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

and sympathy. We must remember, too, that although our supplies, measured in dollars and cents, were larger than ever, still the purchasing power of those dollars has been greatly diminished, and it is doubtful if those dependent upon us have really had as much as usual. Our schools and homes, notwithstanding the amount spent, are not any too well provided for, and some of our Indian schools, that never before experienced any difficulty in making ends meet, found it so hard, partly because of the loss sustained through the early severe frosts, that we made special grants out of our Provincial supply fund—never a very large one—to give the much needed help. It is in such cases as these that we feel the need of such a fund, and for this reason we are asking the Presbyterians, where possible, to send some money to the Provincial Supply Secretary in order that we may have such a source to draw upon. There need be no fear of mistaken generosity. All cases come to us through the proper channels, and here let me utter a word of warning regarding those occasional requests for help from private persons to individuals or Auxiliaries. Really worthy cases do not need to come in that way, and it would be well to disregard, without at least a very thorough investigation, all such appeals.

Quebec.—We have taken a long step forward in our supply work during 1919. The value of the bales shipped this year is over \$1,000.00 in advance of last year, and although we cannot always judge by the intrinsic value, surely this means greater interest in this department of our work. The allocation for the year was as follows:—Outfits for 20 pupils Round Lake B. S.; prizes for French schools; supplies for Jewish work in Montreal; warm clothing for Jews in Montreal, and for French schools if required; supplies for Ethelbert Hospital, Manitoba; special request for Namur.

These were bountifully supplied, and during the year several special requests came in, which were quickly supplied by the various Auxiliaries. Several special gifts were also sent to hospitals and schools. Mention should be made of a bale sent by Chalmers Church Mission Band, Quebec City, to Teulon Hospital, value \$150.00. The total value of bales shipped was \$2,977.02, from Quebec Presbyterial \$600.55, and from Montreal Presbyterial \$2,376.49. These were all gratefully acknowledged by the workers in the hospitals and schools.

Saskatchewan.—It gives great pleasure to report a very advanced progress in the supply work for 1919. We sent clothing to Moose Mountain, Alberni, Vegreville, as well as taking a large share in hospital supplies. We appreciate very much the help from the Mission Bands for hospitals. We were able to assist in sending needed supplies to three of our missionaries who unfortunately happened to be located in the dried-out belt. We also sent large bales to be distributed among people who had suffered from the drought. The letters received from those friends were almost pathetic with words of appreciation.

The close of the war and the Forward Movement in our churches has interested many women in missions, which will mean that our supplies, even at their advanced cost over the early years of our Provincial organization, can be just as easily met as in previous years.

A request to the different Auxiliaries to help with some of the furnishings for the new Boarding School at Round Lake, met with the kindest response, and I only wish it could have been the opportunity of many of our women to have attended the opening of the school.

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

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

The past year has been one of progress in the three centres in which we have work—Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria.

Toronto.—Miss Mary Hugill reports that there are eighty children, six 'teen-age girls, and forty women under her care. The personnel of the women has slightly changed, one moving to Goderich, five coming to the city for the first time, another returning from China, while one has been called to her heavenly home—Mrs. H. Lang, who leaves her husband, one daughter, and four little sons to mourn her loss.

The classes are still continued in Cooke's Church, three in all, one for primary, one for 'teen-age girls, and one for 'teen-age boys, Miss Hugill coming in touch with them only in visiting.

The Board supplied the women with copies of "English for New Canadians," which has proved helpful in teaching English, some taking a great interest, while others prefer being taught in their own language. The visiting, owing to great distances, has only been possible every two weeks except in special need. The plan followed during the earlier part of the year was to give a text written in Chinese, except when accompanied by Mrs. McMillan, who would give a verbal message or sing a hymn. In visiting the homes one thing worthy of note is the courtesy of the children, and their interest in all that is said. The English lesson is given and a hymn sung, followed by reading and repeating a passage of Scripture. A very cordial request to "come again" is always given when the good-byes are said.

