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

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

Miss Isabel D. Scott, position not given, Salary (4 months) Victoria, paid \$400.00

I also include here, "Estimates for 1945: Chinese in Canada." This is a page from :
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for the future". The school did well this year, the average being twelve. The children were given a good, nourishing dinner in the dining-room every day. The housekeeper was very capable and conscientious. The beds not in use were given to the new camp at Christopher Lake.

The annual turkey dinner at the Mission Band put on a pageant and their wives was a little saddened by the absence of the two old favourites, Thomas and Peter Bird. Several of the guests paid tribute to them and one expressed the hope that the younger men would try to emulate the example of those whose places were vacant. The Christmas tree and supper for the people of the Reserve went off well and the presents were very much appreciated.

Mr. Moore reports sufficient money on hand to finish the inside of the church, but it is still difficult to get experienced workmen. He hopes, however, that in the not too distant future the work can be finished.

Visitors are very welcome at this Reserve, which is rather isolated, and Mr. Moore extends a very hearty welcome to either clergy or deacons and members of the Women's Missionary Society. He pays high tribute to Miss Lang for her helpful service as Indian Work Secretary, and at his first service in the new year he was going to tell the people of her resignation, knowing they would all be sorry to hear the news as they always take a keen interest in church affairs. They do not make much fuss, he says, but are none the less appreciative of what has been done to help them through the years. Mr. Moore wishes to convey to the members of the Women's Missionary Society his sincere thanks for their kindness during the past year and prays that God may richly bless them in the work they are doing.

(MRS. A. B.) GERTRUDE CRUICKSHANK,
Secretary.

Chinese in Canada

	Staff, 1946	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
	Miss Grace Lee	1931
	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Susan Yeung	1940
	Miss Isabel Bennett	1942
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Fay McTavish	1938
	Miss Ruth Ma (part-time)	1943
Montreal, Que.	Miss Alma Burdick	1927
	Mrs. G. P. Louie	1942

In Montreal the Chinese are very enthusiastic over plans for a much needed building, adequate for their congregation and its activities. The campaign for funds was to be launched early this year. We must not forget, however, what has been accomplished and is being done in the present church. The women took a greater part in the programmes at their meetings this year and there, as at the Sunday services, their attendance was good. Nine of the twenty members are widows and they contribute generously, as they are able, to the work of God. The congregation has known both joy and sorrow: joy over the return of the young men from the war, sorrow over those who will not return and the passing away of young and old. (Church attendance has greatly improved, noticeably among the young people, of whom there are many in Montreal, although comparatively few of them attend the services. The choir, which sang at the Christmas concert and church services, will resume practice as soon as the canvass for the building fund is completed. Visiting is still an important part of the work, in hospitals as well as

homes; many Chinese patients, lonely for loved ones in China, are happy to talk to someone or have someone interpret for them. At the Chinese school and kindergarten closing in June, five pupils graduated; the offering was to be used for spreading the Gospel to children in China. In July some 30 children attended the Vacation Bible School; several women assisted with the teaching. Six boys attended the Christian summer camp. At the annual rally, the Mission Band put on a pageant representing the Chinese in Canada and told what the Church is doing. The Chinese in Montreal appreciate having a Chinese minister there; and he conducted funerals and officiated at weddings, which were all attended by many Chinese people. Printed cards were distributed among the people of the community, telling of church activities, and bright red cards of New Year's greetings from the church were taken to stores, restaurants and patriotic societies in Chinatown on New Year's Day, while some of the elders remained at the church to serve tea, oranges, nuts and candy to any who came to call on that day. The 33rd birthday of the Chinese Republic, October 10th, was celebrated by a fellowship tea at the church and photographs of the different groups were taken. For the first time the congregation in 1945 paid \$100 towards the stipend.

In Toronto at Christmas time, for the second time in four years, God called our Chinese pastor home, leaving them again without a minister. They are anxious to carry on their Sunday services and Wednesday evening prayer meetings, which, through small, provide an opportunity for any who wish to take part. They always have service on Christmas night, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Mr. Yeung's brother from New York took the latter and a good crowd gathered to hear and renew acquaintance with him—17 years ago he ministered to them for a short time. Here, too, the people are assuming more financial responsibility, this year paying \$100 towards the stipend.

