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-part of "national missions" report by Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary
Miss Judd by this time was a Deaconess in Peace River.

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Deaconess Department	Staff 1950	Date of Appointment
Presbytery of Calgary, Alta.	Miss Marjorie Mackay	1939
Lethbridge	Miss Margaret Boyd	1948
Calgary	Miss Isabel Scott	1941
Saskatoon, Sask.	Miss Agnes Hislop	1949
Synodicals of Saskatchewan and Manitoba	Miss Winnifred Ripley	1949
Presbytery of Brandon, Man.	Miss Margaret Allan	1915
Fortage la Prairie	Mrs. S. E. Gillespie	1939
Hamilton, Ont.	Miss Hilda Blackwell	1948
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. W. B. Leathdale	1950
Hospital Visitor	Miss Annabelle Stewart	
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes McLeod	
Port Work	Miss Flora Whiteford	
Hospital Visitor	Miss Grace Barron	
Summer Workers:	Miss Hazel Turnbull	

Chinese Work	Staff	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1936
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Grace Lee	1931
	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
	Miss Susan Young	1940
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Anne Wilson	1948
	Miss Fay McFavish	1938
Montreal, Que.	Miss Irene Kong	1947
	Miss Muriel Judd	1945
	Mrs. G. P. Louie	1942

Indian Schools	Staff	Date of Appointment
Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ont.	Mr. T. C. Ross, Principal	1948
Birtle, Man.	Mrs. T. C. Ross, Matron	1948
	Mrs. N. M. Rusan, Principal	1945
	Mrs. N. M. Rusan, Matron	1945
Mistawasis Reserve, Sask.	Rev. W. W. Moore, B.A., D.D., Teacher	1930

Children's Centres	Staff	Date of Appointment
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Catherine Watson	1947
Children's Centre	Miss Helen Ross	1939
Montreal, Que.	Miss Margaret MacKenzie	1948
Tyndale House	Mrs. J. McPhee, Superintendent	1947
St. Margaret's Girls' Centre		
Toronto, Ont.		

Organizations Department	Staff	Date of Appointment
YOUTH SECRETARY	Miss Grace Irvine	1950
CHIEF WORK SECRETARY		

Deaconess Department

Children's Secretaries:	Miss Lily M. MacArthur	1918
Regional Secretaries:	Miss Elizabeth Moodie	1910
Synod of British Columbia	Miss Grace Mackay	1949
Synod of Alberta	Miss Athalie Reed	1943
Synods of Manitoba and Saskatchewan	Miss Ruby Walker	1940

In preparing the report of the National Missions one is proud of the progress which is evident in each phase of the work. Every report expresses thankfulness for the widening of opportunities. From British Columbia to Quebec there is presented a record of faithful and loving service of the fifty-six workers in the National Department.

Chinese in Canada

The Chinese work in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal has shown many developments particularly that among the young people. Much of this is due to the fact that many Chinese girls and boys have come recently to Canada. Through the various organizations in our missions we have been able to help them—by conducting classes in English and by assisting them to find employment. They, in turn, have become interested in the Church and are faithful in their attendance at public worship, in the choir and in Sabbath School and Young People's groups.

It is interesting to note the following figures from our four centres:

Kindergartens	202
Sabbath Schools	250
Young People's Societies	85
Mission Bands and Explorers	80
W.M.S. Groups	77
Contributions to General Fund	\$321.00
to Supplies	34.00

Vacation Bible Schools are conducted each summer with splendid attendance. In addition to the organizations and kindergartens our workers visit in the homes, hospitals and help in every way possible to strengthen the work of the congregations.

The nine reports received speak of a new impetus in the work among the Chinese and a rededication of all the workers to the challenge of a new year of service.

Deaconess Department

The report of our National missionaries within the deaconess department is a story of work being carried on in many places and under many different circumstances.

It is the recording of reports of Misses Marjorie Mackay, Kimberley; Miss Agnes Hislop, Saskatchewan; Miss Margaret Allan, Hamilton, serving in a mining town, in great areas in the prairies, or in large urban centres organizing new groups and helping with those already established.

