

Annual Reports of the Women's Missionary Society

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Terminology:

Mission Bands are fund-raising organizations for the missions. It seems that they are a younger age group than the Boys' Christian Service Brigade. (One report mentions children aged 6-9; another mentions 'older boys')

Glad Tidings is church periodical.

Happy Childhood is periodical for children.

Note that the reports on the Chinese in Canada include reports from all areas where the WMS (WD) operates. Many of these little area sub-headings include mention of the women missionaries travelling from their home base (eg. Brockville, in particular) to outlying towns. This work is general mission work and seems to be mostly among Chinese women, not white wives of Chinese men, so it does not look all that useful.

Reel # 1 of 6 covers 1914-1921

Reel # 2 of 6 covers 1922-1930

Reel # 3 covers 1931, 1934-1942

1932 and 1933 are not available on microfilm (Bob Anger, archivist, will work to correct this at some point)

Reel # 4 of 6 covers 1943-1954

Reel # 5 of 6 1955-1966

Reel # 6 of 6 1967-1979

Note: These reels contain notes on Miss **Mary Murray**, who visited hospitals and the Mercer Reformatory. As per Elise's instructions, I have made a note of any mention of Murray and her activities. I decided to keep everything filed chronologically, rather than separating references to Murray, but excerpts or printed pages with references to Murray have a pink tape flag to help find them quickly.

Reports become much shorter after 1948.

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Printed the section on "The Department of the Stranger" pp 47-50 as this introduces the goals of this department and includes a first notice of the work of **Miss Murray**.

Printed "Report of Work Among the Chinese in Canada" pp 111-113.

Cameron to take the \$3.00 and use it in making some little one happy. She makes down her own clothing for poor children in her spare time. Such are some of the encouragements that cheer the deaconess in her oft times arduous duties.

Miss Adelaide Sutherland was transferred from Cranbrook to Fernie last October. The work in Fernie is of much the same character as the work in Cranbrook. Meetings for mothers, teaching a Chinese class, the members of which are most eager to learn, visiting the sick of the varying nationalities, and sometimes spending a few days in a bereaved home to lighten the burden, administering relief to the poor and addressing public meetings—occasionally taking the regular church service, make up a busy and useful life. Miss Sutherland's zeal and devotion are no less than when she began work in the far West a number of years ago.

Miss Agnes Coutie is deaconess at large in Edmonton, Alberta's northern city. She holds meetings for mothers in three or four sections of the city, and goes to the rest room of one of the churches to meet with working girls at the noon hour. In January of this year she wrote, "we are having lovely bright weather, but cold. There are so many out of work, and so many enlisting, that it is making everything very sad; and so many are needing assistance who never needed it before; but still through it all there is a wonderful spirit of self denial manifested in places where one least expects it." Miss Coutie loves her work and results prove that she has been eminently successful in it. Her sweet story of "The Deaconess Boquet" will, we feel sure, touch many hearts.

Miss Bessie Craig rendered splendid service in Nanaimo, B.C., during the summer of 1914, working under the direction of the Rev. Dr. McLelland. The young girls in that town will not soon forget her efforts on their behalf. In addition to the seven graduate deaconesses, three student deaconesses were supported during the summer of 1914. Miss Emma J. McDougall's labours in Dufferin Ave. Congregation were much appreciated. During a house to house visitation she met with people of fourteen different denominations and made one thousand calls. The Sabbath School and Young People's Society were greatly benefitted by Miss McDougall's services.

In Royce Avenue congregation Miss McKenzie served with much acceptance. Under the direction of the pastor, she made about seven hundred visits, these included sick people and shut ins. A Bible Class composed of young women received special attention.

In Oakwood, a new district north of St. Clair Avenue, Miss M. McIlwraith served faithfully, working up the Cradle Roll, teaching in Sabbath School, visiting the sick and those in trouble and occasionally lending a helping hand in household work to some poor woman, occupied much of her time. Rev. Dr. Wardlaw Taylor is the pastor in charge.

Truly the work of the deaconess is very varied—it may be to administer relief to the needy, to instruct in the art of washing or house cleaning, or perhaps cutting out garments for the untutored mother, or giving instruction in household economy. She may be called on to address a public meeting in the interests of her work. Above all it is hers by her loving ministry to soothe the sorrowing, bring relief to the distressed, hope to the discouraged, and joy to the grief stricken, in a word to follow in the footsteps of Him, who when He dwelt upon earth went about ever doing good.

She may still hear His voice saying, "For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

(Mrs. J.) JANET FARQUHARSON,

Secretary Deaconess Work, W.M.S.

The Department of the Stranger

There is scarcely an aspect of Canadian life which is not affected by the inrush, during the last fifteen years, of strangers of every race and tongue, and history will reveal that during these years there has been more assimilation of these elements than is generally realized. Forces are silently at work which so take themselves for granted that no attempt is made to tabulate what is accomplished. Foremost among these are all the branches of the Christian church. Ahead of the railway, and abreast of surveys, missionaries of the Gospel have been sent. There have been organized congregations, with managing boards of men, Sunday Schools, and women's societies for local aid and missionary enterprises. As the settler comes in, Christian influences surround him and his children. In the cities and towns churches vie with one another in recruiting for their schools, Young People's Societies, Brotherhoods, and so forth. Representative men and women meet by districts, and provinces, and in Dominion wide conferences on the work of the church for the stranger, adapting existing organizations to local conditions.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has placed "immigration" under the care of the Assembly's Board of Home Missions. This part of the Board's work is called "the Department of the Stranger," and includes immigration and the migration of both the immigrant and the Canadian, for the immigrant seldom remains at his first destination.

The Board works through its own committees in Synods and Presbyteries and through its Auxiliary, the Women's Missionary Society. Salaried chaplains at the ports, and women workers at Montreal, Toronto, and Edmonton, help to secure necessary information. This, with any additional information which the Board may receive from other sources, is forwarded to the ministers, or missionaries of the church, or to the elected secretaries of the women's society. Here, without additional organization, plant, or expense, the work is done.

Every Auxiliary of the women's society elects what it calls a stranger's secretary, who either alone or with a committee, co-operates with the minister in service to the stranger locally. These secretaries unite under a Presbyterial secretary, and confer with the Home Mission Committee of Presbyteries on questions peculiar to their districts. Above these again, are provincial secretaries, and a committee on the executive of the women's general board which confers with the Assembly's Board.

With this complete organization, the Presbyterian Church offers to visit any stranger, particularly those of Presbyterian tendencies, of whatever race, who may go to any part of Canada, provided the information reaches the head office of the Department of the Stranger, Home Mission Offices, Toronto. In a normal year, between fifteen and twenty thousand names are received at the office from chaplains at the ports of entry, from ministers, secretaries, parents and friends in Canada and the old land. Many satisfactory visits are recorded. With true poetic instinct, the annual reports of secretaries leave to the imagination, the spontaneous hospitality and true service of the visitors. Only in private conversation does one learn of these acts which spring from love to Christ.

Various methods are used locally to discover the unreported stranger, such as house to house visitation, and co-operation with secular and inter-denominational agencies.

The large body of Presbyterian young women who have sought employment in our Canadian homes as domestics has received particular attention. Bible classes at special hours suited to their duties have been conducted.

Social life has been provided, suitable employment secured, injustices removed and comfort provided in loneliness, sickness, and death. Many are brought into membership in the church, and not a few are now mothers in Christian homes. Toronto, alone, has upwards of five hundred members of these bible classes. This year the Women's Missionary Society is seeking the Presbyterian stranger in the public hospitals from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These institutions are in about three hundred cities and towns. Ontario has seventy thousand, and Manitoba thirty thousand patients annually. Experience is showing that most of the Presbyterians in the public wards are not attached to any church, most are away from home, most have been communicants or are the baptized children of communicants and many would gladly return to the church of their fathers. When the patient leaves the hospital, he can be visited wherever he may go. Here again will be found the unrecorded gift of clothing or nourishment, suitable employment, Christian sympathy. Many of the life stories which are given are too sacred for public recital.

Throughout the whole work the stranger is individualized, and the church seeks to bring him into personal relationship with Jesus, believing in the power of the Holy Spirit in the individual life to reveal the complete Christ. The approach is missionary. The Presbyterian Church, while anxious to serve all, emphasizes the value of definiteness, and the influence of antecedents in church and family life. In the contact with the individual immigrant the members of the church are unconsciously learning that the "problems of immigration" are equally in the immigrant and in our attitude to him. Thus are we coming nearer to solutions of some of these "problems." In receiving the stranger in His name the Church is finding anew Christ Himself.

The past year in the women's department has been one of re-organization following the union of the three societies, and a word of appreciation is due to those Provincial and Presbyterian secretaries who have persistently followed up the work in the face of great difficulties, without a united annual report from which to secure the exact number of Auxiliaries with which to deal. In many cases there have been newly appointed officers following elections which did not take place until the late fall or early winter, and to many societies the work has been an entirely new departure.

In September, a circular was sent out explaining the nature of the department. This was followed in November with another outlining the duties of secretaries in Auxiliaries, Presbyteries, and Provincial Societies. These appear in the "Messenger" of October and December. As information of the appointment of secretaries reached the head office, books of blank forms for the reporting of removals were forwarded. In February a request was sent out that our secretaries should seek the Presbyterian strangers in the public hospitals and to this there has been a sympathetic response. The visitors are finding many who do not seem to know the A B C of the Gospel, and who are unprepared for the life beyond the grave—This in a Christian land.

Following a letter in the Scottish papers by a member of the Assembly's Board of Home Missions, requests have reached us to locate and visit the sons and daughters of Scottish homes. So far in every case these visits have met with success. The Scottish Mothers' Union has also been in correspondence with the committee, and our department has offered to visit the members of the union or their families who have come to Canada. We trust that by co-operation with the churches and societies in the Old Land we may successfully locate many whose addresses have been lost during the period of settlement.

Immigration fell off almost entirely after the declaration of war, hence the total number of visits reported is about one-half of last year. There is, however, a marked improvement in the number of removals reported to the head office. These are intensely interesting, unending in variety, and cover a wide area. There are young people going to school or business, soldiers to the front, families to homesteads or new towns, sick returning from hospitals,

and so forth. Addresses were nearly always correct, successful visits paid, and satisfactory reports sent to the head office. There are in all about one thousand secretaries. In six Presbyteries there has been good team work in Presbyterian committees, visiting farm labourers, caring for the unemployed, in hospital visitation, in work among domestics, and in co-operation with secular and inter-denominational agencies.

The great need this year is for leadership in Presbyteries. Helpful hints for Presbyterian secretaries are now being prepared. The greatest failures have been caused by the fact that, while our church organizations, generally, strive to serve the stranger who is with them, they recognize no responsibility to the one who leaves them; and also by the fact that many feel the numbers they deal with are too small for them to assume a share in the department. Only when we appreciate the value of each individual in God's sight shall we care for the ones and twos. If each Auxiliary cared for one a year we should unitedly care for one thousand.

In British Columbia, Mrs. J. M. Brown, of Vancouver, the provincial secretary, has planned to have some Presbyterian woman visit each week in each of the sixty-eight hospitals of the province.

From Alberta there is no provincial report, although good united work has been done in Edmonton Presbytery.

Saskatchewan, under Mrs. Geo. Bayne, of Moose Jaw, is the most completely organized province with one hundred and ten secretaries to date ready for work.

Manitoba sent no report. Mrs. Bowman, of Winnipeg, is the newly appointed secretary.

Ontario, under Mrs. Kenneth Maclean, of Guelph, has about six hundred secretaries. Half of the Presbyteries reported, Ottawa taking the lead for complete Presbyterian organization in visiting and reporting removals, and particularly in hospital visiting. One Presbyterian has sought out the employees on farms.

Quebec provincial, in its two Presbyteries, has taken hold of the work with a will, and we may expect an interesting report next year. Mrs. Macdougall Wilson, of Quebec City, is in charge.

Miss Jeanie D. King

Miss King, assistant immigration chaplain, Rev. John Chisholm, at the port of Montreal. He has given her much of the credit for the fact that seven hundred of the seven hundred and ninety Presbyterian immigrants who remained in Montreal were located by the church. Many times one case has required six or seven visits until found. Miss King has very complete and carefully filed records of the Presbyterian immigrants handled at Montreal. She has been of great comfort to hundreds who have passed through to Western points, working long hours on the docks and in the stations on the arrival of passenger steamers. As the people go through some message from God's word, or a cheery welcome from the church is given, frequently accompanied by some deed of practical sympathy. It has been found necessary to make plans, in co-operation with other churches and the authorities, for the safe guarding of young women, particularly of domestics under assisted passages, from over charges, unsuitable environment, and misunderstandings with employers. In some cases deportation was encouraged, and in some cases unjust deportation prevented.

Miss King has helped the Auxiliaries to understand the work. Since immigration has fallen off, she has given part of her time to the work in the Ruthenian Mission.

Miss Mary C. Murray

Miss Murray visits the Presbyterian women and children in the Toronto public hospitals. Weekly, she reports those who leave the institutions to the Presbyterian Strangers' Secretary, and the patients are then visited by

the Strangers' Secretaries of the different Auxiliaries. Miss Murray has done considerable visiting among the patients in their homes and has helped the secretaries to do successful work. Very few of those met in this way are in connection with our churches, and it has been a privilege to lead some of the wanderers home. Miss Murray's intimate knowledge of Scotland and her Scotch accent have been a great help to her. She has had the joy of finding some of the "lost ones" of whom she had heard from loved ones in the Old Land. Her message is the Old, Old Story, but in little ways she, with the Auxiliary secretaries, has brought comfort, in clothing, nourishment, good literature, postage and stationery, suitable employment, and Christian companionship.

Miss Margaret M. Allan

For the summer months of 1914, Miss Allan was appointed to assist her father, who was immigration chaplain for Hamilton, Ont. Owing to the sudden closing of immigration, her services were given largely to the Wentworth Street Mission in regular deaconess work as a city missionary. Miss Allan is now under appointment in our deaconess department.

Miss Isobel Coutie

Miss Isobel Coutie has had charge of the work for Edmonton and vicinity. She has successfully interested the Auxiliaries in practical work among the strangers coming into and going from that district. During the distress of last winter, and at the Christmas season, cheer was taken to many a home. Two afternoons each week are spent among the suffering in the hospitals on similar lines to Toronto.

Miss Coutie has personally visited between four and five hundred new comers before handing on their names to the secretaries in the Auxiliaries. Often this has meant journeys beyond roads in the deep snow. Many expressions of appreciation of her services and the foresight of the Presbyterian Church in its care for the stranger have been received. This can also be said of the whole department.

New Work

The executive board has considered favorably a request from the Presbytery of Montreal and the Assembly's Committee for a lady worker in the city of Montreal to take up the work of visiting in the hospitals there.

We commend all the workers from the least to the greatest, and the immense task to which they have put their hands, to our Heavenly Father, in whose strength alone they can look for success.

"Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that My house may be filled."

(Mrs. JOSEPH M.) ETHEL WEST,

Strangers' Secretary of the Executive Board.

Report of Jewish Work for 1914

It is a four fold cord which draws our Jewish brethren to the mission house on Elizabeth Street, and which our workers there strive to weave into the web of life as it comes and goes.

The strands are evangelistic, medical, educational and supply work. This last includes much that begins within the mission and reaches out—a chain of helpful influence, or material help rendered—to the homes in which sore need makes its frequent appeal.

Statistics may suggest, they can never quite reveal to us the inner history of work attempted "in His name."

The kindly deed, the word of loving sympathy, the hours spent in patient teaching of those who have to become familiar with a new language, and, who through it, we hope, may also receive a vision of new truth, the helping and healing in clinics, and in the homes of distress and poverty, these are among the efforts which refuse to be tabulated, their record is in higher hands than ours.

So, to some extent, is it with results. We know of increased attendance at meetings, of a wider interest in the truth taught, of one and another brought "into marvellous light," but the blessings received in mind, body and estate, by those whom our mission touches, we can not measure nor estimate. What is done for young mothers alone in making the advent and subsequent care of their little ones safe and comfortable, is of great and lasting importance, not only to the individuals concerned, but also to the community, making possible, as it does, the growing up of healthy, vigorous children, who might otherwise have been weaklings.

TORONTO

Our W.M.S. is responsible, in whole or in part, for the salaries of three workers in the Christian Synagogue, and for a definite sum towards the maintenance of other work undertaken. The schedules for each member of the staff are arranged by the busy and energetic superintendent, Rev. Dr. Rohold. Of the missionaries who give all their time there are Mr. Bregman, Mrs. E. Kandel, Miss Margaret Burt (a trained nurse), Miss D. McDonald, and Miss Annie Miller. Another nurse, Miss Mitchell, and a band of fifty workers give voluntary service, as do also six medical doctors.

Some work is shared in by all the regular members of the staff, as, for instance, the house to house visitation. One hundred and thirty homes are on the list which is divided among the teachers. There are visits made to hospitals also, and efforts to secure work for the unemployed. Special duties come to some. Mrs. Kandel, through her knowledge of Yiddish, serves as interpreter for the doctors. All have a share in teaching and in evangelistic work which involves many meetings, song services, etc., for old and young, on Sunday and week days. Of these Mr. Rohold in his last report thus notes some encouraging features. "It has been a record year in the attendance of mothers. The Jewesses, as a whole, are rather reticent about speaking in public, because they have no share in the Synagogue services, so it is hard for them to confess their faith in Christ openly, even when they are sure of salvation, but of late the change has been most remarkable."

At our public testimony meetings women stand up and confess their faith in Christ. We have had three such instances during the last few weeks. We have had the joy of admitting into our little Hebrew Christian congregation nineteen Jews, while nine others united on profession of their faith or by baptism. Men and women who before had hated the very name of Jesus have learned not only to love Him but to be ready to suffer for His sake."

China. After the new year we trust the country may be quieter, and so render the extension of the work possible.

The Bible Women have done faithful work amongst patients in dispensary and hospital, and both nurses and doctor have given the Gospel Message.

The year is past with its work, its mistakes, its short comings, we look forward to the coming year praying that we may be more faithful, more acceptable to our Lord and Master.

Statistical

Dispensary Patients.....	7,357
In-Patients.....	94
Obstetrical Patients.....	15

Report of Work Among the Chinese in Canada

VANCOUVER

Lady Missionaries

Miss Elizabeth Stuart—Miss Minnie A. Pyke

Miss Elizabeth Stuart.—The year has passed very quickly and has been a very busy one. At the mission the work has increased steadily. The evening school was kept open all through the summer with a very steady attendance; since then the number has scarcely gone below 70.

Early in the year the Chinese Christian men formed a Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of trying in every way to improve themselves. From 8 to 9 p.m. they take up English branches such as spelling, reading and composition and much interest has been shown. At 9 o'clock the night school is dismissed and those wishing to study Chinese remain and spend an hour with a good teacher trying to improve themselves in their own language. Every Wednesday evening they study Mandarin under Miss Pyke's direction, and it is wonderful to see the interest they take in the study of another dialect of their own language. Miss Pyke has accomplished wonders with the music and singing and the boys did some splendid singing at our Christmas entertainment and three boys played the organ.

About the end of October Rev. Mr. Ng met with an accident and was in the Hospital for many weeks and all that time the Christian men kept the work up with great earnestness and skill. Many of the Christian men have had to go out of the city to seek work and others have returned to China, but as of old when the Christians were scattered the Word was carried abroad. One old man who lives outside the city and cannot always get in on Sunday told me that he gathers in some of the Chinese near his home and tells them of Jesus.

The Sunday School has made steady though not rapid progress. Average attendance about 55. There are two boys' classes, the older boys are mostly boys from our Stand Fast Club. These classes vary in size from four or five to 16 or 17. This is because many of the boys have to help at home or in the stores on Sunday to let the men off. There are also men's classes. There are 22 on the roll of the class for the younger men with an average attendance of 15.

My boys' Stand Fast Club is smaller this year, so many boys have gone away to work but we still stand in God's name for the right and do what we can to help others. Every communion at least one of its members has been baptised. The men in my class in the evening school have done fine work. When a man or boy works hard all day and then studies from 8 to 10 p.m. there is some good material on which to build a strong character and China needs as the strongest character she can get. What a privilege to have a hand in this building of men to do great work in the future of the country.

On Wednesday afternoon is a kindergarten class of little boys and girls. We do some work first and then a Bible story is told and they always know just where I left off the preceding Wednesday. Then Miss Pyke plays a hymn and we sing it over and over to learn it, and then we repeat together a little prayer before separating. Some of these little ones have carried the story of Jesus' love into their homes.

A number of older girls come to my own little home on Thursdays to sew. These are the girls in whom I am so much interested. Some of them work all night in the restaurants and their lives are very sad. There are 17 of them with whom I am in close touch, others to whom I cannot get so near. The

mission house is better than our former one but it is not suited for women's work, they will not come where the men are and as we have no separate entrance they must pass through the main hall to reach our little room at the back. That is one reason why I have my three little rooms near the mission.

Much of the time is given to visiting in the homes of the women and more homes are opening to us all the time. In some homes we visit regularly, sometimes teaching a little English or sewing, or any little thing which will open their hearts to love and so prepare the way for the Gospel Message. Two young women have told me of their belief in the Lord Jesus. One of these died in the hospital on Christmas day. Her story was a very sad one. We visit also in the Hospital when Chinese women are there, and in the Detention Shed—that miserable place where some of the women are kept for weeks and even months. They are always glad to hear a kind word, even though it is from strange lips. Human sympathy needs no interpreter. Very earnestly do we ask your prayers in the Master's great work.

Miss Minnie A. Pyke.—Night School.—The year was begun by teaching one night a week but gradually I was able to attend more frequently. The classes were continued throughout the usual summer vacation and more assistance was given to meet the demand then made and afterwards instruction was given each evening. At the request of the members of the Y. M. C. A. one evening each week a class in Mandarin was taught.

Music.—Eight boys and one girl were given lessons on the organ or piano. Three of the boys who were the first to receive instruction rendered organ solos at the Christmas closing. Special choruses were prepared for this closing. Hymn singing practice held at the close of the Sabbath School developed into a daily rally from 6:30 to 7:30, the hour preceding the night classes. Hymns were learned and sung in English and in Chinese.

Sabbath School.—Taught a class of young men using the International lessons. The interesting feature of this was, that following the teaching in easy English, the application of the lessons was given in Mandarin, which sentence by sentence was translated into Cantonese by one member of the class. The second half of the year I had also a more advanced class in English studying the Gospel of St. John. This was in connection with the newly organized Chinese school held in First Presbyterian Church between 4 and 5 o'clock.

Home Visiting.—Regular instruction has been given in two Chinese homes. Teaching was appreciated and in some measure fruitful. Visits made to houses where Cantonese was the only medium of communication were of a social nature. Ten missionary meetings were addressed.

TORONTO

Lady Missionary

Mrs. John A. MacMillan

As one seeks to record something of another year's work among the Chinese women, there is the desire to state that which is in accord with the record written by Him Who "seeth not as man seeth." With Him remains that alone which has been wrought in the power of the Spirit—only that which has been built upon the foundation, "Jesus Christ and Him crucified," will abide.

A token of advancement in the work has been the organization of a class on Sabbath afternoons. A "door" for this was opened in Knox Church and it began toward the end of June. The largest attendance has been eleven women—the smallest (on a very wet day) two. Sometimes there have been as many little people as grown-ups. Increased interest is being manifested. Hymns are sung in Chinese and English. New hymns are being selected by the women themselves. The majority of those who attend the class have purchased their own Chinese Hymn Books. A verse of Scripture is memorized

each Sabbath. The verse is chosen with reference to some promise, command or fundamental truth of the Gospel.

Through the marriage of one of the Chinese girls in the city a new home has been established. The return of Mr. Ma Wou, our missionary, with his bride, also means another home; one, which, with God's blessing, will prove a centre of light and helpfulness to the work among the Chinese women in Toronto. Mrs. Ma Wou is one of three women who have come from China during the year. The other two know not the One "Who loved them and gave Himself for them."

In all, there are thirty-seven women in the city, and thirty-four homes. Of the three extra women, one is a daughter in one of the homes; another, a widow who lives with her brother-in-law; and the third, a student who, in 1915, will graduate from Victoria University, and sail (D. V.) for China in May, to take up teaching in the Province of Fukien, in a station where she is one of the third generation of Christians. Seventy or more children can be counted in connection with these homes, and of these, something over a third can be found in our schools and Sabbath Schools. Much prayer is needed that the truth of John III,—"Ye must be born again,"—be early impressed upon the hearts of these boys and girls who are growing up in our midst.

Apart from the visits made and the class held on the Lord's Day, three and sometimes four afternoons a week have been devoted to the work of visiting the homes of the women, or to entertaining them in one's own home. Times of perplexity, sorrow or illness, also, have proved seasons for strengthening the cords of friendship, and served as extra opportunities for service.

We commit the past months to Him Who is able to perfect and purify the imperfect efforts made. Anew we seek from Him the grace of faithfulness to "buy up" the privileges and opportunities which are stored in the days of the year that is opening. "Of Him, to Him, and through Him are all things."

(Responsibility for the direction of mission work among the Chinese in Vancouver now rests upon a session appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in the autumn of 1914. Rev. Robert Duncanson, of our South China Mission, is Moderator; Judge Grant is Clerk, and seven men, representing the seven leading congregations in Vancouver form the membership. Mr. Ng Mon Hing is also one of the session. The session reports to the Presbytery of New Westminster. All matters relating to the mission are now referred to this session and are under its control subject to the Foreign Mission Board.

All reports received are encouraging as to this mode of administration. It has unified the work, and the interest of members of the congregations represented on the session has been enlisted.

L. E. HENDERSON,

Secretary.

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Section heading: "Work in Canada" includes sub-sections "**The Chinese**" (printed pp 61-63),

"Strangers' Department" includes a single line describing work of **Miss Murray**.
(p. 77) "**Toronto**. Miss Murray in the hospitals." [Report by "(Mrs. J. M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

British Columbia.—The allocation of supplies for the Province of British Columbia included outfits for twenty pupils at Ahousaht Boarding School, clothing for twelve day school pupils at Ucluelet, and warm articles of clothing and quilts for a few old people and young children on the Reserves at Ucluelet and Dodger's Cove. This was divided among the four Presbyterians according to the number of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. In each case the allocation was accepted and all requirements met.

