

**1944 "Thirty-First Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

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Mrs. MacLellan is Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Miss A. Burdick was Superintendent in Montreal, paid \$1310.00

Miss Fay McTavish was Superintendent in Toronto, paid \$1200.00

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

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

Probably this is the result of educating the girls away from the Reserve. At any rate, the many dainty baby garments were most welcome.

"A number of our boys have been wounded slightly, and some killed. Samson Dreaiver, son of the late chief, has been badly wounded and is coming home to be discharged. In the early fall we had a memorial service in the Mista-was church for three sons of three Jesuit brothers, who live still further North. A great sorrow came to the Reserve with the news that Harvey Dreaiver had paid the supreme sacrifice. We held a memorial service and so many came, from all the adjacent towns and even from the larger cities, that all could not find room in the church.

"We had our share of good visitors this past year. The Prince Albert Presbytery met in the Mista-was Church. Miss Hunt, the deaconess, came too, and spoke at the service in the evening on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society. The older people on the Reserve were particularly happy to see Mrs. Williamson of Prince Albert, for they remember her graduation very much helped by the Rev. John Hardwick, Moderator of Synod, who paid his official visit to the Presbytery on this occasion. By his inspiring and constructive message, as also by his kindness as he mingled with the people, he did much to encourage and hearten all who were privileged to spend some time with him. We are very much out of touch with the outside, and it is hard to estimate the helpful effect that a day or two spent thus can have.

"Our women meet regularly and work for missions and the local church. They have sent a monthly parcel to each of our boys overseas. Then they are ready to meet the occasional demand. They arranged a dinner for the Presbytery and also served a dinner in the Mission dining-room for all who came for the open evening service. This may not seem much to an outsider but to us who know the effort it meant it was a big undertaking. The women are very busy and we feel they have done splendidly this year. We have to report \$10 for the Women's Missionary Society and \$25 for the budget.

"I believe we may have something worth while to report by next year about the weaving. More interest is being shown and even the school girls are willing to learn. Once we can really awaken the right kind of interest I feel that they will of themselves take the interest I hoped they would. Of course, one must make allowances for the effect of the war on the Reserves and the fact that those who can make money have been urged to do so.

"The attendance at school has been good; the average for the year was 16. They certainly enjoy the good, nourishing noon meals that your beauty has supplied. For most of these children it is the heavy meal of the day. The Indian Department gave us biscuits and material for soups, which has helped a lot, too.

"Our Sabbath School work has continued on Friday afternoons. They are doing well in their Scripture work and are enjoying it. I extend to you my thanks and the thanks of the children and all the people for your continued thoughtfulness for us all. May God richly bless you in all your activities during 1945!"

The Indian Department is looking forward to the extension of our work and we hope next year to have a report on work among the Indian tribes in the Rocky Mountain House district. To those Indian families who have lost dear ones overseas we would express our sympathy and pride in their noble sacrifices.

Your Secretary would like to thank all the members of the staff in the schools and in the office in Toronto who have given devoted service and helped to make 1944 a very creditable record.

J. FLORENCE LANG,
Secretary.

Chinese in Canada

Name	Date of Appointment
Miss Gertrude Scott	1925
Miss Grace Lee	1931
Miss Ruth Yeaman	1931
Miss Susan Young	1940
Miss Isabel Bennett	1942
Miss Fay McCowan	1948
Miss Pauline Macpherson	1943
Miss Anna Henderson	1927
Miss G. P. Lowe	1942

It is surprising and encouraging to the limit that we look back over the past year and find that the Chinese people are still bearing the burdens and sharing the joys of war, with an increasing personal strain, extra work and financial pressure, all these problems and dangers.

