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"Deaconesses" Report by " (Mrs. J. M.) Florence H. Warren, Mrs. W. H.) Tena A. Mitchell,
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(56) **Miss Murray retires.** Printed pp 56-57.

Chinese in Canada – printed pp 58-62. Brief mention of the work of **Mrs. Adams** in
Toronto and of two Anglo-Chinese girls being baptized.

together with Young People's rallies for Prince Albert and Saskatoon Presbyteries. Miss Booth also receives many babies, which are repacked and sent to the needy families of the city and rural districts.

Elmwood congregation in the city of Winnipeg is still being supervised by Miss Hazel Macdonald. This small congregation has an enrollment of 68, representing 26 families. The Sunday School has 116 scholars with 12 teachers. The financial standing is good, with all bills paid and a small surplus. Space does not permit us to enumerate the many activities, suffice it to say that the boys and girls have their Club meeting for Bible study, the older people have their prayer meeting, the mothers have their meeting, where a missionary speaker or Bible Quiz may be part of the programme, and the Mission Band, Explorers, and C.G.I.T. groups have their meetings; the Young Women Edith Magee Young Women's Auxiliary. At the annual meeting someone remarked, "The best part of it is there has been such a happy spirit, everyone has worked together." In addition to her work in Elmwood, Miss Macdonald does a large outside work among Presbyterian Young People and Young Women's groups.

Our deaconesses all contribute to camp life, in many cases being directors and taking full charge of the camps. This entails much thought and preparation. Many contacts are made which result in leadership for future work.

Miss Margaret Allan, deaconess at large in the Hamilton Presbyterian Churches in Hamilton. In these she has a part in the work of every organization; she visits the needy, the lonely and sick, and finds very much that is worth while in her work. Every department of the work in Calvin has made decided progress during the year. The congregation of Knox Church suffered a great loss through the fire that destroyed their church building, but the people have shown a great spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm in the way they continue to carry on their work, with the handicap of "no church building." They meet in a nearby hall or in homes offered for the work.

In Toronto Miss Shirley Scott continues her work as deaconess in the Fairbank Church, where there is no minister. She assists in all branches of the work, giving special attention to the work of the young people, endeavouring to train them for leadership in the congregation. She also makes weekly visits to the Weston Sanitarium, which are much appreciated by the patients. It means so much to the shut-ins to have a cheery message brought to them, or a letter written for them, as well as cheering their hearts at Christmas and Easter with little gifts. The Young Women of York Church provided enough gifts to make parcels for everyone, including the men.

Serving in the Hungarian Church in Toronto, we have Mrs. Charles Steinmetz as part-time worker; she assists her husband in all the activities, visits the congregation, and acts as interpreter at the hospitals.

In November 1940 Mrs. Resenko was reappointed as part-time worker, to assist the Rev. Mr. Resenko in work among the Ukrainian people. In two months she has made thirty-six visits, besides acting as interpreter at relief offices and the family court.

Miss Murray, as part-time hospital visitor, continued to carry messages of cheer and, oftentimes, material comforts to those in need. She retired at the end of the year—after 25 years of active, faithful service—and in her report we read, "Although this work is finished as

your hospital visitor, my love for the 'shut-in' will continue and my list is growing, so you see I am still one of you in His service."

We had another part-time hospital visitor, Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, who carried cheer and comfort to many a sick and lonely one. In her report she expresses great appreciation of the supplies provided by the Supply Department. The gifts of the Mission Bands, such as spoils, mending, wool, needles, washcloths, and soap, were very welcome. On Miss Murray's retirement Mrs. Gillespie was appointed full-time hospital visitor for 1941. She is carrying on the work most efficiently in ten hospitals and institutions.

In Montreal Miss Iris Munro, besides doing part work is doing deaconess work in the Gordon mission, where a Mission Band has been organized for children from 6 to 10 years of age. The women's group affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Lily MacArthur continues to serve in the mining district of northern Quebec. She is doing outstanding work among the women and children in Val d'Or and Perron. Many of the women are non-Anglo-Saxon, and, while they work for the church, they also work for the Red Cross.

It has long been felt by the Council Executive that our deaconesses, who are constantly "giving out" with very little opportunity for "taking in," should be given some time for study. It was decided this year to offer two deaconesses the privilege of a month's refresher course. Miss MacArthur of Val d'Or and Miss Allan of Hamilton were assisted in attending the Union Theological Seminary, New York, where they have various summer courses, with a very distinguished faculty. They had lectures in many subjects, such as New Testament History, Mental Hygiene, and a study of the difficulties encountered in congregational work. These all opened up fields for thought that will prove helpful.

