

**1942 "Twenty-Ninth Annual Report of the Women's Missionary Society W. D.,
Presbyterian Church in Canada"**

"Council Executive Report" leads off the annual report, and is signed by "(Mrs. Donald) Margaret D. Gordon, recording secretary"

This is only a 2-page report. Excerpt from p. 2 "I cannot close this report without mentioning the **marriage of Miss Mary Murray**, our beloved Hospital visitor; I am sure all the members will join with the Council Executive in wishing for her years of health and happiness." [have located a Star article - wedding announcement from 1942; but this is Mary Marguerite Murray, not Mary C. Murray - so don't have Miss Murray's new name.]

"Deaconesses" Report by "(Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell, Secretaries" pp. 54-55 printed.

"Chinese in Canada " - printed pp 62-66. Includes mention of the **work of Mrs. Adams among the white women in Toronto.**

Matthew, deaconess in training, was appointed for a period of five months; she made a survey of the district and visited the homes, interesting the children in Sunday School work. When Miss Matthew returned to the Training School, Miss Marjorie Mackay, of the Birble Indian School, was appointed to carry on the work so well begun. In October the new church was dedicated, and many new members have been added to the membership. Miss MacKay also visits the Weston Sanatorium weekly; at Christmas time each patient received a jar of jam and a suitable gift. The patients say to our deaconess, "Come earlier next time and stay longer."

Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, our faithful hospital visitor in Toronto, continues her work in the same spirit of love and sacrifice she has always shown. The past year has been a very busy one in the hospital, one of the busiest in history; with fewer doctors and nurses and fewer hospital helpers, conditions are quite serious. As the patients are kept in the hospitals no longer than absolutely necessary, our visitor must make the most of each visit. Several young women from Eastern and Western provinces have had operations or accidents and, being so far from home, have expressed their pleasure at the hospital visitor's call. One young girl whose leg had to be amputated, said, "I am not going to let it get me down because since coming in here I have discovered a real sense of values." At Christmas time nine dozen berry boxes decorated and filled with fruit, candy, and jam were distributed to the patients. There is much satisfaction in the work of our hospital visitor.

The First Hungarian Church in Toronto is fortunate in having as part-time deaconess Mrs. Steinmetz, who serves faithfully among her own people. The work of this church goes steadily forward; there are 120 families to be ministered to, either members or adherents.

The new Ukrainian Church in Toronto was dedicated in April; present at the dedication service was a group of interested people who hoped to worship their God in this building. Here Mrs. Fesenko, a part-time worker, serves among her own people. Of her work Mrs. Fesenko says, "We have much to be thankful for; during the past year God has been very good to us." There is so much to be done that often the deaconess is out among her people all seven days of the week.

During the first six months of 1942 Miss Isabel Taylor conducted a nursery school in the Hungarian church for pre-school-age children. Feeling the great need of more training for children's work, she was allowed time to take a course at the Institute for Child Study at the University of Toronto to prepare for the work of a Nursery School Supervisor. (On completing the course in February 1943 she became Supervisor of the Day Nursery being opened in the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church.)

In February, in answer to a request from St. Andrew's Church, Belle Me, for a deaconess to assist in the work of that church and work among the wives of the men in the Armed Forces in Belleville and Trenton, Miss Shirley Scott was transferred from Toronto to Belleville to carry on this work. In Trenton Miss Scott organized a club among the wives of the Airmen, known as the Astral Club; these young women are very much interested in their work and the attendance has increased. Miss Scott is now serving as congregational deaconess in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville.

In Montreal, Miss Iris Munro continued for the first nine months of the year to serve in the Gordon Mission, which has a very active Sunday School and Mission Band. The last three months of the year 1942 she spent in deaconess work in the Fairmount-Taylor Church,

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here she was asked to lead the Mission Band and to make a survey of the district. At the end of the year Miss Munro was transferred to work in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, where the congregation was without a minister.