Memorial. It is only five years since we entered the present building and a year ago the congregation was organized. The work at the Chinese Church in Montreal has made three distinct steps forward: a church roll was recorded; elders were elected and installed; a regular bi-monthly prayer meeting was incorporated in their schedule. The elders are very willing to help the Rev. Paul Chan in any way. The first Sunday of every month is set apart for what in Chinese is called an "Encouragement Meeting", in which the elders always take part. Thirteen children won attendance awards at Sunday School, where both English and Chinese are used. In June six children received diplomas for completing the two-year course. Mr. Chan considered the Chinese school as usual and they had the kindergarten class held a joint closing. The majority of the 35 pupils at the Delta Yachsan School were Chinese and the offering was sent to help give the Gospel to children in China. Three boys were sent to the Quebec Pioneer Camp, a boys' camp near Sherbrooke under the auspices of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. They were great favorites and came home in excellent health, filled with enthusiasm for such a camp. The W. M. S. Auxiliary (63 members) reached their allocation, and sent extra money to China Relief through the Church in China. They also contributed to a fund for a Presbyterian camp site, and to a special offering for starting children in China. One distinguished visitor was a Chinese artist, Miss Chang, who spoke to them about China, and told of teaching some Chinese soldiers to play. Visiting among the 35 families is very important. Very appreciative of the visits is a woman with bound feet who never leaves her home. The Mission Band, though small in numbers, consists of two clubs - one for children 6 to 9 years of age, who have mission study, Scripture verses and play; the other for older boys, with a devotional service and games. Work among the young people is outstanding. They have a splendid society and some McGill students are interested, active workers. Students from Trindad helped at the Christmas concert. Several Chinese boys in uniform have worshipped with them and a memorial service was held for one.

Ottawa. As there is no Chinese woman evangelist in Ottawa, we share with them one of our Montreal workers, who visits the homes several times a year and sometimes gives addresses at the Mission. Miss Reid continues to do a very fine work there.

Toronto. The kindergarten attendance has not changed much. The children are brought together, some from good homes, others from places that could not be called homes, in more pleasant surroundings into fellow-

ship with other children, all under the guidance of their teacher and her assistant. The English-speaking not only learn some Chinese and the Chinese some English, but they all learn to sing, play together, help themselves, memorize, listen to stories, pray, and many other things that fit them better as taking their places in their new world — public school. Sometimes the children are taken to a meeting to sing or recite Scripture, and sometimes they sit at a special church service at the Institute. At their closing in June to each of the six "graduates" a New Testament was presented. On Saturday afternoons the Mission Band met and, in spite of the differences in age, the attendance kept up splendidly; one of the girls was presented with a Junior Membership certificate. Four classes still meet in Cook's Church for Sunday School, and at least 40 children were enrolled in the Beginners' and Primary Departments. There is great difficulty in getting them to and from Senkias in the afternoon at the Institute. An effort is being made to form a Book Class, too. Thirty-five children enrolled for Vancouver Bible School in July, and the same number — of mothers, children and young people — went to Grimsby Camp for eleven days, where three good meals a week at bed-time rest and sleep did much for mothers and children alike. Rev. Mr. Young addressed the regular monthly meetings of the Ladies' Auxiliary. These ladies contributed to the World Day of Prayer offering, gave a donation for Mr. Young's travelling expenses, held a profitable bazaar, but only for one day, and contributed money to the Women's Missionary Society and to the Institute. The Young Women's Auxiliary has very uphilt work as so many of the members are mothers of young children, but the Home Helpers came to the rescue.