Mrs. MacMillan conducts the class in Knox Church, the attendance varying from 8 to 10, latterly there has been encouragement in the greater manifestation of the Spirit's power. Miss Hugill bears great testimony to Mrs. MacMillan's work, her personality, and her winning way with the women who have already found the Saviour, and her great helpfulness to our worker.

Mrs. Ma Wou has kindly given her time to helping Miss Hugill with her language study, and this has been done, not for remuneration but for love of the work and devotion to her Master.

Miss Hugill's work amongst the 'teen-age girls consists in accompanying them once a week to the Bible College, giving help with their studies to those in school, and trying to impress on them the claims of the Saviour, one professing her faith and one is an enquirer. May many more be led to seek after the one true Saviour.

Victoria.—We have two workers here—Miss Alice Cronkhite and Mrs. McQueen, the latter coming last October and proving a most valuable assistant. Miss Cronkhite reports that kindergarten opened the year with 20 on the roll, and closed with 22. Mr. Leung's class has 52 in attendance—a large increase. The night school average was 30, the young men paying a teacher for April, May and June. Mrs. McQueen teaches in the night school. A Mission Band was organized with an average attendance of 10 and an offering of \$8.41.

Four pupils receive lessons in English, two of whom are Christian. Sunday School opened in 1919 with 20, and in 1920 with 37, the average

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being 30. Mrs. McLaren assisted with the big girls, and Mr. Leung and Mr. Gee Sing taught the young men and boys. Mrs. McQueen has taken Mrs. McLaren's place here. Six young men and three infants were baptized. Two adults and one child were removed by death. One Christian woman returned from China and one young girl has come out to live with her sister. Twenty-six visits were made in sickness, and numerous articles of clothing were made for the missionaries' children after the death of Mrs. Leung.

A fine Christmas entertainment was given with 300 in attendance, the Chinese pronounced it the "best yet." Gospel is spoken after night school, and Tuesday is C. E. night. Mr. Leung distributes gospels and tracts in different homes and tells them the Old, Old Story.

Vancouver.—Mrs. D. A. Smith, our temporary but efficient worker here, reports the re-organization of the night school, with nearly a dozen voluntary workers, with ten teachers from First Presbyterian Church and several from St. Andrew's, and one from another church. Altogether there are 18 teachers. Miss Esther Dong helps the more advanced pupils, the average attendance being about 20. There are many changes among the boys, but they are all eager to learn. After the English lesson Rev. Mr. Yeong conducts a short Chinese service and every student is expected to stay. Mrs. Smith helps Mr. Yeong three times a week with English, and he is a keen, ardent student. Judge Grant and Miss Scott also help him.

The "Sunshine" Mission Band has been organized with ten members. The meetings have to be very short, as the girls go to school from 4.30 to 7.00 p.m. every day. In the Sunday School there are from 35 to 40 scholars, with 6 officers and teachers.

There are 90 names on the Mission roll, but many of these live a long distance out and are scarcely in direct touch with the Mission. Almost the entire membership consists of men and boys. The Standfast Club has been reorganized and the meetings conducted by the young men themselves.

The Christmas entertainment was a great success. All received gifts, even the babies. Contributions were received from different Mission Bands and friends for this purpose. Miss Dong and Mr. and Mrs. Yeong respectively, received a book of music and a Morris chair as a token of appreciation.

The great need here is a permanent Canadian worker and a Bible woman, both of whom we hope to secure. The seed is being sown even under difficulties, but the harvest is sure if the laborers, though few, are faithful.

(Mrs. A.) MARGARET HAMILTON,
Secretary.

Deaconess Work

In submitting the report of the Deaconess work for 1919, I do so with profound gratitude for what has already been accomplished, and with a deep sense of the growing importance of this department of our work to the church at large.

