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Mentions the work of **Mrs. Adams** with **non-Chinese women** in Toronto (as noted in preliminary research report already sent to Elise)

Sub-section heading: "Welcome and Welfare"

Excerpt: (60) "**Miss Mary Murray**, our hospital visitor in Toronto, expresses in her report her appreciation of the "follow-up" work of the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries in visiting patients after they leave the hospital."

[Report by "(Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell, Secretary"]

Sub- heading "Deaconesses" Excerpt: (61) "**Miss Murray**, our hospital visitor in Toronto, continues her faithful service in visiting the sick in the hospitals, and in many cases does "follow-up" visitation in the homes, leaving behind her the thought that "the Church does care."

[Report submitted by "(Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Secretary"]

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Miss Shirley Scott has continued to serve under the direction of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Westminster. Her chief interest has been the South Hill mission, which started with a Sunday School but now is a little Christian community with a growing sense of responsibility developing among the young people. Miss Scott also gave assistance in the congregation of Buchanan and the missions of Hunter and Knox.

Work in the Peace River district was interrupted during the year owing to the resignations of Miss Margaret Grigor, Miss Helen Madill, and Miss Gertrude Rollo, the two former leaving to be married and the latter to train as a nurse. Miss Rosetta Moors, graduate deaconess of Edmonton, has taken over the Prestville field, where Mrs. Stevens (Miss Grigor) served faithfully for several years and laid a solid foundation for women's and children's work. Miss Georgina Roy, a nurse deaconess, is at Last Lake giving medical service to that district, where no other such service is available within a radius of several miles. Miss Margaret Huinink has continued the deaconess work on the Brownvale field.

Complying with a request from the Red Deer Presbytery for a deaconess, our Society has sent Miss Mary Todd to the Willowdale field, where she is serving seven points, giving regular Sunday services to two and alternating the others.

Thus through its various representatives, our Society is endeavouring to strengthen our beloved Church, so that through her the banner of Christ shall be upheld throughout our vast Dominion.

(Mrs. W. H.) TENA A. MITCHELL, Secretary.

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	Staff in 1938	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
	Miss Grace Lee	1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
	*Mrs. G. P. Louie	1930
	Mrs. F. Y. Louie (temporary)	1938
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. H. O. T. Burkwall (Jan.-Sept.)	1911
	Miss Fay McTavish	1938
	Miss Lily Yeung	1932
	Mrs. W. F. Adams (part time)	
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
	Miss Elsie Lee	1935
	Mrs. Gee	1937

Voluntary Worker

Ottawa, Ont. Miss K. Reid
*Resigned.

Our Chinese people this year set an example for the whole Church. They were so anxious to help others and met their allocations before the end of the year, notwithstanding the increasing demands from their war-ridden homeland.

Victoria. No new work was started, but existing organizations carried on satisfactorily. Miss Scott continues her English classes with the women, and Miss Lee has a Chinese reading class. Miss Scott

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taught music to eight pupils. The homes were visited regularly. The Auxiliary had a very encouraging year, with 22 members; the group system, introduced by Miss Lee, afforded splendid training for the women, the four group leaders taking turns conducting the meetings; two visitors were appointed each month to do the calling. The church was much improved by new lighting and pews. The Mission Band, with 36 members, studied *God's Children* and *Talks on New Ways in the King's Service*; Mrs. Fuller, Presbyterian Secretary, visited them twice and came to the picnic. The Shining Lights Girls' Guild, with 17 members, studied *Treasures in the Earth*, articles in the *Glad Tidings*, and used the study kit on China; the girls helped in church activities and, as an affiliated group, contributed supplies and money to our Society. In the Sunday School 92 were enrolled—25 received awards for attendance; the cradle roll has 27 names. In the week-day classes of Rev. Mr. Leung and Miss Lee 60 were enrolled; the work included Bible study and the practising of hymns. The Young People's Society (16 members) meets fortnightly; Mr. Straith, M.P.P., gave an illustrated lecture on China, the proceeds being devoted to Red Cross work; at the Christmas concert this group, and the choir, under Solomon Leung, sang carols and hymns. The kindergarten had 28 enrolled; for two years the attendance has declined, owing, no doubt, to the Chinese people becoming more scattered through the city and young men not marrying on account of scarcity of employment; so many intelligent, well educated young people can get work only in fruit stores, cafés, laundries, or as truck drivers.

