

1916 "Third Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W.D. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" [Note that previous reports do not mention W.D. [Western Division]]

Section heading: "Work in Canada" includes sub-sections "The Chinese" (printed pp 62-63), includes mentions of **slave women**, presumably Chinese.

Additional sub-section "Deaconess Work" mentions two un-named deaconesses. No detail and no specific mention of Miss Murray.

**"Strangers' Department"** printed p 76 w/reference to work of **Miss Murray**. [Report by "(Mrs. J. M.) Ethel West"]

St. Paul's Church, Montreal, supplied two mission fields direct. Hunt-Ingdon Auxiliary supplied a direct appeal from Innisfail, Alta., and also replenished their memorial room in Pointe Aux Trembles School. We also supplied the above school with 50 pillowslips, 6 quilts, 4 sheets, 10 roller and 30 dish towels; a bale of heavy quilts, and a handsome outfit for an infant. As special work, three auxiliaries undertook the supplying of six infants' outfits, all of which were greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Our Mission Bands did splendid work by supplying Christmas gifts for the children in hospitals and Indian boarding schools. Montreal West deserves special mention. We are so pleased to know that all this work has been done in a generous and cheerful spirit, and our hearts are full of gratitude to God for all His goodness to us.

**Saskatchewan.**—When we review the work of 1916 we surely should feel confident that the work expected of us can be accomplished. Notwithstanding the many calls for service and money, we find our supply work this year double that of last year. Surely this has meant faithfulness on the part of our Auxiliaries and Presbyterial Supply Secretaries. All the allotments were complete. We sincerely appreciate the substantial assistance given by the Mission Bands in the form of hospital supplies and Christmas gifts.

Most appreciative letters were received from the missionaries at the different schools and reserves and the matrons of the hospitals. The Indian and the foreigner cannot always understand our language, but they can understand the kindness and love which prompts the sending of gifts and clothing. Let us ever be faithful in this branch of our work, asking for God's guidance and leaving the results with Him.

(Mrs. R. L.) JANET P. McINTYRE,  
Secretary.

## WORK IN CANADA

### The Chinese

**Vancouver.**—Miss Pyke.—Night School for Men and Boys.—The fine type of student in attendance has been noted. Judge Grant, Mr. Gilchrist, and Mr. McKinnon, members of the Mission Session, and the Misses McPhail, M. McKinnon, Calvert have taken part as teachers. The Boys' Stand Fast Club has met regularly. Five of the boys attend High School. The voices of two, who attended the evening singing practice, were tested by Prof. Wrigley, and through his kindness they have been receiving vocal lessons. On the invitation of Principal Gourlie, Miss Pyke and Mr. Ng Mon Hing addressed the Chinese pupils of Central School, and two of the S.F. Club made direct appeals to them to attend Sabbath School and their Club. 60 boys and six girls were present.

**Women and Girls.**—In many homes there are servant girls who are by purchase the property of their masters. Many of these are subjected to extremely harsh treatment. In the home of a wealthy merchant a girl was overworked day and night, her screams and groans giving evidence to the neighbors of cruel beating. On one such occasion an attempt was made to rescue her, but before the police could gain admittance she had been hurried off in a motor. In order to bring these slave girls under the school law a personal but unsuccessful attempt was made to obtain from the Chinese Consul the names and addresses of all the Chinese women, and statistics regarding girls of school age. 75 homes are on the visiting list, and new ones are being located through lists of school children given by the principals. The welcome in the homes has been cordial, and the women appreciative of the instruction

given. Once a week instruction in Mandarin has been given by request to a class of older girls, the conversation being based on a portion of the textbook, "First Lessons in Gospel Truths." The lesson closes with prayer, and we trust the seed sown will bear fruit.

**Children.**—The mid-week class for little girls and boys has been held regularly, with an increased attendance. A star on a calendar as a mark of perfect work made competition keen. After the holidays a sewing class was organized. Miss Dong, a young Chinese lady of culture and ability, helped greatly in this, also in the Primary Department of the Sunday School by taking the junior class while Miss Pyke took the senior. The enrollment in these Primary classes has quadrupled. The Sunday School is indebted for contributions and gifts, which made the Christmas treat for the children possible, to St. John's, St. Paul's, Point Grey, Knox (New Westminster), Kerrisdale, Edmonds, Clayburn, and Revelstoke Mission Bands.