In one department of our supply work in particular we believe there is great room for improvement. Hitherto, the work done by the Mission Bands of the province has been rather haphazard. There is great scope for work in this department if it were only utilized. In several of the Presbyterials the Mission Bands have taken part in providing the regular allotment: they have not always got credit for what they have done. A regular allotment of work should be made for Mission Bands in a Presbyterian both for the outfits for schools, where possible, and this supplemented by simple articles of clothing for emergency sales. Then, too, all Mission Band work should be regularly reported to the Presbyterian Supply Secretary. It should be the duty of each Auxiliary Supply Secretary to keep in touch with Mission Band work and help in securing an accurate report.

Ontario.—In presenting this, our fourth annual report, it is gratifying to observe a general note of progress. Again, we find that, although the same outside calls have been even more insistent than last year, our supply work has gone on, more than justifying our expectations. There is the same loyalty to the work, the same readiness to respond to any increase in the amounts asked for. Not one Presbyterian has said "We cannot undertake what has been given us," but instead we hear, "If more be needed we shall do our share," and similar encouraging things, all showing the deep interest taken in this branch of the work. Only new clothing was included in the valuation, showing an increase this year of nearly one thousand dollars. Supplies were sent to Cecilia Jeffrey, Swan Lake, Portage la Prairie, Alberni, Cote, File Hills, Round Lake, Birtle, Moose Mountain,

Quebec.—The Secretary is pleased to be able to state that the supplies allocated to the province were all provided, as well as a good part of a supplementary allocation received. This consisted of outfits for twenty-five pupils at Cecilia Jeffrey Boarding School, Vegreville Hospital, the French School Homes and Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools. Bales of clothing were sent to Namur, St. Philippe de Ohester, Tourville, and the Jewish Mission, Montreal, all of which were duly acknowledged, stating what comfort would be brought during the cold season to those who would otherwise have had to go without. Experience is a great teacher, so in connection with the outfits it is gratifying to be able to report that Auxiliaries are learning to know just what kind of supplies are required. A sum of money was contributed by Montreal Presbyterial to Miss Hall, Strangers' worker, to supply dainties for the patients she visits in the hospital at Christmas time.

God's gift to us was His only Son. Shall we not continue in His service and leave the results of our efforts in His care?

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,
Secretary.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

We were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. W. R. McKay, wife of Rev. W. R. McKay of South China. She had come with her family to live in Vancouver for a time, and was willing to give part of her time to our work there. Her knowledge of the Cantonese language, and her experience in China, make her especially well fitted for the work. She was appointed in September. In a recent letter she says:

"Last week I went to see a woman whose husband died not long ago. She is going back to China, and I am giving her a letter to our ladies, so

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she will be going right past our home. Is it not wonderful how our work here connects with the work in China?"

A suitable candidate has been found for the work in Victoria, and it is expected that she will be appointed early in the new year.

Toronto.—The work goes on under the faithful and effective care of Mrs. John MacMillan, who also is able to speak to the women and children in their own language. Mrs. MacMillan is only able to devote part of her time to this work.

Winnipeg.—Much good work is being done by voluntary workers, with the co-operation of our W.M.S. members there.

Montreal.—There is a prospect that we shall soon have the part time services of a worker who at present is giving all her time to another department of our work, and surely such service is needed, when we hear that the Roman Catholics have some Chinese nuns at work amongst the Chinese women and children there!

We have had the pleasure of welcoming to Toronto our first Chinese woman medical student, Miss Victoria Chung, of Victoria, B.C., whose coming was the result of the visit of our President to that city last August. Miss Chung entered Toronto University Medical College in October. Her expenses will be borne by our Society. She is taking the course preparatory to becoming a medical missionary in China.

Vancouver.—Miss Pyke.—A monthly average of one hundred and eight visits were made to the Chinese homes and to the women and children in the hospital.

Each Tuesday afternoon, instruction was given at the Mission to the larger girls, and on Wednesday the children met for the sewing class. The number increased, and those who were not already members of the Sabbath School, took part in the Scripture memory work, and in learning the Gospel hymns and Easter songs.

By request, five boys received weekly lessons in instrumental music. These lessons were given in the evening preceding the teaching of English in the night school.

Assistance was given in the preparation of a programme for the public meeting of the Mission Y.M.C.A. in Feb., when twenty-five new members were received. A special Easter programme was also given in April, on the anniversary of the Association. The girls and the boys of the Sabbath School, as well as the young men, took an active part.

Miss Esther Dong continued to be associated with work among the children of the Sabbath School, and in her sweet, gentle way, offered cheerful, helpful service whenever possible. Had many a warm friend among Chinese women, and was of real assistance to some of the many sad cases of unprotected womanhood.

Vancouver.—Mrs. W. E. McKay.—I am very thankful that, when circumstances made it necessary for me to remain for a time in Vancouver, I was permitted to have some share in the work which had become so much a part of my life.

My work only began in September, so my report will naturally be short.

The greater part of my time has been given to visiting the women in their homes. Of this work it is hard to report results, but we feel that not only is the good seed being sown, but also that the way is being prepared for more organized work.

The Sunday School now has its officers appointed by the Chinese Mission. The supplies are also paid for by the Chinese. Members of the Chinese section and others still come to teach classes of young men, and I assist in the children's department, which has now about 40 members enrolled.

These children receive gifts at Christmas from many of our Mission

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Bands, and we are sure that their loving work and generous giving has helped the Chinese to feel that some white people care for them.

The older girls of the Sunday School have formed themselves into what they call the "Sunshine Club." They meet on Saturday afternoons to sew and sing.

It has been a pleasure to me, and, I trust, a help to the work, to entertain the "Standfast Club" and many others in my home.

I also give one evening a week to teaching in the night school. I aid them in securing teachers, and in various ways help in the general work of the Mission.

A very pleasing incident was the sending of a Christmas box to the Chinese lepers, who are kept by the British Columbia Government. It must have made the poor men happy to be remembered by the Christian Chinese.

We are waiting anxiously for the appointment of a Chinese pastor, and hoping that he may have "a good wife."

I have many plans which I hope will be working before the time for another report, by which time I hope there will be a permanent worker here.

With gratitude for all the mercies of the way by which we have been led, we pray for wisdom and strength for the way to come.

Toronto.—Mrs. John MacMillan.—The year closes with forty Chinese women in our city and outskirts, and something over seventy-five children. The number of women includes Miss Chung, our medical student, also Miss Ding, who is attending Victoria College.

As much visiting as possible has been undertaken during the year, and, until the very severe weather set in, each Sabbath found an average attendance of ten at the women's class in Knox Church.

With the exception of one month, a monthly meeting has been held in my own home. The object of this gathering was to give the women some further help in Bible study and to take part in prayer. The increased interest is manifested by the fact that each regular attendant at Sabbath class, by her own desire, possesses a copy of the New Testament in Chinese. Our lesson each week is read in concert, or verse by verse.

Mrs. Ricketts, a South China missionary, who is now identified with our Chinese work in Winnipeg, was, during her stay of some months in Toronto, an immense help and encouragement to us.

Mrs. Ma Won, our missionary's wife, has been, and is, a very real centre of life in the work in Toronto.

Miss MacQuerrie's unceasing and varied ministry continues among our women and children.

The need of the work could more easily be reported than that which one has attempted or seen attempted. One again looks to the Christian women of our church for their continued intercession. He is able to do—abundantly—is waiting to be entreated that He may do for these strangers in our midst and for those who seek to serve among them.

(Mrs. G. L.) JESSIE A. JOHNSTON,
Secretary.

Deaconess Work.

In Toronto Miss K. Macdonald serves in the Davenport Church and Miss Annie Miller in St. Giles. Each of these congregations is situated in a large Home Mission district. Reports indicate that our deaconesses are proving good missionaries; this is especially true of the work in the Sunday School.

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Supplies—

Manitoba.—We have supplied clothing to Côté, Alberni and Round Lake Indian schools, Teulon Girls' Home, and Vegreville Hospital, four Indian reserves, seven mission fields, as well as our three city missions. Through the untiring efforts of our Presbyterian Supply Secretaries and Auxiliaries we were able to answer promptly any appeals for clothing that were sent to us. These consisted chiefly in appeals from Janow, Man., from Mrs. Murray, Magnet, and from the Supply Secretary, Toronto, for supplies for the new Girls' Home in Teulon.

In view of the need of using every effort to keep in touch with the women of our churches and church districts, who during the past four years have generously given of their time and energy in making up garments for hospital or relief work under the Red Cross Society, and, in view of the fact that this organization is applying to the Government at Ottawa for a charter allowing them to provide for the relief of suffering at any time and wherever it may be found, we believe that as a missionary organization accomplishing at the present time the same work as that desired by the women of our land, we should make every effort to make known the character and needs of the work we are doing, and try to interest in every possible way these women who are anxious for further service.

We would suggest that the Supply Secretary and Mission Band Secretary of each Presbyterian get together and allot possible work for Mission Bands to do, and that they each ask for reports on the supply work accomplished by these Mission Bands.

Our work in the city missions was retarded last fall because of the "flu" ban. With the beginning of the year, however, it opened with renewed vigor.

We pray that the Forward Movement may bring to our workers a great realization of the need of getting in touch with and influencing the foreign-speaking women and children so that they may be true Christian citizens.

Ontario.—Our fifth annual report is one of progress and ability to meet the demand of our ever-increasing need for supply work. It is no easy task to undertake the clothing of nearly 300 children, and in addition to send to our hospitals, homes, reserves and mission fields. As in former years we have sent these to Round Lake, Portage la Prairie, Birtle, Cecilia Jeffrey, File Hills, and Ahousaht Indian schools; also to Lizard Point and other reserves; to Vegreville, Teulon, Sifton and Ethelbert homes, and to Canora and Bonnyville hospitals. Some twenty missionaries have received supplies, and where needed their fields have been helped. Of the gratitude and appreciation of those we have helped there can be no doubt. That it is a privilege as well as a pleasure to assist in such a work is evidenced by the willingness of all our Presbyterians to respond to any call we may have to make, even after a somewhat long list has been already allocated, and I would like to say just here how much this attitude of co-operation and loyalty lightens the labors of your Provincial Supply Secretary.

This year over 15 tons of clothing have been sent, and in addition \$1,174 in money, considerable of this being for boots and other things not easily obtainable at the place of shipment. It is possible that in the near future the Forward Movement may necessitate even greater demands on our Supply Department.

Quebec.—The supplies allocated to this province were practically all provided, as well as a large number of extra articles, all of which were much appreciated. These consisted of 25 outfits for pupils at Birtle Boarding School; supplies for Teulon Hospital and Sifton Mission House and Dispensary; bed linen for 24 beds at Pointe-aux-Trembles; warm clothing for Jews in Montreal, Pointe-aux-Trembles and French School Homes. The warm clothing for Pointe-aux-Trembles and French School Homes was not required this year. Several infants' outfits were forwarded by the Mont-

real Presbyterian. All supplies were very gratefully acknowledged by the various schools and hospitals. For the coming year our watchword is "Forward," and we feel that we should be able to carry on our work in the department in that spirit.

Saskatchewan.—It is gratifying to note a general progress in the supply work of the province. We have had many outside calls during the past four years, and 1918 has been the most insistent. We feel grateful to our Heavenly Father that the epidemic of influenza interfered very little with this branch of our work. A few reports were late, but the bales were out in September. We owe a great deal to our Presbyterian Supply Secretaries. The strenuous duties of re-packing, shipping and sending in the several papers and receipts necessary to get the freight refund is no small task. Besides the usual allocations we had several special appeals. The Qu'Appelle Reserves were given help, as the epidemic had caused a great deal of hardship. The supply work gives us insight into the needs of our School Homes and Hospitals, and our efforts along this line are worth while.

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,
Secretary.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

In reviewing the year's work among the Chinese in Canada your Secretary can only briefly touch on the work in the three centres. "The seed is being sown and the harvest comes sometimes in Canada and sometimes in China."

Toronto.—Mrs. J. A. MacMillan.—During the year Mrs. MacMillan has done faithful and effective work. In June Miss McGirr was appointed, but we regret to report through illness she had to tender her resignation in September. Only He who seeth us as man seeth can record the year's endeavors. The worker is in danger of expressing the heart's desire rather than a true report of existing facts.

"We in Toronto seek to minister to 42 Chinese women and 76 children. During the year two mothers with their flocks have returned to their own land. The one is a professed follower of Jesus Christ. May she be used as a soul-winner."

The Sunday School work at Cooke's Church has had the valuable aid of Miss Chung, our Chinese medical student. She is able to teach the little tots, who as yet speak not the tongue of the land of their adoption. The teen age girls of our Sunday School and Chinese homes have most earnest remembrance—bright intelligent girls who need wise leading.

The constant visiting in the homes should be prayerfully held in mind, so the best results possible may be obtained.

The Sabbath class for women, although not without its difficulties, goes on with good results. Pray that the women may learn the importance of hiding God's word in the heart.

During the last six months, Miss Ethel Reid, of South China, has rendered willing and most acceptable service in our midst.

We are most happy over the appointment of Miss Hugill to the Chinese work in Toronto. Her success depends much on the grace of faithfulness in intercession for her.

Vancouver.—Mrs. W. R. McKay.—We have been very fortunate during the last year in having Mrs. McKay still in charge of our work at this point.

More Chinese women are coming to Canada every year, and the greater number of them come to Vancouver. They come and they go, and the missionary here is often preparing the way for workers in other places.

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A great part of my time has been spent in visiting the women in their homes. There was always a welcome for me. I taught English in some homes, knitting in others, so I could make weekly visits.

During the first part of the year I held weekly meetings in my home. Besides the Gospel teaching we had simple cooking lessons and games for the children.

The Sunday School was conducted by members of the Chinese church, assisted by workers from the city churches. We have been encouraged by the faithfulness of the officers. I might just mention Miss Dong, who not only is organist, but primary class teacher as well, and has done excellent work.

The Night School for men was small at first, but since midsummer eighty names have been enrolled. It means much for the men to come to the mission when they first come to Canada. Indirectly it helps the women's work, for whatever brings Christianity into favor amongst the thousands of men will make it easier to reach the few hundred women. We are glad to report the arrival in February of the new Chinese pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Yueng. Mr. Yueng has been licensed, ordained and certified by the Canton Presbytery. He has left China to come to a 'foreign country' with some regret, for there are millions in China who need the Gospel, but he hopes to gain many here who will become missionaries and go back with 'the message' to their own land."

Victoria.—Miss Alice Cronkhite.—This is the first full year's report since the appointment of our worker in Victoria, and from statements received throughout the year much work has been overtaken.

"Our Mission Hall is better fitted up for work than it was this time last year. The furnishings were supplied by the W.M.S. Board, the Chinese young men of the mission, and friends from the various churches. The Sunday School, just opened last year, has an average attendance of 24. There are four girls in attendance who speak English very well, so we have formed a larger girls' class.

A Mission Band has also been organized, all the offices being taken by the girls. We only take an offering once in three months. It is now for them to give, so we must go slowly.

The kindergarten was opened with 12, and closed with 20 on the roll, with a good average attendance throughout the year. The night school is well attended, and the churches have nobly responded to the call for workers.

I visit in eighteen homes. Seven of these are Christian. Other homes were visited, but we were not invited to enter. During the epidemic I was able to pay 39 calls where there was sickness. In some cases simple medicines were given or recommended, and sometimes the doctor called.

Christmas this year was a very happy time for the children, and all enjoyed their gifts from their first Christmas tree. Two little girls were given special prizes for regular attendance at Sunday School."

To our faithful workers we extend our heartfelt appreciation. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me."

(Miss) MARY RUSSELL,
Secretary.

Deaconess Work

In Toronto we still have Miss Annie Miller in St. Giles' Church, and Miss K. MacDonald in the Davenport Church, doing splendid missionary work, which grows in interest and opportunity. Each day brings its round

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of duties as in previous years, but when the "flu" epidemic raged all church work was disorganized, and the deaconess played a noble part in the stricken homes.

In Hamilton, Miss M. Allan continues her splendid work in the Wentworth Street Mission, rejoicing in her many opportunities to serve her Master, and Miss S. Mitchell, after five years of service in the Laidlaw Memorial Church, reports advancement in every department of her work. Situated in a growing industrial centre, the opportunities for service are limitless. The Sabbath School is very strong, numbering five hundred. Mothers' and Young People's meetings are all in a flourishing condition. For the most part, the people are inexperienced workers, and a deaconess is indispensable.

Miss Agnes R. Staples, who served in the mission fields of Alberta during the summer, has commenced her duties at Sault Ste. Marie, in connection with the Italian Mission, to which she was appointed February of this year.

Following Miss Craig's resignation from the Ruthenian Mission in Winnipeg, where she had accomplished much among the children and women, and before a successor was appointed, all activities were for a time suspended because of the epidemic. Miss A. M. Keith received the appointment, and assumed her duties early in January. She reports reorganization well under way, and a beginning made in the study of the language. Miss Keith was highly commended for her services upon the mission field in Saskatchewan.

Miss Robertson, who serves in Winnipeg as a deaconess at large, reports a house-to-house canvass, as a means of strengthening the church, and through visitation keeping a strong link between the careless and the means of grace.

Miss Phoenix, with almost a year to her credit, serves very acceptably in St. Andrew's Church, in the mining town of Nanaimo, where much visitation is necessary, owing to a scattered congregation and changing population. The children are the great point of contact. "Patient, prayerful and loving service are needed until there is a real return to God."

Miss A. R. Coutie continues diligently and joyfully in the many forms of service which she finds to do as deaconess at large in Edmonton. She is available each day, at a given place at noon hour, to anyone who may wish to interview her. She and Miss A. Sutherland, who serves in the Kootenay, are giving themselves unstintingly, and stand ready to sacrifice that "others may be the more helped along the way of life."

These servants are—

"Going forth in His name,
Trusting in His power,
Doing His bidding."

(Mrs. A. H.) ANNE H. PEREY,
Secretary.

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STAFF OF SCHOOL HOMES.

Vegreville, Alta. Rev. G. R. Lang, B.A., Superintendent; Miss Stewart,
Miss Johnson, Miss McKee, Miss Windel.
Teulon, Man. Rev. A. J. Hunter, B.A., M.D., Superintendent; Miss
Beveridge, Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. Quelch.
Ethelbert, Man. Dr. F. O. Gilbert, Superintendent; Miss Overholt.
Sifton, Man. Miss McLeod.

During 1918 one new home for girls has been built and opened at Teulon, Man., at a cost of \$5,500. Another home for girls was built at

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are out of touch with church life. Visiting one day from drawing room to tenement, outlying and congested districts, she returned supperless, tired, and wet, but happy in finding nineteen Presbyterian families of returned soldiers to report to the ministers of nearest churches.

The depot work includes soldiers' dependents where several agencies, e.g., boy scouts, leagues, Red Cross nurses, unite to serve, and also munition workers, and settlers who are not so fortunate. Sometimes Miss King is the only worker when night trains go through. Her report closes "We are thankful for the many opportunities of service presented frequently," and then "May selfishness be replaced by love." To whom does she refer?

Miss E. Hall.--This is Miss Hall's second report of her work in Montreal hospitals--Montreal General, Hotel Dieu, St. Margaret's Home, Montreal Maternity, Royal Victoria, Western, Old People's Home, Longue Point, Notre Dame, Homcopathic. Over 100 letters were written for patients and numberless errands run. With her knowledge of French, Miss Hall is able to reach a larger number of patients, and by the use of signs to cheer the foreigner. A large number of Armenian patients are found. Miss Hall feels that it has been her privilege to lead at least some souls into the kingdom.

Miss Mary C. Murray.--Miss Murray reports 1714 Presbyterian women registered last year in the Toronto General Hospital, Grace, Western, and St. Michaels. This does not include many entered as "Protestants." The patients know her regular visiting days and keep their errands for her. The social service departments of the hospitals have a care for the free patients and Miss Murray is always careful not to overlap their efforts. Many helpful conferences are held with these workers, Miss Murray addressing the nurses in training once a year on her work. For the patient who struggles to pay the fees of the public ward rather than enter as a free patient there is many an opportunity for kindness--to do what a sister would love to do. The W.M.S. stands through Miss Murray for that sister. The Supply Department has been generous when there was need. Owing to increased wages fewer young women have been in want. Candies were distributed at Christmas. An increasing number of girls are members of Bible classes, and there is an unusual desire for Christian teaching. We are still indebted to the Bible Society for Testaments and Gospels.

Miss Murray's weekly reports to the Strangers' Secretaries of women they should visit indicate that into our hospitals come strangers from every part of the old land and Canada. Many are from families out of touch with Toronto churches.

During the epidemic Miss Murray assisted in Grace Hospital and city district work. Does our membership recognize in her the Miss Murray of "Mary Slessor," for such she is?

Miss I. Coutie at Edmonton reports that never since the Strangers' Department was organized have there been more homes visited, sick and lonely ones called on, strangers made welcome, than during the past year. A great worker in an Edmonton church who moved to a strange place was called on by a Strangers' Secretary and thanked Miss Coutie for having reported her, as she appreciated what it meant to have such a department. Miss Coutie visits six hospitals, carried and distributed 3,500 magazines, delivered flowers and delicacies, found 400 Presbyterians (many of whom were reported by rural Secretaries) quietly read to the weak ones, telling of the love of Jesus, and gently comforting them as they entered the dark shadows. She gave to the patients 285 Gospels contributed by the Bible Society, marking special passages, one man receiving his mother's favorite John XIV.

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In the midst of such a busy life Miss Coutie found time to address meetings in and out of town and to assist in Sunday School work. With her sister she also served the city in the epidemic.

With humble gratitude we thus learn that already many thousands of the lambs of the fold have been sought out by these representatives of our Society--lambs who somewhere, sometime, were consecrated by loving parents and welcomed by the representatives of the Christian church. This is the contribution of the department to the work of winning the world for Christ.

(Mrs. Joseph M.) ETHEL WEST,
Secretary.

WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS

Honan

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		Arrived on Field
Changt'ho	Miss Margaret I. McIntosh	Nov., 1889
"	Miss Jean I. Dow, M.D.	Nov., 1895
"	Miss Minnie A. Pyke	Oct., 1896
"	Miss Minnie Shipley	Oct., 1914
Wei Hwei Fu	Miss Isabelle McTavish, M.D.	Oct., 1915
"	Miss Isabel McIntosh	Nov., 1903
"	Miss Elizabeth McLennan, B.A.	Dec., 1905
"	Miss Bertha M. Hodge	Oct., 1913
Hwai King Fu	Miss Winifred Warren	Dec., 1913
"	Miss Annie O'Neill	Sept., 1909
"	Miss Margaret H. Brown, B.A.	Oct., 1913
"	Miss Sadie Lethbridge	Dec., 1914
"	Miss Ada E. Ross, B.A.	Oct., 1915
Tao K'ou	Miss Janet L. Brydon	Sept., 1917
"	Miss Margaret Macdonald	Jan., 1910
Wu An	Miss Leah H. Dinwoody	Nov., 1912
"	Miss Margaret M. Gay	Nov., 1910
"	Miss Grace A. Sykes	Nov., 1912
Tsi Nan Fu	Miss Kathleen M. Anderson	Sept., 1917
"	Mrs. Jeannette C. Ratcliffe	Jan., 1916

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Changt'ho	Mrs. Goforth	March, 1888
"	Mrs. Murdock Mackenzie	Nov., 1889
"	Mrs. Percy Leslie	Oct., 1899
"	Mrs. J. Griffith	May, 1901
"	Mrs. Gillies Endie	Nov., 1906
"	Mrs. Jas. M. Menzies	Feb., 1911
"	Mrs. W. R. Reeds	Feb., 1915
Wei Hwei Fu	Mrs. J. D. McCrae	Nov., 1909
"	Mrs. Wm. McClure	1889
"	Mrs. James R. Menzies	Oct., 1896
"	Mrs. R. A. Mitchell	May, 1900
"	Mrs. W. H. Grant	Nov., 1902
"	Mrs. W. A. Lohead	1903
"	Mrs. Hugh Mackenzie	Nov., 1909
"	Mrs. F. M. Auld	Nov., 1910
"	Mrs. J. B. Hattle	Oct., 1913

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Supplies—

and sympathy. We must remember, too, that although our supplies, measured in dollars and cents, were larger than ever, still the purchasing power of those dollars has been greatly diminished, and it is doubtful if those dependent upon us have really had as much as usual. Our schools and homes, notwithstanding the amount spent, are not any too well provided for, and some of our Indian schools, that never before experienced any difficulty in making ends meet, found it so hard, partly because of the loss sustained through the early severe frosts, that we made special grants out of our Provincial supply fund—never a very large one—to give the much needed help. It is in such cases as these that we feel the need of such a fund, and for this reason we are asking the Presbyterians, where possible, to send some money to the Provincial Supply Secretary in order that we may have such a source to draw upon. There need be no fear of mistaken generosity. All cases come to us through the proper channels, and here let me utter a word of warning regarding those occasional requests for help from private persons to individuals or Auxiliaries. Really worthy cases do not need to come in that way, and it would be well to disregard, without at least a very thorough investigation, all such appeals.

Quebec.—We have taken a long step forward in our supply work during 1919. The value of the bales shipped this year is over \$1,000.00 in advance of last year, and although we cannot always judge by the intrinsic value, surely this means greater interest in this department of our work. The allocation for the year was as follows:—Outfits for 20 pupils Round Lake B. S.; prizes for French schools; supplies for Jewish work in Montreal; warm clothing for Jews in Montreal, and for French schools if required; supplies for Ethelbert Hospital, Manitoba; special request for Namur.

These were bountifully supplied, and during the year several special requests came in, which were quickly supplied by the various Auxiliaries. Several special gifts were also sent to hospitals and schools. Mention should be made of a bale sent by Chalmers Church Mission Band, Quebec City, to Teulon Hospital, value \$150.00. The total value of bales shipped was \$2,977.02, from Quebec Presbyterial \$600.55, and from Montreal Presbyterial \$2,376.49. These were all gratefully acknowledged by the workers in the hospitals and schools.

Saskatchewan.—It gives great pleasure to report a very advanced progress in the supply work for 1919. We sent clothing to Moose Mountain, Alberni, Vegreville, as well as taking a large share in hospital supplies. We appreciate very much the help from the Mission Bands for hospitals. We were able to assist in sending needed supplies to three of our missionaries who unfortunately happened to be located in the dried-out belt. We also sent large bales to be distributed among people who had suffered from the drought. The letters received from those friends were almost pathetic with words of appreciation.

The close of the war and the Forward Movement in our churches has interested many women in missions, which will mean that our supplies, even at their advanced cost over the early years of our Provincial organization, can be just as easily met as in previous years.

A request to the different Auxiliaries to help with some of the furnishings for the new Boarding School at Round Lake, met with the kindest response, and I only wish it could have been the opportunity of many of our women to have attended the opening of the school.

