

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

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

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

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

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

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

with bales of clothing and quilts. A quantity of honey was ospitals and much appreciated. Apart from the work allo-, many Y. W. Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, and C.G.I.T. groups nd mile and sent boxes of lovely Christmas gifts to hospitals, including some public schools in Northern Ontario. Total 1.92; Indian freight, \$527.55. Total cost of furnishing and : new Hospital at Hearst, \$2,107.91; also \$570.92 in supplies low cases, towels, etc. I received from the Treasurer of the cil, \$1,825.00. The balance was paid by money sent by the

Out of 27 Presbyterials, only 6 sent money this year. Our the Indian children is progressing favorably, and the value of telling on the young. On a reserve last year, no woman was until she had first whitewashed her home, inside and out. To newcomers this "Missionary quilt" is the first they have fany of our workers pay great tribute to the work of young Mission Band workers, for the beautiful baby clothes and its. The needy Mission fields are supplied from Toronto with other Presbyterials: Chatham, Maitland, Saugeen, Whitby, elph, Peterboro, and Lindsay—all contributing splendid bales and quilts. Toronto reports handling over 800 quilts and ons of clothing. London doubled her supplies, also sending an, and medical supplies to Matheson. are due to all who shared in this great work of our Jubilee.

-This department has had a year of satisfactory work through co-operation of Secretaries, Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. groups, and ds. The work of the Junior Societies is on a much better previous years. Quebec Presbyterial reports having sent:— pupils, Alberni Indian B. School, \$305.16; Supplies, Hunter 13.31; Second-hand clothing, \$50.00; Quilts, etc., for St. John's Christmas bales, Round Lake, \$50.00; Total, \$568.47. Mont- erial sent the following:—Outfits for 23 pupils, Alberni B. sheeting, towels, etc.; Bales to Tourville, Namur, St. Columba, ter Houses, St. John's Hall, Jewish Presbyterian Mission, school, Mr. Foucher, Valenay, and the Presbyterian French of total value, \$2,025.53. The Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. groups reat Presbyterial sent the following: 6 boxes clothing, toys, ng River reserve, \$70.00; 1 box to Mr. Le Bel, Namur, \$10.00; res, etc., to crippled children, Montreal, \$5.00; games, dolls, valmers House, \$20.00; baby clothes, etc., to Chalmers House, y clothes, etc., Redemptive House, \$22.00; 6 nightgowns and 4 s to Bonnyville, \$5.50 box of puzzles, paper dolls etc., to Miss Total, \$150.00. Grand total, \$2,753.00; An increase of \$120.97. grateful for the privilege of being able to help those less for- ourselves.

hewan.—Having found the plan of putting the Supply Depart- noney basis so successful, the Provincial has decided to go one and include the supply money in the budget for 1924. It is eliminating an extra fund the work will be done more efficiently ilaries, and also relieve the Presbyterial Supply Secretary of bility regarding the financial part of the work. This also puts Department on a better working basis for the Provincial Supply who will receive the money for supplies quarterly from the Treasurer, the amount being determined on a percentage basis, o the work to be done.

Department started 1923 with a balance of \$1,288.90. During the 1923 was received from the Presbyterial Secretaries, which, with rest of \$17.70, made a total of \$3,548.83. After meeting all for the year, we will have a balance of \$1,496.80. This, we

think, goes to show that the splendid system worked out and launched by our retiring Secretary, Miss Walker, has proved satisfactory. We clothed 48 children in Round Lake, Cecilia Jeffrey and Canora Schools; provided linen supplied for the Lucy M. Baker School in Prince Albert. Saskatoon Presbyterial took charge of supplies for Wakaw Hospital, and responded to a special appeal for clothing for boys in the Edmonton School. Special mention might be made of the assistance rendered to the new School Home at Assinibolia by members of that Presbyterial. We have met our obligations for reserves, besides helping in relief work when the need arose. We thank God for putting into the hearts of women the desire to help in this splendid enterprise.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

	Appointed
Miss Cronkhite	Victoria, B.C. 1917
Miss Dickson	Toronto, (On extended furlough) 1921
Miss Hugill	Montreal, Que. 1923

It is the natural impulse of every ardent spirit to wish to see a good cause move on rapidly and a bad one move off rapidly. That the plans of the Almighty develop slowly is a difficult lesson to learn, but we rejoice that they are none the less sure, and all are for the ultimate triumph of the good. When we consider the millions of old China and the 40,000 Chinese in Canada, our work amongst them seems infinitesimal. But the little here and the little there are being added one to the other, and, as in the realm of nature, the power of accumulated littles is marvelous, so it is in the Kingdom of God.