In May and June Miss Pyke was able to be of service to a group of Chinese lady students detained by the authorities en route to American colleges. Many visits to the Detention House and the Canadian and U.S. Immigration offices were necessary before the students were released. The circumstances were unusual, and the case unavoidably prolonged.

**Toronto.**—Mrs. John MacMillan.—The work among the Chinese women of Toronto is being steadily pursued week by week, with the certain knowledge that though one may sow and another reap, God alone giveth the increase. To Him alone be the glory.

Thirty-eight women are to be found in our midst. This means a population of growing boys and girls and tiny tots—"of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Cook's Church primary and main Sabbath School has classes devoted to the work of winning these to the Master. A Junior Christian Endeavor is also a phase of work carried on by members of this congregation for these children of the Middle Kingdom.

The class for the women, which is held at Knox Church, has during the year been maintained in interest and attendance. Four of the women from this class have publicly confessed their allegiance to Him "who loved them and gave Himself for them." Others have expressed their desire to do so.

A monthly class at the house of their leader has been started, with the desire that those who are so young in the faith may come into a deeper knowledge of Him, and in time become leaders and helpers of their own people.

Mrs. Ma Wen, our missionary's wife, continues to be a quiet spiritual and practical helper to her sisters, both at the Friday and Lord's Day Classes. She also has an interesting Bible class for the little people on Sabbath mornings.

His Word cannot fail. He abideth faithful. If we abide in Him and His Word abide in us, we shall ask what we will and it shall be done. Limitless possibilities for those who fulfil His conditions. May we, as workers together, not fail to obtain.

(Mrs. JOSEPH) L. E. HENDERSON,  
Secretary.

### Deaconess Work

At the beginning of 1916 the Women's Missionary Society was responsible for the support of seven deaconesses, three of these were deaconesses at large serving in the Presbyteries of the Kootenay, Edmonton and Winnipeg respectively.

In the Kootenay, Miss Sutherland did a good deal of itinerating, staying a longer or shorter period in each place as the Presbytery directed. Although Miss Sutherland's work in the Presbytery now covers some five

**Jewish Work—**

Mrs. Spitzer was compelled to drop out of the work for a time owing to poor health, and was sadly missed as interpreter for the sick at the clinics, and for hospital patients. The women realized how much her sympathy and help had meant to them and were delighted when she was able again to attend.

Miss Smith, our only salaried worker, succeeded in aiding materially the condition of many working girls. Several had been studying in our night school, and others had been members of the sewing class. The sewing classes require a great deal of time, visiting to get the mothers and children out, planning and cutting out work, and providing teachers, but the opportunity to teach the Bible lesson is a delight. Often the mothers ask questions and make requests for prayer. A lesson from the Old Testament, illustrated from the New Testament, is taught.

The open-air meetings afforded a splendid opportunity to reach many who would not enter the Mission.

**Statistics—Toronto—Medical.**—Number of clinics, 186; number of patients, 2,010; number of prescriptions, 1,604; number of dressings, 586; number of operations, 10; number of vaccinations, 21; number of confinements, 5; number of patients sent to hospital, 19.

**Evangelistic.**—Prayer meetings with mothers, 156; Gleaners' meetings, 66; open-air services, 38; free dispensary services, 120.

Literature distributed: Bibles—Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian and English, 232; New Testaments, 1,958; tracts, 6,000.

Picnic, number of mothers and babies, 100; Christmas and New Year entertainments, mothers and babies, 277; aided with clothing, 372.

(Mrs. L. J.) LAURA J. SHEARER,  
Secretary.

**MISSION FIELDS**

One feels in presenting a report of our Mission Fields how inadequately we can express our admiration for the splendid self-sacrificing devotion of our missionaries to the work of bringing Christ to the scattered people.

One missionary writes, "Twenty-one made public confession of their faith in Christ, and, united with them in this service, were Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists and others," thus showing the great need of missionaries in these far-off parts of our own land. Another writes he is in charge of four hundred and seventy-four miles of territory, and in striving to overtake the work he walked in two days forty-three miles, calling on ten families.