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,
Secretary.

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The Chinese

The past year has been one of progress in the three centres in which we have work—Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria.

Toronto.—Miss Mary Hugill reports that there are eighty children, six 'teen-age girls, and forty women under her care. The personnel of the women has slightly changed, one moving to Goderich, five coming to the city for the first time, another returning from China, while one has been called to her heavenly home—Mrs. H. Lang, who leaves her husband, one daughter, and four little sons to mourn her loss.

The classes are still continued in Cooke's Church, three in all, one for primary, one for 'teen-age girls, and one for 'teen-age boys, Miss Hugill coming in touch with them only in visiting.

The Board supplied the women with copies of "English for New Canadians," which has proved helpful in teaching English, some taking a great interest, while others prefer being taught in their own language. The visiting, owing to great distances, has only been possible every two weeks except in special need. The plan followed during the earlier part of the year was to give a text written in Chinese, except when accompanied by Mrs. McMillan, who would give a verbal message or sing a hymn. In visiting the homes one thing worthy of note is the courtesy of the children, and their interest in all that is said. The English lesson is given and a hymn sung, followed by reading and repeating a passage of Scripture. A very cordial request to "come again" is always given when the good-byes are said.

Mrs. MacMillan conducts the class in Knox Church, the attendance varying from 8 to 10, latterly there has been encouragement in the greater manifestation of the Spirit's power. Miss Hugill bears great testimony to Mrs. MacMillan's work, her personality, and her winning way with the women who have already found the Saviour, and her great helpfulness to our worker.

Mrs. Ma Wou has kindly given her time to helping Miss Hugill with her language study, and this has been done, not for remuneration but for love of the work and devotion to her Master.

Miss Hugill's work amongst the 'teen-age girls consists in accompanying them once a week to the Bible College, giving help with their studies to those in school, and trying to impress on them the claims of the Saviour, one professing her faith and one is an enquirer. May many more be led to seek after the one true Saviour.

Victoria.—We have two workers here—Miss Alice Cronkhite and Mrs. McQueen, the latter coming last October and proving a most valuable assistant. Miss Cronkhite reports that kindergarten opened the year with 20 on the roll, and closed with 22. Mr. Leung's class has 52 in attendance—a large increase. The night school average was 30, the young men paying a teacher for April, May and June. Mrs. McQueen teaches in the night school. A Mission Band was organized with an average attendance of 10 and an offering of \$8.41.

Four pupils receive lessons in English, two of whom are Christian. Sunday School opened in 1919 with 20, and in 1920 with 37, the average

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being 30. Mrs. McLaren assisted with the big girls, and Mr. Leung and Mr. Gee Sing taught the young men and boys. Mrs. McQueen has taken Mrs. McLaren's place here. Six young men and three infants were baptized. Two adults and one child were removed by death. One Christian woman returned from China and one young girl has come out to live with her sister. Twenty-six visits were made in sickness, and numerous articles of clothing were made for the missionaries' children after the death of Mrs. Leung.

A fine Christmas entertainment was given with 300 in attendance, the Chinese pronounced it the "best yet." Gospel is spoken after night school, and Tuesday is C. E. night. Mr. Leung distributes gospels and tracts in different homes and tells them the Old, Old Story.

Vancouver.—Mrs. D. A. Smith, our temporary but efficient worker here, reports the re-organization of the night school, with nearly a dozen voluntary workers, with ten teachers from First Presbyterian Church and several from St. Andrew's, and one from another church. Altogether there are 18 teachers. Miss Esther Dong helps the more advanced pupils, the average attendance being about 20. There are many changes among the boys, but they are all eager to learn. After the English lesson Rev. Mr. Yeong conducts a short Chinese service and every student is expected to stay. Mrs. Smith helps Mr. Yeong three times a week with English, and he is a keen, ardent student. Judge Grant and Miss Scott also help him.

The "Sunshine" Mission Band has been organized with ten members. The meetings have to be very short, as the girls go to school from 4.30 to 7.00 p.m. every day. In the Sunday School there are from 35 to 40 scholars, with 6 officers and teachers.

There are 90 names on the Mission roll, but many of these live a long distance out and are scarcely in direct touch with the Mission. Almost the entire membership consists of men and boys. The Standfast Club has been reorganized and the meetings conducted by the young men themselves.

The Christmas entertainment was a great success. All received gifts, even the babies. Contributions were received from different Mission Bands and friends for this purpose. Miss Dong and Mr. and Mrs. Yeong respectively, received a book of music and a Morris chair as a token of appreciation.

The great need here is a permanent Canadian worker and a Bible woman, both of whom we hope to secure. The seed is being sown even under difficulties, but the harvest is sure if the laborers, though few, are faithful.

(Mrs. A.) MARGARET HAMILTON,
Secretary.

Deaconess Work

In submitting the report of the Deaconess work for 1919, I do so with profound gratitude for what has already been accomplished, and with a deep sense of the growing importance of this department of our work to the church at large.

While all departments report advance, our deaconess work takes a leap forward. Many new phases of it representing work among the Finns and Italians in Northern Ontario, and the French in Montreal, have come to the Board through Presbyteries. Only the shortage of suitable workers has prevented appointments being made to work on the Indian reserves and hospital units. With these urgent calls facing us, and the growing feeling that our Society should take up work in isolated and needy points, rather than in city congregations which are self-sustaining, the policy of our Board for 1920 has been defined: "That no further such appointments be made, that the funds of the Women's Missionary Society should not be used to support deaconesses in self-sustaining congregations."

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The brief reports of our twelve workers which follow, in no way do justice to the efficient work accomplished by these faithful and consecrated women. Many a home knows the personal influence of a Christian visitor only through the deaconess. She becomes the only Word of God they ever read, and the helpful influence of this can never be estimated.

Toronto.—Miss Kathryn Macdonald has been doing good service in Davenport Church, an ever changing district, and in the Sunday school, where they have over a thousand names enrolled.

Miss Annie Miller serves faithfully in St. Giles, her duties including visiting, and helping in the young people's work and in the Sunday school. She also takes charge of the children's Mission Band.

Hamilton.—We still have Miss S. Mitchell, who is serving with much acceptance in Laidlaw Memorial Church. The people in this district are largely employed in factories. New families always come with new industries, which means increased work for the deaconess.

Miss Allen has been deaconess in the Wentworth Street Mission, which has developed into St. David's congregation. The many activities of the church are greatly helped by her faithful supervision.

Sault Ste Marie.—Miss Agnes Staples, who is working in the Italian Mission at the Soo, is very happy in her work, and finds her time fully occupied with her varied duties. The children are lovable and eager to learn. The work is handicapped by poor quarters and inadequate equipment.

Copper Cliff.—Miss Vieno Heinonen, as deaconess among the Finnish settlers in Louise Township and Copper Cliff, is doing splendid work. She has charge of the Sabbath service, Sunday school, and mid-week meeting in the new church which the Finnish settlers have built in Louise Township. In the winter she does her visiting on skis.

Verdun, P.Q.—Mrs. Lees was appointed as Christian worker at Verdun towards the end of the year. She finds the people ready for a friendly visit and the Gospel message. Four hundred children attend the Sunday school. The work among the young people has unlimited opportunities.

Montreal.—Miss Anna Im Obersteg is working among the French in Montreal in connection with St. John's Church. Dr. Cruikshank reports that "her devotion and influence is winning everywhere, and she has given a great uplift to the life and general activities of the whole congregation."

Winnipeg.—Miss Anna M. Keith is kept busy among the Ruthenian mothers and children. Her work among the young is very encouraging; she receives much help from interested volunteer workers among the boys and girls.

Miss May Robertson has been doing the work of deaconess-at-large in various centres among the churchless homes. The need for such work is very great. ~~That she can do this work without a deaconess, for by visiting in the homes and conducting services, she is able to create an interest in higher things in the hearts of the indifferent and overburdened.~~

Edmonton.—Miss Agnes Coutie, as deaconess-at-large, continues her work in Edmonton with untiring devotion and great acceptance. Her work radiates from various centres. At one mission on Sunday morning she holds a combined church and Sunday school service. In different districts "Rest Meetings" meet the needs of the people; while at noon hour each day any girl who wants a personal interview knows where Miss Coutie is to be found in First Church.

Nanaimo, B.C.—Miss L. M. Phoenix is doing excellent work in the widely scattered town of Nanaimo, under Dr. Unsworth. Her work is mainly that of visitor and pastor's assistant. Her helpful influence is doing much for the people she ministers to. She has had the joy of knowing that some have made their decision for Christ.

(Miss) ELSIE BARRON,
Secretary.

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been distributed in the homes and lumber camps. Lantern services are always enjoyed.

What are the needs in this work? One missionary writes:—"The weakness of the work lies in its intermittent character. The hope of the work will lie in the personality and tact of a married man put permanently in charge." Another says:—"At the earliest possible date a missionary should be stationed on this field who can give his entire time to the work." Manses, also an automobile for the missionary in charge, are suggested. Again:—"I am praying for a revival." Still another:—"The crying need is for an organized evangelistic effort, strong enough and long enough to break down all social barriers and to break up the fountains of men's hearts, so that there may be a proper social and religious conception of life and of God."

What hardships and trials our missionaries endure, often without adequate means of subsistence for themselves and their families! Frequently isolated, and without the sympathy of congenial company, they steadfastly keep the banner of the cross flying at the outposts of our land. If we fail to give them all the encouragement and credit they deserve and thus strengthen their hands in their mighty task, we will be unworthy of the great trust our church has placed upon us.

Our fields are:—In B.C.—Willow River, Duck Range, Hefley Creek, Terrace, Ymir; in Alta.—Endiang, Rich Valley, Milk River; in Sask.—Lilly Dale, Bromhead, Richlea, Kelliher, Walbeck, Wartime, Bowell and Redcliffe, Hatton, Inverary; in Man.—East Bay, Ashern; in Ont.—Sellwood, (Miss) C. GRAY,
Secretary.

Strangers' Department

1919 marks the most interesting of the eight years of work in the Department of the Stranger. As the war with all its activities vanishes into history, conferences on the work are becoming larger and more intelligent. There is an increase of 80 per cent. in removals reported to the Head Office—almost entirely by Strangers' Secretaries. A letter to ministers in the early part of 1920 from the Home Mission Office has had satisfactory results. Prompt and faithful reporting of removals is essential to the success of the department. This year as a foundation, emphasis will be laid on the reporting of newly arrived immigrants, and the young people from our Sunday schools who move away. Rev. J. C. Robertson, D.D., sent out explanatory letters to superintendents of schools at Christmas and Easter, and has advised conferences between ministers, superintendents, Strangers' Secretaries, and others interested. It is estimated that 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. of our Sunday school scholars move away each year. We need to recognize the obligation of the church to those whom she has partially trained. Everyone must be held.

The year has marked a large increase in immigration, and we are advised that this will be on a still larger scale for some time. Thousands of soldiers and their dependents have been visited, the larger portion remaining east of the Great Lakes. The annual reports of Provincial Secretaries indicate that many thousands of strangers have been visited. Considerable attention has been given to the immigration of women for household service, and a Council of Women has been formed at Ottawa, as advisory to the Government. The proposal is to have a hostel in each province for the reception of young women from the old land for domestic service. Representation on this Council has been offered to the W.M.S. In carefully following up the Presbyterian young women, who have already arrived, it is quite clear that very few intend to remain at household service, and to faithfully deal with the subject it would be necessary to treat them as regular citizens. Many appear to be en route to the United States. Through

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conductresses of government parties and our own workers at the ports, we are led to believe that moral dangers to an unusual degree, surround our immigrants, and in this connection the Executive Board desires to unite with the Assembly's Board of Home Missions in a request to steamship and railway companies that pre-war restrictions be enforced. Notices have been placed in the Old Country papers to the effect that this department is at the service of our immigrants.

The staff of the Department of the Stranger in the W.M.S. during 1919, has rendered admirable service. The workers are interested in one another and recognize the unity of the work. They make a splendid team from one ocean to the other. We have Miss King in immigration and Miss Hall in hospitals at Montreal. In Toronto we have Miss Murray, hospitals; Miss E. J. Macdougall, immigration, students and unemployment; Miss Whitehead, Ukrainians. At Edmonton, Miss I. Coutie, and at Vancouver, Miss Sutherland, have the general work. For 1920 Miss Robertson has been appointed to Winnipeg for immigration, and workers have already been asked for at Saskatoon, and at Montreal as an assistant to Miss King.

The W.M.S. in its estimate for 1920 has provided for a large increase to its staff in this department. The expansion will provide for special workers in the larger cities of each province, where advised by the Home Mission Committees of Presbyteries. It is the desire of the Society to do efficient work at the cities used by the government as distributing points. It is apparent that in these larger places there is apt to be greater loss to the church, among our lapsing Presbyterians.

In caring for the immigrant, we have found a need for literature for British and foreign immigrants, and have provided \$2,000.00 for the purpose. Literature giving a clear statement of why they are Presbyterians would be of value to our young people who are moving into districts where they find themselves surrounded by Catholicism, Mormonism and other faiths.

We would respectfully draw attention to a more important subject to-day than immigration, namely the emigration of the foreigner. The Canadian churches have done a great deal to destroy his faith in heathenism or semi-Christian religions, but particularly during the war the foreigner has been shunned, and is to-day returning by thousands to his own land with a metaphorical kick from the average citizen. How will this affect the awaying nations of the old world, the cause of evangelical Christianity, the British Empire, or the attitude of thousands who may return with their fellow-countrymen to our shores? What we do to-day is international in character. The church has a great responsibility to those who come under the influence of Christian activities in Canada, and now return to their home lands. Our attention has been drawn to this particularly through our work with the immigrants who need a home, or at least intelligent co-operation with evangelical Christian agencies in Central Europe.

The motto of our department this year is—"Now therefore perform the doing of it."

With the Provincial Secretaries

The Provincial Secretaries state their inability to give any idea in figures of the work done. There is ample evidence that it is greater, more definite, and more varied, but Auxiliaries have failed to keep records. This is manifestly unfair to Presbyterian, Provincial, or general reports, not to speak of the great handicap under which new Secretaries in Auxiliaries must begin, with no record of the work of their predecessors. Auxiliaries should pay the postage of Secretaries from their expense funds. We hear that Secretaries have failed to report removals, as they were expected to pay their own expenses. In one case the full list was kept to the end of the year. Surely people are more important than a few postage stamps.

Special Workers

Miss Adelaide Sutherland, formerly deaconess in Prince Rupert and Kootenay Presbytery, was appointed to Vancouver, and found a large field among the incoming strangers and in the hospitals of the city.

In Toronto, Miss Murray continues her faithful visiting of the public hospitals. She reports a growing interest in the Message as she moves from bed to bed. There is splendid team work with city workers and our Auxiliaries. As in other years over 1,500 patients have been visited.

Miss Macdougall has found it a busy year in immigration, with the arrival of the dependents of soldiers, and now a large influx of British men and women seeking new homes in Canada. In all, the names of between eight and ten thousand have been handled, including removals of students and others to the city. The station work has been particularly heavy, as the arrangements at the Toronto station are very inferior.

Miss Whitehead, who undertook work among the Ukrainians in Toronto, found an open door. Homes were visited, a Sunday School, industrial class, and mothers' meeting started. Scriptures and tracts were largely distributed. She is succeeded by Mrs. McIntyre. We learn that already thousands of Ukrainians are leaving Toronto for Europe. Probably 50 per cent. have been in touch with our different missions here.

Miss Isobel Coutie's work in visiting the immigrants, the returned soldiers, the sick in hospitals, besides enlisting the Strangers' Secretaries in follow-up work, and in reporting removals, has presented a model of work which we are pleased to recommend to the new workers who are to be appointed in the largest cities of all the provinces.

In Montreal Miss King has had a most strenuous year, so much so that an associate, Miss Lily McArthur, has been appointed. Frequently Miss King has remained on duty 54 hours. The cheerful welcome, the sending forward of information by telegram to workers at large centres, and always the faithful lists of the names and addresses to the head office, have been invaluable to the immigrant, and also to the Canadian church.

Miss Hall, too, reports an unusual welcome to her message of the Gospel in the hospitals. There have been hundreds of errands and little services for the shut-ins.

All the workers refer to the co-operation of the members of the W.M.S., who lovingly take up the care of strangers they discover in their varied activities.

(Mrs. Joseph M.) ETHEL WEST,
Secretary.

WORK ABROAD

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W. M. S. STAFF

		Arrived on Field
Changte-ho	Miss Margaret McIntosh	Nov., 1889
"	Miss Jean L. Dow, M.D.	Nov., 1895
"	Miss Minnie A. Pyke	Oct., 1896
"	Miss Minnie Shipley	Oct., 1914
"	Miss Isabelle McTavish, M.D.	Oct., 1915
Wei Hwei Fu	Miss Isabel McIntosh	Nov., 1903
"	*Miss Elizabeth McLennan, B.A.	Dec., 1905
"	*Miss Bertha M. Hodge	Oct., 1913
"	Miss Winifred Warren	Dec., 1913
Hwai King Fu	Miss Annie O'Neill	Sept., 1909
"	Miss Margaret H. Brown, B.A.	Oct., 1913
"	Miss Sadie Lethbridge	Dec., 1914

Hwai King Fu	Miss Ada E. Ross, B.A.	Oct., 1915
"	Miss Janet L. Brydon	Sept., 1917
"	Miss Violet Stewart	Jan., 1919
Tao K'ou	Miss Margaret Macdonald	Jan., 1910
"	Miss Leah H. Dinwoody	Nov., 1912
Wu An	Miss Grace A. Sykes	Nov., 1912
"	Miss Kathleen M. Anderson	Sept., 1917
"	Miss Margaret M. Gay	Nov., 1910
Tsi Nan Fu	Mrs. Jeannette C. Ratcliffe	Jan., 1916

Wives of Missionaries

Changte-ho	Mrs. Goforth	March, 1888
"	Mrs. Murdock Mackenzie	Nov., 1889
"	*Mrs. Percy Leslie	Oct., 1899
"	Mrs. J. Griffith	May, 1901
"	*Mrs. Gillies Eadie	Nov., 1906
"	*Mrs. James M. Menzies	Feb., 1911
"	Mrs. W. R. Reeds	Feb., 1915
Wei Hwei Fu	*Mrs. Wm. McClure	1889
"	*Mrs. James R. Menzies	Oct., 1896
"	Mrs. R. A. Mitchell	May, 1900
"	Mrs. W. H. Grant	Nov., 1902
"	*Mrs. W. A. Lockheed	1903
"	Mrs. Hugh Mackenzie	Nov., 1909
"	Mrs. F. M. Auld	Nov., 1910
"	Mrs. J. B. Hattie	Oct., 1913
"	Mrs. T. A. Arthurs	Nov., 1912
"	Mrs. H. T. Forbes	Apr., 1914
"	Mrs. R. Gordon Struthers	Feb., 1915
"	Mrs. J. B. Bompas	1916
Hwai King Fu	*Mrs. J. A. Slimmon	Oct., 1899
"	*Mrs. Joseph Mowatt	1904
"	Mrs. H. A. Boyd	Nov., 1912
Tao K'ou	*Mrs. Andrew Thompson	Oct., 1906
Wu An	Mrs. J. Herbert Bruce	Nov., 1906
"	Mrs. Harold M. Clark	Nov., 1906
Siu Wu	Mrs. G. M. Ross	1908
"	Mrs. H. P. S. Lutterell	Nov., 1909
Kai Feng Fu	*Mrs. Mark Wheeler	1911
Tsi Nan Fu	Mrs. J. D. McRae	Nov., 1909
"	Mrs. Ernest B. Struthers	Oct., 1913

*On furlough.

†In Canada.

General.—A new movement reported by our missionaries, "China for Christ," owes its origin to the feeling among Christian Chinese leaders that—in the face of the general political chaos which seems so hopeless—the present is the time for an aggressive Christian movement if the country is to be saved from disaster. Many thinking non-Christians have been looking for some solution of the problem and are showing an interest in Christianity never known before.

The Home Missionary Movement for Yunnan had its birth in a "Personal Workers' Retreat Conference" in Kuling, Central China, in August, 1918, and the new movement is an outcome of that. Towards the end of 1919 a conference was held in Shanghai, attended by over one hundred missionaries and Chinese Christians from all over China, and from this was launched the "China for Christ" movement, the general secretary being Dr. Cheng, who is also secretary of the China Continuation Committee.

The affiliation of the Honan Mission with the Shantung Christian University at Tsi Nan Fu has been a distinctly forward step. Several of our missionaries have been appointed to the staff, among them Mrs. Ratcliffe,

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Ontario.—It is gratifying to be able to report that the work of our Supply Department has been even more satisfactory than in former years. The work assigned by the Council was not light. Though clothing and other supplies had to be purchased, for the most part at top prices, and other calls have been many and insistent, our supplies have suffered no diminution. We all realize in some degree the value of the work being carried on in our schools, Homes and hospitals, and the difficulties under which our workers in those places labor. It is needless to say our supplies are appreciated. It is not only the quantity and quality that appeals to us, but also the loving care shown in the way they are packed, and in the Christmas gifts and toys sent. More books might be included among the gifts to the children, for they love to get them, and when wisely selected they have an educational value, as well as giving great pleasure.

Supplies were sent to Alberni, Round Lake, Rolling River, Birtle, Fife Hills, Portage la Prairie and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Schools, to Ethelbert, Vegreville and Teulon Homes, and Francois Lake, B.C., Canora, Ethelbert, Wakaw, Vegreville, and Teulon Hospitals. As there are also many needy among the Indian old people and the little children, clothing suitable for them was sent to Lizard Point and Okanese Reserves. A large amount was sent to our own missionaries on the fields, and some to Banswara, India.

Wherever possible each Presbyterial, when its allocation is filled, should send to the Provincial Supply Secretary a small amount of money. Quite a number responded to this request last year, but we would like the principle to become more general. It is well to have on hand a fund from which to draw for special cases that frequently arise and are sometimes most urgent.

Quebec.—Considerable progress has been made in our work and great praise should be given to our two Presbyterial Secretaries for their large share in this work. As the need has become more apparent the Auxiliaries have accepted heavier responsibility. Our total value in supplies shows an increase of \$224.24.

The allocations were as follows:—Quebec Presbyterial: Outfits for 7 pupils at Portage la Prairie Boarding School; warm clothing and prizes for French schools; sheets, pillow cases and warm clothing for Namur; a parcel of Christmas gifts, valued at \$63.05, was sent with the outfits, and a special bale valued at \$175.00 to Teulon. Montreal Presbyterial: Outfits for 18 pupils at Portage la Prairie Boarding School; supplies and warm clothing for Jewish work in Montreal; supplies for "Anna Turnbull" Hospital, Wakaw, Sask.; a generous supply of bedding for Pointe aux Trembles. In addition, a bale valued at \$162.22 was sent to Dorchester House to be used in connection with the work of the Strangers' Department. Supplies were provided for French mission work valued at \$175.00, making a total value of bales shipped, \$3,201.26.

Saskatchewan.—The women of the W.M.S. of Saskatchewan have done wonderfully well for the Supply Department. As a rule the members of our Society are practical people, and working for hospitals and children appeals to Christian women. Last year the Forward Movement was an incentive to all our work. The special gift to Round Lake School required a special effort. This year we were slightly below 1919. There have been unusually heavy calls in our towns and cities this year, and the W.M.S. women are usually the ones to respond. Three Presbyterials report bales of clothing sent to needy mission fields without being valued. Another Presbyterial reports presenting one of the missionaries on a reserve with a cutter and a set of harness, without valuing it. Our supplies to reserves are an invaluable aid to the missionary in giving help to the needy. Supplies were sent to Ahouaht for 25 children, also a bale for old people and small children under school age; to Harriane Hills, clothing for 30 children and a bale of reserve clothing; to Canora School Home, half the necessary

clothing for 15 boys and 15 girls. A good supply of linen, quilts, layettes and operating-room necessities were sent to Bonnyville Hospital. The Mission Bands gave splendid assistance, and to them we would extend our sincerest thanks.

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,
Secretary.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

It is with sincere and grateful hearts that we present the annual report of our work amongst the Chinese in Canada, in the three centres, Vancouver, Victoria and Toronto. It would have given us great gratification if a new centre of work could have been opened up. We feel that the work amongst the Chinese in our country is of great importance, not only for their sake, but because of the effect it is bound to have on our work in North and South China. Many return to their native land—what report do they carry back of our so-called Christian civilization? Too often, and with sorrow we confess it, their report cannot be much to our credit. For this reason we are thankful for even a small part in bringing the Good News to those from the land of Sinim, and in convincing some that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe, and that many in our homeland illustrate this, though they see so much to the contrary.

Toronto.—Our representative, Miss Hugill, has for the past nine months been in South China to perfect herself in the language, and to learn better to understand the mentality of the people she is seeking to serve. We feel that Miss Hugill's work amongst the women and children of our city was of inestimable value, even before she left for China, and will, we know, be still more valuable on her return. Mrs. McMillan, who did so much in days past for the work, has sought, as far as possible, to fill Miss Hugill's place during her temporary absence. She reports that there are between fifty and sixty women now in Toronto, and at least one hundred children. The systematic visiting of the homes has done much to win the love of the women and children, and many of them are eagerly looking forward to Miss Hugill's return. The Sunday School, though not large, give promise of results, judging from the faithful, earnest spirit of those attending. They have received great inspiration from the visits of Miss Dickson and Miss Gunn.

There is a great feeling of hopefulness over the appointment of Rev. Mr. Noyes to superintend this work in Ontario and Quebec, and our prayer will be that his work amongst the Chinese in Canada may be as blessed as it was in China itself, where he and his father worked so faithfully amongst the people they loved.

Vancouver.—Miss Harrison, our worker since last July, has worked well, in spite of the severe handicap of poor quarters. When she was appointed last summer she was asked to begin the study of the language and to become acquainted with the people and conditions, and as she says, such preparatory work, though it does not make a great showing in a report, is absolutely vital if anything worth while is to be done. She was met with critical looks from many of the women when she began, but has won her way with them and finds that sympathetic interest, especially in times of sickness, is a great help. Last October it was arranged to have every

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Thursday afternoon for the women, but the handicap of very poor accommodation has not been conducive to arousing interest. The women regard the building as belonging to the men and tradition and training are hard to overcome. The Board gave Miss Harrison permission to secure a cottage where she could live and where the women could come, but to secure a suitable one has so far been impossible. A Mission Band has been organized and a most successful Christmas entertainment was given. We do trust that better quarters may, before long, be found for our work in this city to which so many Chinese come. We cannot expect our workers to do their best work in unfavorable surroundings.