While all departments report advance, our deaconess work takes a leap forward. Many new phases of it representing work among the Finns and Italians in Northern Ontario, and the French in Montreal, have come to the Board through Presbyteries. Only the shortage of suitable workers has prevented appointments being made to work on the Indian reserves and hospital units. With these urgent calls facing us, and the growing feeling that our Society should take up work in isolated and needy points, rather than in city congregations which are self-sustaining, the policy of our Board for 1920 has been defined: "That no further such appointments be made, that the funds of the Women's Missionary Society should not be used to support deaconesses in self-sustaining congregations."

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The brief reports of our twelve workers which follow, in no way do justice to the efficient work accomplished by these faithful and consecrated women. Many a home knows the personal influence of a Christian visitor only through the deaconess. She becomes the only Word of God they ever read, and the helpful influence of this can never be estimated.

Toronto.—Miss Kathryn Macdonald has been doing good service in Davenport Church, an ever changing district, and in the Sunday school, where they have over a thousand names enrolled.

Miss Annie Miller serves faithfully in St. Giles, her duties including visiting, and helping in the young people's work and in the Sunday school. She also takes charge of the children's Mission Band.

Hamilton.—We still have Miss S. Mitchell, who is serving with much acceptance in Laidlaw Memorial Church. The people in this district are largely employed in factories. New families always come with new industries, which means increased work for the deaconess.

Miss Allen has been deaconess in the Wentworth Street Mission, which has developed into St. David's congregation. The many activities of the church are greatly helped by her faithful supervision.

Sault Ste Marie.—Miss Agnes Staples, who is working in the Italian Mission at the Soo, is very happy in her work, and finds her time fully occupied with her varied duties. The children are lovable and eager to learn. The work is handicapped by poor quarters and inadequate equipment.

Copper Cliff.—Miss Vieno Heinonen, as deaconess among the Finnish settlers in Louise Township and Copper Cliff, is doing splendid work. She has charge of the Sabbath service, Sunday school, and mid-week meeting in the new church which the Finnish settlers have built in Louise Township. In the winter she does her visiting on skis.

Verdun, P.Q.—Mrs. Lees was appointed as Christian worker at Verdun towards the end of the year. She finds the people ready for a friendly visit and the Gospel message. Four hundred children attend the Sunday school. The work among the young people has unlimited opportunities.

Montreal.—Miss Anna Im Obersteg is working among the French in Montreal in connection with St. John's Church. Dr. Cruickshank reports that "her devotion and influence is winning everywhere, and she has given a great uplift to the life and general activities of the whole congregation."

Winnipeg.—Miss Anna M. Keith is kept busy among the Ruthenian mothers and children. Her work among the young is very encouraging; she receives much help from interested volunteer workers among the boys and girls.

Miss May Robertson has been doing the work of deaconess-at-large in various centres among the churchless homes. The need for such work is very great. ~~That she can do this work without a deaconess,~~ for by visiting in the homes and conducting services, she is able to create an interest in higher things in the hearts of the ~~industrious and over-~~burdened.

Edmonton.—Miss Agnes Coutie, as deaconess-at-large, continues her work in Edmonton with untiring devotion and great acceptance. Her work radiates from various centres. At one mission on Sunday morning she holds a combined church and Sunday school service. In different districts "Rest Meetings" meet the needs of the people; while at noon hour each day any girl who wants a personal interview knows where Miss Coutie is to be found in First Church.

Nanaimo, B.C.—Miss L. M. Phoenix is doing excellent work in the widely scattered town of Nanaimo, under Dr. Unsworth. Her work is mainly that of visitor and pastor's assistant. Her helpful influence is doing much for the people she ministers to. She has had the joy of knowing that some have made their decision for Christ.

(Miss) ELSIE BARRON,
Secretary.

been distributed in the homes and lumber camps. Lantern services are always enjoyed.