Of Miss Isabel Scott, Saskatoon, serving as Secretary in the office of the Superintendent of Western Missions, as well as assisting in a newly-organized Sabbath School and leading a Girls' group.

Of Mrs. Feenke and Mrs. Steinmetz, Toronto, who devote many hours each week in assisting displaced persons who have come to make their home in Canada.

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Staff 1951 Date of Appointment

Deaconess Department

Presbytery of Peace River, Alta.	Miss Marjorie MacKay	1939
Presbytery of Prince Albert, Sask.	Miss Margaret Boyd	1948
Presbytery of Red Deer, Alta.	Miss Winnifred Ripley	1949
Presbytery of Winnipeg, Hamilton, Ont.	Mrs. G. W. Bradley	1951
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Margaret Allan	1915
Hospital Visitor, Montreal, Que.	Mrs. S. M. Gillespie	1939
Port Work, Hospital Visitor, Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, Ont. (temporarily), Summer Workers:	Miss Hilma Blackwell Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale Miss Helen Ross Miss Grace Barron Miss Flora Whiteford Miss Agnes McLeod Miss Lillian Reay Miss Florence Goertzen Miss Jean Brown	1948 1950 1930

Chinese Work

Victoria, B.C.	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Grace Lee Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931 1931
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Susan Yeung Miss Annie Wilson Miss Fay McTavish	1940 1948 1938
Montreal, Que.	Miss Irene Kong Miss Muriel Judd Mrs. G. P. Louie	1945 1947 1942

Indian Schools

Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ont.	*Mr. T. C. Ross, Principal	1948
Birtle, Man.	*Mrs. T. C. Ross, Matron Mr. N. M. Russaw, Principal Mrs. N. M. Russaw, Matron	1948 1945 1945

Children's Centres

Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Catherine Watson	1947
Children's Centre, Montreal, Que.	Miss Athalie Read	1943
Tyndale House	Miss Margaret MacKenzie	1948

St. Margaret's Girls' Centre

Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. J. McPhee, Superintendent	1947
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Deaconess Department

Youth Secretary	Miss Grace Irvine	19
Girls' Work Secretary	Miss Helen Bricker	19
Children's Work Secretary	Miss Lily M. MacArthur	19
Associate Children's Work Secretary	Miss Elizabeth Moodie	19
Regional Secretaries:	Miss Grace Mackay Mrs. Margaret MacNaughton Miss Ruby Walker	19 19 19

*Resigned August 1951.

As the reports of the National missionaries are received one reminded again of the tremendous amount of work which is being done. We rejoice in the advance which was made in 1950 and pray that even greater work may be accomplished.

Deaconess Department

In 1950 there were twelve National Missionaries in our Deaconess Department.
Miss M. MacKay spent the first six months of the year in Lethbridge. She returned to the Kootenay Presbytery in June where she gave leadership at four camps and during the fall months helped in organizational work in several centres.

Miss Margaret Boyd, Calgary—writes of great progress being shown in the work at Chalmers Church. Every organization has taken on new enthusiasm since regular church services have been held. Miss Boyd directed two camps at Sylvan Lake and two Vacation Bible schools during the summer.

Miss Hilma Blackwell—port receptionist at Quebec and Montreal reports having met 59 boats as well as several boat trains! This year promises to be an even busier year with the coming of more citizens from the countries across the seas.

Miss Margaret Allan—Hamilton, has been on our National staff for thirty-six years and in her report tells again of a year of untiring service in the congregation of Knox and Calvin as well as doing hospital visiting.

Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, Toronto—visits in ten hospitals carrying to patients a message of cheer. At Christmas Mrs. Gillespie distributed gifts donated by interested groups to many lonely people who have one to remember them.

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Montreal—appointed to our National staff in February visits in many hospitals as well as nursing homes and Home for the Aged. Mrs. Leatherdale writes of the courtesy shown by those in authority at the hospitals. She mentions also the appreciation of the hospital visitor so often expressed by the patients.