Victoria.—Miss Cronkhite and Mrs. McQueen are our efficient and faithful representatives here. Miss Cronkhite's letters are a continual pleasure. She enters so vividly into the details of her work that she makes these people live for us, although we have not seen them. Their joys and sorrows are evidently hers, and one wishes for a big fortune to help this work so dear to her. We feel we know Rev. Mr. Leung and his four children, Solomon, Rebecca, Ruth and Lily, the last named able to play accompaniments at ten years of age. We went through their Christmas entertainment with them in Victoria, so vividly did Miss Cronkhite describe it, and clapped invisible hands at the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by Rev. Mr. Keran, Rev. Mr. Leung and Mr. Walter Lee. We have grieved over the trials of poor Florence Lee, a girl of seventeen, who is being persecuted for righteousness' sake. Miss Cronkhite showed her some pictures of missionaries, under which were the words: "Who follows in their train?" She said to her, "Do you Florence?" "Yes, Miss Cronkhite," was her reply. The kindergarten began with 20 and closed with 35. Twenty-four attend night school, 57, Chinese school, 88, S. S., and 26 are members of the Mission Band, and 12 of a music club. Ten dollars was given by the Mission Band, and the total raised for all purposes by a membership of 49 was \$371. Nine hundred dollars was promised for the Forward Movement, of which \$500 has been paid.

The severe handicap to the work in Victoria, as in Vancouver, is inadequate room, but there is a prospect of a change which we do trust may materialize. But in every place we realize and are thankful for the fact that it is "not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit" that this or any other work can go forward. We rejoice that so many from the land of Sinim are finding Christ to be their Saviour.

Deaconess Work

There are 14 Deaconesses on our staff. They are stationed as follows: 1 in Alberta; 1 in British Columbia; 2 in Manitoba; 8 in Ontario; 1 in Quebec; 1 in Saskatchewan. The following brief extracts, culled from their reports, are chosen to show the diversity in their work and the excellence of their service.

Alberta.—**Edmonton.**—Miss Agnes B. Coutie, deaconess at large, reports great variety in her work. A choir of teen age girls was organized in the "Walterdale" Mission. Rest meetings for the mothers were held each week in the different districts, needy families were assisted, and the Gospel story told daily.

British Columbia.—**Nanaimo.**—Miss L. M. Phoenix' work has been varied, useful and greatly appreciated. She has cared for the sick, greeted the lonely newcomer, written notes of comfort to the sorrowing, urged people to use the means of grace, and led the children publicly to express themselves in prayer. Is the words of her minister, Mr. Unsworth, "She has given patient, painstaking, and wholly devoted and faithful assistance, and no one can estimate the power of the ministry of prayer of this wise and devoted Christian woman."

—Deaconess Work

Manitoba.—**Winnipeg.**—Miss Anna M. Keith, deaconess to the Ruthenians, reports progress. The Sunday School has grown from 35 to 120 in three years. A Manitoba College student is Superintendent, and four other University men and women assist on Sundays or week days. Two of the senior Ruthenian girls help in the beginners' department. \$88.08 was contributed to the Famine Fund.

Miss Jessie Mackenzie, whose field is Point Douglas, says that there is great need of leadership, and that visiting is a necessity. She is President of the W.M.S. They have organized a Junior Congregation and she had charge of it for three Sundays. The task she faces is a big one, but, in the strength of the One who is all-sufficient, she goes forward.

Ontario.—**Toronto.**—Miss Annie Miller is doing excellent work in St. Giles. She has one of the largest Mission Bands in the city, with a membership of 125. She assists in all the other activities of the church.

Miss C. J. Moffatt graduated in April and was designated to Fairbank Church in May. Much time was given to visiting, as the district is scattered. The Sunday School is growing rapidly, the attendance having more than doubled in the year. Teachers and leaders are hard to find. Miss Moffatt acts as Superintendent of the Intermediate Department and Junior Endeavor, conducts two cottage prayer meetings a week, and also does secretarial work.

Miss Annie Hicks was appointed to give part time in Silverthorne. There is no Presbyterian Church there, but preparations are being made to purchase a site. In the meantime, Miss Hicks is looking after the Presbyterian cause by visiting, holding cottage prayer meetings and a Sunday School.

Miss Alice C. E. Porter, deaconess at Dale Church, Toronto, has paid over 400 visits to sick people. Besides this ministry, she works in the Sunday School, Young People's Meetings and Mission Bands. The Junior Band, under her superintendence, has increased from 20 to 52. She also finds ample opportunity for many other forms of service.

Hamilton.—Miss Margaret Allen reports much work accomplished. She teaches in the Sunday School, and in addition, has a young women's Bible class, which meets at 2 o'clock. All the girl teachers in the Sunday School attend. Studying the Sunday School lesson with them helps them in their own classes. The girls have a missionary offering every Sunday, and hope to raise enough money to keep an Indian native worker, and also provide flowers for the sick. Much time is spent visiting, and the results are good. An Associate Society of the W.M.S. was recently organized in connection with the mothers' meetings.

Miss Sophie Mitchell, Deaconess at Laidlaw Memorial has had a strenuous year. There were 200 children in the Sunday School, and the Department has an attendance of nearly 200. Interest in all church organizations has been encouraging and, notwithstanding business depression, the generous gifts of the people have been worthy of commendation. Hospital visiting claimed much time.

Sault Ste. Marie.—Miss Agnes Staples.—In May, the Italian and All People's Mission united, and they now have a well-organized Community Centre, with four workers on the staff, the Presbyterian missionary, Mr. Saurio, an Italian, and Miss Agnes Staples, our Deaconess, being two of the four. The building is commodious. Italian, Finnish, Russian, Ukrainian, Syrian, English and Canadian children attend the Sunday School, 136 being on the roll. The little folk are taught with sand tables and pictures. Two Syrian women and three senior girls attended the Summer School. The President of the C.G.I.T. is an English girl, the Vice-President, an Italian; the Secretary and Treasurer, Finns. Syrian and Russian girls are active members. This is a field of great opportunity.

Copper Cliff.—Miss Viena Heinonen, Deaconess among the Finns, resigned in October, to continue her studies in Toronto University. She did splendid work among the Finnish settlers in Louise Township, holding church services and Daily Vacation School during the summer.

—Strangers' Department

stances between the preaching points cause hard missionaries. Churches and manse are among the mentioned has at present only four rooms, but more. There is also great need of hospitals. To enable people of his parish more frequently, an automobile would be of inestimable value. The missionary welcomed, whether he visits a family, a bachelor's big camp.

B.C.—Willow River, Duck Range, Hefley Creek, ndiang, Rich Valley, Milk River; Sask.—Lily Dale, r, Waldeck, Wartime, Bowell and Redcliff, Hatton, , Ashern; Ontario—Sellwood, Dean Lake.

(Miss) CECILIA GRAY,
Secretary.

Strangers' Department

of the Department of the Stranger, shows the d in the different provinces and special mission- 1920, 3,046 removals were reported to the head 1919, with an additional number sent directly to The Methodist and Anglican Women's Mission- ng Strangers' Secretaries, and we are already in

the Canadian Council of Immigration of Women there are hostels at Halifax, St. John, Montreal, a, Calgary and Vancouver.

ifesting a deeper personal interest in the foreign- ally by teaching them English. We have found t restless, even Bolshevik at times, deeply con- al affairs, willing to talk freely about religion, ey have imperfect ideas about God which react tizens, but they deprecate the lack of religious and the dearth of Christian literature in their ual number are "intellectuals," in whom there r good or ill.

request from the head of the Ukrainian Diplomatic at we urge our Church to start a medical mission

eing sent to Rev. Hunter Boyd at Glasgow, for on the outgoing ships.

ir appreciation of the co-operation of railway em- immigration parties, employers, school teachers, sees, the majority of whom are Christian people. ically is deeply concerned about immigration, but ould welcome a pronouncement by the Church expected of our new citizens. We urge our men- en and women to all positions of trust, to secure ng Christians as teachers and to emphasize the schools.

MISSIONARIES

g has continued her strenuous duties without re- ception in Ottawa with regard to the selection quots. A large number of Jews are arriving, for he Jews are prepared. It was necessary to appoint ng to undertake the work among those remaining

Strangers' Department—

in the city. Miss Lily McArthur, a graduate deaconess, was chosen. Miss Hall reports many out-of-town and American patients in the hospitals. She is now permitted to visit the Royal Victoria Hospital. Our three mission- aries meet monthly in conference with Rev. Mr. McLeod, Rev. Mr. Chisholm and the Strangers' Secretaries.

Toronto.—Miss Murray reports a year of blessing in the hospitals. In addition to former work she visits the Mercer Reformatory and the Burn- side Hospital and addresses the nurses. Miss McDougall made a special study of conditions among students and children of the public schools trans- ferred across the city. There are 12,000 such transfers annually. We urge the co-operation between rural and city churches to protect the youth of our churches from the allurements of the city. Mrs. McIntyre is a pioneer in the work of the W.M.S. among the foreigners. She has met them in language lessons in the Shevchenko Society, at the church, in private lessons, in the Juvenile Court and Police Court, in their search for em- ployment and in their homes. An interesting exhibit of Ukrainian work- manship was placed in the Canadian National Exhibition. The small hall on Bathurst St. has given place to a beautiful church on Royce Avenue, provided by the Presbytery. The W. M. S. contributed an organ and a lantern. In Toronto the missionaries, Strangers' Secretaries and Presi- dents meet in conference periodically.

Winnipeg.—Miss McLeod has been appointed to visit hospitals. Mrs. Lewis has taken charge of the cross-city work and immigration. She has emphasized the care of scholars leaving our Sunday Schools and the lack of boarding accommodation for young women. Miss Robertson, who had the immigration work from March to June, and Miss Matheson, who had it from June to November, have retired after faithful work.

Saskatoon.—Miss Russenholt began work December 1st, and is making a careful study of local conditions.

Calgary.—In the autumn, Miss Mackenzie was appointed to the work. She is linking up with the Secretaries and the Presbytery's Committee. Hospital visiting has been valuable.

Edmonton.—Miss Isabel Contie continues her work in hospital visiting and immigration, linking together the city and country Secretaries and co-operating with other churches.

Vancouver.—Miss Sutherland has visited the hospitals and taken care of the strangers and is interesting the young women of the city in them. She finds that frequently a new arrival helps to locate a former immigrant whose address was unknown.

In all the work the newcomers are introduced to the churches, and the Scriptures given to the patients in the hospitals. The total expenditure of the department was slightly over \$10,000.

(Mrs. Joseph M.) ETHEL WEST,
Secretary.

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Section heading: "Work in Canada" includes sub-sections "**The Chinese**" printed pp 85 only.

"Strangers' Department" printed pp, 104 - 105 inc. the work of **Miss Murray**. [Report by "(Mrs. Joseph M.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

to the School Homes: Pointe aux Trembles, St. Pierre, Teulon (boys), Vegreville (boys), Boswell and Fortune, Vegreville (girls), Sifton and Ethelbert Home; and to the Reserves: Rolling River, Hurricane Hills and Qu'Appelle.

Every hospital received a generous supply of honey and bottled fruit. This was much appreciated.

The total value of supplies and bales was \$34,069.76, and \$796.28 was paid for freight, of which \$596.17 was refunded by the Government on bales to Indian Schools.

It is needless to say our bales of clothing were very much appreciated.

QUEBEC: In presenting the annual report, I am much pleased to be able to report another year of progress.

Quebec Presbyterial sent the following supplies: Outfits for 7 pupils of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Boarding School; bales to St. John's Hall, Quebec, and the Dr. Hunter Hospital, Teulon; total value of which was \$789.75.

Montreal Presbyterial sent outfits for 20 pupils of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, quilts and 30 yards pillow cotton; supplies to Namur School; and Tourville; bales to Bonnyville Hospital, Dorchester House, Strangers' Department, French Work, Rev. Mr. Roy, Jewish Mission, Pointe aux Trembles, Rosemont fire sufferers; Columba House—baby layette. Total value, \$3,024.95. This makes a total value from our Province of \$3,814.70, which is an increase over last year. As we rejoice in any progress that may have been made, let us enter our new work with the fixed purpose to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." According as we have this aim in our lives, to that extent shall we develop, and through us our work, according to His will.

SASKATCHEWAN: The allocation of supplies was as follows: Cote Indian Day School, partial outfit; Moose Mountain Day School, partial outfit; requirements for Grande Prairie Hospital (not needed, so are held over to be sent to Vermilion Hospital Unit in spring); Battleford and Prince Albert School Homes. Value supplies, \$2,917.33.

Reserve bales were sent to Moose Mountain, Round Lake and Cote Indian Reserve. Value reserve bales, \$1,307.15.

Total value supplies, \$4,224.48.

We thus send a message of cheer into our hospitals, school homes, Indian schools and reserves, as well as into many districts where the gift of prosperity has not been very liberal during the past three years. During the autumn every Presbyterial sent bales to the drought-afflicted districts, and special mention must be made of the willingness and enthusiasm shown by the Supply Secretaries and helpers in gathering those bales at a time when we thought our supply work finished for the year. Our work and interests have broadened with the years.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE SIX PROVINCIALS

Receipts	
Alberta	\$1620 90
British Columbia:	
Cash	\$657 60
Bales	1236 00
Manitoba:	1893 60
Cash	\$3218 55
Supplies and Bales	1213 80
	4432 35

Ontario	34069 76
Quebec	3814 70
Saskatchewan:	
Supplies	\$2917 33
Reserve Bales	1307 15
	4224 48

Expenditure for Equipment

Strangers' Department	\$ 42 50
Jews	8 00
School Homes	370 31
Indian Boarding Schools	398 71
Hospitals	1895 14
Foreign Equipment	331 17
	\$3045 83
School Homes Forward Movement Fund	650 00
Chinese Work	400 00
Hospital Unit from sale Grande Prairie	770 59

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,
Secretary.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

The interest in the Christianization of the men and women coming from far distant China deepens, as our knowledge grows of them personally, and our sense of the tremendous importance of the work in relationship to missionary work in their mother land. It also deepens, when we realize the great effect the carrying on of this work; or its neglect has on ourselves and our country.

The wonderful industry and economy of these people, combined with a quickness of mind, and a desire to learn everything that will advance them materially, have aroused the antipathy of certain sections of our Canadian community. We cannot shut our eyes to the vices peculiarly common to themselves, but when we look at those of our own people, we cannot adopt the Pharisaical attitude of being "holier than thou". The Chinese Oriental is here, pursuing his calling in a quiet unoffensive way. As a Church, we believe in the evangelization of the heathen, and we have them beside us, ready to accept the faith if they do not learn of the Saviour of the World.

It is very gratifying to be able to report a deepening interest in them on the part of all denominations. This common interest is doing a great deal towards promoting a sense of brotherhood among Christians of all Churches, and in this way accomplishing a two-fold work.

Our Society's work is still confined to three centres—Victoria, Vancouver and Toronto, but in all three a new enthusiasm has been created by the securing of buildings more suitable than formerly. Work can be done when buildings are larger and airier, and our worker not fighting continually against depressing surroundings.

In Vancouver, Miss Harrison has had much to contend with and her faith and patience were severely tried by the delay in securing a good and suitable building, but that difficulty has at last been overcome and the outlook is bright. The and Miss McCauley the housekeepers are now in comfortable quarters and where classes for the Chinese women and girls are held. The women have a club which meets every Thursday, the first one of

Deaconess Work

Although there has been no expansion of the Deaconess Work this year, there have been some changes in the fields supplied.

The brief reports of our workers which follow, indicate something of the variety of ways a deaconess may serve the Church—from that of a pastor's assistant in a city church, to that of a missionary on an Indian Reserve.

Alberta.—Edmonton.—Miss Agnes Coutie, as Deaconess-at-large, continues her work with the same unfailing devotion. She reports the erection and opening of a little church in the Walterdale section, where she has been doing mission work for some time, holding service in the school house. A combined church and Sunday school service is held here on Sunday morning, while in the afternoon she conducts a Bible class in Calvin Church and assists with the service which follows. During the week mothers' meetings are held in different districts and many visits made.

British Columbia.—Nanaimo.—Miss Lulu Phoenix carried on the work here while the congregation was without a pastor, and rendered valuable service to the church and community. She retired from our staff at the end of June and later took up work under another department of the church.

Manitoba.—Winnipeg.—Miss Anna M. Keith, deaconess to the Ruthenians, reports a difficult year owing to opposition due to socialistic and nationalistic ideas. The Junior Congregation, begun in January, and continuing until the fall, proved very successful, and while without a pastor was the only church service besides the Sunday School. The work of the latter has been most encouraging, and much help has been given by volunteer workers.

A Mission Band of junior boys and girls was organized in October and gives great promise; meetings are held weekly. The work amongst the teen age girls is more difficult, but an adapted form of the C. G. I. T. program is being used with good results.

The work of the older boys is under the direction of a university student, who for the past three years has kept in close touch with their Sunday and mid-week activities. Miss Herich, a Ruthenian student, assisted Miss Keith for a few months with great acceptance, her knowledge of the language and customs of the people was of great value.

Miss Jessie Mackenzie, whose work lay in Point Douglas district, rendered excellent service until November when she entered the Jewish work.

Ontario.—Hamilton.—Miss Margaret Allan, deaconess in St. David's congregation, who has rendered efficient service for a number of years, still continues her good work, although her engagement with the W. M. C. terminated the end of April.

Miss Sophia Mitchell, in Laidlaw Memorial Church, reports a very strenuous year, owing to business depression, and the large relief work which had to be done for the new comers who were unable to find employment. Progress has been made in all departments of the church work.

Strangers' Department

In the Department of the Stranger there are now thirteen missionaries under the W.M.S. giving their full time to the work and reporting as follows:

Montreal.—Miss King states that every overseas boat and ship-train has been met by a representative of our church. A number of brides and unaccompanied children have come to Canada. The British immigrants were of good type. An exceptional number of Jews have passed through, and the direct route to Italy accounted for a larger number of Italians. Correspondence will be started with Waldensian pastors, and Miss King will give some time to the study of Italian. The Signal Service has kept the port workers informed of the arrival of ships, thus avoiding waste of time. Conductresses have co-operated, and reports were frequently sent on request to the Government in special cases. The Presbyterian Society of Montreal has contributed comforts for women and children going up country; Miss Harvie has given much voluntary service. Miss McArthur has assisted Miss King during the busy season, but devoted most of her time to locating immigrants in the city. In most cases she was successful. She has also helped the members of our auxiliaries in visiting and linking the newcomers to the churches. Meetings for conference have been held with secretaries of the auxiliaries. Miss Hall, a visitor in the hospitals, tells of a number of patients from the United States and the Maritime Provinces. The Officials have been most cordial. A communion service was arranged for the elderly bed-ridden patients in St. Margaret's Home. The workers in Montreal meet periodically with the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery.

Toronto.—Miss Murray, in her hospital visiting found a need for a place where patients, who would be difficult to connect with the social life of the churches on account of the nature of their treatment in the hospitals, might visit from time to time, and receive spiritual help. Some of these people were from out of town and were attending day clinics. She has, for this reason, provided herself with a small apartment. Many women have broken down from war strain and unemployment. The Testaments have proved invaluable. Never once has the Presbyterian Society or some friend failed to meet her needs. In some hospitals nurses ask her help with patients in trouble. In the General Hospital she addresses the nurses-in-training on her work in Scotland and in the city.

Miss McDougall has secured names of strangers from the Home Mission Office, Government Employment Bureau, Colleges and the Board of Education—507 Presbyterians in all. Every week the Board of Education sends the names of all children transferred from one school to another, stating the new address and religion. Miss McDougall, acting for an inter-church committee, forwards this information at once to a secretary for each denomination, who in turn communicates with her respective congregation. Between five hundred and one thousand names are received monthly and through them an equal number of little or older children and twice as many adults were discovered. This type of work has proved to be the most definite and immediately fruitful of all our efforts. Immigrant trains have been met, the workers of all denominations working together and relieving one another.

Mrs. McIntyre continues her tireless work among the foreign born, chiefly Ukrainian, until she is known by them throughout the city. She has been a great help to the Rev. F. C. Crath, their minister, and has helped to bring together all the "foreign" missionaries in the city. An unusual number of "intellectuals" from Europe have come to Toronto and have

been given an immediate welcome and introduced to English speaking people in our churches. We desire to emphasize again the importance of the re-action of the life of the foreign born in Canada on their home lands, particularly in Central Europe at present. The Canadian National Exposition gave increased attention to the exhibit of Ukrainian handiwork and has provided prizes for the next exhibition. An amusing tribute to the work of the Mission has been the action of the Bolsheviks, who in applying for citizenship papers, gave their religion as Presbyterian and our Missionary as a reference.

Winnipeg.—Miss McLeod has spent a busy year in the hospitals. She has found her knowledge of Indian and Ukrainian helpful. The auxiliaries both from town and country, have helped in comforts, delicacies and visiting. There were 2096 patients in hospitals; 108 at home and 33 were taken care of by congregations.

Mrs. Lewis has come face to face with difficulties in housing and unemployment in dealing with immigrants. Whole families have come, also many young men and women. She has been able to co-operate with the City Social Welfare and Scottish Societies. One of her newcomers is now an elder, some are in choirs. She emphasizes the increased importance of the second, third and fourth visit to a stranger after having called once. The names of students have been received from the colleges.

Miss Grogan was appointed to immigration work but was used to visit the families of Sunday School scholars in St. John's, Old Kildonan and St. Giles churches. She has brought out the need for this in all congregations as many teachers do not visit their pupils in their homes. In seven and a half months she made 786 calls and made definite reports to the churches, in one case at least, entering the names in the elders' books. The other four missionaries combine in each of the cities where they live the separate work of those in the larger cities—hospitals, students, immigration.

Saskatoon.—Miss Russenholt at Saskatoon has spent her first full year of work in that city and reports progress. She emphasizes particularly the need for sustained social life, rather than spasmodic, in the churches, for students. Her hospital work has been full of variety for overseas and out-of-town patients far from home.

Edmonton.—Miss Coutie at Edmonton reports 310 strangers, 1714 Presbyterian hospital patients and 470 soldiers in hospital. Literature has been distributed; country and city secretaries have pulled together to make it a useful, happy year.

Calgary.—Miss MacKenzie at Calgary reports, for her first year, 969 persons reported to her. Most of the overseas people reported to her were Scotch or Irish. In visiting the 969 she found many other strangers who had slipped out of the knowledge of the church.

British Columbia.—Miss Sutherland, at Vancouver, besides doing her city work visited many newcomers who were establishing homes in the outskirts. The hospital visiting has been heavy. She had been asked to address meetings and this almost invariably led to personal work by our members. After many years of service as deaconess at Prince Rupert, the Kootenay and Vancouver, she will go east for a well-earned rest of three months. All the missionaries speak of the co-operation of the churches, the unemployment, the calls to address meetings, the general interest in immigration. They urge the need for reporting removals when people leave our churches and schools if we are to find them before they lapse into indifference. Our thanks are again due to the Bible Society for free copies of the Scriptures.

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"Work in Canada" section at this time includes sections entitled "Strangers' Department" & "Chinese":

"Strangers' Department" is basically about meeting ships, but no mention of Chinese and does not look useful except for section on **Miss Murray**:

(p. 100) Excerpt from the "Toronto" sub-heading of Stranger's Department report:

"Miss Murray visited in 5 of the largest hospitals and the Mercer Reformatory. There is need for separate apartments where patients leaving the hospital may meet her privately. There is also need for accommodation where homeless women, whose days of usefulness are passed, might be cared for, and for convalescents who are not public charges."

[Report submitted by "(Mrs. J.) Ethel West, Secretary"]

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Chinese section - printed

"Social Service" section does not mention Miss Murray

List of officers shows all with Toronto addresses, although one of the "Honorary Presidents" was Mrs. J.C. Sharp, of Montreal.

President: Mrs. J. MacGillivray

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jas Wilson

Corresponding Secretary: Miss Bessie MacMurchy

At the end of the year I found we had saved 57 cents per member, as well as the cost and trouble of shipping and packing. We have met all our obligations for the year for the schools, hospitals and reserves, besides helping in relief work on several mission fields, and still have on hand a good cash balance. We hope for another year it can be done for \$1.00 per member.

I must thank the Presbyterian Supply Secretaries for their kind and efficient help and desire to pay special tribute to Assiniboia Presbyterian for the extra task of clothing 112 children in their own Presbyterian, in addition to their money gift to the general fund. The task was tremendous; but surely their hearts must be filled with joy and the blessing of their Heavenly Father.

(Mrs. D. B.) MARGARET HANNA,
Secretary.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

The important work of Christianizing the Chinese in Canada is, as formerly, carried on in the three important centres—Vancouver, Victoria, and Toronto. A great work is being done by our Church in every part of our Dominion, but that of our Woman's department is just in these three centres. We have approximately 700 Chinese women in Canada, the greater number being in Vancouver, as it is the port city. We can readily understand the loneliness of many of these women, who are not only strangers, but in many cases, unwelcome strangers.

Victoria.—Miss Cronkhite, with the able assistance of Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Louie, a Chinese Christian, carries on a most successful work among the Chinese women and their children. Mrs. Louie's support is undertaken by a class in one of the churches in Victoria. The kindergarten closed the year with 48 on the roll and an average attendance of 30, which is increased in fine weather to between 33 and 40. In the afternoon Mrs. Louie and Mrs. Leung carry on a school with 36 on the roll. Of these, two came only one month, seven do not pay, and the rest pay from \$6.00 to \$9.00 for six months, according to grade. Then an English afternoon school is held, with an average attendance of 17. There are 75 on the roll of the Sunday School, which has an average attendance of 45. The collection for the year amounted to \$58.41. This was the first year that no outside help, except \$6.00 for the Christmas treat, was given. There is an alive Mission Band with a membership of 21 and an average attendance of 14. The combined contributions of the Band and the Sunday School to Missions was \$13.07. There is a music club of 13. We deeply regret that its president, Miss Alice Chung, a sister of Dr. Victoria Chung, passed away during the summer—a great grief to all.

There were 60 on the roll of the night school before midsummer, but it fell to 38 after holidays, mainly owing to the policy of the School Board in the segregation of the Chinese.

One woman and two children were baptized. Of the 48 children in the kindergarten 17 are from Christian homes, and 26 families are represented in the Sunday School in the proportion of 9 Christian to 17 non-Christian, and in the kindergarten of 10 Christian to 16 non-Christian. We feel the work here is in a very encouraging state and the new Church building has been a source of great influence for good.