We have reviewed the work of our sixteen deaconesses who are labouring in our own Dominion where never before has the need for Christian work been so great, and where the people are anxious and ready for the Gospel message. We must pray daily that God will protect and guide these splendid workers. They count on the prayers of every member of our Women's Missionary Society.

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Secretaries.

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Chinese in Canada

	Staff in 1940	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
	Miss Grace Lee	1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
	Mrs. F. Y. Louie (temporary)	1938
	Miss Susan Yeung	1940
	Miss Fay McTavish	1938
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. Henry Lore	1932
	Miss Pansy Yeung, B.A.	1940
Montreal, Que.	Mrs. W. F. Adams (part time)	
	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
	Miss Elsie Lee	1935
	Mrs. Gee (part year)	1937

Voluntary Worker

Ottawa, Ont. Miss K. Reid.

Undoubtedly the Chinese Missions have done more than anything else to help the Chinese people fit themselves into Canadian ways. Wherever we have a Mission, the leading young people of the Chinese community are those connected with that Mission.

Victoria. The 33 children enrolled in the Kindergarten are taught hymns and Bible stories, which are repeated at home. The closings were happy events; the Rev. Mackie Niven presented the certificates, and Mrs. Allott brought greetings from the Presbyterial. Three afternoons a week Miss Scott gave lessons in English and Miss Lee, Chinese lessons. Music lessons were given to twelve pupils; and at five musical evenings during the year these girls played. Miss Scott and Miss Lee together made 107 calls, and Miss Lee made many alone. Attendance at the Sunday School increased; there were 105 on the roll and 22 on the Cradle Roll; 22 awards were given for regular attendance. Every evening Mr. Leung and Miss Lee conduct Chinese school, with 60 enrolled. Religious instruction is given in these classes. The Willing Helpers Mission Band had a happy and encouraging year, with Miss Scott and Miss Lee as leaders and Miss Edna Wong in charge of handwork, which went to the Chinese Medical Aid Society. They studied *Sailors' All* and stories from the *Glad Tidings*. Forty attended the picnic at Willows Beach. Mrs. Peasland, Presbyterial Secretary, visited the Band twice. The Shaming Lights Guild of 17 members held 17 meetings, besides attending two rallies and the Service for Youth on the World Day of Prayer. They affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society and studied *Lady Fourth Daughter* and *Talks on the World Team*, worked for Chinese relief, and were very active in their own church. The Auxiliary, with Miss Lee as President, had 19 members. The Rev. D. A. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Leung, and Mrs. Allott addressed meetings, made 15 to 20 calls monthly; and the Auxiliary met its allocation in their efforts and held a large tea; as a result, they were able to send \$1,500 (Hong Kong currency) to the Christian Relief Committee in China. The Young Women's Auxiliary, whose nine members are mostly young matrons, meets at Miss Lee's home; in December it held a joint meeting with the Senior Auxiliary. This group organized a year ago, met its allocation in money and supplies. In July eleven attended the

first Vacation School, meeting mostly out of doors, and all were so happy that the time was extended to three weeks. The girls knitted and the boys repaired some school-room furniture. In August all were saddened by the death of Miriam, the Rev. Mr. Leung's eight-year-old daughter; although in poor health, she loved to come to the Vacation School. The Young People's Society (20 members) helped with the church activities and did much useful work. Lilyan Leung, the Rev. Mr. Leung's eldest daughter, was at home in May before leaving for South China, where she is organizing nursing services for the Government. She is enduring many hardships, but is carrying on bravely. Victoria Nip recently graduated from the Mothercraft school in Toronto and is qualified to do private nursing. Rebecca Leung has completed a year in St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria and is making good progress. These girls are pioneers and we hope their success will help break down prejudice and open doors of opportunity to others.