Miss Margaret MacKenzie, Tyndale House Mission, Montreal, supervises the nursery school, which has an enrolment of 29. Miss MacKenzie also gives much time to other departments of the mission. She supervises the C.G.I.T. (Chevron group in 1950) directs the choir, is superintendent of the Beginners and Primary Department of the Sunday School, is church pianist and assists with the Explorer group, the Mixed Band and adult groups.

Miss Winnifred Ripley, Children's Centre, Vancouver, for the six months worked in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, where she conducted nursery school and assisted other church groups. In September Miss Ripley was transferred to the Children's Centre, Vancouver, as Director of Older Groups where she is continuing to serve until February, 1951.

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rine Watson, Children's Centre, Vancouver, the Director of the Older Groups in the Children's Centre, Vancouver. Residential school to teach in the Intermediate classroom.

Scott. From January until the end of July Miss Ross transferred at the beginning of September to the Cecilia Residential school to teach in the Intermediate classroom. Scott. Until the end of April Miss Scott was Secretary of the Western Superintendent of Missions. From May Saskatchewan van. Miss Scott left the employ of our er to do congregational work in Fort William.

Hislop. After serving for several months in Saskatchewan under the direction of Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Hislop was placed in charge of the missionary van in her work was outstanding. Miss Hislop left the National Center to prepare for overseas work to which she has been if deaconesses were employed during the summer. Miss 1. Miss Agnes McLeod, Miss Grace Baron, Miss Hazel Miss Annabelle Stewart.

of our National Advance two missionary vans were sent e was used in Northern Saskatchewan, in the area north ford and the other in Alberta in the country surrounding House.

Scott assisted by Miss Flora Whiteford, student deaconess, of the Saskatchewan van while the Alberta van was in, Agnes Hislop and Miss Agnes McLeod, student deaconess, and blessing. In some districts where there was no y post material is now being mailed to them. ble schools were conducted in several school districts ices were held when possible.

shevan van was used until the middle of September a van was in use until early in December. During the is Hislop conducted five "Sunday Schools" each week in rural schools after the classes were finished for the received from Presbyteries and Synods where these eration have shown to us the valuable work that was ough this our newest venture. We hope in 1951 to have be in another needy area.

8 years we were again faced with the problem of finding t of staff for both of our schools. We are grateful to in spite of heavy duties, continued throughout the year a service.

a Jeffrey School, Kenora, where there were 145 enrolled, school showed progress. Four pupils attended High Besides the ordinary classroom subjects the children nction in sewing, cooking, handicrafts, farming, manual and music.

To our staff we were able to appoint two qualified teachers, who were also graduate deaconesses. These teachers have been able to assist greatly in the Christian instruction given to the pupils. Several of the children became members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada during the year. Daily worship, Sunday School and Church services are held in the chapel.

The total enrolment at the Birle school for the year was 155 with an attendance of 18 at High School. As at the Kenora school splendid progress has been noted. The children who attend High School are well liked by the other pupils and they take an active part in all the school and community activities. Employment was secured for the High School pupils during the summer holidays. Mr. Ransaw was careful to choose places where the children would be under the supervision of those who understood some of their problems.

Sunday School lessons are taught by the older children who are given instruction during the week by some of the senior members of staff. Thirteen children joined the church. Church services are conducted in the chapel.

Most of the farm produce needed for the school is produced on the school farm. In 1950 nearly 3,000 quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned or put in cold storage. Pickles were also made and the root house was filled to capacity with vegetables such as carrots, potatoes, etc.

The sewing class follows the four-year course sponsored by the Extension Branch of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. The class is carried on as a Club, the Birle class being the only Indian Club in the 155 sewing Clubs in Manitoba. The articles which the girls make are judged and it is interesting to note that one group stood eighth and another eighteenth out of the 155 Clubs enrolled. Each year art items made by the girls in the sewing groups and by the boys in the manual training classes are exhibited at Brandon and Parage in Prairie exhibitions, with a high percentage of articles exhibited being prize winners.

The clothing for the children in both schools is purchased with supply money. With rising costs the amount required has steadily increased. For 1950 the cost of clothing almost reached the \$12,000.00 mark.