The Women's Auxiliary was less active in 1945, and their bazaars much smaller, as they could not get Chinese goods to sell. Because of sickness and unfavourable weather the Young Women's group missed several meetings. In October the Young People began a Fireside Hour, and intend to meet once a month on Sunday evenings after the church service and have special speakers. Six girls attend the Girls' Bible Class regularly on Sunday afternoons, and after the lesson and memory work, many subjects are discussed, often for two hours instead of one. The Sunday School, held at Cooke's Church, is a very bright spot in the Chinese work here. With 41 on the roll, as many as 38 have attended. They meet as 2 groups; the older pupils use the larger Sunday School room. With more space provided and the chairs painted, the rooms are more comfortable and cheerful, which means much to the children. We are sorry to lose one of our very competent staff, but feel she will render splendid service in China. Memory work has been stressed and more certificates than ever before were presented at the Anniversary. Three outstanding events are the Anniversary in March, the picnic in June, and the Christmas Tree in December. Till June the Mission Band met on Saturday afternoons and since September every other Saturday; the older children met on alternate Saturdays with a view to organizing an Explorer Group. Another Junior certificate was presented, and a seal to add to the certificate presented last year.

There were 25 pupils at Kindergarten, but colds and measles played havoc with the attendance. Nine graduated in June. The children greatly enjoy the Rhythm Band instruments that were added to the equipment. As the Bible Vacation School, for the first time, had no volunteer helpers, nursery school pupils could not attend as formerly.

The minister spoke to the older children for fifteen minutes each day. Fewer mothers could go to Christmas Camp, but more young people went; for part of the time 24 attended, and 27 for the rest. The adult campers had to help prepare meals, but as every one did her share no one suffered. All were happy as the camp closed to get the news, confirmed a few days later, that the Chinese war was over.

Vancouver. There were 46 names on the Cradle Roll, 7 of the children already at Kindergarten and 6 coming fairly regularly to Sunday School; 8 of the 46 were new babies in 1945. At Kindergarten the children receive instruction not only in the rudiments of education but also in spiritual things. In teaching them, the workers hope and pray that they may be little missionaries in their own homes, and so "A little child shall lead them." There were 68 on the roll, all to be called for and taken home; 16 new pupils started school in September. Through the Metropolitan Health Board, a nurse calls once a week to check up on the children's health. Our workers try to see that as many as possible of the children take advantage of the Toxoid Clinic; 13 were given Toxoid in May, and those entering the Public School in September were examined by the doctor. The Girls' Mission Club met once a week from January to May, completing the girls' study on our Indian Work, and studying the events of Passion week; they collected pictures and newspaper clippings for scrapbooks, which they sent to the Preventorium. As only two girls could attend in the fall, no meetings were held but it was hoped that some of the younger girls would be old enough in the spring to join the group and meetings might be resumed. The Esther Armstrong Young Women's Affiliated group, meeting usually in the church, had an average attendance of 12; different members took the devotional studies. Miss Ellen Douglas's talk at one meeting was a wonderful introduction to their study of India. At each meeting the President discussed articles in the current number of *The Glad Tidings*. The members gave to the Peace Thanksgiving Fund as well as to the General and Supply Funds and to their own church. The 15 members of the Chinese Auxiliary again had a year of joy and blessing in fellowship and service, meeting once a month. In March the Girls' Mission Club told them, in Chinese, a little of what they had been learning in their study about the Indians; this was followed by the Club's service of affiliation. During the year they had several guest speakers. The Jung Kwong Mission Band held 32 meetings, with an average attendance of 11, continuing their Bible studies with the flannelgraph. At the Easter Mission Band Rally their representative came first in a quiz contest, and as a prize a Junior Membership certificate and pin were presented to a member who was a very faithful attendant not only at Mission Band but earlier at Kindergarten and now at Sunday School and Chinese School; at the same meeting Mrs. C. P. Young told them about the Children's Nursing Home in Amkhut. The Christian Service Brigade Battalion No. 3 held some 38 meetings, even in the summer meeting once a week for Bible study and games. Starting with 13 boys, they now have 25. As none of the new boys go to any other church or Sunday School, a real challenge is presented to this church and Sunday School to gather them in. As a means to this end, the Battalion inaugurated a monthly Rally Sunday, to which its members are urged to come. A new lieutenant appointed in the fall has been a great help in arranging each meeting. A special Boys' Work Committee was organized to look after the spiritual and material needs of the Battalion and to act as a contact between the leaders and the church. Through the Union Gospel Mission, Chinese tracts were obtained for the boys and permission was obtained to put up a bulletin board on one Company's wall, with a

Scripture poster in Chinese, to be changed every month or so, and a card stating it was sponsored by the Chinese Presbyterian Battalion. These boys sang over the radio in March.