Vancouver.—Possession was taken of our new quarters in January, where Miss Harrison and Miss McCauley live and carry on work. The

securing of this house, so greatly needed, has been most gratifying. For the first six months the kindergarten was conducted in co-operation with the Methodists, but they withdrew, and Miss Harrison has since been carrying on the work alone. Since the 1st of October, there has been an enrolment of 16, with an average attendance of 8. On Tuesday afternoon a class, originally intended for the older girls, but now open to all ages, including the boys, is held. The first Tuesday is Mission Band day, which has been in charge of a voluntary worker. The other Tuesdays were devoted to sewing for the older girls, kindergarten for the smaller ones, and games and drawing for the boys. In June a cooking class was organized, meeting 2 Tuesdays a month, with an average attendance of six, Miss McCauley assisting. There has been an enrolment altogether for the Tuesday classes of 40. Three voluntary teachers helped during the year, and gave valuable assistance. A very delightful Halloween party was given, at which 55 were present, including seven women. The women have Thursday as their day, the first one in the month being a combination of the religious and social interests. It is conducted in Chinese, by one of the women, and is followed by a social cup of tea. The other Thursdays are devoted to lessons—English, sewing and music. Visiting is done in the different homes, and is proving to be one of the best methods for reaching the women. A very successful Christmas entertainment was held, at which over 200 were present, and something for every boy and girl was on the tree.

Toronto.—Miss Dickson has "carried on" in our home on Murray Street. She has also visited in Montreal, where there are 45 women; in Ottawa, where there are 8; Brockville, 6; Hamilton, 7; and one each in Kingston, Perth and Cornwall. Miss Dickson greatly regrets that her visits have been only hurried ones in passing. Ottawa is especially anxious to have systematic work begun. There are 60 women in Toronto at present. Two have returned to China. Two others came from St. Catharines; one of these has since returned there, and the other has gone to Brockville. One Christian woman went to Hamilton, and one has come from Oshawa. In her visiting Miss Dickson found 3 who could read Chinese fairly well, and who have enjoyed Happy Childhood greatly. A prayer-meeting is held every Friday, and the regular attendants can read more or less. Two of them are thinking of making a public profession, but as yet have not done so. The attendance rarely exceeds five or six, though as many as ten have been there; but the spirit of those attending is making it really worth while. Two receptions were held, one when the home on Murray Street was opened, on October 6th, and the other to bid farewell to Mrs. J. W. MacMillan, who, with her husband, has gone to South China. The women then presented her with a beautiful leather case as a token of their appreciation of all she had done for them. Thanks are due six voluntary workers, young ladies who have helped Miss Dickson so willingly with the care of the children, and in the singing. The Murray Street home is filling a long-felt want. The women feel so glad they have a place of their own. We ask for the increasing interest and prayers of our Canadian Christian women in these Chinese women in Canada, that the Gospel may take hold of their hearts.

(Mrs. A.) MARGARET HAMILTON,
Secretary.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The first step taken in this work was to send out through the Messenger a call to our members for:

(a) More personal service in reaching out to the lives of those of the church community, bringing them into closer relationship with the church—following the example of Jesus, who went about doing good;

(b) Closer co-operation with teachers in the Sunday School for follow-up work;

(c) A better welcome for the foreigner and deeper interest in his welfare.

(d) Co-operation with all Social Service work already started in the Church;

(e) Co-operation with all other religious bodies, organizations and institutions doing social service work in the community;

(f) The study of the needs and resources of the community, especially relating to children, and so building for the future.

In order to carry out the resolution passed by the W.M.S. at the Galt Council meeting in 1922, representatives of the Executive Board met the Advisory Committee of the Assembly's Board of Home Missions and Social Service to discuss the work of the W.M.S. Social Service department. At this meeting the W.M.S. stated that, as the Board of Home Missions and Social Service had asked them, as its auxiliary, to consider taking up this line of work, the Board should, through its Presbyteries' Committees, secure the co-operation of the ministers of our church before any special work be undertaken. The Advisory Committee agreed that if the work is to be a success such an understanding would be necessary. Representatives from our W.M.S. were asked to prepare an outline of what they considered should be presented to the full Board of Home Missions and Social Service, and to the ministry through Presbyteries' Committees. The W.M.S., in outlining this programme, considers that its policy must be a constructive one, especially relating itself to child welfare, and aiming to build around the child a deeper spiritual life, and a better home and community life—the outcome of which should be a better national life.

In order to carry this out, the following suggestions were approved by the Advisory Committee and the Executive Board of the W.M.S., and will be presented to Assembly's Board on March 20th:

First.—That in every Presbytery there shall be a conference between the Presbytery, the Presbyterial Society and, where possible, Presbyterian school inspectors and teachers, doctors, nurses, and any others who are deeply interested in making their community a better place in which to live.

Second.—That this conference consider the following:

1. Religious Education as part of the week-day programme: (a) Co-operate with the home, the school, the church, the community, to give religious instruction under competent teachers. This has been carried out in several centres, using the half-hour at the end of the school day allowed for this purpose by the Department of Education.

2. Vacation and leisure time of the child study in relation to:

- (a) Vacation Bible Schools,
- (b) Summer Camps,
- (c) Summer Schools,
- (d) Libraries with the story hour,
- (e) Playgrounds,
- (f) Child labor.

3. The child on the farm.

4. The child in industry.

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(8) "Summary of Proceedings of the General Council" ... Excerpt: "Silver Jubilee Medals were presented by Mrs. McKerroll to the workers who had given longest service in their departments. These were [Canada]:" ... [list of names includes Miss Mary C. Murray] Mrs. McKerroll is listed in the "Committees" section as a member of the "Executive Committee" with no particular title (president, etc. are not named this year, and names are given in alphabetical order, a couple dozen of them)

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"Social Service" section; sub-heading "Report of Workers"

Excerpt: (p. 90) [note bold type is in original here] "**Miss Mary Murray**, hospital visitor; reports splendid co-operation with staffs of the different hospitals, the Home for Incurables, the Mercer Reformatory. Her visits touch the stranger just out from the old land, the young, the old, the sorrowing and the wayward.

The work of looking after and placing the unmarried mother becomes more difficult because of scarcity of work: She also has difficulty in placing aged women in Homes, because of the lack of accommodation." [Report submitted by "(Mrs. R.) Helen Wilson"]

with bales of clothing and quilts. A quantity of honey was ospitals and much appreciated. Apart from the work allo-, many Y. W. Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, and C.G.I.T. groups nd mile and sent boxes of lovely Christmas gifts to hospitals, including some public schools in Northern Ontario. Total 1.92; Indian freight, \$527.55. Total cost of furnishing and new hospital at Hearst, \$2,107.91; also \$570.92 in supplies low cases, towels, etc. I received from the Treasurer of the cil, \$1,825.00. The balance was paid by money sent by the

Out of 27 Presbyteries, only 6 sent money this year. Our the Indian children is progressing favorably, and the value of telling on the young. On a reserve last year, no woman was until she had first whitewashed her home, inside and out. To newcomers this "Missionary quilt" is the first they have many of our workers pay great tribute to the work of young Mission Band workers, for the beautiful baby clothes and its. The needy Mission fields are supplied from Toronto with other Presbyteries: Chatham, Maitland, Saugeen, Whitby, elph, Peterboro, and Lindsay—all contributing splendid bales and quilts. Toronto reports handling over 800 quilts and ons of clothing. London doubled her supplies, also sending an, and medical supplies to Matheson.

are due to all who shared in this great work of our Jubilee.

—This department has had a year of satisfactory work through co-operation of Secretaries, Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. groups, and ds. The work of the Junior Societies is on a much better previous years. Quebec Presbyterial reports having sent:— pupils, Alberni Indian B. School, \$305.16; Supplies, Hunter 33.31; Second-hand clothing, \$50.00; Quilts, etc., for St. John's Christmas bales, Round Lake, \$50.00; Total, \$568.47. Mont- erial sent the following:—Outfits for 23 pupils, Alberni B. sheeting, towels, etc.; Bales to Tourville, Namur, St. Columba, ter Houses, St. John's Hall, Jewish Presbyterian Mission, school, Mr. Foucher, Valenay, and the Presbyterian French of total value, \$2,025.58. The Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. groups reat Presbyterial sent the following: 6 boxes clothing, toys, ng River reserve, \$70.00; 1 box to Mr. Le Bel, Namur, \$10.00; res, etc., to crippled children, Montreal, \$5.00; games, dolls, mlers House, \$20.00; baby clothes, etc., to Chalmers House, y clothes, etc., Redemptive House, \$22.00; 6 nightgowns and 4 s to Bonnyville, \$5.50 box of puzzles, paper dolls etc., to Miss Total, \$159.00. Grand total, \$2,753.00; An increase of \$120.97. grateful for the privilege of being able to help those less for- ourselves.

hewan.—Having found the plan of putting the Supply Depart- money basis so successful, the Provincial has decided to go one and include the supply money in the budget for 1924. It is eliminating an extra fund the work will be done more efficiently ilaries, and also relieve the Presbyterial Supply Secretary, of bility regarding the financial part of the work. This also puts Department on a better working basis for the Provincial Supply who will receive the money for supplies quarterly from the Treasurer, the amount being determined on a percentage basis, o the work to be done.

Department started 1923 with a balance of \$1,288.90. During the 1923 was received from the Presbyterial Secretaries, which, with rest of \$17.70, made a total of \$3,518.83. After meeting all for the year, we will have a balance of \$1,496.80. This, we

think, goes to show that the splendid system worked out and launched by our retiring Secretary, Miss Walker, has proved satisfactory. We clothed 48 children in Round Lake, Cecilia Jeffrey and Canora Schools; provided linen supplied for the Lucy M. Baker School in Prince Albert. Saskatoon Presbyterial took charge of supplies for Wakaw Hospital, and responded to a special appeal for clothing for boys in the Edmonton School. Special mention might be made of the assistance rendered to the new School Home at Assinibolia by members of that Presbyterial. We have met our obligations for reserves, besides helping in relief work when the need arose. We thank God for putting into the hearts of women the desire to help in this splendid enterprise.

WORK IN CANADA

The Chinese

	Appointed
Miss Cronkhite Victoria, B.C.	1917
Miss Dickson Toronto, (On extended furlough)	1921
Miss Hugill Montreal, Que.	1923

It is the natural impulse of every ardent spirit to wish to see a good cause move on rapidly and a bad one move off rapidly. That the plans of the Almighty develop slowly is a difficult lesson to learn, but we rejoice that they are none the less sure, and all are for the ultimate triumph of the good. When we consider the millions of old China and the 40,000 Chinese in Canada, our work amongst them seems infinitesimal. But the little here and the little there are being added one to the other, and, as in the realm of nature, the power of accumulated littles is marvelous, so it is in the Kingdom of God.

We wish to place on record our appreciation of the steady, fruitful work being done by our W. M. S. workers amongst the Chinese women and children who have come to our land. We regret exceedingly that a temporary setback was given our work in Vancouver; but we feel that light is coming to the situation there, which the near future will reveal. For the six months of 1923 Miss Harrison (now Mrs. G. W. Campbell) gave untiring effort toward the Christianizing of the women and in gathering the children into the kindergarten, and the young girls into Mission Bands. In Victoria Miss Cronkhite, with her efficient helpers, Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Louie, is building up a work in that city, of which we are proud and thankful. There is increase in every department, from the Morning School, beginning with 47 and ending with 63 on the roll; Afternoon School conducted by Mrs. Leung and Mrs. Louie, with 56 on the roll; Sunday School, with 86 on the roll and an average attendance of 45 and offering of \$58.07. Of this amount, \$15.00 was given to missions. A Mission Band with 23 on the roll and an average attendance of 17; a Chinese W.M.S. Auxiliary, the first of its kind, organized last July, had an average attendance of 9 and total giv- ings for last half of the year \$60.90.

In Toronto Miss Dickson bears testimony to the increasing usefulness of our House on Murray Street, where every Friday and Sunday women assemble for Bible Study and prayer. The average attendance on Sunday has been 10, which is a noticeable increase. One woman comes early each Sunday for special Bible study, looking forward to uniting with the Church. Friday meetings, though small, have been faithfully attended by the few, all taking part in prayer. Our sincere thanks are due many volunteer helpers, including Methodists and Anglicans, who have given time and

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strength, musical knowledge and the use of motors towards helping on. A delightful garden party was given by Mrs. Auld, as a treat for the women and a farewell to Dr. Victoria Chung. \$33.47 was given at Sabbath services and \$10.00 to the work of the W.M.S.

Miss Dickson has been untiring in her visiting in the homes of the Chinese, giving advice and help and sympathy, which her knowledge of the language makes so real to them. Visits were also made to Ottawa, Kingston, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.

Miss Hugill began work in Montreal in October, 1923. There are 50 women there and 100 children, 30 of them under five. These women are very conservative and visiting them in their homes is as yet the only means of reaching them. When opportunity presents itself, educational and religious instruction is given. The Sunday School under Miss McGillivray's superintendence, has 52 on the roll, average attendance of 33, and 5 teachers. Miss Hugill also gives 2 nights a week to the night school. She has visited the Chinese in Ottawa, Brockville, Cornwall and Kingston.

We think lovingly and prayerfully of these our earnest workers.

(Mrs.) MARGARET HAMILTON,
Secretary

SOCIAL SERVICE

This department sent out its programme a year ago, asking that conference between Presbytery and Presbyterian be called by Presbytery to discuss ways and means of carrying it into effect.

Ontario has been the only province to respond by holding conferences, the findings of which are as follows:

Ottawa stressed the need for religious education in our week-day schools; Kingston laid the stress on Sabbath observance and mental hygiene, all other parts of the programme to be considered in a general way; Guelph made Bible study, religious instruction in the schools and the combatting of propaganda in the interests of liquor its main objective; Maitland laid stress on Sabbath observance, emphasizing specially this need in its own district; Peterboro emphasized religious training in the schools.

Considerable educational work has been done through conferences when the convener of this department met with Presbytery and with joint committees of Presbytery and Presbyterian in Toronto and elsewhere.

We look forward to greater co-operation from Presbyteries in holding conferences, so that a study programme may be prepared for use in each church, by a combined committee of leaders from all the different organizations with the W. M. S. Until these conferences are held, it will be impossible to make by-laws for this department, as we had hoped to do at our General Council Meeting in May.

In answer to a request from the Literature Committee of the Home Mission Board for co-operation in helping to provide services during the winter months on our vacant mission fields, letters were sent down through Provincials to Presbyteries, asking that our W. M. S. members and our Travelling Secretaries be ready at the call of H. M. Superintendents to assist in finding Leaders, helping those already found, providing music, Sunday School libraries, etc. This our women were quite willing to do, but no call came, as an "Order of Service" was sent out by the H. M. B.

A request came from Ontario Provincial Board for a deaconess worker for Northern Ontario. Before granting this request, it was thought advisable to make a survey of conditions there, in order to place this worker at some strategic point. With help from the Red Cross Society, the Public Health Department, the Children's Aid, the Government Agriculture and

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Mining Departments, the Y.M.C.A., all the different churches, the Frontier College, the Y.W.C.A., the Public School Inspector and the Publicity Agents of the Railways, we were able to obtain a fair working knowledge of this district. As yet our worker has not been appointed. In future, we hope to make a survey of this kind before opening up any new work.

The great need of this department is for literature based on our programme. We ask to be allowed to prepare leaflets suitable for study groups, as there is very little available except from the U.S.A. and these do not meet our Canadian needs.

This year our staff has been twenty in number.

We regretfully report the resignation of Miss Miller from St. Giles, Miss Hicks from St. David's and Silverthorn and Miss Esdon from Verdun, P.Q., all of whom have given splendid service.

Miss Isabel MacIntosh has replaced Miss Esdon at Verdun, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Messer in Scott Institute and Miss Olive Whyte, as deaconess-at-large on Vancouver Island, has replaced Miss Phoenix of Nanaimo.

REPORT OF WORKERS.

Winnipeg.—Miss A. M. Keith, Ukrainian work, reports progress, especially in the S. S. with its staff of school-teachers and university students; this, with its week-day follow-up work, gives a splendid opportunity for religious education and training for Canadian citizenship.

Miss Violet Burt, Jewish work, Robertson Memorial, has had an interesting and successful year, especially in her clinic work, which gives a splendid opportunity for follow-up work with its message of Jesus and His love. Her C.G.I.T. group plans its programme; gives short talks and takes turns in leading in prayer.

One club of 35 boys from 9 to 13 years of age meet at 7 p.m. for gymnasium exercise, then listen to stories of Bible heroes.

Miss M. McLeod, hospital deaconess, has made 1,900 visits during the year to the different hospitals and 84 follow-up visits. In this she is aided by the women of the Presbyterian. Through the kindness of the Bible Society she has been able to give copies of the gospels to patients, who appreciate them very much, as other acts of kindness done them.

Miss Grogan, North Winnipeg, reports a busy year spent in work with the several churches, in one of which she has Beginners and Primary on Sunday and C.G.I.T. through the week. Outside the Sunday work she does much follow-up of strangers, cases of illness, etc., where the personal touch is of untold value.

Miss Jessie Mackenzie, Point Douglas, finds that the children depend entirely on the S. S. and church for any spiritual training, as in the homes the Bible is not read, prayer is neglected and materialism threatens the very foundation of family life.

The camp for 90 mothers and children at Gimli gave her a chance to get into personal touch with the mothers, which cannot be had in the busy city life. There is great need for kindergarten work, as the Public School system does not provide for this type of work. There should also be some work done among girls and women living or employed in hotels and restaurants. Miss Mackenzie now enjoys the privilege of being a member of Session.

Toronto.—Miss McDonald, Scott Institute, reports an increase in her mothers' class; but a great deal of poverty in this district. Her Christmas party was a great success.

Mrs. Laura Kennedy, Scott Institute, reports a busy beginning to her work in June, when she had charge of the mothers and girls who went to camp. She says that no one who does not know the sordidness and poverty of the homes can realize what ten days' rest in pure fresh air means to these people. She was able moreover, to get nearer to them, especially the girls, than when in the mission. Her C.G.I.T. are learning the joy of

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[Report submitted by (Mrs. C. W.) Mabel McMullen]

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grant of \$1,000, but by gifts of equipment to the hospital. Miss Wilkins, who had been the capable Superintendent for five years, resigned in May. Miss Lily Simpson, now with Dr. Wilkie in India, supplied for three months, when Miss Cuddy, formerly of South Porcupine hospital, was appointed Superintendent. Miss Cuddy took up her new duties on September 1st, and under her efficient management, the hospital has done excellent work. The hearty co-operation of the doctors of Canora has contributed greatly to the success of the work.

Vegreville, Alta.—The "Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital situated in the town of Vegreville, ministers to a large foreign population. It is a twenty bed hospital, under the efficient superintendency of Miss McPherson, who has been Superintendent for five years, and is beloved by patients and staff alike. During the year, 374 patients were treated, 121 of these being surgical.

Extensive repairs have been made to the building, inside and out, which have not only improved the appearance of the hospital, but have added to the comfort and efficiency of the patients and staff.

Tribute must be paid to the splendid work of the Hospital Aid of Vegreville. The ladies have completely renovated the Nurses' Home, putting in a new furnace, and re-furnishing the sitting-room. They also gave a fruit shower for the hospital, which added 130 quarts of fruit, to the fruit cellar and to the enjoyment of the patients. Tribute also is paid to Dr. Reid for his loyal support and co-operation in everything affecting the welfare of the hospital.

(Mrs. J. M.) JESSIE A. POOLE,
Secretary.

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Deaconess Work—Welcome and Welfare

Another year of varied ministry is recorded by this Department. Reports show increasing interest, and faithful co-operation of, not only Secretaries and special workers, but by individual members everywhere who have welcomed the strangers, visited the sick, fed the hungry, and cared for those whose need claimed the "greatest of these—love."

OUR STAFF:

Miss Mary Murray, hospital visitor, Toronto, goes on her errands of mercy, carrying messages of comfort to the sick, and performing many acts of kindness such as, writing to friends, following up discharged patients and helping them in their homes, gathering lonely girls about her in her room or linking them up with some young women's club or Bible class. Her work of love takes her into our detention homes where she meets women and girls who have lost touch with every good influence and who have no one to stand beside them in their need of a friend. Miss Murray goes to these with sympathy and understanding, seeking to win them back to the high road.

Miss Annie Whitby is doing deaconess work in the Riverdale district, Toronto, for this year.

Miss Kate Lowther has been assigned to young people's work in Scott Institute.

Your Secretary regrets to report the resignation of Miss Ethel Gunn, special Jewish worker in Toronto and the removal by death of Miss Daniëls MacDonald, our much beloved worker in Scott Institute.

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Miss Margaret Allan continues general deaconess work in Hamilton.

Miss Lily MacArthur, deaconess and port worker in Montreal, will be transferred to Quebec for the summer months to meet the increasing immigration service.

Miss Iris Munro, port worker in Montreal, will have an assistant for the summer months, Miss MacArthur and Miss Munro have organized a Girls' Club for newcomers which is very successful and much appreciated. The members of this Club provided Christmas cheer for some needy families among newcomers.

Miss Mary Hugill, deaconess, is assisting in recruiting church members, and scholars for the Sunday Schools in mission charges and new congregations in Montreal.

Miss B. I. Johnston served as a missionary deaconess in Cochrane for nine months. Miss Johnston speaks very appreciatively of the supply bales which were such a help in her work.

Mrs. Jean Howey, deaconess at large, Winnipeg, reports much relief work necessary. Sometimes she shelters needy newcomers in her home. The W.M.S. assists in this relief work by special contributions. A flourishing Girls' Friendly Club is a feature of the work here.

Mrs. Mackenzie, All People's Mission, Selkirk, Man. (Box 339), is missionary, teacher, preacher, and friend to the new Canadians and is making a valuable contribution to our Church in a work that is very encouraging and showing splendid results.

Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess at large, Vancouver. Welcoming strangers and reporting newcomers to the nearest church organization, visiting the sick in the homes and hospitals, relief and social service particularly in the winter months, are some features of Mrs. McLean's service.

Mrs. E. A. Wright has been carrying on Sunday School and young people's work in the district of Murrayville, B.C., during the winter months, in the absence of the student missionary.

Miss R. E. Scott, port worker at Quebec, and Miss Lena Fraser (under the Eastern Division) at Halifax, are the first to greet our newcomers and to extend a kindly welcome in the name of our Church. Both of these members are exceedingly prompt and attentive.

The Welcome and Welfare of newcomers is another branch of our social service. Reports generally are satisfactory and show interest and co-operation wherever a Welcome and Welfare department exists. Much has been done by the first visit of the Secretary, but repeated visits are most necessary. This opportunity for service rests upon every member, and your Secretaries and workers appeal for support and assistance in the effort to make newcomers realize that there is a place for them in our church and community life. A leaflet is being prepared which will be available for all Secretaries to send with a letter to any who are too far away from a church to attend. An effort will be made to supply these families with Sunday School papers and literature which will help to keep them in touch with the Presbyterian Church. Additional part time workers are to be secured for station work in some of our western cities.

Extracts from Provincial reports:

Alberta.—Miss Foote, Calgary: "More careful follow-up work. Families have been written to and supplied with Sunday School papers and visits made to the sick and shut-ins."

British Columbia.—Mrs. W. H. MacLennan, Victoria: "Better results, and more careful returns. Very helpful suggestion for leaflet. Mrs. McLean's work in Vancouver is much appreciated."

3, Winnipeg: "The work here though ately carried on. Where possible a cordial

London: "9,198 visits made, 3,580 Wel-
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Montreal: "Relief work, visiting the sick,
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Mrs. C. W.) MABEL McMULLEN,

Secretary.

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Chinese in Canada

Place	Staff	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Mrs. E. Macqueen	1919
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Lily Chan	1926
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Lawrence	1926
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Esther Fong Dickman	1927
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
Montreal, Que.	Miss Ethel C. Reid	1911
Montreal, Que.	Miss Hattie Jue	1927
Brockville, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926

Our Women's Missionary Society is carrying on work from five centres: Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Brockville and Montreal. In four of these cities the work has been greatly helped by the fact that one or more of the workers speak the Chinese language. One addition has been made to the staff—Miss Hattie Jue in Montreal. In Vancouver, Miss Esther Fong Dickman has taken the place of Miss Ida Woo. A very important contribution to the work in Ontario has come through the appointment, by the General Board of Missions, of Rev. K. C. Yeung as their worker. The scholarship, genial nature and adaptability of this Christian gentleman has won for him a real place in the Chinese community. Although appointed primarily for men's work he is rendering valuable service for the women and children.

Victoria.—Mrs. Macqueen has been visiting faithfully in the homes as well as carrying on class work. Five women have been given reading lessons. They can now read a little in the New Testament. The children's afternoon English class has grown from 17 to 23. The evening class for young men has 5 pupils. It is interesting to note that one member of this class, Mr. David Lee, is preparing for medical missionary work in China. His expenses are met by a Chinese class in Knox Presbyterian Church, Windsor, Ontario. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary membership is 10 but more attend the meetings. Their offerings were \$39.30 and nine bags for Bible women, valued at \$10. A noteworthy feature is that most of the members take part in the devotional exercises. The kindergarten, conducted by Miss Scott, has an enrollment of 46, with an average attendance of 30. The music class has 23 members. Each gets a half hour lesson a week. Seventeen are members of a music club which meets monthly for recital. The Mission Band has 43 members. The devotional exercises and mission study is followed by a sewing lesson. She teaches in night school and Sabbath school. The enrollment in the latter is 90.

Much prayer is being offered that many may be chosen witnesses for Christ. One of Miss Scott's class of ten girls has already graduated as a Sabbath School teacher.

Lily Chan has proved a faithful and efficient assistant and interpreter. She is Secretary for the W.M.S. and has a class in the primary department of the Sunday School.

Vancouver.—Splendid progress has been made notwithstanding an enforced removal from the mission property to temporary quarters. The

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S. S. has a membership of 118. The Superintendent, Secretary and four teachers are Chinese. The primary department is in charge of Miss Esther Fong Dickman and Miss Daisy Yeung.

At the Christmas entertainment the programme, given by members of the school, was enhanced by addresses from Mrs. Pillar, Provincial President, and Mrs. Herd, Presbyterian President. All the pupils received gifts. Mission Bands, Young Women's Auxiliaries and C.G.I.T. Groups made dolls and aprons for the girls. Prizes were presented to 24 pupils for regular attendance.

The Mission Band has an average attendance of 20. "Brave Adventurers" was studied. Alternating with the Band is a Bible and mission story hour with lantern slides.