Miss Helen Ross continues to do extension work in Montreal, also doing some time to congregational work in Verdun. She visits the sick and shut-ins when the weather is wet and stormy, and does survey work when the weather is fine. Miss Ross enjoyed assisting in a summer Bible Vacation School in the Maisonneuve Church, where nearly one hundred boys and girls assembled each morning for two and a half hours of Bible study. Since Miss Munro's transfer to Kirkland Lake, Miss Ross has been asked to carry on the work in the Gordon Mission, taking charge of the Mission Band.

In Val d'Or, Quebec, Miss Lily Macarthur has faithfully served the women and children, of whom many are non-Anglo-Saxon. In this field the war has had a very real effect on the community, and many families have moved to larger centres to find employment in war industries. Miss Macarthur conducted a most successful Vacation School, assisted for a time by Miss Adams, whose experience proved most helpful. In the Val d'Or Mission Band there are three different age groups—the little ones up to 8 years, a group of girls 8-10, who have named themselves "Helping Hands", and the Golden Girls club, which in 1943 graduates into the Girls' Department. The girls held a tea and sale of work to assist in raising funds for their Vacation School and Camp. In Perron there is a very interested Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary. This year they have an entirely new set of Brewster officers. Early in 1943 Miss Macarthur was transferred to Brantford, to act as part-time deaconess in Knox Church and to devote the remainder of her time to the work of the Co-operating Committee for Christian Service in Camp and War Production Communities.

Our deaconesses all express their appreciation of the opportunity afforded them to attend the Council meeting in Toronto in September. In this summary of the work of our 21 deaconesses we realize that we have only told you a little of the progress made, but nothing of the sacrifices made by our workers, of the long hours of work, the hard trips in all sorts of weather, the calls by day or night to visit the sick, the lonely hours spent away from friends, the time spent in preparation for the many demands on them. This would present an altogether different picture. In closing, we would again ask for the full support of the prayers of every member of the Women's Missionary Society for these faithful workers who are endeavouring in this time of suspense and world war to build up our Church and help make a Christian Canada.

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

made in the school under the direction of Mrs. Pitts and Mrs. Highfield: 74 blue denim jumper dresses, 74 red blouses, 155 overall aprons, 55 bib-aprons, print dresses, slips, nightgowns, pyjamas, etc., 70 bedspreads, 125 sheets. Thirty-five extra bundles of clothing were given to the Indians on the Reserve and 48 Christmas bundles to visiting families.

Many improvements have been made under Mr. Highfield's supervision. Most of the basement, the staff dining-room, four staff bedrooms, the office and senior class-room on the first floor, the girls' dormitory and two bedrooms on the second floor, and on the third floor two staff bedrooms; a small dormitory and two landings were painted. Mr. Highfield spent 380 hours in supervision and the boys did over 1,500 hours' work.

Miss Janet Carruthers, our capable and beloved nurse, was busy all year. The report mentions 65 X-rays, 69 cases of flu, several cases of tonsillitis, scabies, eczema, etc.; 14 First Aid classes were held, and by Dr. Moore of Ottawa to urge the Indians to use more vegetables.

In addition to our 220 acres, two other farms were rented. The harvest was exceptionally good last year: 800 bushels of oats were threshed, and they had 90 tons of hay, 11 tons of potatoes, 10 tons of turnips, 7 tons of carrots, 3 tons of beets, and many other vegetables. At the graduation ceremonies in June and at Christmas special communion services were conducted by ministers from Winnipeg. Each school day opens with Scripture reading and prayer and chapel services are held three times a week, with Sunday School and two services on a larger boy in India, and for war charities. Several of the graduates are serving in the army.

Only one who has visited the Indian Schools knows how much good work is being done. Dr. Cameron visited both Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey and was much impressed with the value of the training being given under the Women's Missionary Society. The Department of Indian Affairs has just sent word that an extra grant of \$10 per pupil for 1942 will be allowed. To all who have helped with the work of the Indian Department, your Secretary would like to express her grateful thanks.