What are the needs in this work? One missionary writes:—"The weakness of the work lies in its intermittent character. The hope of the work will lie in the personality and tact of a married man put permanently in charge." Another says:—"At the earliest possible date a missionary should be stationed on this field who can give his entire time to the work." Manse, also an automobile for the missionary in charge, are suggested. Again:—"I am praying for a revival." Still another:—"The crying need is for an organized evangelistic effort, strong enough and long enough to break down all social barriers and to break up the fountains of men's hearts, so that there may be a proper social and religious conception of life and of God."

What hardships and trials our missionaries endure, often without adequate means of subsistence for themselves and their families! Frequently isolated, and without the sympathy of congenial company, they steadfastly keep the banner of the cross flying at the outposts of our land. If we fail to give them all the encouragement and credit they deserve and thus strengthen their hands in their mighty task, we will be unworthy of the great trust our church has placed upon us.

Our fields are:—In B.C.—Willow River, Duck Range, Hefley Creek, Terrace, Ymir; in Alta.—Endiang, Rich Valley, Milk River; in Sask.—Lilly Dale, Bromhead, Richlea, Kelliher, Walbeck, Wartime, Bowell and Redcliffe, Hatton, Inverary; in Man.—East Bay, Ashern; in Ont.—Sellwood,

(Miss) C. GRAY,
Secretary.

Strangers' Department

1919 marks the most interesting of the eight years of work in the Department of the Stranger. As the war with all its activities vanishes into history, conferences on the work are becoming larger and more intelligent. There is an increase of 80 per cent. in removals reported to the Head Office—almost entirely by Strangers' Secretaries. A letter to ministers in the early part of 1920 from the Home Mission Office has had satisfactory results. Prompt and faithful reporting of removals is essential to the success of the department. This year as a foundation, emphasis will be laid on the reporting of newly arrived immigrants, and the young people from our Sunday schools who move away. Rev. J. C. Robertson, D.D., sent out explanatory letters to superintendents of schools at Christmas and Easter, and has advised conferences between ministers, superintendents, Strangers' Secretaries, and others interested. It is estimated that 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. of our Sunday school scholars move away each year. We need to recognize the obligation of the church to those whom she has partially trained. Everyone must be held.

The year has marked a large increase in immigration, and we are advised that this will be on a still larger scale for some time. Thousands of soldiers and their dependents have been visited, the larger portion remaining east of the Great Lakes. The annual reports of Provincial Secretaries indicate that many thousands of strangers have been visited. Considerable attention has been given to the immigration of women for household service, and a Council of Women has been formed at Ottawa, as advisory to the Government. The proposal is to have a hostel in each province for the reception of young women from the old land for domestic service. Representation on this Council has been offered to the W.M.S. In carefully following up the Presbyterian young women, who have already arrived, it is quite clear that very few intend to remain at household service, and to faithfully deal with the subject it would be necessary to treat them as regular citizens. Many appear to be en route to the United States. Through

conductresses of government parties and our own workers at the ports, we are led to believe that moral dangers to an unusual degree, surround our immigrants, and in this connection the Executive Board desires to unite with the Assembly's Board of Home Missions in a request to steamship and railway companies that pre-war restrictions be enforced. Notices have been placed in the Old Country papers to the effect that this department is at the service of our immigrants.

The staff of the Department of the Stranger in the W.M.S. during 1919, has rendered admirable service. The workers are interested in one another and recognize the unity of the work. They make a splendid team from one ocean to the other. We have Miss King in immigration and Miss Hall in hospitals at Montreal. In Toronto we have Miss Murray, hospitals; Miss E. J. Macdougall, immigration, students and unemployment; Miss Whitehead, Ukrainians. At Edmonton, Miss I. Coutie, and at Vancouver, Miss Sutherland, have the general work. For 1920 Miss Robertson has been appointed to Winnipeg for immigration, and workers have already been asked for at Saskatoon, and at Montreal as an assistant to Miss King.

