along the way of life."

These servants are—

"Going forth in His name,
Trusting in His power,
Having for our King!"

(Mrs. A. H.) ANNE H. PEBBLET,

Secretary.

School Homes in Western Canada**STAFF OF SCHOOL HOMES.**

Vegreville, Alta. Rev. G. R. Lang, B.A., Superintendent; Miss Stewart,
Miss Johnson, Miss McKee, Miss Windel.
Teulon, Man. Rev. A. J. Hunter, B.A., M.D., Superintendent; Miss
Boveridge, Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. Quelch.
Ethelbert, Man. Dr. F. O. Gilbert, Superintendent; Miss Overholt.
Sifton, Man. Miss McLeod.

During 1918 one new home for girls has been built and opened at Teulon, Man., at a cost of \$5,500. Another home for girls was built at

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are out of touch with church life. Visiting one day from drawing room to tenement, outlying and congested districts, she returned supperless, tired, and wet, but happy in finding nineteen Presbyterian families of returned soldiers to report to the ministers of nearest churches.

The depot work includes soldiers' dependents where several agencies, e.g., boy scouts, leagues, Red Cross nurses, unite to serve, and also munition workers, and settlers who are not so fortunate. Sometimes Miss King is the only worker when night trains go through. Her report closes "We are thankful for the many opportunities of service presented frequently," and then "May selfishness be replaced by love." To whom does she refer?

Miss E. Hall.--This is Miss Hall's second report of her work in Montreal hospitals--Montreal General, Hotel Dieu, St. Margaret's Home, Montreal Maternity, Royal Victoria, Western, Old People's Home, Longue Point, Notre Dame, Homoeopathic. Over 100 letters were written for patients and numberless errands run. With her knowledge of French, Miss Hall is able to reach a larger number of patients, and by the use of signs to cheer the foreigner. A large number of Armenian patients are found. Miss Hall feels that it has been her privilege to lead at least some souls into the kingdom.

Miss Mary C. Murray.--Miss Murray reports 1714 Presbyterian women registered last year in the Toronto General Hospital, Grace, Western, and St. Michaels. This does not include many entered as "Protestants." The patients know her regular visiting days and keep their errands for her. The social service departments of the hospitals have a care for the free patients and Miss Murray is always careful not to overlap their efforts. Many helpful conferences are held with these workers, Miss Murray addressing the nurses in training once a year on her work. For the patient who struggles to pay the fees of the public ward rather than enter as a free patient there is many an opportunity for kindness--to do what a sister would love to do. The W.M.S. stands through Miss Murray for that sister. The Supply Department has been generous when there was need. Owing to increased wages fewer young women have been in want. Candies were distributed at Christmas. An increasing number of girls are members of Bible classes, and there is an unusual desire for Christian teaching. We are still indebted to the Bible Society for Testaments and Gospels.

Miss Murray's weekly reports to the Strangers' Secretaries of women they should visit indicate that into our hospitals come strangers from every part of the old land and Canada. Many are from families out of touch with Toronto churches.

During the epidemic Miss Murray assisted in Grace Hospital and city district work. Does our membership recognize in her the Miss Murray of "Mary Slessor," for such she is!

Miss I. Coutie at Edmonton reports that never since the Strangers' Department was organized have there been more homes visited, sick and lonely ones called on, strangers made welcome, than during the past year. A great worker in an Edmonton church who moved to a strange place was called on by a Strangers' Secretary and thanked Miss Coutie for having reported her, as she appreciated what it meant to have such a department. Miss Coutie visits six hospitals, carried and distributed 3,500 magazines, delivered flowers and delicacies, found 400 Presbyterians (many of whom were reported by rural Secretaries) quietly read to the weak ones, telling of the love of Jesus, and gently comforting them as they entered the dark shadows. She gave to the patients 285 Gospels contributed by the Bible Society, marking special passages, one man receiving his mother's favorite John XIV.

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In the midst of such a busy life Miss Coutie found time to address meetings in and out of town and to assist in Sunday School work. With her sister she also served the city in the epidemic.

With humble gratitude we thus learn that already many thousands of the lambs of the fold have been sought out by these representatives of our Society--lambs who somewhere, sometime, were consecrated by loving parents and welcomed by the representatives of the Christian church. This is the contribution of the department to the work of winning the world for Christ.

(Mrs. Joseph M.) ETHEL WEST,
Secretary.

WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS

Hunan

W. M. S. STAFF.

		Arrived on Field
Changt'ho	Miss Margaret I. McIntosh	Nov., 1889
"	Miss Jean I. Dow, M.D.	Nov., 1895
"	Miss Minnie A. Pyke	Oct., 1896
"	Miss Minnie Shipley	Oct., 1914
Wei Hwei Fu	Miss Isabelle McTavish, M.D.	Oct., 1915
"	Miss Isabel McIntosh	Nov., 1903
"	Miss Elizabeth McLennan, B.A.	Dec., 1905
"	Miss Bertha M. Hodge	Oct., 1913
Hwai King Fu	Miss Winifred Warren	Dec., 1913
"	Miss Annie O'Neill	Sept., 1909
"	Miss Margaret H. Brown, B.A.	Oct., 1913
"	Miss Sadie Lethbridge	Dec., 1914
"	Miss Ada E. Ross, B.A.	Oct., 1915
"	Miss Janet L. Brydon	Sept., 1917
Tao K'ou	Miss Margaret Macdonald	Jan., 1910
"	Miss Leah H. Dinwoody	Nov., 1912
Wu An	Miss Margaret M. Gay	Nov., 1910
"	Miss Grace A. Sykes	Nov., 1912
Tsi Nan Fu	Miss Kathleen M. Anderson	Sept., 1917
"	Mrs. Jeannette C. Ratchiffe	Jan., 1916

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES

Changt'ho	Mrs. Goforth	March, 1888
"	Mrs. Murdock Mackenzie	Nov., 1889
"	Mrs. Percy Leslie	Oct., 1899
"	Mrs. J. Griffith	May, 1901
"	Mrs. Gillies Eadie	Nov., 1906
"	Mrs. Jas. M. Menzies	Feb., 1911
"	Mrs. W. R. Reeds	Feb., 1915
Wei Hwei Fu	Mrs. J. D. McCrae	Nov., 1909
"	Mrs. Wm. McClure	1889
"	Mrs. James R. Menzies	Oct., 1896
"	Mrs. R. A. Mitchell	May, 1900
"	Mrs. W. H. Grant	Nov., 1902
"	Mrs. W. A. Lohead	1903
"	Mrs. Hugh Mackenzie	Nov., 1909
"	Mrs. F. M. Auld	Nov., 1910
"	Mrs. J. B. Hattle	Oct., 1913