Vancouver. The kindergarten had 60 pupils; we are grateful to Miss Isabelle Bennett for her continued help and to the friend who makes that possible; besides being a capable pianist, she assists in collecting the children. In July we very regretfully accepted Mrs. G. P. Louie's resignation. In September, Mrs. F. Y. Louie was appointed temporarily, and has done very satisfactory work. The Sunday School has 94 pupils and a staff of consecrated teachers under Mr. A. Masson. During the year sixteen were baptized, including a family of eight who first came in contact with our work through the kindergarten and the women's meetings; the mother is now president of the Auxiliary. Fifty-six attended the Vacation School, the expenses being met by a friend; Bible study was conducted in six classes and the Rev. D. A. Smith spoke on missions, each morning speaking of one of our missionaries. Nine girls and one woman went to an interdenominational camp in July, our camp on Keats Island being used by other groups. One of our young Chinese mothers helped greatly in the Mission Band, which contributed \$5.35 to our Society. The girls' group, under Miss Elsie Potter, studied missions, and made oil-cloth animals for the children on the cradle roll; they contributed \$4.65 to our Society and the same amount to our Church; at Easter they and the Mission Band had a supper meeting, when Miss Verlie Evans of Rocky Mountain House Hospital was their guest. The young women of the Esther Armstrong Circle, under Miss Myrtle Sellers, are getting a good training in conducting their study from *They Went Forth* and taking the devotional service; they gave \$4.00 to our Society and \$4.00 to the Church. The Young People's Society of 20 members is very grateful to Mrs. Dorothy Smith of New Westminster who, for several years, has helped them; they gave \$8.00 to the Manchurian fund and renewed their games equipment. The Auxiliary held nine regular meetings, and contributed \$31.25; in October Mrs. R. M. Thomson on their behalf presented a Life Membership and pin to Mrs. G. P. Louie; they are grateful to Mrs. W. G. Gourlie and other friends who made this possible and to the women who helped at the monthly meetings. Rev. D. A. Smith, Miss Lamont,

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and Rev. K. H. Yeung addressed them. The homes have been visited regularly. The correspondence with country children continues and 66 receive Sunday School papers, Easter and Christmas cards, wall texts, and book marks. Miss Yeandle receives such appreciative letters, telling how much good this is doing. The mission greatly missed the Rev. D. A. Smith during his long absence in the East.

Saskatchewan. In Saskatchewan Mrs. Samuel Farley sent out fortnightly 40 copies of the *Northern Messenger*, 50 Scripture cards in Chinese, and 20 primary papers—a total of 62 parcels. After seven years, because of increasing duties, Mrs. Farley asked to be relieved; but Mrs. H. R. Horne volunteered to look after the mailing, and Mrs. Farley will look after the finances. We are very grateful to these two ladies.

Toronto. Mrs. H. O. T. Burkwall, formerly of China, was in charge from January until September, when Miss Fay McTavish, a graduate of our Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, was appointed head worker. Miss McTavish was appointed to Chinese work two years ago and we thought it wise to get her started, as it was doubtful how long Mrs. Burkwall would be in Canada. Miss Lily Yeung conducted the kindergarten as formerly. The families have become so scattered that it is hard to bring the children in; with a car, we could have double the number; the same is true of our Sunday School in Cooke's Church. For over ten years Mr. John Reid has collected the children before going to the suburban Sunday School where he is Superintendent. Our Sunday School gave \$17.68 for the budget. For part of the year Miss Lambert assisted Miss Yeung in collecting the children. The vacation schools were supervised by Mrs. Burkwall, Miss Yeung, Miss Lambert, and Ruby Mah. Miss Jean MacMurchy is the leader of the C.G.I.T. group, and Mr. Haines of Chalmers Church, of the very fine troop of Scouts. Our splendid Young People's Society of 34 members, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. S. Armstrong, this year made their first contribution to the budget; they are grateful for the use of St. Andrew's gymnasium. On Fridays the women work for their bazaar, and then have Bible study and a devotional period. The bazaar this year netted \$600.00; after making a contribution to our Society, they sent the balance to China for war relief. In June the women's class, the kindergarten, and the Mission Band united in a farewell party for Miss Helena Gibbs, presenting her with a travelling case. Miss Gibbs, who had had charge of the Mission Band and assisted in the kindergarten, had endeared herself to the Chinese people. The Mission Band gave \$6.00 to our Society. Our Christmas entertainment was a great success; Miss Petch, who had always looked after the supper so willingly, had gone to her reward since the last gathering, but Mrs. S. Armstrong took charge and it was a success in every way; the gifts for the women and children were the finest we have had. We are grateful to the friends who lend their cars to convey the mothers and children to and from this entertainment. Mrs. Adams visits thirty-three families. The Monday evening class, instituted by the Anglo-Chinese women themselves, welcomes all who care to come to enjoy a friendly time, with the Gospel sing-song, Bible lesson, sewing, knitting, lantern slides, and an occasional visit from missionaries; they all have their Bibles and the roll call is answered with a Scripture verse. This class gave generously to Chinese relief, and have over \$30.00 toward the support of a Bible-woman in China. They, too, had a farewell for Miss Gibbs and presented gifts; they were greatly interested in the Manchurian slides showing where she would live and work.