J. FLORENCE LANG,
Secretary.

Chinese in Canada

Staff in 1942	Date of Appointment
Miss Ruth Heigh-ton	1935
(Resigned November 30th)	
Miss Grace Lee	1931
Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
Miss Susan Yeung	1940
Miss Isabel Bennett	1942
Miss Fay McTavish	1938
Miss Pansy Yeung, B.A.	1940
Mrs. W. F. Adams (part time)	1937
Miss Alma Burdick	1927
Mrs. G. P. Louie	1942

1942 was a time of great anxiety and sorrow for our Chinese friends. The fall of Hong Kong meant that their families had to come refugees and undergo terrible hardships, but the Christian Chinese are facing this ordeal with patience and with confidence in a happy future for their people and country.

Victoria. In May 1942 our Mission passed a milestone, when they celebrated their fiftieth anniversary. At the special service the other Presbyterian ministers were present and messages were received from all over Canada and the United States. To celebrate the occasion, the congregation enlarged their church hall, improved the heating system and made other much needed repairs, also pairing the heating system and out. In the Kindergarten, held for an hour in the afternoon for those children who could come alone, thirty-two were enrolled. The closing programmes in June and December were enjoyed. Miss Heigh-ton gave piano lessons to eight pupils and she and Miss Lee made sixty visits. The Willing Helpers' Mission Band, with forty-one members, studied *Tales from Oerekus*. The Shining Lights Girls' Guild, an affiliated group of 13 members, held fifteen regular meetings and used *Tales from Free China* for mission study and items from the *Good Tidings*. The Women's Auxiliary, 19 members, met monthly, and many of the members gave addresses on Bible subjects. Visiting is a feature of the Auxiliary's work and last year the Visiting Committee made 99 Bible study an important part of each of the monthly meetings. Chinese women are very active in war work and two groups meet with Miss Lee; the older women made 50 articles of clothing for bombed-out families in Britain. For Chinese Medical Aid \$95.70 was raised, and \$56.00 for Chinese War Relief. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 82. It lost several of its faithful staff—Alice Gee left to accept a position in the Civil Service in Ottawa and Joan Louie to accept a years' had to give up. Mrs. Leung, who had taught a group of boys for 15 years, had to give up. Mrs. Leung, who was previously a substitute teacher, has joined the staff. In the Chinese School, which the Rev. Mr. Leung and Miss Grace Lee conducted daily from 4.30 to 6 and from 6 to 8, 56 were enrolled. Bible instruction is given and hymns are learned, and as a number of the pupils are from non-Christian homes, these classes provide a splendid opportunity to teach Christianity; from them the Sunday School receives many recruits. At the end of November Miss Heigh-ton resigned to train as a nurse, and we were more than fortunate in being able to secure Miss Gertrude Scott, our former deaconess, to take up the work again. She was warmly welcomed by both her Chinese and Canadian friends.

Vancouver. In January Mr. Dick Woo, the Sunday School Superintendent, called on his teachers to have daily prayers to overcome the indifference of the people and they meet regularly for this purpose. The Kindergarten teachers, too, meet daily. For the first time the Chinese women of the three missions held their own World Day of Prayer service, meeting in the Anglican chapel. Miss Susan Yeung gave the principal address and Miss Bennett was organist. The Sunday school has an excellent staff of teachers. The Christmas programme included a beautiful pageant and choral speaking and singing. Mr. C. Yui of the Consular staff gave a fine address, but Rev. D. A. South and Rev. K. H. Yeung were missed. The Mission Band is conducted by Miss Yeung and Miss Bennett. By songs, Scripture and felt talks, as well as handwork, the children are taught of God. Felt talks have been used most effectively in this mission and other churches used them.