Vancouver. Following the example of Victoria last year, the Chinese of Vancouver have really done splendidly and renewed the church building, which is now a pleasant place where brightness and joy are found even on rainy days. Ten new families became connected with the work through the kindergarten. At their first annual congregational meeting, the young people showed great interest in giving their reports. The givings for the year were the best in their history. Besides their usual offerings, all the older groups gave to the pew fund, which made it possible to have new pews in the church — and enough money over for floor covering for the aisles. The Auxiliary doubled their allocation and also sent money to the Supply Fund. The Young People's Society held meetings alternate weeks, one in Chinese, the other in English, but it is hard to carry on with so many of the young men overseas. Eighteen of the 65 kindergarten pupils went to public school in September; only 8 have parents or grandparents who are church members, yet 30 of these pupils attend Sunday School. The Young Women studied Latin America and some of the doctrines of our Church as outlined in the Shorter Catechism and the Confession of Faith. They sent a quilt to the Birtle Indian School and contributed to the Supply Fund and the General Fund, and their church fund for the purchase of pews. The Girls' Auxiliary met twice a month, having their Bible lesson with the Y.P.S. In September almost all these girls were old enough for the Young Women's group. Two girls who had graduated from Mission Band met with the Girls' Work Secretary, then with two others of the Girls' Mission Club; they are studying the Canadian Indians. As we think of the babies and young children on the Cradle Roll (43 in all) we realize that it is hardly through these that contact is made with the homes. The Vacation Bible School, though not quite so large as before, was regularly attended, and the programme followed was that of a Troop School; all were soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Victoria. In Victoria most of the work is with the women and children. Attendance at the kindergarten was hindered by outbreaks of measles and colds in the winter, but nine children went on to the public

school and in September five new pupils enrolled. Most of the children have to be called for at their homes and taken back after their morning session. As the years go on, more English is being used in the Chinese homes and the children are expressing themselves more fluently in English. The 16 members of the Young Women's Mission Band studied British Grammar and *Prayers of the Bible* weekly. The Standing Lights Girls' Guild did not hold regular membership meetings as so many members were attending the Chinese School. Miss Wong is still together, however, they decided to take up their session next after Sunday School, studying *English Thanked Roofs* and *My Home Town*. At the Women's Auxiliary, the speaker, usually a member, has her topic from the Scripture reading chosen for the meeting; this all have an opportunity to take part. For the first time the Presbyterian annual meeting was held in the Chinese Church. The Charity Box yielded a large sum for the Red Cross and the Women's Auxiliary reached their allocation. The Young Women's Auxiliary have nine members and on three occasions met with the Senior Auxiliary. A group of women also met to knit and was the war victims. The Sunday School has five teachers and 65 pupils; 11 pupils attended Bible Vacation School. It is gratifying to see as the years go on that the non-Christian Chinese find the work of the Mission in such esteem and allow their children to come to the Sunday School and Chinese classes. There are 30 pupils in the four night school classes held from 4:30 to 6 for January, and from 6 to 8 for September. Most of these pupils go to Sunday School and some to the choir or Sunday meetings. The congregation is doing well and has undertaken to pay part of the minister's salary. So another year has passed. Its joys and sorrows are history now and the New Year is being faced with confidence in Him who said, "in every place where I cause my name to be remembered, I will come unto thee and I will bless thee."

MRS. H. P. KATHLEEN G. FERRIER,
Secretary.

Rocky Mountain House Hospital

During Sept, 1945	Date of Appointment
Miss Hilbur Hermanson, Superintendent	1931
Miss Ruth Richardson	1944
Miss Kathleen Stewart (part-time nurse and part-time deaconess)	1944
Miss Audrey Cameron	1944
Miss Margaret Williams	1944

Another successful year has been completed under the capable direction of Miss Hilbur Hermanson, Superintendent. During 1944 there were 658 admissions, 138 out-patients, 157 operations, 96 obstetrics, 211 X-Rays.

The change in staff has been greater than in other years for different reasons. We are glad to have Miss K. Stewart, who has been giving part time to nursing and part time to deaconess work. She holds services in the hospital wards and distributes religious literature among the patients. Miss Gills came in from different Women's Missionary Society groups. The Girl Guides of Medicine Hat sent \$1200. The Hospital Aid continue their good work; members call on the patients on Wednesday afternoons; they also provided the Christmas treat for all, gave a bedside table for the Maternity Ward, and a \$100 bond to purchase equipment for the treatment of infantile paralysis, when required.

Collections have been good this year, as most people are employed. Mr. Louis Battel, the caretaker, is most faithful in his work and keeps everything in good repair. Mrs. Miller did more canning than ever, which has been a wonderful help.