Ottawa. The report from Ottawa is very encouraging. Paul Chan, teacher evangelist, is doing good work in the Chinese school, held from

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five to seven-thirty and on Saturday mornings, with 22 pupils. On Sundays, when the parents and older children come, from 45 to 60 attend the service. Mr. Chan also visits a great deal. Miss Agnes Dickson was the guest of honour at the June picnic. The Rev. D. A. Smith conducted a communion service in April, and the Rev. Gordon Taylor one in October. Mr. Smith was a welcome guest at their Christmas entertainment. We regret to report the death on March 13th of our very good friend, Mr. H. E. Ellis; over one hundred Chinese attended a memorial service in the mission hall, when his portrait was unveiled; the Consul-General, Dr. Chow, spoke very touchingly. We are very grateful to Miss K. Reid, who carries on such a splendid, unselfish voluntary work among our Chinese friends.

Montreal. Miss Dickson reports that the work in all departments has kept on steadily. There are forty-five Chinese women in Montreal and more attended the bi-weekly women's class and showed a real interest in the message given. Thirty-one attended the mothers' Christmas service, and all were presented with linen dresser scarves from the Presbyterial. Miss Dickson asked them, instead of making gifts to her, to contribute to the Red Cross; and it was gratifying to find \$14.50 in the box—and Miss Dickson was not forgotten. Homes and hospitals were visited, as regularly as time and strength permitted. The kindergarten had 26 children on the roll. Miss Lee and Mrs. Gee have given splendid service; it would be hard to find workers more interested in the children. Again we were privileged to have the free services of the University Settlement clinic, where a child specialist regularly examined the children, inoculated them, and advised as to any necessary treatment. We are grateful to a friend who supplied milk twice a week. The Mission Band (24 members) was sorry to lose Miss Gladys Aiken and her sister, its faithful leaders for five years, and was fortunate in getting Miss Margaret McCrudden, an experienced leader, for their study meetings and Mrs. Gravenor to supervise the work; it contributed \$3.25 to our Society. The Sunday School, organized in November by the Rev. D. A. Smith, has four classes so far: the senior girls' Bible class, which was in existence before, and boys', teen-age girls', and men's classes; the average attendance has been 15. Patriotic activities on Sundays have interfered greatly with our afternoon work here, as elsewhere. Girls' work was also organized in November; the group of eleven girls was fortunate in securing Miss Margaret Muckersie, former Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, as leader; Miss Lee is assisting. The Boy Scouts were organized, with Mr. L. Burnett of the Theological College as leader; the sixteen boys are very enthusiastic. The Vacation School, conducted by Solomon Leung, assisted by Miss Wolcott, Miss Lee, and Mrs. Gee, was very satisfactory, with twenty-two attending. At the June picnic, the largest they have had, they were honoured by a visit from the Consul-General. A ping-pong table, procured through Mr. Smith's efforts, has proved a great attraction to the various groups, and books are being collected for a library. Solomon Leung has returned to take charge of the Sunday School and other activities. Ottawa was the only city Miss Dickson could visit in 1938, but talks on Chinese work were given to various organizations in the city and vicinity. Again we thank the Presbyterial for their continued interest and their generous gifts for the women and children. We would also express our deep sense of loss in the sudden passing of Miss C. E. Cameron, who so often visited the kindergarten and was so deeply interested in the children and the staff.

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An important milestone in when on May 5th, 1938, was the East Indian people to the more came, until now they constitute a large part of the population. In the early days of settlement, the government service, in the provinces, women are entering the nursing profession, and the privilege of our Church to minister to the Christian training for the boys.

A special feature of the year was the Sunday School work through which committees were formed, Sun Day School, and conferences, the result was a large increase in contributions for the year amounting to two per cent. in church offerings.

It is heartening to see how the people are taking more responsibility for the education of their children, and for the purchase of furniture. In many cases they insist upon having the best. This spirit marks a new era.

The Berbice Girls' High School, reports an enrollment of eleven more than in the previous year. Senior Cambridge examinations were made to the school, and modern furniture and other improvements were made. The school has 5,047 pupils.

As Superintendent of the school, Miss Davies visited and conducted the school in the vicinity of New Amsterdam. She also supervised the British Guiana Girls' in the vicinity of New Amsterdam, and, with Miss Storey, she took the High School examinations at Christmas the girls' service.

Mrs. Rayner has made a visit to work in Essequibo, where,