ten times. The Boys of the Burning Bush, a group of younger boys under Andrew Bong, one of our Sunday School teachers, meet every Saturday evening. The Girls' Auxiliary, with Miss Elsie Foster as leader, has Bible and missionary studies; in 1942 they were privileged to have as special speakers Miss Simpson (India) and Miss Anderson (Japan). This group made many beautiful knitted garments for refugees in England. We have to thank Miss Potter for training the children in their choral speaking. The Young Women met monthly, under Miss Myrtle Sellers, and have been studying the Founders of our Church. These studies have been so instructive and interesting that they are giving one a month to the Young People's Society. The Young People usually conduct their own weekly meetings, but they were privileged to have the Rev. Allan Reoch address them and they joined with the Girls' Auxiliary to hear Miss Anderson. The Rev. D. A. Smith has been a great help to this group, giving generously of his time when in the city. Miss Susan Yeung as President of the Auxiliary had much to do with its successful year. They more than doubled their allocation, giving \$71.20, and they gave \$100 to the church. For nearly three months in the spring Miss Yeandle, who took a special refresher course at the General Hospital, held First Aid classes; the women came from all the other churches. Many Chinese attend A. R. P. meetings held regularly in the schools. This work takes a good deal of time, but it is necessary and many new contacts are made. Miss Yeandle, Miss Yeung, and Miss Bennett do regular visiting; considerable informal teaching is done; friendships are made, confidence established and opportunities for helpfulness found. In October Rev. K. H. Yeung was moved to Toronto and this meant readjustment of management and preaching. It has been a joy to see the way Mr. Dick Woo, an elder, and Mr. F. Y. Louie, our Chinese teacher, have taken up the burden. Miss Yeandle expressed her gratitude to the Council Executive, to the Provincial officers, and the many other local people who have helped in many ways. It has been very encouraging to have parents ask that their children might come to our kindergarten.

Toronto. 1942 was a difficult year, as for nine months there was no minister. Miss McTavish and Miss Yeung carried on the work. It was a wonderful tribute to the work of the late Rev. Mr. Ma Wou that the Chinese men carried on by themselves until the services of a minister could be secured. When the Rev. K. H. Yeung came from Vancouver in October there was plenty of work waiting for him, especially among the men. At the Sunday School, held in Cooke's Church, the attendance has been very good. There are 55 enrolled, and 1600 the Cradle Roll, and they gave \$25.00 to the Budget. We would pay tribute to our teachers—Miss Trull, Miss Frank, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Royall, and Mr. Carter—who have given of their time, talent and money to help us. Mrs. Ma continues to hold her Women's Bible class every Sunday afternoon at the Y.M.C.I. The Kindergarten has been well attended; some of the children have made remarkable progress, and all learn many valuable lessons by working and playing together. One mother enquired who paid for the milk provided and offered to help, and others were willing, too; this is a step forward. The Mission Band had 86 meetings; they used the study book and learned the Books of the Bible. They had several parties and a picnic in June, and contributed \$3.85 to our Society. The Young People's Society met regularly until June; since then everyone has been so busy studying and working—two boys are in the army and one in a Sanitarium. In April they raised \$113.50 at a concert for War Relief, dividing it equally between