The music class of 14 pupils has weekly lessons. The kindergarten has 19 children enrolled. The regular work is varied with Bible stories in Chinese by Miss Dickman. Four women get English lessons. This affords a fine opportunity for Christian teaching.

Night school is held. Valuable help was given by voluntary teachers from the various Presbyterian churches. Miss Dickman has given valued service with Miss Lawrence in every department.

Toronto.—There are about 60 women and 140 children in the homes. Three families have returned to China, among them the Rev. T. K. Ma and his family. Mrs. Ma's going was a great loss to the women's work.

Through the courtesy of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Institute the women's and children's work is carried on in their building. The Sunday afternoon women's meeting, under Miss Dickson's leadership, has an average attendance of 10. Their offerings amounted to \$19.00. These were donated to the Chinese Home Missionary Society. A prayer service is held Friday afternoons. The Saturday afternoon children's class has 13 on the roll. Their work consists of sewing, kindergarten work, games, singing and a missionary story.

Miss Sibyl Crawford, student from the Deaconess Home, has rendered splendid service especially among the children.

Miss Dickson is Superintendent of the Chinese Primary Department in Cooke's Church S. S. There are 25 children on the roll. Their missionary offerings, of \$38.77, were sent to the Chinese Home Missionary Society. About 70 boys and girls are in the S. S.

A Christmas tree and supper was enjoyed by 19 mothers and 100 children. Quilts were presented to the women attending the Sunday afternoon service, through the kindness of the Supply Department. Mrs. Thomas of Todmorden, and Miss Heal of Calvin Church sent beautiful dolls, dressed by their S. S. classes. The Board Secretaries were remembered by gifts from the Chinese women which were much appreciated.

The older girls are enrolled in a C.G.I.T. Group led by Miss Marjory Mowat and Miss Stevenson.

Four women receive Chinese lessons from Miss Dickson. She holds a monthly Sabbath service in Hamilton, and has visited the women in Windsor, Chatham, London and Brantford.

Brockville.—Miss Davies visited the Chinese in Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Perth, Renfrew, Ottawa, Cardinal, Prescott, Belleville, Kingston and Brockville, leaving Christian literature. It was well received. In nine of these towns there are women and children. She takes a deep interest in their spiritual welfare. She remembers them all at Christmas with greetings and gifts. Twelve boys and girls are in the S.S. in Brockville, and the names of 4 babes on the cradle roll. During her vacation she visited the Chinese in Windsor, Walkerville and Stratford.

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Miss Reid spent January in Windsor where there are some 700 Chinese. Eight are women. She visited these regularly and had the joy of seeing one baptized with her two children in St. Andrew's Church. She helped with the regular Chinese class each Sunday, giving a message in Chinese. She visited Chinese business places, distributing literature and giving a gospel message, also the Chinese in Chatham, Ingersoll and London.

In February, with Miss Dickson, she went to Montreal with a view to possible extension of the work. Miss Reid has continued there. In May a primary school was started in the Chinese Y.M.C.I. with Miss Hattie Jue as assistant. The enrollment is 14 and the parents are particularly pleased because Chinese instruction is given as well as English. Mrs. Fraser Robertson gives very valuable assistance two afternoons each week. There are about 44 Chinese women. These are visited and religious instruction given when possible.

A monthly meeting is held for the women with an attendance of from 10 to 15. A social hour follows the giving of the message. A most successful Christmas gathering was held at the Y.M.C.I. Beautiful quilts were presented to the mothers of the primary school children and useful gifts to the children through the kindness of the Supply department.

As opportunity offers, Miss Reid visits the towns in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, where Chinese reside, addressing many classes and services for men as well as ministering to the women and children.

Many Auxiliaries and Mission Bands seek the help of Miss Reid and Miss Dickson in deepening their interest and increasing their knowledge of work among Chinese.

Miss Dickson, Miss Davies and Miss Reid attended the Eastern Canada Chinese Workers Conference held in London in November. Miss Dickson gave the closing address.

Special Gifts.—The sum of \$44.65 was received by Miss Dickson from the Women's Auxiliary of Knox Church, Hamilton. It was given in memory of Miss Agnes Dulmage to be used for the purchase of Chinese literature. Gifts from Miss Longmore and Miss Margaret Dulmage were received for the same purpose. The Council Executive added \$50.00 to this fund and a small foundation has been laid for Chinese literature. Miss Heal's Sunday School class in Calvin Church, Toronto, made a gift of \$50.00 to Chinese work. This was applied on the salary of Miss Hattie Jue, Montreal. Stanley Church Sunday School in Montreal sent \$50.00 to assist in the primary work there.

This report cannot be closed without acknowledging a great debt of gratitude to the many faithful volunteer helpers who are giving much time and thought to the advancement of the work among the Chinese.

(Mrs. W. G.) JENNIE S. HANNA,

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[Report submitted by (Mrs. C. W.) Mabel McMullen]

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Deaconess, Welcome and Welfare—

Club, an organization of young women who meet in Knox-Crescent Church and who have been most generous toward our relief work.

Miss Mary Hugill has had a busy year among the newly arrived Presbyterian families in Verdun, Montreal, and has also assisted in Mission Band and mission work in addition to hospital visiting and Sunday School supervision.

In Toronto, Miss Annie Whitby is dividing her time among three congregations in the east end of the city and also assists with the volunteer work at the depot.

Miss Mary Murray, hospital visitor for Toronto, reports an unusual demand upon her services last year. The "flu" epidemic caused much hardship, and welcome indeed were Miss Murray's visits to the lonely and sick ones in the hospitals. With the growth of the city the number of hospitalizations is increasing and the work is heavier. Miss Murray appreciates the gifts of jam, candies, etc., which she is able to distribute among the sick and needy ones, as she gives herself unsparingly to this tender service.

Scott Institute Summer Camp was again assisted by our W.M.S. Miss Rose Paton is now attached to Scott Institute, succeeding Miss Doris Miller who has been in charge of Young Peoples' Work.

Volunteers have assisted in meeting young women who are coming to the Canadian Women's Hostel where Miss Duff is the superintendent. Miss Duff co-operates by forwarding names of Presbyterian girls to Mrs. Wilson. A fine piece of work is done just here and our Societies and Churches in Toronto owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Wilson for her prompt and unflinching services in forwarding names to Secretaries.

Miss Margaret Allen, Hamilton. Besides hospital and congregational visiting, Miss Allen has charge of Women's and Mission Band work in St. Enoch's and St. David's Churches.

Mrs. Jean Howey, deaconess-at-large for Winnipeg, has supervised the Girls' Friendly Club in addition to hospital visiting and Welcome and Welfare work. The ladies of the Winnipeg churches have shown kindly interest in the Girls' Club by entertaining them. A hostel for such girls is much needed and would provide suitable accommodation and opportunity for extension. Mrs. Howey reports more sickness and distress this year but with it, an increasing generosity which is a great encouragement and help.

Mrs. M. MacKenzie sends a splendid record for Honor Mission. The young people who have been under care and training are now able to take their places as teachers, Mission Band leaders and helpers. Two of the girls are looking forward to deaconess training. All who know of Mrs. MacKenzie's devoted service will congratulate her in seeing the fruit of her patient and faithful sewing and care, and rejoice with her sincerely.

Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess-at-large for Vancouver, has been appointed itinerating deaconess for the Province of British Columbia for the rest of this year. Mrs. McLean commenced this duty in January and her work is already commending itself in the scattered and isolated places and will be very valuable.

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson has been appointed deaconess-at-large for Vancouver City, commencing May 1st.

Welcome and Welfare:

The Welcome and Welfare Department aims to fulfil all that the name implies. To welcome newcomers to our country, to relate them as soon as possible to our Church and Church life, to help them to find a place where, forgetful of the strangeness of surroundings and a longing for the familiar scenes and faces, they will be happy and content as among friends. This is not too high an ideal for Christians for do we not read "Now therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God." Eph. 2:19. Names are sent forward and removals reported more promptly, more letters written, more visits made, more names added to our Church rolls, all of which should make us realize

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Kindergarten classes for children of pre-school age are a feature of the work in the four large centres—Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal. The children attending these classes open the homes for the entrance of the teachers and missionary with the gospel message. Besides the daily lessons and songs learned in such classes, the scriptures and Christian hymns have a prominent place. Psalm 23, the Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and many single texts are memorized. Bible stories are told—the S.S. picture rolls being used to illustrate them. Gospel hymns are readily learned, for the children love to sing. Suitable prayers are taught. The seed of the word is being sown in the hearts of 117 children when the memory is most retentive and the heart most impressionable.

Victoria.—The kindergarten with 36 pupils, is taught by Miss Scott, with Miss Chan as assistant and interpreter. Twenty-seven of the more advanced and 4 older children come in the afternoon for lessons under Mrs. Macqueen. An Auxiliary of 11 members is conducted by Mrs. Macqueen and Miss Chan, and a Mission Band of 40 members by Miss Scott. The study books have been used by both organizations. The Auxiliary has the distinction of having every member taking part. A box of children's supplies was prepared, valued at \$13.25. The offerings of the Auxiliary were \$28.85. Miss Scott has a music class of 28 pupils. Lessons are given to those connected with the mission. Mrs. Macqueen teaches English to 7 young women in their homes. The Bible is the text book. The S.S. has 96 pupils enrolled. All are memorizing scripture. Our three workers are teachers. David Lee, an ex-pupil, is progressing with his medical studies in Shanghai. David Lee is supported by the Chinese of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ont., not Knox Church as was inadvertently stated in last year's report. A donation from the S.S. offering was given toward his expenses. Seven attend the night school.

Vancouver.—The kindergarten, with an enrollment of 35, was taught by Miss Lawrence and Miss Esther Fong Dickman. The Mission Band studied "New Chums for Young Canadians" and "The Glad Tidings." They made scrap books, rag dolls, and work bags for the Supply department. Their offerings were \$14.85. There are 7 Home Helpers. The S.S. averaged 80. Verses and Catechism are memorized. There is a Cradle roll of 45. A C.G.I.T. Group of 8 girls have given fine help in the Church activities. Seven girls receive instruction in music.

It was with deep regret we received the resignation of Miss Gertrude Lawrence in December. She has given valuable service. Miss Sibyl Crawford has been appointed in her place.

Brampton.—Mrs. Walter Martin, of Regina, a voluntary worker, has continued her faithful service. She has visited the Chinese at many points in the province and arranged a system of distributing literature monthly

to them. Miss Sibyl Crawford, a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, spent several months in the province last summer. She brought a gospel message to 30 of the women and left literature with them.

Toronto.—Miss Dickson, our missionary, has the language. Miss Temperton, the United Church appointee, assists in part of the work.

The kindergarten, organized in October with 18 pupils, is held in the Chinese Y.M.C.I., on University Avenue. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held in July with an enrollment of 36. This proved very popular and was much appreciated by the parents. Eighteen children attend the Saturday afternoon class. Besides the devotional studies, sewing is taught and games enjoyed.

The Chinese Primary Department in Cooke's Church S.S. is in charge of Miss Dickson. There is an enrollment of 27. Miss Temperton takes the very little ones to and from the school in a motor car. Total Chinese offerings in the school were \$30.67. A service for women is held in Chinese on Sabbath afternoon. Mr. R. J. Lillie has continued his much appreciated service of bringing the women and children in his car. The offerings were \$32.76. Five women receive lessons in Chinese in their homes and all the women are visited as often as possible. The women's sewing circle meets on Friday afternoon. They held a bazaar in November and netted \$181.00. Total offerings from all Chinese work were \$215.73, of this \$168.00 were sent to China to aid in Famine Relief.

During the last four months of the year Miss Dickson had to take an enforced rest because of illness. Mrs. Oldfield, a Missionary Alliance worker from South China, took the Sabbath class and visited the women for two months when Miss Luella Crockett, one of our missionaries from South China, was able to come and complete the year. Miss Mary Lambert has given very valuable aid to Miss Dickson with Saturday and Sunday afternoon meetings. She had charge of the Primary Department of the Daily Vacation Bible School. She receives a small honorarium. The Misses Blair and Bernath, students in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, gave much appreciated help on Saturday afternoon.

A monthly Sabbath service for women and girls is held in Hamilton, by Miss Dickson, and the women are visited in their homes. Two visits were made to Brampton. No outside visiting was done during the last four months.

Brockville.—Five men, 2 women and 8 children returned to China during the year, 6 of these had professed faith in Christ and 7 were in Miss Davies' class. This is a fine contribution to the winning of China for Christ. There are 6 boys and girls in S.S. In the 14 towns visited there is a total of 357 Chinese, 17 of them are women and 23 children. These all receive Chinese literature for devotional study.

Montreal.—Miss Ethel C. Reid is our missionary at this centre. She is ably assisted by Miss Hattie Jue. The kindergarten is held in the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Dorchester St. The enrollment has grown from 14 in 1927 to 24 in 1928. Chinese reading and writing is taught as well as English. Very fine scripture memory work is done by these little folks. Several have recited without a mistake Psalm 23, the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments and have received prizes.

Mrs. Frazer Robertson, of Maisonneuve, has continued a much appreciated voluntary service two afternoons a week so that Miss Reid can carry the gospel message into the homes of the mothers. Quite a few are always ready to study a Bible lesson with her. Miss C. E. Cameron, of the Provincial Board, gave the children and their mothers a party which was much enjoyed.

A meeting is held monthly for women with a good attendance. The gospel message is listened to with increasing interest. Singing by the pupils of the school adds to the entertainment.

The Christmas concert is a gala occasion in each centre for which much preparation is made by the teachers and pupils. Many interested friends join in the celebration. The Supply Department and special classes generously provide the gifts for mothers and children. A liberal gift of \$60.00 was given to Miss Reid by Stanley Church S.S. for the school in Montreal. It was applied on the purchase of a piano. Mr. Naizen, a valuable gift of 100 Chinese scripture calendars was made to the work by Mrs. Willis of Shanghai.

(Mrs. W. G.) JENNIE S. HANNA,
Secretary.

British Guiana

Place	Missionaries	Date of Appointment
New Amsterdam, Berbice.....	Miss A. M. Murray, B.A.....	1928
" " ".....	Miss Elise Barlow.....	1927
" " ".....	Married Missionaries.....	
" " ".....	Mrs. W. A. Hunter.....	
Georgetown, Demerara.....	Mrs. J. B. Cropper.....	
Suddie, Essequibo.....	Mrs. R. G. Fisher.....	1927

After several months of delays and disappointments in securing a Principal for the Girls' High School at New Amsterdam, Berbice, we were delighted and greatly heartened when Miss Mary Murray, of Milan, Quebec, a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, and of the Missionary and Domestic Training Home, Toronto, offered her services. She left for British Guiana in 1927.

She left for British Guiana in June and after a very delightful trip she was enthusiastically welcomed at Georgetown by all the missionaries of the colony. Unfortunately, soon after her arrival, she became ill. She writes that, "It was almost a pleasure to be ill, to live those past weeks at Hope Manse with Dr. and Mrs. Cropper."

On October 15th she began her work with an attendance of 41 girls, representatives of all the races in the country, unfortunately, not as many of our own special people, the East Indians, as she and we would wish. The few she has are doing well. Previously, when there was no teacher in the School who was a university graduate, the two senior forms had to go to the Boys' High School for their classes, which is inadvisable. Now, however, by means of exchange of teachers with the Boys' High School, the difficulty is partly obviated. To carry on the work satisfactorily two new teachers would be needed. The pupils there need so much individual attention, they do not seem to be able to study by themselves. Miss Murray writes very happily and authoritatively.

Murray writes very happily and enthusiastically of her work and of her opportunities for service. While she considers the school her chief task, she does not devote all her energies to it. For, she feels that she expects soon to re-organize the "Willing Workers",

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Kindergarten Classes.—These have 125 children enrolled. They get daily Christian teaching through the opening exercises, hymns, Scripture memory work and Bible stories. Prayers are taught. Earnest effort is made to impress these young hearts with the thought of God's love. They prepare the way for the teachers to go with the message to the mothers. The class in Victoria has 42 children, Miss Scott and Miss Chan are the teachers. Mrs. Macqueen has 31 older pupils for English. In Vancouver 25 are enrolled. Miss Dickman and Miss Crawford are the teachers. Toronto has a class of 18. The work here is interdenominational. Miss Dickson and Miss Temperton are the teachers. In Montreal, the teachers are Miss Reid, Miss Jue and Mrs. Herman. The class has grown to 40 members. Mrs. Fraser Robertson who gave valuable part time help had to withdraw in September and the Board was fortunate in securing an efficient half-time teacher, Mrs. Herman. This relieves Miss Reid for missionary work among the mothers. The term closings are special occasions. The mothers are encouraged to come. Besides seeing what the children do, they meet each other. This helps to break down the reticence toward the services and Christian teaching. In Vancouver 100 mothers and children attended the Christmas entertainment, and 100 children and 22 mothers were present in Toronto.

Music Classes link the teen-age girls with the activities of the mission. In Victoria, Miss Scott has a class of 31. In Vancouver, 9 get lessons from Mrs. Cuthbert and Miss Dickman. Miss Dickson has 4 in Toronto.

Sunday Schools.—All the activities of the mission contribute to the Sunday School. In Victoria, 109 are enrolled with 8 teachers, 4 are Chinese. Eleven senior pupils received awards for memory work and attendance. Four of these have confessed Christ. Two are preparing for medical mission work—David Lee, in Shanghai, and Lillian Leung, in Toronto. Vancouver has an increased attendance and 11 teachers. One of the pupils, Miss Lily Yeung, is in Toronto preparing for mission work in China. There are 51 names on the cradle roll. Toronto has 40 pupils. They meet in Cooke's Church. Miss Dickson is Superintendent. Offerings were \$27.64. In Montreal, Miss Reid and Miss Jue take the kindergarten children to the Sunday School.

Other Activities.—A Mission Band of 35 members is conducted by Miss Scott and Miss Chan in Victoria. "Light Bearers" and "The Children's Hour" were studied. Supplies valued at \$3.00 and offerings of \$5.00 were contributed. The older members asked to be organized as a C.G.I.T. These "Shining Lights" are doing excellent work. Miss Chan is President, and Miss Scott, guide. Mrs. Macqueen conducts a W.M.S. of 12 members. They contributed \$42.70 and supplies valued at \$11.40. Bible topics were studied. She also teaches both men and women English. Homes visited 45. Vancouver has a C.G.I.T. Group of 9. Miss Esther Lee is president,

Mrs. Cuthbert, leader. They made a quilt for the Supply Department and sent \$5.00 to the Treasurer. They put on an Art Exhibit and raised \$60.00 for the new church, which is greatly needed. A Trail Ranger Group of 14 boys under Mr. McAskill's leadership have received their recognition certificate from the Boys' Work Secretary. The "Jun Kwong" Mission Band of 13 members sent in \$10.00. They held 21 study meetings and 5 work meetings. In Toronto Miss Dickson holds a class for women on Sabbath afternoons with an average attendance of 9. Mrs. Ma has been tireless in her efforts to forward the work among the women. Offerings were \$41.66. These go to support a Bible woman in China and to leper work. The Red Cross Society meets weekly for sewing. A bazaar was held in November. The Beverley Baptist Mission joined them. Receipts of over \$300.00 were given to Famine Relief in China, the Church of Christ in Canton for evangelism, orphanage work, Old People's Home and leper work in China. A class for boys and girls was held Saturday afternoon, average attendance, 18. Miss Frances Blair, Miss Lily Yeung and Miss Lillian Leung of the Deaconess Training Home took charge of the Juniors, and Miss Lambert the Seniors. The latter studied "Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands." The Daily Vacation Bible School was held in July with an enrollment of 41. The boys and girls responded with eager minds to the instruction. Miss Dickson visited some 50 Chinese women in their homes in Toronto and taught 4 to read. She also held a monthly service for women in Hamilton and visited 11 homes.

There are 45 Chinese women in Montreal. Miss Reid carries her Christian ministry into their homes. A number are anxious to study the Bible. A large number attend the monthly meeting. A gospel message is given by Rev. Mr. Tang and Miss Reid. The kindergarten pupils always sing at these meetings. Miss Jue is of great assistance in bringing out the women. Weekly prayer hours have been observed by our workers on behalf of the Chinese work. Increased attendance of children and definite spiritual results have been noticeable. Chinese families in 9 points in the vicinity were visited. The lonely women appreciate a gospel talk in their own tongue. The men receive tracts and the claims of Christ are presented. A gift of \$50. was received from Stanley Church S. S., Montreal.

Saskatchewan.—Mrs. Walter Martin, Regina, has visited the women and children in the city and at points in the Province. The International S. S. lessons, primary picture cards in Chinese, and the beginner's leaflet in English, have been mailed to each home every two weeks. Appreciative letters have been received.

Brockville.—Eight mothers, 4 young women and 15 children reside in this city and neighboring places. Miss Davies, our faithful worker, visits or corresponds with them regularly. Literature is given to the men. The Eastern Canada Chinese Convention was held in the Presbyterian Church, Brockville, in November. Miss Davies did much to make this a success. The spiritual tone was very high. The reception of Mr. and Mrs. Lor Leip, after their Christian marriage in North Bay, was quite an event. We are assured this Christian home will be a blessing. The Chinese community, as well as the family, suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Hong. Her three daughters are members of the Presbyterian Church.

From each centre come words of gratitude for the splendid contributions of supplies. The voluntary service at different centres has been a great encouragement to the workers and the mission. Many opportunities have come to the Chinese teachers and missionaries to tell of the work to Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. The children in the kindergartens have had a share in this, giving a real touch of the Orient and showing that Chinese children are just like other children.

(Mrs. W. G.) JENNIE S. HANNA,
Secretary.

Indian Residential Schools—

Mistawasis, Sask.—The Improved Day School has been continued throughout the year under the care of the teacher, Miss Sadie McQueen. There were 15 on the roll, eleven treaty Indians, three non-treaty and one little white girl, with an average attendance of nine out of the eleven treaty Indians, besides the other four. During the first part of the year, five pupils from a distance lived at the Mission House. A number of difficulties arose, among which were the facts that water had to be melted from snow, or drawn a couple of miles, and that the bathroom was out of repair. As a result an arrangement was made for the children who could not go home, to board at the home of one of the Indians nearby. The noon meal has been given to all throughout the year, the menu "consisting of something hot, such as soup with biscuits, and sometimes jam and tea or cocoa."

The children attend Church and Sunday School, under the teaching of Rev. Mr. Moore. The great desire of the Indians and of Chief Dreaver, a man 74 years of age, is that the boys and girls shall be Christian and Presbyterian. It is regrettable that there is no Presbyterian Residential School in the province.

Ocella Jeffrey, Ont.—Up until the summer vacation school was continued at the old site, forty-five miles from Kenora, under Mr. Menzies as principal. In the spring, however, Mr. E. W. Byers, of Brandon, was appointed to be in charge of the new school, three miles from Kenora, and to oversee details of preparing the land for crop, and the grounds, school and outbuildings for September occupancy. The old site, with its buildings, light and small power equipment, has been placed at the disposal of Manitoba Synod "for \$1.00 per year and any expense of upkeep" for Summer School purposes.

The formal opening and dedication of the new school in its lovely situation was held November 6th, representatives from the Council Executive of the W. M. S. and the Presbytery of Winnipeg, were present, with Rev. N. A. MacEachern as Moderator. Many citizens of the town were present, and it was indeed a great event when Mr. P. Hutcheson, M.P., representing the Government, presented the key to your Secretary. Sincere thanks and appreciation from the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is felt towards the Government and its Indian Department, and towards the Hon. Charles Stewart, Superintendent General, and Dr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General, for this very fine building, with its good stables, barns, piggery and hen house, all so nicely finished and equipped.

Eighty-seven are on the roll, among these being a number never before in a school, although of teen-age. The average attendance last quarter was 79.02. Under the capable staff very good work is being done. In the two school rooms the boys and girls are taught the regular public school subjects for the half day, and are drilled in house and farm work the other half. All are being encouraged in organized play, such as skating in winter on the lake nearby. The boys made hockey sticks out of bits of boards and have much enjoyed this type of game new to them. The boys and girls attend service in town, boys being driven in a truck to the outskirts and walk the rest of the way, then the truck returns for the girls and all arrive simultaneously at Church, reversing the process on return. The opening up of a Presbyterian service by our Church is eagerly awaited.

(Mrs. D. T. L.) MARY C. MCKERBOLL,

Secretary.

Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare Department

"In all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

These words express the spirit of the women of our Society everywhere, but more especially the service of our volunteer workers in our Auxiliaries, who with genuine kindness in their hearts, have sought out the newcomers, the strangers in our land, and those who have moved from one congregation to another, extending to them a kindly and Christian interest and at the same time an expression of our expectations as to their contribution to our Church life and service.

Back of all the motives which have impelled the newcomers to come to this new country, where even to the British born the customs are strange and bewildering, is the desire for their children's future. That mother love, that father sacrifice, that building of hopes around the precious children is what has compelled them to leave the beloved homeland.

This love of the children provides an open door to friendship and is particularly an opportunity for our women to show kindness to and interest in the family, especially if needy. Before the bright smile, warm handshake and sincere greeting, indifference, reserve and stiffness disappear as mists before the sun, and the little gifts and practical sympathy will return as "bread cast upon the waters."

Our Provincial reports are rich in records of service; visits made, follow up work, Christmas cheer, relief supplies, letters sent to families far removed from Presbyterian churches, magazines, papers, comforts for the sick, entertainment for those away from home, overseas and old country clubs, social opportunities in wholesome surroundings and Christian influences, all that tends to uplift and fulfil the great mission of our Church, and carry out the purpose and aim of our Society in uniting the women and children of our Church in prayer and service.

EXTRACTS FROM PROVINCIAL REPORTS:

Alberta.—Mrs. T. L. Walker, names received 1,036; visits made, 206; letters sent 279; number who have connected with the church 16; 279 adults and 116 children living in districts where there is no church.

British Columbia.—Mrs. W. H. MacInnes, names received 735; visits made 436; letters written 132; 137 connected with the church; very helpful co-operation from young men's Welcome and Welfare Secretary in Westminster.

Manitoba.—Mrs. T. Owen Hughes, names received 201; letters sent 96; Mr. Graham, port chaplain, at Winnipeg, receives names of men; local hospital visits and many cases of relief.

Ontario.—Mrs. J. H. Eaton, very full and informing report, 8420 names received; 14,009 visits made; 996 letters written and 1,331 connected with the church. A treat for 45 young lads from the old land was arranged by Mrs. McOdrum of Brockville. This treat was the only means by which these lads, many of them Presbyterians, were reached by our Church.