The W.M.S. in its estimate for 1920 has provided for a large increase to its staff in this department. The expansion will provide for special workers in the larger cities of each province, where advised by the Home Mission Committees of Presbyteries. It is the desire of the Society to do efficient work at the cities used by the government as distributing points. It is apparent that in these larger places there is apt to be greater loss to the church, among our lapsing Presbyterians.

In caring for the immigrant, we have found a need for literature for British and foreign immigrants, and have provided \$2,000.00 for the purpose. Literature giving a clear statement of why they are Presbyterians would be of value to our young people who are moving into districts where they find themselves surrounded by Catholicism, Mormonism and other faiths.

We would respectfully draw attention to a more important subject to-day than immigration, namely the emigration of the foreigner. The Canadian churches have done a great deal to destroy his faith in heathenism or semi-Christian religions, but particularly during the war the foreigner has been shunned, and is to-day returning by thousands to his own land with a metaphorical kick from the average citizen. How will this affect the awaying nations of the old world, the cause of evangelical Christianity, the British Empire, or the attitude of thousands who may return with their fellow-countrymen to our shores? What we do to-day is international in character. The church has a great responsibility to those who come under the influence of Christian activities in Canada, and now return to their home lands. Our attention has been drawn to this particularly through our work with the immigrants who need a help, or at least intelligent co-operation with evangelical Christian agencies in Central Europe.

The motto of our department this year is—"Now therefore perform the doing of it."

With the Provincial Secretaries

The Provincial Secretaries state their inability to give any idea in figures of the work done. There is ample evidence that it is greater, more definite, and more varied, but Auxiliaries have failed to keep records. This is manifestly unfair to Presbyterial, Provincial, or general reports, not to speak of the great handicap under which new Secretaries in Auxiliaries must begin, with no record of the work of their predecessors. Auxiliaries should pay the postage of Secretaries from their expense funds. We hear that Secretaries have failed to report removals, as they were expected to pay their own expenses. In one case the full list was kept to the end of the year. Surely people are more important than a few postage stamps.

Special Workers

Miss Adelaide Sutherland, formerly deaconess in Prince Rupert and Kootenay Presbytery, was appointed to Vancouver, and found a large field among the incoming strangers and in the hospitals of the city.

In Toronto, Miss Murray continues her faithful visiting of the public hospitals. She reports a growing interest in the Message as she moves from bed to bed. There is splendid team work with city workers and our Auxiliaries. As in other years over 1,500 patients have been visited.

Miss Macdougall has found it a busy year in immigration, with the arrival of the dependents of soldiers, and now a large influx of British men and women seeking new homes in Canada. In all, the names of between eight and ten thousand have been handled, including removals of students and others to the city. The station work has been particularly heavy, as the arrangements at the Toronto station are very inferior.

Miss Whitehead, who undertook work among the Ukrainians in Toronto, found an open door. Homes were visited, a Sunday School, industrial class, and mothers' meeting started. Scriptures and tracts were largely distributed. She is succeeded by Mrs. McIntyre. We learn that already thousands of Ukrainians are leaving Toronto for Europe. Probably 50 per cent. have been in touch with our different missions here.

Miss Isobel Coutie's work in visiting the immigrants, the returned soldiers, the sick in hospitals, besides enlisting the Strangers' Secretaries in follow-up work, and in reporting removals, has presented a model of work which we are pleased to recommend to the new workers who are to be appointed in the largest cities of all the provinces.

In Montreal Miss King has had a most strenuous year, so much so that an associate, Miss Lily McArthur, has been appointed. Frequently Miss King has remained on duty 54 hours. The cheerful welcome, the sending forward of information by telegram to workers at large centres, and always the faithful lists of the names and addresses to the head office, have been invaluable to the immigrant, and also to the Canadian church.

Miss Hall, too, reports an unusual welcome to her message of the Gospel in the hospitals. There have been hundreds of errands and little services for the shut-ins.

All the workers refer to the co-operation of the members of the W.M.S., who lovingly take up the care of strangers they discover in their varied activities.

