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"Deaconesses" Report by " (Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell,
Secretaries" printed pp 53, [**Miss Gillespie is now the hospital visitor**, replacing Miss
Murray.]

Chinese in Canada – printed pp 58-59.

A new farm instructor has been engaged and it is hoped there will be better results from the garden and farm. New plans for teaching the boys are being carried out. A local blacksmith is teaching them and some are doing welding. Some of the boys are being taught to cut meats and make sausage. The care and repair of farm machinery and shoe repairing are also taught.

On five days a week a class of girls are instructed in cooking. They are learning to make butter and cheese, as well as bread, cakes, soup, etc., and to prepare vegetables. At the end of the month they are to prepare and serve a staff dinner. The next month another class will have cooking instruction and the first class will have sewing and dress-making. They are doing very good work and are keenly interested.

Miss Proctor from Birtle is giving music lessons to the girls and violin lessons to some of the boys. They play in church on Friday evening and are making good progress.

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No report has been received from Mistawasis.

From the information given in the principals' reports it is evident that good work is being done in our Indian Schools and that our girls and boys will be better prepared to take their place, whether it be on the Reserve or in the world outside.

J. FLORENCE LANG,
Secretary.

Chinese in Canada

Staff in 1941	Date of Appointment
Miss Ruth Heighton, B.A.	1935
Miss Grace Lee	1931
Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
Miss Susan Yeung	1940
Miss Fay McTavish	1938
Miss Pansy Yeung, B.A.	1940
Mrs. W. F. Adams (part time)	1937
Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
Miss Elsie Lee	1935
Miss Helen Chan (part year)	1941

Voluntary Worker

Ottawa, Ont. Miss K. Reid.

As 1941 drew to a close the Canadians and Chinese were drawn very closely together. Ours is now a common cause and we are proud to be associated with these people who have so bravely withstood the enemy for nearly five years. There is a feeling of sadness as I present this report, as it is the last time our beloved Agnes Dickson will report for Montreal. I cannot think of the work in Canada without Miss Dickson; she has been to me a tower of strength and a never-failing source of advice, as she knew the people and the work from coast to coast.

Victoria. At the beginning of the year we parted very regretfully with Miss Scott, who had served us for fifteen years. Miss Heighton was appointed until June; and she proved so satisfactory that her appointment was then made permanent. The Kindergarten had an enrollment of 32 and an afternoon class held from March 1st for pre-

school children an enrollment of 13. The Auxiliaries, with 20 members, reports 184 visits made to Chinese families, the allocation of \$63 met, and \$26 sent to China for Christian refugee work. In February they gave a farewell party for Miss Scott, presenting her with a beautiful quilt, and welcomed Miss Heighton at the same time. The Young Women's Missionary Society, with nine members, sent in \$12 to our Society, and supplies valued at \$3.57. They had a farewell tea for Miss Scott at Miss Lee's home, and welcomed Miss Heighton. On Mother's Day they entertained the Senior Auxiliaries, and in December the Y.P.S. and the girls' knitting club. The Girls' Guild (17 members) studied *Tales on the World Team* and *Tales from Free China*, and presented twelve hymn books to the Sunday School. In January they had a reunion and made a presentation to Miss Scott, in June held a Mother-and-daughter banquet, and at the Christmas concert presented the play "With Wings as Eagles". The Willing Helpers Mission Band, composed of 28 girls and 12 boys, studied *Sowing Seeds* and *Tales from Overseas*. Mrs. Fuller visited them in April, and in June they held a picnic at Willow Beach. The Y.P.S. had a very successful year with 18 members. Fellowship in worship, study and recreation were emphasized. This group, the Girls' Guild and the Young Women took charge of the Easter evening service and sent \$100 (Hong Kong currency) to the Chinese Red Cross. The Sunday School enrollment was slightly lower, but the average attendance was better. Three new teachers were added and 25 pupils won awards for attendance. The Christmas concert collection of \$14.75 was given to the Queen Elizabeth Fund. The Chinese School, with 60 enrolled, met each school day from 4.30 to 8 p.m., with Rev. Mr. Leung and Miss Lee as teachers; religious instruction is given. English night school. In February Miss Heighton and Miss Ruth Leung gave lessons in English conversation and reading, and 14 pupils were given music lessons. At the Vacation Bible School, July 9th to 26th, 31 were enrolled. Seven prizes were awarded for perfect attendance and three for good attendance.