We rejoice that so much has been accomplished in our two schools and know that much of the progress can be attributed to the faithful service of the Principals, Matrons and other members of staff.

Chinese in Canada

From Victoria—Miss Gertrude Scott reports "There have been many encouraging moments and many instances of the working of God's spirit, and we thank God that He is with us." These words of Miss Scott are true of all the centres where we have work among the Chinese in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. The kindergarten has shown great progress, with 42 in Victoria, 96 in Vancouver, 20 in Toronto, and 15 in Montreal. It is often through these little children that contacts are made in the homes.

Growth and new life is shown in the other groups. In each centre classes in English are conducted for Chinese people who have recently come to Canada. Over 200 were enrolled in these classes; many of these people—most of them just in their teens—have associated themselves with the church groups. All of our workers speak with gratitude of the volunteer helpers who assist in the teaching. The Missionary groups have increased in membership. Their contributions to the General and the Supply Fund totalled over \$550.00. The Vacation Bible Schools which were conducted in the summer were most successful.

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Hospital Visitors

At the end of the year we had increased the number of hospital visitors from two to four. The hospital visitors are Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Montreal, Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, Toronto, Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Winnipeg, and Miss Ellen Douglas, Vancouver and New Westminster. The reports of these faithful workers show how valuable this work is, to bring comfort and cheer to the suffering, many of whom have no one to visit them. Often there is the need to do follow-up work, to provide layettes and clothing, sometimes to find living accommodation. All of these are a part of the many opportunities for service.

Chinese in Canada

Once more we report a very encouraging year in our Chinese work. In our four missions in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal much is being done for the many people who are coming from China. English and Chinese classes are being conducted (in 1951 there were nearly 300 enrolled in English classes). The enrolment in our kindergartens has increased (for 1951 almost 200). The total givings to the Women's Missionary Society from all groups from the four centres is nearly \$500.00. During the year, too, from all the congregations there was an increase in the amount raised for all purposes. One instance of this was in Vancouver where they contributed \$300.00 to the Christian Outreach, \$425.50 to the Budget, \$200.00 to the Chinese Church in Montreal, \$51.50 to the Bible Society, as well as contributing a larger amount toward maintenance of the mission.

In all of the centres the newcomers from China have brought a fresh impetus to the work. Some of these people are Christians and they have been of great help in the church. In Montreal, there is a group for the teen-agers just out from China and in Toronto cottage or family prayer meetings are conducted in the homes so that in each mission the people are made to feel welcome. One missionary writes, "All the families have appreciated our calls on them as they were in great need of friends who could be true friends at this time of being adjusted to a new environment and its people."

One would mention again the kindness and faithfulness of the numerous volunteer workers (over fifty), who assist in so many ways at our missions.

Indian Schools

In our Indian work as well as in other parts of our work in Canada many changes are taking place. One Principal in reporting about the school year wrote, "The Indian pupil of today is a much more interesting and progressive one as compared with the pupil of even four or five years ago." This is indicated in the fact that the children are entering school at a younger age, consequently they are completing Public School before they are sixteen, and are going on into High School for at least a while.

Quite a new departure was made in our school in Birle when in the fall of 1951 students were brought from all over Saskatchewan and Manitoba to attend High School. The enrolment in High School grades was 60, 14 of our own pupils, in October, necessitating the setting up of a fourth classroom for Grade IX pupils in the Residential School, and also a re-arrangement of dormitories and dining room to take care

of the larger enrolment of 162 pupils. Special grants for these High School students are being received to take care of the additional cost of having them at the school. Some of the students are receiving scholarships from the Churches to which they belong, as the extra students are from other Protestant denominations. This new responsibility has added much to the heavy burden, already being carried by our Principal, Mr. Krasny, the Matron, Mrs. Russw, and the other members of staff.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ross who had been Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, for three years, left our employ at the end of August. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. MacCallum of Chatsworth, were appointed as Principal and Principal's Assistant to succeed Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

In both of the schools instruction is given in Manual Training, sewing, cooking, laundering, gardening, music and home nursing, as well as the school course set by the Provincial Department of Education. Quite a number of prizes for handwork were won at Brandon and Portage la Prairie Exhibitions.