We wish to place on record our appreciation of the steady, fruitful work being done by our W. M. S. workers amongst the Chinese women and children who have come to our land. We regret exceedingly that a temporary setback was given our work in Vancouver; but we feel that light is coming to the situation there, which the near future will reveal. For the six months of 1923 Miss Harrison (now Mrs. G. W. Campbell) gave untiring effort toward the Christianizing of the women and in gathering the children into the kindergarten, and the young girls into Mission Bands. In Victoria Miss Cronkhite, with her efficient helpers, Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Louie, is building up a work in that city, of which we are proud and thankful. There is increase in every department, from the Morning School, beginning with 47 and ending with 63 on the roll; Afternoon School conducted by Mrs. Leung and Mrs. Louie, with 56 on the roll; Sunday School, with 86 on the roll and an average attendance of 45 and offering of \$58.07. Of this amount, \$15.00 was given to missions. A Mission Band with 23 on the roll and an average attendance of 17; a Chinese W.M.S. Auxiliary, the first of its kind, organized last July, had an average attendance of 9 and total giv- ings for last half of the year \$60.90.

In Toronto Miss Dickson bears testimony to the increasing usefulness of our House on Murray Street, where every Friday and Sunday women assemble for Bible Study and prayer. The average attendance on Sunday has been 10, which is a noticeable increase. One woman comes early each Sunday for special Bible study, looking forward to uniting with the Church. Friday meetings, though small, have been faithfully attended by the few, all taking part in prayer. Our sincere thanks are due many volunteer helpers, including Methodists and Anglican, who have given time and

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strength, musical knowledge and the use of motors towards helping on. A delightful garden party was given by Mrs. Auld, as a treat for the women and a farewell to Dr. Victoria Chung. \$33.47 was given at Sabbath services and \$10.00 to the work of the W.M.S.

Miss Dickson has been untiring in her visiting in the homes of the Chinese, giving advice and help and sympathy, which her knowledge of the language makes so real to them. Visits were also made to Ottawa, Kingston, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.

Miss Huggill began work in Montreal in October, 1923. There are 50 women there and 100 children, 30 of them under five. These women are very conservative and visiting them in their homes is as yet the only means of reaching them. When opportunity presents itself, educational and religious instruction is given. The Sunday School under Miss McGillivray's superintendence, has 52 on the roll, average attendance of 33, and 5 teachers. Miss Huggill also gives 2 nights a week to the night school. She has visited the Chinese in Ottawa, Brockville, Cornwall and Kingston.

We think lovingly and prayerfully of these our earnest workers.

(Mrs.) MARGARET HAMILTON,
Secretary.

SOCIAL SERVICE

This department sent out its programme a year ago, asking that conference between Presbytery and Presbyterial be called by Presbytery to discuss ways and means of carrying it into effect.

Ontario has been the only province to respond by holding conferences, the findings of which are as follows:

Ottawa stressed the need for religious education in our week-day schools; Kingston laid the stress on Sabbath observance and mental hygiene, all other parts of the programme to be considered in a general way; Guelph made Bible study, religious instruction in the schools and the combatting of propaganda in the interests of liquor its main objective; Maitland laid stress on Sabbath observance, emphasizing specially this need in its own district; Peterboro emphasized religious training in the schools.

Considerable educational work has been done through conferences when the convener of this department met with Presbytery and with joint committees of Presbytery and Presbyterial in Toronto and elsewhere.

We look forward to greater co-operation from Presbyteries in holding conferences, so that a study programme may be prepared for use in each church, by a combined committee of leaders from all the different organizations with the W. M. S. Until these conferences are held, it will be impossible to make by-laws for this department, as we had hoped to do at our General Council Meeting in May.

