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Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Chinese in Canada" section printed pp 60-63. **Mentions that Mrs. Adams retired.**

Mrs. MacLennan is still Corresponding Secretary.

(p. 14) Miss A. Burdick was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$1310.00 for salary and expenses

Miss Fay McTavish was Superintendent in Toronto, paid \$1200.00 for Salary (plus expenses)

(p. 15) Among other paid workers, Mrs. W. F. Adams, Anglo-Chinese Work, Salary (part year) \$205.00.

Miss Ruth Yeandle was Superintendent in Vancouver, paid \$1310.00

Miss G. Scott was Superintendent in Victoria, paid \$1200.00

[Note that there were other paid workers as well]

In closing, I should like to express the deepest gratitude to all members of the staff who have worked so faithfully to help these Indian children become good Canadians and followers of Jesus Christ.

J. FLORENCE LANG,

Secretary.

### Chinese in Canada

Name	Date of Appointment
Miss Gertrude Scott	1929
Miss Grace Lee	1931
Miss Ruth Yearde	1931
Miss Susan Yeung	1931
Miss Isabel Bennett	1941
Miss Fay McTavish	1932
Miss Ruth Ma (temporary)	1941
Miss Alma Burdick	1937
Mrs. C. P. Louie	1941

More than ever the Chinese need the help of our workers and visitors of the greatest importance. The parents are so busy they cannot always attend the services, but this does not mean we can in any way "slacken our ropes"; we must take the message to them. This takes much more of our workers' time but means much to the work.

The war has done one outstanding thing for the young Chinese men and women in Canada—a number have now positions in the Civil Service. Prior to the outbreak of war, it was never easy for the Canadian-born Chinese to enter into the business or work life of Canada, but now we find them in all departments of our national enterprises, even teaching in university and public schools, and in all three branches of the armed services; several have obtained commissions.

Altogether our Church has 16 workers among the Chinese in Canada, nine of them Chinese. There are 280 scholars in the four Sunday Schools, 80 on the Cradle Rolls, 131 in the Kindergartens; 150 children attended Vacation Bible Schools, and 27 mothers and children went to the Grimsby Camp.

Toronto. The lack of a proper place to carry on the work is very keenly felt and makes it much more difficult. Our Chinese people are widely scattered and hard to contact and assemble. They are worried too, about their people in China and feel their responsibility for helping them.

Since September a class of older girls has been meeting in the afternoon at the Chinese Institute. A splendid piece of work is being done by Miss McTavish among the young women, which will mean much to the future of the work. In February the Chinese children joined with other departments of Cooke's Sunday School in celebrating their anniversary both on Friday evening and at the Sunday morning church service. At Christmas they had their annual supper and tree with Cooke's Church for the first time. The Grimsby Camp was a wonderful venture, with good weather, good food and good fellowship, God using His great out-of-doors to draw His children closer to Him. For a few days 23 were enrolled, then 25 and finally 27.

Mrs. Yeung and her three children have come from Vancouver and are very welcome. Miss Pansy Yeung, who had helped in the kindergarten and other work for three years, resigned; and Mrs. Adams, our

faithful and devoted worker among Anglo-Chinese women, retired in September. We are pleased to have Miss Bath Ma temporarily as part-time worker. Twenty-one pupils have been contacted for the kindergarten.

It has been a great help having the Rev. K. H. Yeung permanently appointed to the work in Toronto. Two church services were held on Sunday; three babies were baptized and three young people joined the Church by profession of faith. The congregation doubted itsgivings to be Budget and the Young Women exceeded their allocation.

In Ottawa Chinese work has been carried on for 50 years—50 years of brotherhood. The school was organized in 1881 for the purpose of teaching the English language and the Christian religion to the Chinese men living there. With the coming of more Chinese, the work expanded and several churches opened classes for them. Then the wives and families came. In 1921 the Ottawa Chinese Mission and Christian Association was formed and a building secured as a centre for varied activity.

The school progressed for 1943 on January 29 with 22 Chinese children. The Young People and the Mission Band held a reception for the Chinese Minister in February. The different city churches entertain the Chinese and they in turn invite other groups to the Mission Hall. The Rev. D. A. Smith conducted a Communion service in Chinese in the fall, was a wonderful experience for the Young People to assist at a reception for Madame Chiang, when a large sum of money was given her for relief work in China. Mr. W. Poy spoke at the school closing, telling of his escape from Hong Kong, of the demonstration in China, and the wonderful work that is being carried on there.

Victoria. Children's diseases played havoc with the kindergartens throughout in May, but the average for the year was 17.2. Four white children were allowed to attend and one of them, a boy now in public school, still repeats the Lord's Prayer in Chinese every night. Miss Mack has been teaching English to some adult Chinese in the evenings, and some afterwards she taught music to six pupils, and accompanied very few on her visits to some of the families. They do feel the visiting very important; the personal touch means so much.