For the past two summers employment has been found for many of the older students from the Birle school. This, of course, adds to the duties of the principal, who makes periodical visits to see young people at their places of employment.

The health of the children has been good—due in part to the visits of the various clinics to the school when X-rays are taken, eyes tested and treated, if necessary, and teeth examined and taken care of.

Mid-week groups such as Explorers, Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. and choirs have been organized. Church services and Sunday Schools are held regularly. Rev. J. Y. Garrett of the Waywasseeappo Reserve and the student minister at the Birdtail Reserve conducted services at the Birle school and the Kenora minister held a service each Sunday afternoon at the Cecilia Jeffrey school. Several children in both schools became members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada during the year.

St. Margaret's Centre

This residence in Toronto for teen-age girls which had been in operation since 1946 was closed in June of 1951. During that period over thirty girls were enrolled. (See article September 1951 *Glad Tidings* re closing.)

As we complete the report of 1951 we would again record the appreciation of the members of our Society for the wonderful work which is being done by our National missionaries for their great faithfulness and devotion. We would pray that each of us, whether we are an Auxiliary member or a member of staff, in this New Year, may rejoice in the privilege which is ours, and seek at all times to serve our Master and Lord, gladly, with the faith that He will go with us all the Way.

FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS,
Executive Secretary.

1951

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Miss Athalie Read, as Director of the older age groups at the Children's Centre, Vancouver, writes an encouraging report of increased enrollment in most of the groups under her direction—Mission Bands, Explorers and C.G.I.T. Both Miss Read and Miss Boyd assisted with the Sunday School in Central Church, Vancouver. An attempt has been made to establish a group of groups for the new Canadian citizens who are at present residing in the West end of Vancouver near the Children's Centre.

Miss Catherine Watson directed the Nursery School in Vancouver until the end of August when she was transferred to Tyndale House, Montreal where she conducts the Nursery School and has the responsibility of several of the other groups at the mission.

Five temporary appointees assisted with the work during the summer, three on the Missionary Vans, one in the Presbytery of Temiskaming, Northern Ontario, and one in Regina, Presbytery of Assiniboia.

Hospital Visitors

Our six Hospital Visitors—Miss Ellen Douglas, Vancouver and New Westminster; Mrs. Jessie Anderson, Edmonton; Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Winnipeg; Mrs. W. I. Weir, London; Mrs. S. Gillespie, Toronto; and Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Montreal, made calls in over sixty hospitals and nursing homes. Their reports tell of hundreds of visits made, visits which meant that people have been comforted, that peace has been brought to troubled hearts and that strength has been given to faltering spirits. No wonder that one visitor wrote, "There are times when one feels that the task is far too great and the cares of others too heavy to relieve." Another wrote, "It has been a busy year involving much physical effort, a year of strain upon the heart strings, a year in which God's guidance has been evident, His strength experienced and His joy realized as perhaps never before—and so at the end the visitor is left exhausted but singing."

Chinese Work in Canada

In the four centres, Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal the work at our Chinese missions continues to progress.

Through the English classes (280 enrolled) where the new citizens from China are taught English, many helpful contacts are made. The students in the classes are encouraged to attend Church services, Sunday School and the week-day organizations. The congregations in all centres are made up of older people who speak little English, others who have been attending Church for many years, and young people who have attended kindergarten and Sunday School and who speak better English than Chinese, women and young people and children who have recently come from China, some of whom attended Churches and Christian schools in China, and others who have never been inside a Christian Church prior to coming to Canada.

In Montreal, the choir from the Chinese Church sang carols at Christmas in the Royal Victoria Hospital.

We record with satisfaction that each year the members of the Chinese missions are assuming more responsibility in regard to the support of their own work and in contributing to the support of the

mission of the whole Church. All missions report increased contributions to the Women's Missionary Society, to the Budget and to the Ministers' stipend.

Two of our Chinese workers had leave of absence during 1952—Mrs. G. P. Louie and Miss Grace Lee.