Vancouver. The Kindergarten had 51 enrolled, and 24 on the Cradle Roll. Miss Susan Yeung has become acquainted rapidly and is a great blessing to the work. Miss Isabelle Bennett helps collect the children, teaches the four-year-olds, is pianist, *Glad Tidings* Secretary for the Auxiliaries, and teaches English one night a week. The Mission Band studied *Tales from Overseas* and contributed \$2.00 to the W.M.S. The Girls' Auxiliaries, under Miss Elsie Potter, studied Genesis, at their own request, and learned many of our hymns. They made an arduous and other articles for British relief, dressed a doll for the Kindergarten, gave \$5.15 to the W.M.S. and \$5.00 to the Chinese Church. The Young Women's group, under Miss Myrtle Sellers, who teaches them on Sunday, is affiliated with our Society. They have Mission study gave \$5.00 to the Society and \$5.00 to their church, and contributed \$2.00 and articles to our Supply Department. The Y. P. S. met weekly, and had some interesting speakers, including the Rev. Gordon Taylor. They gave \$10.00 to the budget. The Auxiliaries, Mrs. John Cean President, held 10 meetings with an average attendance of 14, and contributed \$45.85, exceeding their allocation. Mrs. Young addressed one meeting, showing pictures of her work in India, and in November Miss Yeung showed moving pictures of the Vacation School and the visit of the King and Queen. All attended the annual meeting, the Kindergarten children sang, and Rev. D. A. Smith, Rev. K. H. Yeung, Rev. F. S. Heals, and Rev. Allan Beach, were present, the latter showing pictures of the Nativity. The members have been making supplies for Chinese Red Cross. They are grateful to members of other Auxiliaries

babes to the old grandmothers. One young Indian woman presided at their Thank-offering.

Miss Alma Burdick, formerly of Formosa, succeeded Miss MacDonald in the work at Elmwood and is winning the hearts of both old and young by her kindly manner. Under her supervision Elmwood congregation continues to go forward in the cause of Christ's Kingdom.

In Victoria, British Columbia, a partnership plan was entered into, whereby St. Andrew's Church assumed responsibility for part of a deaconess's salary and our Society paid the other part. The deaconess, Miss Isabel Scott, who was appointed by our Board, gives part-time service to St. Andrew's Church and part-time to the Presbytery of Victoria. In this way Miss Scott is able through visitation of hospitals and homes to give assistance to all the congregations of the city. She has also made a survey of Jordan River, where services are now conducted and a Sunday School organized. A letter from the Convener of the Home Mission Committee expresses satisfaction with the plan and with the splendid work done by our deaconess.

In Hamilton Miss Margaret Allan continues to serve in the congregations of Knox and Calvin Churches. Carrying on the work in Knox without a church has been no easy task, and the removal of so many workers to war work, where they work on different shifts, has made it even harder. Miss Allan gives time to all organizations and endeavours to keep them together. The Mission Band, the visiting in the homes and visiting in the hospital, where she is always welcome, the visits to the sanitarium and Home for the Aged, all these receive much of Miss Allan's attention. Another thing the deaconess does and does well is helping soldier boys from other countries locate relatives in this country. In Calvin Church the work is going forward. Many of the workers have gone away from home to war work or to the army. The women's organizations are carrying on as usual.

In October Miss Grace Irvine was appointed deaconess-at-large for the city of Brantford, to give half her time to work in Central Church and the remainder to work in the other churches and among the wives of the soldiers. She visits the sick and the "shut-ins". She has organized a group of teen-age girls, and is finding much need for her work.

In Toronto we have Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, who was appointed full-time hospital visitor at the beginning of the year. She visits ten hospitals and other institutions, where she is always welcome with her messages of love and cheer. The patients look forward to her coming and are glad to get the leaflets and Testaments she is able to give them. These are read by many in the same ward. In some cases mothers have asked for leaflets to send to their boys overseas. At Christmas time she distributed to those in the hospitals forty-eight parcels containing jam or jelly, an orange, an apple, biscuit and a text card. In many cases these were the only parcels received. The work of the hospital visitor does not end in the hospital; she often visits the patients after their return home. Her work is truly a work of love and mercy.

Mrs. Steinmetz, part-time worker, continues to work among the Hungarian people in their own church, where she carries on her usual work of keeping in touch with the women and children, comforting where possible and acting as interpreter when the need arises. Mrs. Steinmetz expresses her appreciation of the supplies received from the Supply Department. They are often the means of bringing people into closer contact. The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives
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