Chinese classes held five days a week, the Juniors in the afternoon from 4:30 to 6 and the Seniors from 6 to 8, are conducted by the Rev. Wang Mei Fong and Miss Lee. The attendance at these classes increased from 50 to 65 during the year and half the pupils came to Sunday school.

When the dirt-out regulations were lifted in November, the Shinning Light Girls' Guild reorganized and the meetings were well attended, in spite of the evening work and studies of some members. The Women's auxiliary had an average attendance of 14, although the enrollment is only 18. They met their allocation, knitted and sewed for Bundles for Britain, and contributed to a Chinese Relief Clarity box. Busy women!

The nine members of the Young Women's Auxiliary have worked all. The young mothers found the book, *Creating Friendly Missions*, very helpful. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 72 pupils and members. Many of the teen-age boys are unable to attend as they are employed in the shipyards, but some attend the evening church service. They have no Young People's Society this year. The older Mission Band members used the study book *We Gather Together*, and the young children listened to Bible stories told in Chinese.

Two of the Rev. Mr. Leung's daughters were married during the year, one shortly after her graduation from St. Joseph's Hospital and

the other, Miss Lilyan, who had been nursing in Changtung, in Hay. Another member of the Mission is a nurse-in-training at the Vancouver General Hospital and several of the one-time faithful Sunday School members are studying at Universities.

Vancouver. After 23 years' ministry in Vancouver, the Rev. K. H. Young was sorely missed; so many depended on him for advice and friendly help. But both the Chinese rallied under several of their number who came forward to give of their various abilities.

Four members of the W.M.S. family gave reports at the first Annual Meeting of the Chinese congregation. Many of the Auxiliary women attend either church or Sunday School as well as their monthly meetings. The Young Women's group completed their study of the "Founders of Our Protestant Faith" and began the study of Presbyterian Doctrines found in the Shorter Catechism. The Girls' Auxiliary have created considerable interest among the children with the attendance chart that they made for the Sunday School. The Mission Band has twenty members between the ages of four and twelve; they are studying the Old Testament Prophets and making a quilt and a scrapbook of the Royal Visit.

The Rev. D. A. Smith continues his interest in the Young People's Society, which sponsored a Good Friday worship service, sent \$23.50 to the Foundation Fund, and spent \$5.00 on new hymn books for the church. The 40 boys of the Boys' Order of the Burning Bush are very active. There are 75 pupils in the Sunday School and ten teachers and officers, nearly all trained workers. They had the Children's Council-General, Mr. Li, a Presbyterian, as speaker at their Christmas entertainment; he spoke on the Christian religion as the only hope of the world today, and was so pleased to hear the singing of the carols, while thinking of the devastation in China today and of the wonderful work being done there. Five teachers and 62 children attended Vacation Bible School. There are 44 names on the Cradle Roll; most of the children are from non-Christian homes. The kindergarten, with 68 children enrolled, had to close in January on account of cold and snow. The parents show their appreciation of the help given their children by their interest in the church. In the fall they contributed over \$100.00 to the church, and at Christmas gave \$13.00 to the Women's Missionary Society. The white mothers gathered at an informal meeting to quilt, and now their confidence has been gained; they may perhaps be got together again at some future time. Three Christian women took the part of "Thanksgiving" in the Day of Prayer Service.

Montreal. Mrs. Louie is warmly welcomed on her visits to homes and hospitals. The 16 ladies who attend the Auxiliary meeting take part in the reading of the Bible, in the prayers, and singing hymns and choruses learned from parchment rolls. They arranged to take a collection for the Chinese War Relief Fund at one meeting and for the Women's Missionary Society at the next. The congregation has been formed, and already there are about 40 names on the church roll. It was very gratifying to have some attending again who had been long absent.

There are 15 children in the kindergarten. Mrs. Lewis has spoken at several missionary meetings during the year and made regular visits to Ottawa under the auspices of the Ottawa Mission Board. Besides visiting families and telling them the Gospel story, she frequently is asked to speak at the Sunday service. The Sunday School has been very active under the direction of the Rev. Paul Chan and Mr. Wing. The annual picnic was held as usual; some then had their first ride on a street car. Children of several nationalities in the district near the church gathered every morning for two weeks in July under volunteer workers and learned hymns and Bible truths. Among the members of

the Adult Bible Class formed in the autumn are some University students from Trinidad, who are anxious to learn the message of their ancestors. This year several were given to Sunday School pupils who attended more than half the Sundays of the year. There are eleven names on the Cradle Roll.

In the two upstairs rooms at the church, beaver board walls have been put up and baskets laid to provide a classroom and a reading room for the men of the congregation.

So the work goes on, its problems not insurmountable with the help of our Lord and Master. May He give guidance and wisdom in the year that lies ahead.

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Secretary.