Quebec.—Miss G. Davidson, names received 892; visits made 913; number connected with the church 340; many interesting cases at the ports, follow-up work very thorough and effective. Generous donations of fruit, flowers and comforts were received for the sick and needy.

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Saskatchewan.—Mrs. D. M. Craig, names received 446; letters sent 267; number connected with the church 30; personal attention given to names located where there is no Presbyterian Church; newcomers especially cared for in Regina and Saskatoon.

OUR STAFF:

Our staff numbers 18, of these 13 are permanent workers with full time salary, 1 part time and 4 special summer workers.

At Quebec port, Miss Scott and Miss Macarthur will be in charge, assisted by Miss Bernath. These three workers had a very busy season last year and were exceedingly prompt in forwarding names. Miss Macarthur, who was assigned to Regina for the winter months, returns to Quebec in May.

In Montreal, Miss Iris Munro will again have the assistance of Miss Todd during the summer. Mrs. W. Thomas gave very helpful service in the follow-up work for five months. The Overseas Girls' Club contributed very generously Christmas cheer to five families, spending their first Christmas in Canada, and also sent a donation to Miss McConnell's work in India. Miss Munro is grateful to those friends who help to keep her supply cupboard well stocked with comforts and useful gifts. Miss Mary Hugill continues her work among the newcomers who are settling in large numbers in the districts of Crawford Park Mission and Ville Emard, assisting with Sabbath School, Mission Band and Young People's work.

Toronto, Miss Mary Murray, hospital visitor, is known to many of our newcomers, as well as to those who have been in our hospitals. Recently Miss Murray's report showed 56 Presbyterian patients in one hospital in the same week. In and out among our sick and shut-in folk she goes, carrying a cheery word of encouragement, and offering kindly services to any who may be without any friends, or church connection, writing a letter, leaving a book or magazine, speaking the gospel message wherever permitted. A weekly visit to the Mercer Reformatory is a feature of Miss Murray's work. Advice, counsel and a helping hand are generously given where sympathy and understanding are sorely needed. Miss Rose Paton continues in the Jewish work in Scott Institute. Classes and clubs for all ages are carried on daily, in addition to Sunday School, Mission Band and Young People's work. During the summer, the Fresh Air Camp is proving a great boon to the mothers and children and a wonderful opportunity for the workers. Miss Whitby has been transferred to Toronto for the Summer months, and will be engaged in station work, and to relieve Miss Murray.

Miss Margaret Allan, deaconess at large for Hamilton, is fully occupied in St. Enoch's and St. David's congregations. Sunday School, Mission Band, Young People's work, mother's meetings and a summer Fresh Air Camp are features of the work there.

Winnipeg Welcome and Welfare department is served by Mrs. Jean Howey. Mrs. Howey has been a friend in need to many of our new settlers and has a splendidly organized girls' club, who sometimes assist in the station work.

During the year, Miss Dorothy Jenkinson was transferred from Vancouver to East Selkirk, Manitoba. Miss Jenkinson has the courage and faith of a pioneer and is already making progress in establishing our church in this district. Mrs. MacKenzie, at Gonor, Man., is considering plans for a new building, to accommodate the growing work among new Canadians, and we again pay tribute to her long service of unselfish devotion.

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Regina has had the services of Miss Macarthur during the past winter, where the Mission and Sunday School work is growing rapidly. Miss Helen Ross, a graduate deaconess of this year, will spend the summer months continuing this work, going on to Saskatoon in September.

Miss Margaret Grigor has been appointed to Welcome and Welfare work in Vancouver city, assisting also as deaconess at large.

Mrs. J. P. McLean will continue as itinerating deaconess for the province of British Columbia. Fine reports of Mrs. McLean's work among scattered groups, and Sabbath Schools, more than justify this venture and cannot but bring satisfactory results.

As will be readily seen by this report this Department is steadily enlarging, the possibilities of its services to our church are very great, and to this end your Secretary would ask your prayerful co-operation.

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Excerpt: (p.71) [note bold type is in original here] "**Toronto. Miss Mary Murray**, hospital visitor, visits 7 large hospitals in addition to ther work among the poor. Gifts of candies and fruit, given in the name of the Presbyterian Church, are much appreciated and Miss Murray's sympathetic interest and counsel eargerly asked for. Miss Kathleen Anderson, "Scott Institute," has also assisted with the relief work of the unemployed, large numbers of whom are given free meal daily." [Report submitted by (Mrs. C. W.) Mabel McMullen]

or needy one, the Welcome and Welfare Department is grateful and we pray that to those who have given their best, "the best may come back." From Miss Munro's report we quote: Twenty young Scotsmen came out in a party to be employed by the Hudson's Bay Company. Two young men replied to the letter of welcome, which had been sent to them, one in Northern Ontario, the other far above Fort McMurray. Each were many miles from any Protestant Church, were fond of reading but had no facilities for securing any reading matter. A local Auxiliary is sending magazines to them at regular intervals and letters have been received from them expressing their thanks, one young man intimating a willingness to help in any way the work of our department. How little it means to us to send out that welcome, but how much in the life of these newcomers.

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Alberta, Mrs. T. L. Walker, "Names received, 429; visits made 1,058; letters sent 305. Some replies to letters were received and some Christmas cards and letters of thanks."

British Columbia, Mrs. W. H. MacInnes, "Names received 579; visits made 350; letters sent 58. Much good work has been done and real service of comfort and cheer rendered to homesick and needy ones."

Manitoba, Mrs. E. H. Lockhart, "Names received 124; visits made in homes and hospitals 2,501; letters sent 75. We feel that the need of this Department is the entering into the work in a loving, helpful way, realizing the usefulness of the Department to our Church."

Ontario, Mrs. J. H. Eaton, "Names received 3,936; visits made 12,077; letters sent 1,210. In the matter of reports some Presbyterials had 100%. There is marked improvement in the reporting of removals. Many instances of practical sympathy, flowers for the sick, comforts for the needy, useful gifts for families of newcomers, relief for the unemployed. One old country girls' club with an average attendance of 37, contributed \$50 to the Auxiliary of the W.M.S. An entertainment treat to the Presbyterian boys of Fairknowe Home is a contribution of Mrs. MacOdrum, of Brockville."

Quebec, Miss C. Davidson, "Names received 469; visits made 435; letters sent 36. The new office at the port has been used for weddings as well as a place of rest for the sick and weary."

Saskatchewan, Mrs. D. M. Craig, "Names received 250; visits made 1,570; letters sent 166. One Secretary sent a Christmas card to each of the newcomers, and although only one was acknowledged, the kindly remembrance cannot but be appreciated."

Hospital visiting, flowers and comforts for the sick, Christmas cheer and assistance to the needy are generously given. In one city church, a pew is reserved for nurses in a local hospital.

Have you ever pictured yourself staying in a strange land as far away as Hungary, Poland, Norway, or even the British Isles, for two or three years, and never having an invitation to join a family circle?

Our Church and W.M.S. has extended a welcome at the ports, has assisted on the journey, has forwarded names to other distant Churches, where hospitality and friendship have been extended as an institution.

But, is there any part of the Church in our homes after these newcomers have fitted themselves as citizens, by mastery of our language, and shown sympathy with our aims and religion by identifying themselves with our Church organizations? Is the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church in Canada ready and willing to go the other mile?

"And there were also with him other little ships." Mark 4:36.

(Mrs. C. W.) MABEL McMULLEN,
Secretary.

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Chinese in Canada

Place	Staff	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Mrs. E. Macqueen, B.A.	1919
" "	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
" "	Miss Lily Chan	1926
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Sibyl Crawford	1929
" "	Mrs. Louie	1930
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Lavina Fong Dickman	1930
Brockville, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
" "	Miss Hattie Jue	1927
" "	Mrs. Herman	1929

Victoria.—The kindergarten work with an enrolment of 48 made good progress under Miss Gertrude Scott with Miss Chan's assistance. Music lessons were given to about 24 pupils, girls, boys and women, by Miss Scott. The C.G.I.T. met fortnightly. The girls of this group devoted some time to the study of missions and contributed hand-work and \$4.00 in money to missionary enterprises. There were 33 members in the Mission Band. They also gave supplies and a contribution of \$5.00 to the mission fund, out of which a part was allocated to the "M. G. Abey Memorial" Children's Nursing Home in Amkhat.

The English class with 32 pupils was conducted by Mrs. Macqueen. Many of the children were admitted to the public school. Classes were held for women and for men and a night school met three times a week for most of the year.

The Sunday School has been most encouraging. There were 104 scholars, 8 teachers and contributions amounted to \$90.07. A group of older boys and girls was formed, and a choir, averaging about 9, assisted greatly at the Sunday services. The Chinese W.M.A. has a membership of 13. The interest of these women was evidenced by their exceeding their allocation of \$50.00, besides sending supplies valued at \$5.75 to the Presbyterian Treasurer.

Vancouver.—The year 1930 has been a memorable one in Chinese work in Vancouver because in this year the new church became available as a centre of religious life.

Miss Esther Dickman was in charge of the kindergarten until the autumn, when she left to take a Bible study course. Mrs. Louie was transferred from Victoria to take her place. The attendance increased from 25 to 43 during the year.

A Chinese Girls' Club was started among the older girls. These young people have been most helpful in assisting at the Church's entertainments, and have given \$50.00 to the building fund. The "Ling Kwong" C.G.I.T., organized in September, had a successful term and sent \$1.60 to the Treasurer of the W.M.S., with which they are affiliated. The members of the C.G.I.T. groups made up the Mission Band, which was conducted by Miss Crawford with voluntary assistance. The Band contributed \$10.00 to the W.M.S. The boys of the Trail Rangers met regularly under the direction of Mr. Oswald, of Gordon Church. There was an increased attendance in the Sunday School, four new classes being formed. Two

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scholars joined the Church and six were baptized. A night school was held for men and a two weeks' summer school met with 52 pupils. Mrs. R. M. Thompson and Rev. David Smith helped greatly towards its success.

In September, a Chinese W.M.A. was organized with Mrs. Louie as President. The Auxiliary's donations for four months were \$11.00. 186 visits were made during the year.

Regina.—Mrs. Walter Martin carried on her indispensable voluntary work in Regina. During the year, 942 letters and 156 parcels of Sunday School papers were sent out, and there has followed a general expression of appreciation.

Toronto.—In November, the United Church withdrew from the work of the Institute, which was previously interdenominational. In the same month, Miss Dickson was transferred to Montreal, and Miss Lavina Dickman, of Vancouver, took her place. In the early part of the year, during Miss Dickson's illness, Miss Temperton of the United Church conducted the kindergarten with very little help. Seven children passed on to the public schools, leaving an enrolment of 13 when the year closed.

The Bible Vacation School was held in July with 42 children on the roll. On Saturday afternoons, children's classes were held under the leadership of Miss Lambert, assisted by Miss Lillian Leung and Miss Lily Yeung, and towards the end of the year by Miss Dickman. A primary Sunday School, held at Cooke's Church, had an enrolment of 40 scholars and 5 teachers. A boys' Sunday class met at the Institute. Two regular meetings a week were held for Chinese women, one a sewing meeting, followed by a Bible lesson from Mrs. Ma, the other, a Sunday Bible study class. A bazaar was held by Chinese women in December, in conjunction with Beverley St. Baptist Church, at which about \$200.00 was realized for relief work in China. Music lessons were given to 8 pupils by Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Yeung and Miss Taylor.

Monthly visits were made and meetings held in Hamilton. Visits have also been made in Brampton and Windsor and the 52 Chinese families of Toronto visited frequently. The baptism of another Chinese woman was a great joy to the workers.

Grateful mention should be made of the work done by volunteers, especially Miss Carrie Gunn who has been invaluable in the women's work, and Mrs. Matthews.

Brockville.—Miss Davies continued her splendid work throughout the year. She had under her care in Brockville 4 mothers, 6 children and between 50 and 60 men. She has also visited the Chinese and distributed literature in Belleville, Kingston, Gananoque, Cardinal, Prescott, Iroquois, Perth, Smith Falls and Carleton Place, and in December, still further afield in Montreal, Three Rivers, Quebec, Ottawa and Hull.

Montreal.—The work in Montreal was in charge of Miss Ethel Reid until her return to China. In November, Miss Dickson was sent from Toronto to take her place. At the beginning of the year, there were 40 pupils in the school, 13 of these were admitted to the public school.

Miss Reid and Miss Dickson received valuable assistance from Miss Hattie Jue, who taught the greater part of the Chinese subjects and also helped in teaching music and English. Mrs. Herman's training and experience have been great assets to the school, and her efficiency as a primary teacher has left Miss Reid's and Miss Dickson's afternoons free for visiting. Among the kindly and capable voluntary helpers were Miss Jean Kyle and Miss Elsie Johnson. The latter organized a club of graduates from the C.G.I.T. in October. Monthly meetings for women were held with encouraging results. Many outside places have been visited during the year.

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From Montreal, as from other centres, come acknowledgments of Christmas gifts of warm woolies, toys, pictures, etc. These assisted greatly in making the Christmas entertainments happy events.

It is hardly necessary to say that through all the different activities, the aim of every worker has been to bring the Chinese in Canada to a knowledge of the love of God.

(Mrs. George H.) MARY S. SEDGEWICK,
Secretary.

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- includes mention of **Miss Murray**, printed p 68.

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be of the greatest help to these new Canadians, and her visits to their homes will be most welcome.

Rural Survey.—During the summer of 1931, at the request of Toronto Presbytery, a survey of the rural eastern and northern sections of Presbytery was made by two students of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home who made a house to house canvass of these districts. This work was made possible by the gift of a friend of the Society.

Since the survey, Presbytery has established a congregation at Pickering under the care of St. Andrew's Church, Whitby. There is a membership of 49, a rented church home, a choir, Sabbath School, women's organization and a Sabbath service under Dr. Carmichael, of Whitby. At Pine Orchard they have also established a congregation under the session of the Presbyterian Church in Newmarket. At Oshawa a flourishing Sunday School with 76 scholars, had its beginning with an attendance of 7. This Sunday School was a special feature of the practical work of the student deaconesses during the winter months, and is a direct result of the survey work. As a result of this survey, the names of many Presbyterian women were secured and given to Toronto Presbyterial, and already one W.M.S. Auxiliary has been reported. The contribution which has made this effort possible is gratefully appreciated.

Your Secretary regrets that only limit of space prevents a more detailed record of the faithful and self-denying labors of these devoted workers, and would bespeak for them your interest and prayers.

(Mrs. C. W.) MABEL McMULLEN,
Secretary.

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Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
"	Miss Grace Lee	1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Mrs. Louie	1930
"	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Lavina Fong Dickman	1930
Brockville, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
"	Miss Hattie Jue	1927
"	Mrs. Herman	1929

Victoria.—In spite of the unsettling effect of changes in the staff, the work has made good progress. During Miss Scott's illness early in the year, Miss Seward was a capable and acceptable substitute. In June, Miss Lily Chan left the work of the Mission, and in September, in accordance with our policy of having one whole time English speaking worker and one whole time Chinese speaking one in each centre, Miss Grace Lee, a highly qualified young Chinese lady, succeeded Mrs. Macqueen, for some years a valued member of the staff. Mrs. Leung gave valuable assistance to Miss Scott in the autumn while awaiting Miss Lee's arrival from China.

The kindergarten, in the hands of Miss Scott, latterly with the assistance of Miss Lee, had an enrolment of 30 at the end of the year, 16 having been promoted to public school in June. Music lessons were given to a large number of pupils by Miss Scott, after school hours and on Saturdays. Monthly recitals by her pupils' music club were among the bright spots of the year's work.

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Regular monthly meetings of the Mission Band were held with 23 members, boys and girls. At the close of each meeting, the children did sewing and handwork. A large parcel was sent in to the Supply Secretary.

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary met once a month. At the June meeting, the members presented Mrs. Macqueen with a fountain pen and pencil suitably engraved as a mark of their appreciation of her work among them. From June on Mrs. LaPointe attended the meetings and gave great encouragement to the Society. The allocation of \$50.00 was reached for the budget of the W.M.S.

The C.G.I.T. had a successful year, meeting fortnightly at Mr. Leung's house. Two girls from this group attended a local C.G.I.T. Camp in July, and found themselves very happy and completely at home among the Canadian girls. Contributions of work and money were sent to the W.M.S.

The Sunday School shows an increased enrolment of 111. Contributions to missions amounted to \$16.75, and \$10.00 was sent to Mr. David Lee, who is studying medicine in China.

Miss Lee, with Mr. Leung, has been teaching Scripture, hymn singing and Chinese reading and writing to a night school of 70 pupils. The younger members of this class meet in the late afternoon. Much visiting has been done in Chinese homes throughout the year.

Vancouver.—Here, too, there has been a change on the staff, Miss Ruth Yeandle having been appointed in October to take the place of Miss Crawford who resigned her position in September. Miss Crawford is now taking a course in nursing in the United States. Mrs. Louie carried on the work meanwhile with the help of Miss Esther Armstrong and others.

The kindergarten had an enrolment of 42 at the end of the year, 6 having graduated. The C.G.I.T. has been most successful under the leadership of Miss Armstrong. Weekly meetings have been held and much interest has been aroused. Mrs. Cuthbert has carried on a splendid work among the senior girls. A tea was given by this group in December, at which a number of Church people were guests.

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary, with a membership of 19, has held monthly meetings. Mrs. Thomson, Presbyterial President, Mrs. Ledingham and Miss Lamont were present at the election of officers, when Mrs. Louie was re-elected President. The meetings have been very encouraging. The collection for the year amounted to \$24.41.

Five hundred and fifty-six visits were made in Chinese homes during the year. Many women have listened gladly to the Christian message, and two were baptized. More mothers have attended the meetings than ever before. Workers in Vancouver report that the new Mission building has proved most satisfactory.

Regina.—In addition to her splendid work in the distribution of Bibles, books, papers, calendars, tracts, Sunday School cards, etc., and the correspondence incidental thereto, Mrs. Walter Martin has visited Chinese families in eleven towns and villages. A feature of her work this year was the distribution of copies of Dr. MacMurchy's book, to mothers able to read English.

Toronto.—Nineteen children have attended kindergarten this year. Mrs. Matthews and Miss Lily Yeung have given very valuable assistance to Miss Dickman, Miss Yeung substituting for Miss Dickman for several weeks in the autumn. Miss McQuarrie has helped greatly by calling for the children and bringing them to school. The Mission Band, organized in the autumn, met every Saturday afternoon. Miss Dickman, Miss Lambert and Miss Yeung were in charge of this group.

At the end of the year there were 35 pupils in the primary department of the Sunday School, 7 pupils having been promoted to higher classes. Almost every child was eligible for a prize for attendance, thanks to the

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kindness of different friends of the school who called for the children and took them to and from Cooke's Church each Sunday.

The Women's Friday Sewing Class had a most successful year culminating in a bazaar, at which \$215.33 was realized for Christian work in China.

The Women's Sunday Bible Class had an average attendance of 11. Mrs. Mah, Miss Gunn and Miss Dickman took turns in giving the Bible talk. About \$50.00 was contributed for missionary purposes. One of the responsibilities undertaken by this class is the support of a Bible woman in Canton. One Chinese woman was baptized during the year.

Special mention must be made of the constant unselfish service of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Mah, in teaching the Bible, visiting, and holding Chinese classes. Miss Yeung and Mrs. Gilbert gave music lessons to 10 pupils, and Miss B. M. MacMurchy offered her services as a trained nurse to the people of the Mission.

Thanks to the goodness of Miss Dickson, who came to Toronto for the Bible Vacation School in July, and to the splendid work of all the helpers, the success of the school was unprecedented and the attendance larger than ever before.

Five visits were made to Hamilton.

Brockville.—The work done by Miss Davies is of a very intimate and friendly sort. She has visited in Kingston, Gananoque, Smith's Falls, Perth, Carleton Place, Ottawa, Hull, Prescott, Iroquois and Morrisburg, and has been a helpful and loving neighbor to the Chinese in her own town.

Montreal.—The kindergarten staff has been much gratified by the standing granted the 8 children who last year went on to public schools. There were 30 pupils at the end of the year. Miss Dickson pays special tribute to the faithful service and loving interest of Miss Jue and Mrs. Herman. She is also grateful to Rev. C. Shiu for his help in the teaching of Chinese and to Miss McEwan whose services have always been available for substitute work. The little ones of the kindergarten contributed the sum of \$2.50, largely from their own pocket money, as a gift for the School for Crippled Children. The Helping Hands Club has continued its good work under the leadership of Miss Elsie Johnson and Miss Rowatt, holding weekly meetings with a membership of 12 boys and girls.

Regular monthly meetings were held for the women, when a Gospel message was given. After each meeting, refreshments were provided by different members of the Club. The average attendance was about 20. The main part of the work among the women has been visiting in the homes, and giving help in the many situations where an interpreter and friend is needed. Women and children have been taken to hospital clinics, and through the efforts of our worker and the generosity of the Board of Control, a deaf and dumb Chinese boy was taken into the Mackay Institute.

Miss Dickson has visited in Ottawa, Carleton Place, Aylmer and Three Rivers.

Space will not allow for thanks to all those who have been generous with money, time and hospitality to our work in the different centres. The splendid woollen garments and toys donated at Christmas, brought joy to many hearts, as did also the useful gifts provided for the mothers.

(Mrs. George H.) MARY S. SEDGEWICK,

Secretary.

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

British Guiana

Place	Missionaries	Date of Appointment
New Amsterdam, Berbice	*Miss A. M. Murray, B.A.	1928
Georgetown, Demerara	Miss May Green	1931
Georgetown, Demerara	Miss S. Cropper	1929

Married Missionary

Georgetown, Demerara	Mrs. J. B. Cropper
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*Resigned.

Miss Mary Murray, B.A., who has been the very efficient and successful Principal of the Berbice Girls' High School at New Amsterdam, during the past three years (the term for which she was engaged) came home in June. No one being in view to fill her place, she had kindly consented to remain until the end of the year; but her mother's serious illness necessitated her return immediately after school closed.

During September and October, the assistant teachers carried on, under Dr. Cropper's supervision.

On November 1st, Miss May Green, B.A., Congregationalist, a graduate of a London, England, university, with some teaching experience, was engaged for the remainder of the term—six months. Miss Green's impressions:—"These two months since my arrival, have been very busy ones; but I have enjoyed them very much. The girls received me very nicely; indeed; as also, did the staff. I have been very happy in my work. The girls are a nice set. There are differences, of course, between them and English children—they are not so lively in class. I find it interesting to be teaching girls of different races."

Some extracts from a letter by Miss Murray since her return to Canada:—"I was very sorry to give up my work in British Guiana, and to give it up so abruptly, and also to hear that no one from Canada has been found to take my place. Surely there must be some one, somewhere!"

"The school was going on fairly well. I was trying to introduce more practical work, and the girls were taking to it quite eagerly, especially the cooking and laundry classes. We had a good year, as to attendance, quite a number of new pupils came in, and of a desirable type. Ten entered for the Cambridge examinations. We put on quite a successful operetta, again. I felt very sad at leaving. One puts down many roots in three years. The girls gave me a very nice send-off. I was greatly touched and pleased."

Miss Green's term expires at the end of June; and we may again be faced with the problem of having no Principal for the Berbice Girls' High School. Surely, among the many teachers graduating each year from our Canadian universities, there must be one who has a vision of the great privilege and joy which might be hers in teaching these attractive, likeable girls.

Miss Selina Cropper, half-time evangelistic worker in Demerara, was off duty from September 1st, to December 31st, in order to recuperate after her illness of last summer. She is greatly benefited by her enforced rest and resumed her duties at the beginning of the new year.

(Mrs. A. B.) ELIZABETH A. RICE,

Secretary.

Financial Statement

McMurray, Alberta—

Superintendent 1,189.60
Maintenance 693.60

Camora, Sask.—

Superintendent (part year) \$ 312.57
Acting Superintendent 1,137.48
Nurses' Salaries 2,025.00
Ward Helpers, Janitor, Supply Nurse 2,351.00
Insurance 363.00
Repairs 75.00

Vegreville, Alta.—

Superintendent \$1,200.00
Nurses' Salaries 2,150.66
Insurance 132.00

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Montreal—

Miss Dickson, Salary, Expense and Rent \$1,450.00
Travelling and Kindergarten Expense 72.50
Mrs. J. Herman 420.00
Miss H. Joe 757.52
Rent of Y.M.C.A. 131.25

Brockville, Ont.—

Miss Davies, Honorarium and Expense \$ 250.00

Toronto, Ont.—

Miss Lavina Dickman, Salary and Expense \$ 502.10
Miss Lambert (part time) 240.00
Mrs. Ma 215.00
Sundry Expenses, Bible Vacation School, Kindergarten Work and Christmas 73.40
Rent of Y.M.C.I. 390.00

Saskatchewan—

Chinese Literature \$ 55.00

Vancouver—

Miss S. Crawford (part year) \$ 704.26
Mrs. Louie, Salary 796.00
Miss Yeandle, Salary (part year) 205.50
Miss Armstrong, Supply 84.00
Expenses 17.83

Victoria—

Mrs. E. W. McQueen, Salary (part year) \$ 884.98
Miss G. Scott, Salary 1,090.00
Substitute 174.00
Miss Lee, Salary (part year) 210.00
Miss Lee, Travelling Expense 218.50
Miss Chan, Salary (part year) 210.00
Kindergarten Expenses 12.50
Furnishing and Heating Mission 120.20

\$ 2,890.48

\$9,538.74

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Minawassie, Sask.—

Salary
Maintenance

Less grant received from

Birtle, Man.—

Principal
Matron
Staff, Seven
Insurance
Travelling Expense

"Cecilia Jeffrey", Kenora, Ont.—

Principal, Salary
Matron
Three Teachers
Nurse
Travelling Expenses

Insurance on Old School

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Huntingdon, Que.—

Superintendent's Salary
School Fees and Board
Less Gift from Stanley S
Montreal

Isolation Room Rent
Repairs
Insurance
Coal

New Liskeard, Ont.—

Superintendent's Salary
Assistant, during Supt. fu
Taxes
Insurance
Fuel

Saskatoon, Sask.—

Superintendent
Assistant
Insurance
Taxes
Repairs
Maintenance

Prince Albert, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary
Repairs

Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess—

Statistical records for the past year would appear to lessen the work of this department, but as in other branches of our Society, figures do not in any true sense estimate the real accomplishment.