Vancouver. The Kindergarten had 29 on the roll in January and 42 in June; 10 graduated into public school. The Rev. Mr. Smith presided at the closing, the Rev. Mr. Yeung gave the address, and Mrs. Pollock presented the certificates. Mrs. F. Y. Louie assisted Miss Yeandle until August, when Miss Susan Yeung, a highly trained kindergarten teacher, was brought from China; she is proving a great asset to the work. The Vacation School was a great success, 39 attending. We are very grateful for the help of Miss Annie Bissett, Miss Helen Weir, Joshua Long, Violet Yeung, and other Chinese young people. Mr. Smith gave four interesting talks on our non-Anglo-Saxon work. In July, 7 girls, and later 8 boys, had a profitable, happy week at Keat's Island Camp; interested friends contributed \$44.75 toward the expenses and our Keat's Island Camp box brought in \$11.20. The Young People, under Miss Myrtle Sellers, studied the Bible and *They Went Fourth*, and made two quilts. In December when Mrs. W. G. Gourlie entertained them, Miss Ruth Heighon gave an address; and in June they joined the teen-age girls in a picnic. The teen-age girls, meeting at the manse on Friday evenings with Miss Elsie Potter as leader, studied the Bible and India, the girls themselves preparing the studies. They raised \$15.95, giving \$6.55 to the Women's Missionary Society, \$6.65 to the Chinese Church, and \$2.50 to refugee work. They subscribed to the *Glad Tidings*. For the 30 children on the Cradle Roll they made oil-cloth dolls. The Mission Band contributed \$4.00 to our Society. They made a cardboard model of the manger scene for the kindergarten. Mrs. Deas, Mission Band Secretary, addressed one of their meetings. The Star Mission Club of younger girls met with Miss Potter's girls and studied women of the Bible. They also made stars out of print, which in the Vacation School they sewed on cotton, and the women quilted it for them. Mrs. John Cor, President, or Mrs. F. Y. Louie, Vice-president, conducted all Auxiliary meetings. At one meeting Miss Susan Yeung told of her work in China. The fall Thanksgiving meeting was addressed by the Rev. D. A. Smith. The ladies planned to present a silver bowl to Mrs. Louie in appreciation of her work, but as she was ill, Miss Yeandle took it to her home. The Executive met monthly with Miss Yeandle for prayer, Bible study, and the planning of programmes. They met their allocation, contributing \$30.35—\$6.00 more than in 1939; and they hope to do better in 1941. These ladies meet regularly to do Red Cross work, which is sent on free through the China Inland Mission. The Chinese Young Presbyterians, with 20 members, meet weekly under the leadership of Joshua Long. In the Young People's Society members are being trained to conduct meetings; they all take turns in presiding. They gave \$6.00

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to the Manchurian Fund. Many visits were made to homes, hospitals, Children's Aid, the Health Department, etc., and Miss Yeandle addressed 32 meetings.

Toronto. A change was made in the staff, Mrs. Lore, Kindergarten teacher, resigning, and her sister, Pansy Young, taking her place. Miss Young assists Miss McTavish in all departments and is proving herself able, interested, and energetic. Twenty-one were enrolled; in June 10 passed on to public school; and there were 14 at the end of the year. The work was very much interrupted in the winter because of trouble with the furnace, but a new one was installed. The public health nurse visits the school regularly, and one morning 14 children were taken to the City Hall for vaccination, and later 6 others; 8 had diphtheria inoculations. It was a privilege to have Miss Ada Adams this winter, giving practical suggestions as to the proper conduct of an infant school; we now have proper equipment. Our thanks are due to Mr. C. E. Gilbert for the work he did installing cupboards, clothes hooks, etc., making a sand box, easel, and blocks and many other playthings. The Mission Band, of 20 members, contributed \$12.40. They were invited to Knox Mission Band closing, visited the Riverdale Zoo, and had a Christmas party. The Sunday School (Cooke's Church), of which Miss Trail is superintendent, had 31 on the roll, with 9 on the Cradle Roll. Of the offerings, \$25.00 went for supplies, and \$25.00 to the Budget. The Rev. Mr. Mah baptized a baby at the Easter service, and later two little Anglo-Chinese girls were baptized. The Chinese Ladies' Auxiliary meets weekly. They observed the World Day of Prayer, Mr. Mah giving the address; the offering (\$1.36) was sent to the Inter-Board Treasurer. In May a farewell party was given for Lilyan Leung, who was going to her home in Victoria, on her way to China, to work under the Red Cross. In June when all departments closed, the Kindergarten and the Mission Band put on a programme and the ladies served refreshments. In November the bazaar was opened by the Rev. Ross Cameron; over \$600 was cleared—of this, \$5.00 was sent to the Canadian Red Cross, \$30.00 given to the Y.M.C.I., \$30.00 to our Society, \$25.00 for mission work among refugees, and \$45.00 to relief work among orphaned children. Mrs. Mah continues her Sunday afternoon Bible class. Unfortunately the many Red Cross activities in Chinatown on Sunday afternoon greatly interfere with the attendance. They gave \$5.00 to the Budget and \$5.00 to the car fund. The Young Women's Auxiliary, organized in May, studied *Goforth of China*; this book appeals to them as many of the people know Mrs. Goforth and her son. They contributed \$5.25 to the Society. The Girls' Club has weekly meetings, with Bible study, handwork, and a social time. In July thirty enrolled at the Vacation School; Miss McTavish took the Primary classes, Miss Yeing the Kindergarten, and Miss Lambert the boys' handwork. Ruth Mah was pianist. The Christmas entertainment in Cooke's Church was a great success. Mrs. Armstrong and her assistants provided a homelike supper. The trees and gifts, provided by our Society, do so much to bring the people together. The Young Peoples' Society, under Mr. and Mrs. S. Armstrong, continues its good work. It gave \$5.00 to the Society, \$2.00 to the Upper Canada Tract Society, \$2.00 to the Y.M.C.I., and \$2.00 to the Chinese Red Cross. Ross Mark left in April to carry on Christian work in China. Miss Lambert still helps in all departments, a sincere friend of the Chinese people. Our work in Toronto is very bettered; the people live in different parts of the city and our activities are carried on in different places. Last March, through the generosity of friends, Chinese organizations, and our Society, a second-hand car was bought, which made a great difference in our work—children who