Three new teachers were welcomed to the Sunday School staff, and it had one of the most successful years in its history, with an average attendance of 46. At special services, with speakers and special music, on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Rally Sunday, and Christmas, the Boys' Brigade and the Chinese School took part as groups. An Honour Roll, with the names of several former Sunday School members who were in the armed forces, has been hung in the church. Two afternoons a week about 28 pupils attended the Chinese School and two evenings a week Miss Yeung had a class of about 22, a mixed group, mostly young people; one night a week, too, Mr. Kwan taught a class of 8 young men. All come to these classes to learn to read and write Chinese. English has been taught in our Chinese Church for many years, but with no travel to and from the Orient, there has been less need of this work; instead, more desired to learn Chinese, as they could not go to China for this purpose. Yet some wish to improve their English; three young women were helped last year. A teacher who came from China 10 years ago but, living with Chinese people and teaching in a Chinese school, required English only when shopping or travelling, has in return for English lessons, which gave an opportunity to speak to her of the things of God, helped with Chinese Bible reading. Another teacher, who had studied English but never used it, wishes to enter University; she attended a mission school in China but had not accepted Christianity. Here is still another opportunity. On December 30th the Rev. Mr. Kwan conducted a memorial service for their former pastor, the Rev. K. H. Yeung, whom he had known for many years. His brief sketch of Mr. Yeung's life was repeated in English by the Rev. D. A. Smith, who added his personal tribute. This congregation paid \$200 towards the stipend.

Victoria. The most significant fact of this momentous year was the end of the war and the heartfelt gratitude to God in the hearts of our mission people that the terrible burden of anxiety had been lifted and news was being received from relatives and friends who for long had been lost to them. The young men have returned or are expected to return shortly and, it is hoped, will soon be assisting again in church activities. The congregation paid \$200 towards the stipend. The kindergarten had 40 on the roll, but colds interfered with the attendance, of some little ones; all are called for and returned to their homes by our workers. In June 9 graduated. They were saddened by the death of a little girl who was three years at kindergarten. Six children who came in May while the United Church kindergarten was closed returned when it reopened, as it was nearer their homes. One of our workers had two adult pupils in English four afternoons a week and gave piano lessons to 12 pupils, who gave a recital in May. Friday afternoons are given up to visiting the homes. The Women's Auxiliary (17 members) had a different group leader take charge of the programme each month. Several members gave addresses. In May they met with the 9 members of the Young Women's Auxiliary and also on the Young Women's Anniversary and for the Christmas meeting in December. The Young Women frequently have as many as 8 babies and small children at their meetings, but the mothers are able to carry on the programme with little disturbance. They contributed to a War Relief box, very much giving the contents to the Medical Aid for China and the Red Cross. The Willing Helpers Mission Band, with 19 members, meets on Saturday but, with so many distractions, the attendance is not very

ESTIMATES FOR 1945

CHINESE IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Que.

Miss Alma Burdick, Salary	\$1,200.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Mrs. G.P. Lofie, Salary	960.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Kindergarten Expenses & Supplies	75.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	25.00	
W.M.S. Share of conduct of Mission and contingency.	<u>300.00</u>	\$ 2,775.00

TORONTO, Ont.

Miss Fay McTavish, Salary	\$1,200.00	
Expenses	250.00	
Assistant, Salary	600.00	
Expenses	27.50	
Kindergarten Expenses and Supplies	140.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	400.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	<u>20.00</u>	\$ 2,637.50

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary	\$1,200.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Miss Susan Yeung, Salary	840.00	
Expenses	55.00	
Miss Isabel Bennett, Salary	720.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Kindergarten Expenses & Supplies	140.00	
Rent paid to Chinese Presbyterian Church	<u>200.00</u>	\$ 3,375.00

VICTORIA, B.C.

Miss Gertrude Scott, Salary	\$1,200.00	
Miss Grace Lee, Salary	900.00	
Expenses and Supplies	<u>25.00</u>	\$ 2,125.00

DEPARTMENT CONTINGENCY

\$ 175.00
\$11,087.50