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

WORK ABROAD

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W. M. S. STAFF

		Arrived on Field
Changte-ho	Miss Margaret McIntosh	Nov., 1889
"	Miss Jean L. Dow, M.D.	Nov., 1895
"	Miss Minnie A. Pyke	Oct., 1896
"	Miss Minnie Shipley	Oct., 1914
"	Miss Isabelle McTavish, M.D.	Oct., 1915
Wei Hwei Fu	Miss Isabel McIntosh	Nov., 1903
"	*Miss Elizabeth McLennan, B.A.	Dec., 1905
"	*Miss Bertha M. Hodge	Oct., 1913
"	Miss Winifred Warren	Dec., 1913
Hwai King Fu	Miss Annie O'Neill	Sept., 1909
"	Miss Margaret H. Brown, B.A.	Oct., 1913
"	Miss Sadie Lethbridge	Dec., 1914

Hwai King Fu	Miss Ada E. Ross, B.A.	Oct., 1915
"	Miss Janet L. Brydon	Sept., 1917
"	Miss Violet Stewart	Jan., 1919
Tao K'ou	Miss Margaret Macdonald	Jan., 1910
"	Miss Leah H. Dinwoody	Nov., 1912
Wu An	Miss Grace A. Sykes	Nov., 1912
"	Miss Kathleen M. Anderson	Sept., 1917
"	Miss Margaret M. Gay	Nov., 1910
Tsi Nan Fu	Mrs. Jeannette C. Ratcliffe	Jan., 1916

Wives of Missionaries

Changte-ho	Mrs. Goforth	March, 1888
"	Mrs. Percy Mackenzie	Nov., 1889
"	*Mrs. Murey Leslie	Oct., 1899
"	Mrs. J. Griffith	May, 1901
"	*Mrs. Gillies Eadie	Nov., 1906
"	*Mrs. James M. Menzies	Feb., 1911
"	Mrs. W. R. Reeds	Feb., 1915
Wei Hwei Fu	*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. Hattie	Oct., 1913
"	Mrs. T. A. Arthurs	Nov., 1912
"	Mrs. H. T. Forbes	Apr., 1914
"	Mrs. R. Gordon Struthers	Feb., 1915
"	Mrs. J. B. Bompas	1916
Hwai King Fu	*Mrs. J. A. Slimmon	Oct., 1899
"	*Mrs. Joseph Mowatt	1904
"	Mrs. H. A. Boyd	Nov., 1912
Tao K'ou	*Mrs. Andrew Thompson	Oct., 1906
Wu An	Mrs. J. Herbert Bruce	Nov., 1906
"	Mrs. Harold M. Clark	Nov., 1906
Siu Wu	Mrs. G. M. Ross	1908
"	Mrs. H. P. S. Lutterell	Nov., 1909
Kai Feng Fu	*Mrs. Mark Wheeler	1911
Tsi Nan Fu	Mrs. J. D. McRae	Nov., 1909
"	Mrs. Ernest B. Struthers	Oct., 1913

*On furlough.

†In Canada.

General.—A new movement reported by our missionaries "China for Christ," owes its origin to the feeling among Christian Chinese leaders that—in the face of the general political chaos which seems so hopeless—the present is the time for an aggressive Christian movement if the country is to be saved from disaster. Many thinking non-Christians have been looking for some solution of the problem and are showing an interest in Christianity never known before.

The Home Missionary Movement for Yunnan had its birth in a "Personal Workers' Retreat Conference" in Kuling, Central China, in August, 1918, and the new movement is an outcome of that. Towards the end of 1919 a conference was held in Shanghai, attended by over one hundred missionaries and Chinese Christians from all over China, and from this was launched the "China for Christ" movement, the general secretary being Dr. Cheng, who is also secretary of the China Continuation Committee.

The affiliation of the Honan Mission with the Shantung Christian University at Tsi Nan Fu has been a distinctly forward step. Several of our missionaries have been appointed to the staff, among them Mrs. Ratcliffe,