live far away are now brought to Kindergarten, Sunday School, and Mission Band; there are many more we should like to reach, had we the time. Mrs. Adams visits 31 homes monthly, much often in case of sickness and trouble, and goes regularly to the hospitals. Interest in marriage is increasing and the need of a Christian friend and adviser is very great. The Home-Lovers Club met regularly and contributed 28.00 towards the support of a Biblewoman in Manchuria. Over forty mothers and children attended the Christmas and Easter parties and the garden party at Mrs. Adams' home; our Society is thanked for canned goods and used clothing supplied. This class works very hard for the bazaar. We are grateful to Miss Wright of St. Andrew's for using her great musical talent in helping these women.

Ottawa. Our faithful Miss Reid continues her voluntary work and sends a most encouraging report. After Paul Chan's removal to Montreal, Mr. Szutu, the Vice-Consul, held Chinese classes for the children during the week and conducted a Sunday service. The Rev. Mr. Leung came from April till June, when the teacher-evangelist, Mr. Chow of Calgary, took charge of the work. In May Miss Dickson spoke at the Young People's Association banquet and visited the women in their homes. In July the Rev. Gordon Taylor baptized one adult and an infant, and in October 13 young Chinese were baptized. Almost all the young people take part in weekly meetings for religious instruction, debates, etc., all anxious to become good Canadians. In December they entertained the Consul General and his wife, the Vice-Consul, the Rev. Gordon Taylor, and their parents. At the Christmas entertainment 45 children received gifts.

Saskatchewan. The distribution of Christian literature was continued in this province; 40 *Northern Messengers*, 20 Primary cards, and 50 Scripture cards in Chinese were sent out. We are indebted to Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Farley, and Miss Helen Ross for looking after this work, and to Miss Ross for calling on the people when in trouble. Our aim, to have work right across Canada, is still unfulfilled but this bit in Saskatchewan lets the Chinese people know that we have not entirely forgotten them.

Montreal. The year 1940 marked a new beginning in the Montreal work. In January we moved from the Y.M.C.I., where the work has been carried on, to the Chinese Presbyterian Church. Having a building of our own has given a wonderful impetus to the work; from the opening day young and old seemed to feel it was theirs and feel so much freer to carry on their activities. We are all deeply grateful to the Rev. D. A. Smith, whose untiring efforts made it all possible. Mr. Paul Chan, the son of the first missionary to the Chinese people in Montreal, was appointed to take charge of the church. The work has been greatly enlarged and regular Sunday services held; these are well attended. Of the six Sunday School teachers, two are Chinese and two, Presbyterian College students, John Demney and Eldon Andrew, who are also Scout and Cub leaders; the latter organizations are flourishing and have meant much to the boys. We would express our appreciation of the former Scout leader, Nvall Burnett, R.C.A.F., whose sterling Christian character has left a lasting impress on the boys. The teenage girls' True Light Club has twice received the award for perfect attendance at the annual rally. Miss Muckerste, the leader, carefully arranged their programmes and Mrs. Herman gave valuable help early in the year in Health and Home Nursing. The Mission Band (24 members) held alternate study and work meetings and contributed \$2.50 to the Society; their supply work was for Chinese war relief. They were sorry to lose Mrs. Gavenor, their capable work director, who