Chinese Relief and the British War Victims' Fund. They took charge of services at Bonar Church and Evangel Hall and entertained the Bonar Young People's Society at the Chinese Institute. The Young Women's Auxiliary increased their givings, sending \$19.00 to the General Fund; supplies were valued at \$11.00. Special speakers were Mrs. Royall, who told of her work in China, and Miss Lily Simpson, who spoke of India. The Women's Auxiliary met weekly and had a picnic in July. At the annual bazaar in November they cleared \$760.00, sending \$600.00 to Chinese Relief, \$30.00 to the Women's Missionary Society and \$30.00 to the Y.M.C.I. From their regular offerings they sent \$12.00 to Miss Helena Gibbs, our only worker in China at present and formerly one of the workers at this Mission. Mrs. Ma was the speaker at the World Day of Prayer service; the offering amounted to \$3.00. At the Vacation School in July, 27 were enrolled; the time was spent in Bible study, story-telling, singing, memory and hand work; a very successful picnic at Centre Island for the children, mothers and friends was a happy closing. Owing to war conditions, the big Chinese picnic and Cooke's Sunday School picnic were cancelled. The Christmas supper and tree were held, however, as usual, with gifts provided by our Society's Supply Department. We are very grateful to the ladies of Cooke's Church, who attend to this supper, for it is quite an undertaking to provide supper for 125 people. Regular morning and evening services have been held on Sundays, and prayer meeting, as well as open-air services, during the summer months. The Rev. E. H. Johnson of Manchuria was the speaker at the anniversary service in March. Three children and one adult were baptized. To the Budget \$25.00 was contributed. In June the Cradle Roll mothers gathered one afternoon and after a short devotional period, Miss Price, the public health nurse, talked to them; then all became better acquainted over a cup of tea. Miss McTavish and Miss Yeung make many calls, as our Chinese people are so scattered; they also visit the sick in hospitals, and any newcomers to the city. Miss Yeung has helped her father make his calls. We are indeed grateful for the arrangement made with the Vancouver congregation, that Mr. Yeung might come to us. Mrs. Adams continues her work among the white women, visiting them regularly, giving them word of the children at her home in small groups, and keeping in touch with those who move away by writing to them. There is always a large Christmas party, the Supply Department providing gifts for all. Time alone will tell the influence Mrs. Adams has exerted over the lives of these women.

Ottawa. Our Society owes a debt of gratitude to Miss Kathleen Reid for her work among our Chinese friends in Ottawa. She works so faithfully, and has endeared herself to them all. It was a very busy, interesting year, with several weddings—the one most interesting to us being that of the Rev. Paul Chan of Montreal, who was married to Miss Lucy Sun, a McGill graduate. The ceremony was performed in Knox Church by the Rev. D. A. Smith, assisted by Dr. Robert Johnson. It was a particularly lovely wedding with members of the Committee attending in a body. Communion has been celebrated as often as possible, and the women have been visited regularly by Miss Reid. The Rev. Gordon Taylor has helped whenever possible.

Montreal. The work in Montreal has been very encouraging since we got our own building. On the retirement of Miss Dieleman, Miss Burdick, formerly of Formosa, took charge of the work among women and children and we were fortunate in being able to bring Mrs. A. P. Louie from Victoria to assist her. Our Chinese and Canadian friends

too, felt a great sense of loss, when Miss Dickson retired; many farewell parties were held and lovely gifts were showered on her before she left to enjoy her well-earned rest at her home in Fenelon, Falls. Many Montreal people went down to Ottawa to attend the wedding of the Rev. Paul Chan to Miss Lucy Sim and hosts of friends attended the "Tea" given by the Rev. Paul and Mrs. Chan after their arrival in Montreal. Regular Sunday services conducted by Mr. Chan are fairly well attended. (In Montreal, as elsewhere, the Patriotic Societies use Sunday as a day for their drives, etc., and thus interfere with church attendance.) Young men in the uniform of His Majesty's forces are often seen among the worshippers. The offerings are good and interest is shown by those who attend. Two Communion services were held, one conducted by the Rev. D. A. Smith. In the Sunday School, where Mr. Chan is assisted by 8 teachers and a secretary, the attendance varies, but two classes of teen-age girls have been 100 per cent. present each Sunday. There was a good representation at the rally in Knox Crescent Church on New Year's Day. One prize and two certificates were awarded to our girls in the Sunday School Association essay contest. Women's meetings are held regularly and last December a Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary was organized. There are 36 families represented in the congregation, and in the last months of the year Miss Burdick and Mrs. Louie made 76 calls. The Young Peoples Society, under Mr. Eldon Andrews, meets weekly and the Seniors, under an Executive Committee elected from their own members, meet fortnightly. Many of our young people are employed in the Government service. Miss Ruth Toyé, a former kindergarten pupil, was the first Chinese to be appointed to the Montreal teaching staff; she is a member of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and is now on the staff of the Junior Department of Montreal High School for Girls. Our former organist is taking nurse's training at the Royal Victoria Hospital and her brother is studying medicine. The Mission Band is small but enthusiastic and contributed \$3.45 to the General Fund. They were pleased to have Montreal Presbyterian members visit them. The Kindergarten has been conducted throughout the year, seven children attending Public School in September. Milk and biscuits were supplied through the kindness of the Women's Guild of Knox Crescent Church. The Chinese School, meeting daily, has an enrolment of 40 and progress has been made. In June a very appreciative audience filled the hall for the closing of the Kindergarten and Chinese School. The Christmas concert was a happy affair, all the groups taking part. We want to thank the Montreal Presbyterian for the gifts and refreshments. The Ormstown Sunday School also sent gifts. The Maisonneuve Sunday School gave one of their missionary offerings for equipment, and the money was used to buy Communion linen and material to cover the Chinese hymn books, which are so hard to get. Among special visitors during the year were Miss Avis Thomson, daughter of the first Canadian worker among the Montreal Chinese, who returned on the *Orpheus*, and very soon came to the Mission, the Rev. E. A. Thomson, Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, who gave an address, and the Rev. J. A. Smith, who came several times to direct and advise the workers.