In answer to a request from the Literature Committee of the Home Mission Board for co-operation in helping to provide services during the winter months on our vacant mission fields, letters were sent down through Provincials to Presbyterials, asking that our W. M. S. members and our Travelling Secretaries be ready at the call of H. M. Superintendents to assist in finding Leaders, helping those already found, providing music, Sunday School libraries, etc. This our women were quite willing to do, but no call came, as an "Order of Service" was sent out by the H. M. B.

A request came from Ontario Provincial Board for a deaconess worker for Northern Ontario. Before granting this request, it was thought advisable to make a survey of conditions there, in order to place this worker at some strategic point. With help from the Red Cross Society, the Public Health Department, the Children's Aid, the Government Agriculture and

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Mining Departments, the Y.M.C.A., all the different churches, the Frontier College, the Y.W.C.A., the Public School Inspector and the Publicity Agents of the Railways, we were able to obtain a fair working knowledge of this district. As yet our worker has not been appointed. In future, we hope to make a survey of this kind before opening up any new work.

The great need of this department is for literature based on our programme. We ask to be allowed to prepare leaflets suitable for study groups, as there is very little available except from the U.S.A. and these do not meet our Canadian needs.

This year our staff has been twenty in number.

We regretfully report the resignation of Miss Miller from St. Giles, Miss Hicks from St. David's and Silverthorn and Miss Esdon from Verdun, P.Q., all of whom have given splendid service.

Miss Isabel MacIntosh has replaced Miss Esdon at Verdun, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Messer in Scott Institute and Miss Olive Whyte, as deaconess-at-large on Vancouver Island, has replaced Miss Phoenix of Nanaimo.

REPORT OF WORKERS.

Winnipeg.—Miss A. M. Keith, Ukrainian work, reports progress, especially in the S. S. with its staff of school-teachers and university students; this, with its week-day follow-up work, gives a splendid opportunity for religious education and training for Canadian citizenship.

Miss Violet Burt, Jewish work, Robertson Memorial, has had an interesting and successful year, especially in her clinic work, which gives a splendid opportunity for follow-up work with its message of Jesus and His love. Her C.G.I.T. group plans its programme; gives short talks and takes turns in leading in prayer.

One club of 35 boys from 9 to 13 years of age meet at 7 p.m. for gymnasium exercise, then listen to stories of Bible heroes.

Miss M. McLeod, hospital deaconess, has made 1,900 visits during the year to the different hospitals and 84 follow-up visits. In this she is aided by the women of the Presbyterial. Through the kindness of the Bible Society she has been able to give copies of the gospels to patients, who appreciate them very much, as other acts of kindness done them.

Miss Grogan, North Winnipeg, reports a busy year spent in work with the several churches, in one of which she has Beginners and Primary on Sunday and C.G.I.T. through the week. Outside the Sunday work she does much follow-up of strangers, cases of illness, etc., where the personal touch is of untold value.

Miss Jessie Mackenzie, Point Douglas, finds that the children depend entirely on the S. S. and church for any spiritual training, as in the homes the Bible is not read, prayer is neglected and materialism threatens the very foundation of family life.

The camp for 90 mothers and children at Gimli gave her a chance to get into personal touch with the mothers, which cannot be had in the busy city life. There is great need for kindergarten work, as the Public School system does not provide for this type of work. There should also be some work done among girls and women living or employed in hotels and restaurants. Miss Mackenzie now enjoys the privilege of being a member of Session.

Toronto.—Miss McDonald, Scott Institute, reports an increase in her mothers' class; but a great deal of poverty in this district. Her Christmas party was a great success.

Mrs. Laura Kennedy, Scott Institute, reports a busy beginning to her work in June, when she had charge of the mothers and girls who went to camp. She says that no one who does not know the sordidness and poverty of the homes can realize what ten days' rest in pure fresh air means to these people. She was able moreover, to get nearer to them, especially the girls, than when in the mission. Her C.G.I.T. are learning the joy of