Your Secretary is convinced that never before has our Church needed, and been so largely served by the Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department. Speaking at the General Assembly last year the Rev. J. B. Forgan official representative of the Church of Scotland, made special reference to our Port Work, the welcome and care of our new-comers, and the presenting and making possible the worship of the God of their fathers to the lads and lassies from the old land.

By reason of limited immigration, there has been more time for personal visiting, and the opportunities presented a very real challenge to our Presbyterian fellowship. Many of our people have experienced their first anxiety and need in a new land and among strangers, and when in almost desperate circumstances have been befriended and helped, and many have been the expressions of gratitude for the kindness shown them in their time of distress. Stories, yen books, might be filled with details of visits made to the sick, in their homes or in hospitals, of the gifts from the generous supply departments, the layettes fashioned so beautifully, the nourishing food, the gifts of clothing and even financial assistance.

These things have been done and will continue to be done in the same spirit of sisterly love, as long as our people shall need.

Our Provincial reports show, that as the same conditions have prevailed everywhere, so the same services have been rendered. Personal calls were made wherever possible, and letters and literature sent to those living in distant places and from whom some grateful acknowledgements have been received.

The total number of names received during the year was 3,114; visits made 16,706; letters written 1,072, and the number of those connecting with the Church or Sunday School in any way through the Department was 1,450. We would place on record our sincere appreciation of the assistance given to our workers by the steamship and railway officials, and the co-operation of other church workers who shared in making our work at the stations and ports a pleasure and benefit to those passing through our gateways. Our present staff numbers 19—16 permanent, one part-time and 2 doing summer work.

Miss M. Murray, hospital visitor, Toronto, reports an unusual number of those in need. A special grant of \$50.00 was allowed for very urgent cases and immediate relief. A grateful recipient of a former year sent a gift of fifteen dollars to be used for some one else. Miss Murray visits 7 hospitals in addition to a weekly visit to the Mercer Reformatory and is endeavoring to carry on real social reform born of spiritual regeneration, the first step in true social service.

Miss M. Allan is engaged in Mission Sabbath School work in Hamilton, and also leads mothers' groups, young people's societies and Mission Bands.

Miss L. Macarthur has had a very busy winter in Regina, Sask., where relief was so much needed, in addition to her Home Mission and Sabbath School work. Miss Macarthur is to have a well earned three months' holiday and plans to see the old land. Her experience in port work will make this visit most interesting. Miss Evelyn Forsythe, a graduate deaconess, will substitute at Regina during Miss Macarthur's absence.

Miss M. Hugill was transferred from Montreal to Ottawa last September, where a scattered district yielded the beginning of a Sabbath School. The name of this school, the "W. G. Brown," assures its success. Miss Hugill is continuing in Home Mission work in Ottawa.

Miss E. Scott, our port worker at Quebec, will be assisted this season by Miss Roberta Smith, a student deaconess.

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Mrs. MacKinnon, of Cedar Mission, Selkirk, Manitoba, sends a most encouraging report: "No depression here. All objectives including the 'One Step Forward' will be met."

Mrs. J. F. McLean, illustrating Deaconess for British Columbia, is on leave of absence until September. Mrs. McLean wishes to thank all those who so kindly entertained her in their homes, assisted her by driving, and in other ways making possible an almost uninterrupted three years of service.

Miss I. Munro, port worker in Montreal. The number of boats and trains met is much smaller than previous years, but many travellers were assisted and hospital visiting and relief work among newcomers was increased. Miss Munro has the leadership of the Overseas Girls' Club, the members of which have always shown their appreciation by service for others. This Club is now associated with our Society and made special gifts of cheer at Christmas time as well as supplies for Miss Dickson and Miss Macarthur.

Miss D. Jenkinson is busy with plans for a new church building at East Selkirk. This is Miss Jenkinson's third year of enthusiastic and faithful service of this post. The co-operation and assistance of labor and material which is being contributed in this building speaks for itself.

Miss M. Grigor, Vancouver city, has found supplies very welcome and useful. Three Sunday Schools, two Mission Bands, W.M.S. and boys' groups are cared for by Miss Grigor.

Miss H. Ross, deaconess at large, Saskatchewan—Mission Sabbath Schools, Young People's Groups, visiting and welfare work are part of the service of this worker. Supplies were very acceptable and appreciated.

Miss Todd, Winnipeg, deaconess at large—Unemployment, particularly among newcomers has made many demands. Here again supplies were of great assistance. Miss Todd leads a group of young women, who are always ready to share with others the kindnesses which they have received themselves.

Miss H. Macdonald, our pioneer deaconess in the Peace River District, has made a place for herself as a worthy representative of our Church in that far country. Her kindly ministrations to the needy and lonely are a service in themselves. Sunday School groups, women's work, and Church services are the activities at different points of her large and widely scattered parish. Miss Macdonald appreciates the interest and sympathy shown by friends everywhere and is cheered by their remembrance of her labors in this distant outpost.

Miss M. Walker has just completed her first year's service at Scott Institute, Toronto, where social and evangelistic work is carried on among the Jewish people. The Sunday School has an average attendance of fifty. There is a Young People's Society, a class for mothers, groups for boys and girls and Church services. Relief work is a very special feature, 900 meals per day were served to hungry men and women. Rev. M. Zeidman is the minister in charge. A fresh air camp at Grimsby, each year is a great boon to the mothers and children.

Mrs. Kovacs, wife of the Hungarian minister in Hamilton, has been appointed to work among the women and children in that city. Mrs. Kovacs is a trained social worker, has the advantage of the language, and best of all, is filled with a desire to help her own people. This appointment is made at the request of Hamilton Presbytery.

Miss J. Maystrowich, a product of our own Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, has been assigned to mission work among the women and children of her own Ukrainian race in Toronto. Miss Maystrowich has taken her training and preparation with a view to this service and will

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May we also say a word reminding ourselves that these Indian parents deny themselves much in being separated from their boys and girls except for six weeks in the summer. We realize our stewardship and responsibility to them.

This work would be impossible were it not for the generous hearts and nimble fingers of so many women who prepare and send the supplies. At Mistawasis, when the bale was delayed children could not attend the school, and when it arrived it was a great joy, every article being just what was needed.

To those who pray and study and support this work, we give thanks.

(Mrs. D. T. L.) MARY C. McKERROLL,
Secretary.

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Place	Name	Date of Appointment
Toronto, Ont.	Miss M. Murray, Hospital Visitor	1914
Hamilton, Ont.	Miss M. Allan, Deaconess at large	1915
Ottawa, Ont.	Miss M. Hingill, Deaconess at large	1918
Montreal, Que.	Miss I. Munro, Port Worker	1926
Regina, Sask.	Miss M. Macarthur, Deaconess	1918
Winnipeg, Man.	Miss M. Todd, Deaconess	1930
E. Selkirk, Man.	Miss D. Jenkinson, Missionary Deaconess	1929
Quebec, Que.	Miss R. Scott, Voluntary Port Worker	1925
Saskatoon, Sask.	Miss H. Ross, Deaconess at large	1930
Red Deer, Alta.	Miss Frieda Matthews	1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss M. Grigor, Deaconess at large	1930
Genor, Man.	Mrs. MacKenzie, Missionary	1905
British Columbia	Mrs. McLean, Missionary Deaconess	1928
Poues Coupe, B.C.	Miss H. Macdonald, Missionary Deaconess	1930
Toronto, Ont.	*Miss M. Walker, Deaconess	1931
Toronto, Ont.	Miss J. Maystrowich, Deaconess	1932

Part Time Workers

Hamilton, Ont.	Mrs. F. Kovacs, Missionary	1932
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. Chas. Steinmetz, Missionary	1932

*Resigned.

This report is compiled almost entirely from extracts taken from the reports of the workers on our staff, and are the actual experiences of these faithful torch bearers who dispense cheer and comfort to the poor and needy, speak a word of encouragement to those who are sorely tried at present, and see no brighter prospects in the near future.

The conditions of so many of our people demand the greatest sympathy and understanding, and also a tactfulness, lest one should wound or offend. We would learn to serve others as an expression of our gratitude to Him Who multiplied the loaves and fishes on the mountain side, to feed those whose hunger moved His compassion.

Reports of Provincial Secretaries furnish a record of sacrifice and service to our Church in the ministry of friendly visiting, sharing of blessings, carrying gifts to sick or needy ones.

In one province, a quantity of sheep's wool was donated, and the women washed and carded it, afterwards using it to fill comforters to be

given to those in need of them. Many hours were spent in the heat of the summer, canning fruit which was later distributed among the sick. Letters of welcome were written to those in far-away districts and books and other good literature sent. Newcomers were reported to the minister, and invitations extended to all the activities and benefits of our Church life.

Mrs. T. L. Walker reports for Alberta; Mrs. R. J. Douglas for British Columbia; Mrs. E. H. Lockhart, for Manitoba; Mrs. J. H. Eaton, for Ontario; Mrs. R. D. Smith, for Quebec; and Mrs. D. M. Craig, for Saskatchewan.

The total number of names received was: 3,889; visits made 18,242; letters sent 1,443; and the number connecting in any way with the Church through this department 1,723.

From these reports suggestions and criticisms have been welcomed and accepted as the kindnesses of friends of the Department and its work.

As space is limited, only brief mention can be made of the special service of each worker.

Miss Scott, Quebec, had the assistance, last summer, of Miss Roberta Smith, a student deaconess. As immigration was greatly lessened, more personal attention was possible and more contact with newcomers made than in what might be termed the peak seasons.

Miss Munro, Montreal, furnishes an extract regarding assistance given to a number of deportees. "Some of these unfortunate people were without sufficient warm clothing for the journey home, and were very grateful when provided with suitable garments and other necessities. We are glad that the disappointment regarding finding employment and a home, was at least tempered by the kindness of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

Miss Hingill, Ottawa, has found some needy ones among her families, but reports that attendance is keeping up well.

Toronto, like other cities, has a great many very distressing and needy cases.

Miss Murray, our hospital visitor, Toronto, who has ever given herself unparaphingly, in season and out of season, was obliged to take a long rest last year and is undertaking only part time duty for the present. Mrs. Len Wallace carried on very ably and acceptably during Miss Murray's absence. Worry and anxiety due to lack of employment has increased the number of sick in our hospitals, and Miss Murray states that never before has she met such poverty and destitution. Our local Auxiliaries and other friends are always ready to respond with assistance in special cases, and no one has ever been refused help.

A young patient was much disturbed at having no friends in this country, being without funds, and not able to earn. Knox Church Rest Home, however, opened its kindly doors to her until she was strong enough to take a position. This young woman has sent several contributions to show her gratitude for the kindness received. Recently, a poor woman upon leaving the hospital had to be supplied with street car fare. Her husband refused a gift of two dollars, saying with emotion, "No! Not from a woman."

Another patient was given a jar of fruit and immediately she asked if she might send it home to her children as her husband was out of work and they had very little. One would like our women who furnish these gifts and comforts, to know how they help to make "Red letter days" in the lives of those who receive them. The value and friendship of a Church connection is fully realized when trouble and sickness come, and when "Each brother man folds to his heart his brother, for where pity dwells the Peace of God is there."

Miss Murray also visits the Mercer Reformatory where there are, at present, 18 Presbyterian young women, some of them unmarried mothers

away from their homes and parents over the sea. Most of these have had no other visitor in the whole two years and how eagerly they look forward to a talk with one who understands, and feels for them, listens to their stories and gives them a message of hope and encouragement. What a joy it is to see hearts softened and changed, and lives transformed which, after all, are the fruits of true missionary effort and teaching.

Miss Maystrowich, Ukrainian Deaconess, Toronto, is carrying on mission work among her own people, visiting in the homes and hospitals, and assisting them in their difficulties. Two Sunday Schools and Church services are held, also cottage prayer meetings. So far, the Mission is self supporting as regards rent and maintenance. Mr. M. Pesenko is the minister in charge.

Mrs. Steinmetz, Hungarian Deaconess (part time) is assisting her husband, Mr. Charles Steinmetz, in the work in Toronto and Oshawa. Church services, Sabbath School, W.M.S., and Young People's group are the activities.

Miss Walker is in charge of the Jewish children's work at Scott Institute, Toronto. In addition to teaching in the Sunday School, she conducts a Mission Band, Teen Age Groups of boys and girls, visits in the homes and does office and relief work. The Fresh Air Camp, held each summer at Grimsby Beach, is a boon to these mothers and children. Over 200 were cared for last summer.

Visitors and interested friends are always welcome at any of the services among our new Canadians.

Miss Allen, Hamilton, a Missionary Deaconess, in three Sabbath Schools, does general visiting, congregational work and assists in the Italian work.

Mrs. F. Kovacs, Hamilton, part time worker among Hungarian women and children, assists her husband, Rev. F. Kovacs, pastor. A new church building is nearing completion, in which more varied activities can be carried on.

Miss Todd, Deaconess at large, Winnipeg, has made a place for herself in the service of the Church in that city. Sabbath School and Young Women's work are under her leadership and, with visiting, fill her very busy days. The problems of unemployed, and relief have been very pressing the past year.

Miss Jenkinson, East Selkirk, had the great joy of accomplishing what might seem a vision or a dream, when the past year saw the dedication of a comfortable Church which had been erected, completely furnished and paid for very largely by the efforts of her people who contributed of their time and labor.

Mrs. Mackenzie, our Home Missionary at the Presbyterian All People's Mission, R.R. 4, Winnipeg, sends a cheering and inspiring report of continued growth, of deepening spiritual interest, and free will offerings which more than met all allocations. Mrs. Mackenzie's continuous service of 12 years with only 2 Sabbath's absence, surely constitutes a record.

Miss Macarthur, known to us by her port work of former years, has been assisting with relief work in Regina and with Sabbath School and hospital visiting, particularly in Eastview. The membership of this Sabbath School has trebled since its beginning in 1930, and, although a new building is of the greatest necessity, the contributions to the Special Campaign Fund are featured. In Northside, Miss Macarthur has assisted with the missionary organizations and with visiting in the homes and hospitals.

Miss Ross, Deaconess at large, Saskatoon, has a part in every activity of the Church including, Prayer meetings, Girls' Guild, Young People's Society, Mission Bands, Sabbath Schools. Relief work and hospital visiting are carried on.

Miss Matthews, Red Deer, is filling a long felt want in Red Deer Presbyterian as Deaconess at large. Groups of young people and girls' work have been most successful, and in the short time since reaching this field Miss Matthews is proving herself a consecrated Christian leader.

Miss Macdonald, Peace Coupee, Peace River Block. This district has had five months of intensely cold weather. As Miss Macdonald has not been able to use her car, long journeys were almost impossible. Despite these conditions nearly all appointments have been kept, and, although there has been very serious distress and need, services and Sabbath School have been well attended. The supplies of clothing have been most acceptable and of the greatest assistance in the work.

Miss Grigor, Deaconess at large, Vancouver, has three Sabbath Schools under her care. Splendid work is done among the young. Every boy and girl is encouraged to study and know the Bible and is taught the history of the Church and what it stands for.

Mrs. McLean is at present engaged in special work in a scattered district of Vancouver, visiting in the homes, gathering in the children, and keeping the people together in every possible way.

We are grateful to our generous Supply Department, for strengthening the hands and cheering the hearts of our workers, enabling them through the avenue of physical welfare to minister to the spiritual need and proclaim the message of the Eternal Goodness of an All Wise and All Powerful God, to which all may turn in the stress and storm, and trust "That in the path untrod and the long days of God our feet shall still be led, our hearts be comforted."

(Mrs. C. W.) MABEL McMULLEN,
Secretary.

Chinese in Canada

Place	Staff	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
" "	Miss Grace Lee	1931
Vancouver, B.C.	Mrs. G. P. Louie	1930
" "	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Lily Yeung	1932
Brookville, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes Dickson, B.A.	1904
" "	Miss Hattie Jue	1927
" "	Mrs. Herman	1929

Victoria. Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Grace Lee have given constant devoted service to our work during the past year. Their day has started with the gathering and escorting of many of the children to kindergarten. From this time on, activities of all kinds have followed close upon each other until night.

The morning kindergarten had 51 pupils at the beginning of the year. Thirteen have gone on to public school, and 4 left for China. The afternoon class under Miss Scott had as its special object the improvement of the pupils' English by stories, reading, writing and songs. Miss Scott has also given English lessons to Chinese women. She had 12 music pupils and the Music Club and recitals were a source of pleasure to many. On four afternoons a week Miss Lee conducted Chinese lessons for juniors, and individual adult lessons in Bible reading in Chinese. In the evenings Miss Lee and the Rev. Mr. Leung held a senior Chinese class. Hymns and Scripture reading were part of the daily curriculum, helping to promote

Christian knowledge among the pupils, many of whom come from non-Christian homes.

The Mission Band met each month under the combined leadership of Miss Scott and Miss Lee, with an average attendance of 20. After mission study, time was devoted to hand-work, and a parcel of toys, knitted garments, etc., was sent to the Supply Secretary of the Presbyterian.

The C.G.I.T. met with Miss Scott once a fortnight. Fourteen were enrolled. The President, Miss Esther Chan, went to Hong Kong in August and her place was taken by Miss Leah Chan. One of the many profitable activities of this group was their attendance at a series of health talks given by a Public Health nurse. The girls helped in Church work, in the choir and in Sunday School. The Sunday School had 102 pupils. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary, led by Miss Lee, had a very satisfactory year with a membership of 15. Miss Lee and Miss Scott visited constantly in Chinese homes, where they never failed to receive a gracious welcome.

Vancouver. There is very much to be thankful for in the progress of the work in Vancouver. Kindergarten members were increased in 1932 from 42 to 51. During the year the children memorized parts of the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, hymns and Bible stories.

A girls' class met every Friday under Miss Armstrong, who has also given most generously of her time to help the work in many other ways, assisting in the kindergarten in the busy months, and substituting during the illness of Mrs. Louie and Miss Yeandle.

The Mission Band has gone on satisfactorily. Much time has been given to Bible study as laying a good foundation for future missionary work. Miss Edith Sutherland proved a valuable assistant to Miss Yeandle in this group.

A successful summer school was held for two weeks in July. A good number of children attended. Miss Armstrong, Miss Pansy Yeung and Miss Sutherland were voluntary helpers.

The senior boys have been doing very well under their new leader, Mr. Gregor McBae. They meet every Saturday and have been studying the life of Christ.

The W. M. A. have had very fine meetings. There were 22 members on the roll and the collections for the year amounted to \$20.60.

Seventy-one Chinese homes have been visited through the year. A new sense of the power of God and a new dependence on Him have been evident among many of those ministered to by our W.M.S. workers. Two whole families consisting of twelve persons in all were baptized during 1932.

Regina. In reviewing the year's work Mrs. Martin expressed her admiration for the courage and fortitude shown by the Chinese mothers of families who have so uncomplainingly faced the hardships of these trying times. Mrs. Farley has been of great assistance in sending out the literature and Mrs. Horne has been ready at all times with interest and help.

Toronto. We have one important change to report in Toronto. Miss Lavina Dickman was obliged to return to her home in June, and the kindergarten work, which she had directed so acceptably, being left without a teacher, Miss Lily Yeung was engaged to take charge of it in the autumn and has carried on very capably and successfully. The school this winter has been composed of 14 children under five, and 8 from six to eight. Miss Yeung has divided the pupils into two classes. Three times a week, after taking the younger children home the older ones were called for and given instruction. Mrs. Matthews continued to give invaluable assistance at the piano.

The Mission Band, now fully organized with its own officers, has been

lately under the direction of Miss Edith Taylor. After an hour of study and religious exercises carpentry was engaged in by the boys, while the girls sewed. At the end of the year the sum of \$6.00 was handed to the Presbyterian Treasurer for Missions.

The C.G.I.T., led by Miss Jean MacMurchy, met every fortnight with a membership of six. A Chinese Boy Scout Company has been organized with Mr. Edward Haines of Chalmers Church as Scout Master.

The ladies' Sunday afternoon class has met regularly. Miss Gunn and Mrs. Mah have given the addresses at these meetings. Thanks to the great kindness of those ladies who have driven their cars to bring the Chinese to the Sunday class, the attendance has been increased by 7.

The sewing class met each Friday, and sewed for their bazaar held on November 24th and 25th. \$191.00 was realized, which, owing to the rate of exchange, represented \$600.00 in Chinese currency. \$200.00 of this was sent for relief, and \$400.00 for missions in China.

Mrs. Mah has done her usual valuable work among the women. Miss Lambert has been, as always, very active and always to be depended upon, even beyond her strength. Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Yeung have given music lessons to a number of the children.

The Bible Vacation School, once more in charge of Miss Dickson, was marked by a record attendance and a splendid spirit throughout. The helpers were Miss Petch, Miss Lambert, Miss Yeung, Miss K. Mark and Miss F. Wong.

Brockville. Miss Davies has visited the following centres: Belleville, Trenton, Kingston, Gananoque, Prescott, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Smiths Falls, Carleton Place and Perth, besides carrying on her work in her own town. She has been a most welcome guest in many of the homes of her Chinese friends as they have been in hers.

Montreal. The present enrolment in the kindergarten is 33, the ages ranging from 3 to 7 years. The children have been divided into two classes, the older ones doing a little arithmetic and hand-work, the younger ones spending much time in supervised play. All enjoyed learning new hymns and songs. They have followed the Scripture memory course of the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools and have shown great ability in memorizing.

The Helping Hand Club, composed of 16 girls and boys, was under the care of Miss Elsie Johnson and Miss Rowat. The Junior Club consists of 12 children recently promoted from kindergarten and was led by Mrs. H. Johnson. Both these Clubs engaged in games, stories, Scripture memorizing and hand-work. A company of Boy Scouts has been organized and 10 boys have enrolled this year.

Work among the women has gone on very steadily. Regular monthly meetings were held. The interest was great and the regularity in attendance was most gratifying to Miss Dickson. Bible stories and singing have been part of the monthly programme. After the meetings the members remained for tea. Homes have been visited as regularly as possible and help has been given in many and varied ways.

Miss Dickson has made four trips to Toronto during the year, also three to Ottawa and one to Perth and Carleton Place. In September, she visited Windsor, Chatham, London, Ingersoll, Brantford and Hamilton.

A feature of the year's work was a very successful Bible Vacation School carried on by Mrs. Herman and Miss Jue, while Miss Dickson was conducting the School in Toronto.

Miss Dickson wishes to thank all those who by their prayers, their gifts and their time have been of such assistance to her in her work.

(Mrs. G. H.) MARY S. SEDGEWICK,
Secretary.

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Letters regarding resignation of Fay McTavish. These indicate the practice of the WMS to move people around (although it seems that many people *don't* move around), and the importance of building personal relationships to the work among the Chinese.

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"Quarterly report for period ending March 31, 1955" submitted by Margaret Near (Toronto) to Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Director of National Missions.
Excerpt: "I had thought we were making a little **progress in integrating the Canadian-born and the China-born young people** but the progress is slow. However there is one encouraging sign; the young people have been translating the main ideas of the speaker into Chinese and also reading the Scripture and singing in the two languages."

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Letter, Matthews to Margaret Near, January 7 1955.

Excerpt: "We are all concerned over the fact that there is a **tension between the Canadian-born Chinese and those who have been born in China.** I do hope that this situation can be remedied. We know it will take tact, patience and great understanding and I trust that the coming of Miss Lee will help to smooth some of these differences over."

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Letter from Mrs. Matthews' secretary to Fay McTavish. Undated, c. mid-November, 1950.
Re: request to try to help a **Dutch girl married to a Chinese man.** Photo-copied.

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Letter from ____ Scott, to Mrs. W. A. McLennan, undated but postmarked Strathroy, Ont. October 30, 1950. Also about the **Dutch girl**; she is university-educated; **class** seems to make her a special case. Photo-copied.

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Letters about the arrival of a Miss Kong as a new worker from China – she proved unsuitable. They were going to find her other work. (More on this in File number 1988-7004-23-4, in which Miss Kong quits and then avoids Presbyterian missionary people. Then leaves Toronto to pursue studies in USA. Worked for about 3 years for the WMS first).

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A “historical sketch of the Toronto Chinese Young Men’s Christian Institute.”

Mrs. Jas. Lee -

73 Dorval Road

Toronto

Dear Fay:

Miss Matthews asked me to send you the following information as she had to leave the city for a few days:

Mrs. Jas. Lee,
73 Dorval Road,
Toronto.

This young woman came from Holland and married a Chinese young man. They may have lived in Kincardine or Wingham - I am not sure. They had a restaurant but recently the lease expired and they have come to Toronto.

Mrs. Scott from Strathroy wrote to Mrs. McLennan to see if someone could get in touch with Mrs. Lee as she felt Mrs. Lee would be lonely in the city. Her friends in Kincardine or Wingham were very kind to her and gave her two showers before she left as she was very popular there.

Would it be possible, Fay, for you to get in touch with her and perhaps work her into the activities of your Church? It would certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary.

Miss Fay McTavish,
624 Spadina Avenue,
Toronto 5, Ontario.

putting in an oil furnace. So
I have been held up. But, has
made wonderful strides getting
back his health. It was so much
since he cracked up, he will
never be able to do all he used
to do but what care can carry
a for years we hope.

We had a wonderful Anniversary
last Sunday. Went thing well.
Christmas.

Will you could stop and see
us sometime. It's a long time.
If you are ever in our district
please do - will be so happy to
see you.

Sincerely
Ben Scott



Thanking Lab. Eve.

Dear Mrs. Mach -

Don't faint!! It's

a long time since I

saw you or wrote you.

But believe me, we think

you - old friends like

you are not forgotten.

Jean Williams said she

saw you at Guilford. She

is my right hand man.

He keeps in Revere.

Class - Presbyterian Treas -

in Evening and and again

and her husband was killed

in car accident just a year

ago.

I have a request to make

perhaps I'd go to headmaster

about five years ago.

2 a Dutch girl came to Hong Kong with her Chinese husband. He was a sea-brought up in the Church in Wingham - a fine lad. She is a lovely girl - a university girl. Everybody fell in love with her. She addressed meetings about her home land in all different churches. Recently the lease of restaurant ran out so Tom and his brothers gave up. Tom is in Hong Kong and just recently got a very beautiful and Calicut went. They gave her two showers before she left and she got dusty things. She felt badly leaving her friends who had been so kind to her. She will be lovely and I am writing to ask if you will put some young women on her trail - she may be just a Chinese wife in a city. She says in Holland it is very common for a girl to marry a Japanese or Chinese - she comes from an aristocratic family by her pictures - I doubt you would know who to approach - Hope you don't mind me asking you.

I suppose you are in the "fo" all the time. I had hoped to get away to see mother this week but they are