Saskatchewan. We are very grateful to Miss Helen Horne for continuing to distribute Christian literature as heretofore to the Chinese people in the province.

(Mrs. J. C.) MARGARET E. B. WOOD,
Secretary.

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

China

The Church in China is facing a Golden Age in which the Gospel can show its real power.

The coastal area missions of the Church of Christ in China are all closed, but the hearts and minds of the Chinese people are open as never before and now there is a supremely important opportunity to evangelize the Orient.

The political centre of China has shifted permanently for the West. The commercial, agricultural and industrial development of these relatively under-populated areas will cause many of China's refugee millions to remain there.

The Province of Yunnan at the southwest corner of China, known as the new bridge route of Asia, has been the great barrier between India and China, the two most populous countries of Asia. The great foot plateau towards the north and the plateau, from 3,000 to 6,000 feet high, in the south are cut by the gorges of great rivers. The population is largely tribal and for three hundred years the people have been to a great extent isolated from the life of China proper. Now many of China's leaders have come to Yunnan and here, too, are about one-third of the students enrolled in China's universities.

Four years ago this barrier was crossed by the Burma Road. At the inner end of this road is Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province, where there is a marked industrial development; there, on the Burma Road, famous coastal universities are training the future engineers, teachers, and commercial leaders for the reconstruction of New China. Here in Yunnan amid war, inflation and air-raid conditions, the Church of Christ in China has begun a flourishing work to meet the needs of the intelligentsia in Kunming, who respect Christianity and are eager and waiting for someone to tell them of Christ and so satisfy their need, and the isolated Chinese and slave boy tin miners of South Yunnan; and much more substantial giving both of personnel and funds is urgently needed.

It was in Kunming that Miss Helena Gibbs was working and doing language study until owing to political conditions she was advised by the British Consul to leave. She arrived in Chengtu on June 30 and has just completed her second year language study and hopes with the betterment of political conditions to return shortly to Kunming and resume her work there. A new Bible class of forty college graduates has just been organized and the pastors at Kunming have been able to give help to thousands of fleeing Chinese, Burmese and Indian refugees from Burma.

The Central Government of China gave large sums to the Church of Christ in China to use in educational, medical, industrial and social work among the tribes people in the name of the Church. Aside from the relatively few Christians in Free China before Pearl Harbor, the largest givers were the Christian Chinese of the port cities and overseas in the Philippines, the East Indies and Singapore. Now these sources have been entirely cut off and the givers themselves are in the greatest need of succour. In Yunnan it is impossible to secure anything from the outside, medicines or other supplies. Food is difficult to get, rice and meats can be had, but the prices are prohibitive, and it has