The drives taken each Sunday by the different missionaries vary from eighteen to forty-four miles, and one walks fifteen each Sunday. He writes he has covered six hundred and twenty-one miles on foot during six months.

The Sunday Schools are a great blessing, but lack of teachers to take charge, while the missionary is away preaching at his other stations, keeps the work back. To quote from one report, "We lost one of our best workers this winter; she was the mother of four grown boys, and Superintendent of the Sunday School. Her confidence in the Lord during her last days with us was most beautiful and comforting to those of us who were here at the time."

Our fields are, Hobsart, Hoerner, Cochrane, Kippewa, Loreburn, Horse Fly, Lashburn, Endiang, Duck Range, Kelliher, North Thompson, Ashern, Terrace, Warren, Stand Off, Dauphin Plains, Bowell, Red Cliff, Invermay, Dummer, Halton, Milk River, East Bay.

(Miss) HELEN MACDONALD,  
Secretary.

**STRANGERS' DEPARTMENT**

During the year we have leaned upon Provincial Secretaries. Each one was free to develop plans suited to local conditions. In four provinces the result is gratifying.

**British Columbia.**—Mrs. Pillar reports 40 Secretaries as against 11 last year, 9 hospitals visited regularly, 9 auxiliaries with hospital committees, 10 with special visiting committees. The department has been carefully explained and difficulties removed, even to welcoming "overlapping" as flattering and acceptable to the stranger.

**Alberta.**—Sisters awake! Another year with no report.

**Saskatchewan.**—Mrs. Geo. Bayne reports 12 Presbyterials, with a Secretary in every Auxiliary. One Secretary doubled the Auxiliary membership. One Auxiliary has a number of ladies who visit every stranger; in another every member makes a call once a month. "Let every Secretary magnify her office, for in such an hour as she thinks not the Master may require her service."

**Manitoba.**—Mrs. Bowman reports work to some extent in every Presbyterial. Owing to the presence of hospitals larger centres have larger reports. Some rural districts report care of soldiers and their friends, and the needy.

**Ontario.**—Mrs. Kenneth Maclean is discouraged owing to the failure of Presbyterials and Auxiliaries to answer letters. A number of Secretaries reported they had been ill. Algoma is reaching out after the foreigner. One Secretary arranged for a musical open-air service for over 200 foreigners. Ottawa emphasized work among students and hospitals. They recommend a book in every Auxiliary for the Strangers' Secretary with a permanent record of work done. Toronto has extensive work among hospital patients and young women at housework.

**Quebec.**—Mrs. Macdougall Wilson reports hospital work at Quebec, Scotstown, Sherbrooke, and Montreal. Montreal reports a Secretary in every city Auxiliary, less one. The Presbyterial Secretary is leading the way for work among 3,000 young women in boarding houses, and 33,000 children of suitable age not in Sunday Schools nor their mothers attending Divine services.

**SALARIED WORKERS**

Miss Isabel Coutie at Edmonton has rallied all the Secretaries of the Presbyterial. There is good team work in reporting removals. They overtake immigration, migration and visiting of hospitals and soldiers' families.

Miss Mary O. Murray reports 1,645 Presbyterian women registered in the Toronto public hospitals. Patients are visited in and out of hospitals and written to. Young girls and their babies have been an exceptional anxiety. Notices are sent to ministers and secretaries. She has met, with profit, in weekly study with social workers of the city.

Miss King has welcomed the stranger at the boats and trains, and visited those remaining in Montreal. Many women with children whose husbands are away neglected the church. There have been many children unaccompanied, and many women in deep mourning with infants in arms. Dorchester House has filled a great need as a social centre and protection for young women. In the winter there was time for Sunday School work among the Ruthenians, where the children attend Roman Catholic day schools to be able to retain their own language. There is need for a dispensary and milk station. Visits were exchanged with an English-speaking Sunday School. A visit to Knowlton, and a long desired trip to the coast, will react upon Miss King's work.

Miss Hall, appointed last June as visitor to the Montreal hospitals, is patiently establishing her work and co-operating with Presbytery and the