moved from the city. Miss Dickson and Elsie Lee are now in charge. The Kindergarten enrolment was 20. Mrs. Gee left in September, her place as supply teacher being taken by Bessie Lee. Elsie Lee has been increasingly capable as a teacher and her patient love for the children gives her a great influence over them. In July she was a guest at Bear River camp and the benefit was mutual, the girls enjoying having her there as much as she enjoyed the camp. The steady attendance at the women's bi-weekly meetings was gratifying; the Sunday School lessons were taken for study; Mr. Chan was a great help, especially in the singing. They gave a tea for the Rev. D. A. Smith and a birthday party for Miss Dickson. There are 45 women in Montreal and they have been attending the Sunday services regularly. A new department was the Chinese language school, with an attendance of 45. The school fees have helped materially in the financing of the building and the pupils form a large part of the Sunday congregations. The Christmas festival showed how the work had grown, as the older boys and girls of various organizations took part in the fine programme. We are grateful to the Montreal Presbyterial for their gifts. Twenty-five attended the Day of Prayer service and the collection amounted to \$4.55. At the communion service in September there was a very large congregation and twenty partook of communion.

The expanding work has naturally brought increased responsibilities and problems, but also increased confidence in its future, for which we crave your continued prayers.

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

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

NORTH FORMOSA

	Staff in 1940	Date of Appointment
Tansui	Miss Alma Burdick	1927
Tahoku	Miss Dorothy Douglas	1926
	Miss Ada E. Adams, B.Sc.	1927
	Miss Margaret Ramsay	1928
	Miss Ethel M. Chisholm, Reg. N.	1929
	Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M.	1931
	Miss Hilbur Hermanson, Reg. N.	1931
	Miss Mildred Weir, Reg. N.	1935
	Miss Ruth Heighon, B.A.	1935
Tahoku	Special Worker	
	Mrs. Bella Koa	1927
Tansui	Wives of Missionaries	
Tahoku	Mrs. George W. Mackay	1911
	Mrs. James Dickson	1927
	Mrs. G. Gushue-Taylor, Reg. N.	1921
	Mrs. Hugh A. MacMillan, Reg. N.	1924
	Mrs. Donald C. Bews	1938

For several years annual reports of the North Formosa field have definitely referred to the special methods of evangelism used by our missionaries, stressing their aim—to build up "an indigenous, self-supporting, self-propagating church". In all this work the missionaries appointed by the Women's Missionary Society have fully co-operated. We realize now their foresight and wisdom in so preparing the Formosan Church for the change that has come because of the critical international situation in which Japan is involved.

The year 1940 was without doubt the most eventful period in the history of the work in Formosa since the founding of the mission 68 years ago. The following events will, to some extent, indicate the truth of this statement: (1) the formation in May of the North Formosan Synod, composed of the three Formosan Presbyteries; (2) the induction of a Japanese principal in the Theological College at Tahoku; (3) the union of the student body of the South Formosa Theological College with the North Formosa Theological College; (4) the union of the student body of the Women's Bible School of South Formosa with the Women's Bible School of North Formosa in Tansui; (5) the withdrawal of all the missionaries of both North and South Formosa, when the work of the missionaries was turned over to the native Church leaders.

The union of the three Presbyteries of North Formosa in a Synod marks a milestone in the history of the Church. Appropriate services were held by the delegates and visitors to mark this event. Representatives of several other denominations within the Japanese Empire brought greetings and countless telegrams and messages of congratulation were received from individuals, churches, and organizations. The missionaries of our Church, as representatives of the "mother Church" in Canada, brought messages of encouragement. The delegates, anxious to make this a memorable year in the spiritual life of the Church, prepared a programme of intensive Bible study and Evangelism.

Evangelistic work has gone on with marked success. Because of political restrictions, outdoor meetings could not be held, nor new meeting-places opened. Yet many churches are too small to accommodate the crowds that attend, and in Bible Classes and the many smaller groups meeting in homes there are valuable opportunities to know more intimately the many fine men and women willing to help in church work. Our Society's evangelists helped to translate, mimeograph, and send to all the churches the programme for the World Day of Prayer. A joint meeting of the women in Tahoku was arranged and many of the women desire to continue on this special day to join in prayer with the Christian women of the world. The missionaries of our Society have given great assistance in the musical life of church choirs, musical organizations, and student classes.

The appointment of a Japanese principal for the North Formosa Theological College at Tahoku, and the coming to that college of the students of South Formosa when the South Formosan Theological College was closed, is of importance to our Society's work because of the recent action taken in making the Women's Bible School part of the Theological College.

The Women's Bible School.—In September the students of the South Formosa Women's Bible School, 15 in all, joined the students of our Women's Bible School in Tansui, making an enrolment of 34. The South Formosa Women's Bible School, like their Theological College, was closed because the missionaries were unable to meet the Government's demand that they secure a Japanese principal. Most of the students are public school graduates and most of the teaching is done in Japanese—even public school graduates have difficulty understanding