We would again express our appreciation of the valuable assistance given by volunteer teachers at our Chinese missions. Many of these teachers give two and three evenings each week to this so very important work.

Indian Schools

Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora

Until the end of June, Mr. R. S. MacCallum was Principal of this school and, in September, the Principal's duties were taken over by the Rev. J. C. E. Andrews, B.A., B.D., M.Th., with Mrs. Andrews as Maroon. During the year many necessary repairs were made to the school building and equipment. All the buildings were re-wired, new lights were installed and floor coverings were laid in the main hall and one of the classrooms.

At the Birble School many improvements were also made—two dormitories and halls, dining-room and a bedroom were redecorated and electric stoves installed. Because of the shortage of room for pupils in the Birble High School it was necessary to have the Grade X Indian pupils taught in our school. This meant the hiring of a fourth teacher and the re-arranging of rooms in the school.

The enrolment at the two schools was 280.

The health of the students in both of the schools except for the occasional illness has been quite good. The children play outside when all kinds and, if possible, enter into competitive games with teams from other schools. Through the Department of Health, the children are X-Rayed and regular dental examinations and treatment are given.

Sunday School and Church services were conducted in the chapels—those at Birble by the Rev. J. Y. Garrett and those at the Cecilia Jeffrey School, by the Principal, the Rev. J. C. E. Andrews. Communion services are conducted at the schools and each year new names are added to the number of communicants. At the Birble School, among the High School students, there are members of the Anglican and United Churches, the Churches of Christ (Disciples), as well as Presbyterians. One of the great problems is that the chapels have to be used for all school assemblies and many of the indoor activities, as the playgrounds are not large enough nor suitable. We hope that this situation may soon be corrected.

For the summer vacation many of the older High School students are placed in specially chosen positions. The Principal keeps in touch with pupils and employers and visits them at least once during the summer.

It is most interesting to note that \$30.00 was contributed to the Budget of our Church from the Birble School. In June, the choir of twenty girls under the direction of Mrs. Russw provided special music

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New Westminster

she visits in the hospitals of Vancouver described in the following paragraph:

"... God brought you here today" and to channel to bring His blessings to those in science. Or how often it has been the then after innumerable visits with dis- has dampened the spirit, God in His heered by some radiant example of faith enables the Hospital visitor to carry on of faith."

"to go on under my own power," writes ar of visits was 3,612 for eleven months. patients who had become indifferent to n by the Hospital Visitor to Ministers ful members. Children of some parents ding Church schools. There are many to the visitor, seeking advice.

essed but become more cheerful as they ving and as they respond to treatments. these patients encourage and cheer on ith patients from various parts of the n. Mrs. Anderson reports gifts and n.

met with courtesy and helpfulness by nursing homes. She says, "I never cease fortitude of my patients." Gifts were erial and several young women assisted Members of St. James choir sang carols Young Women's groups took as their nd presentation of gifts to patients in years to be a growing interest among use of our National work. Notes were l and letters of congratulations to new "It is impossible to recount the many say that one cannot touch the lives of so g humbly grateful for countless oppor- 5,688 visits were made by Mrs. Bradley.

rs. Gillespie continued as Hospital Visi- were made to all the large hospitals and Gillespie also did much follow-up work, families whom she could serve. It was at Mrs. Gillespie's work was to be light- the General Board of Missions of two Mrs. Gillespie was offered an appoint-

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ment, which she accepted, under the Department of Christian Education, to the Presbyterian Training School, Medicine Hat, Alberta. In her new work we know she has taken that same joyous, earnest service which she unstintingly gave in the fourteen years she was a member of our National staff.

Mrs. Wm. Weir, London

Mrs. Weir who was appointed Hospital Visitor in London, in May, 1932, resigned from our staff in August, 1953. In this period Mrs. Weir gave very valuable service and endeared herself to the hundreds of patients she visited. To Mrs. Weir in her new home in Amherstburg, we extend our good wishes.

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Montreal

Mrs. Leatherdale writes, "Each year the work has been more blessed than the one before. There is much evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work as the Ruler of many people who, through prayer and gifts uphold the Hospital Visitor as she ministers to many hundreds of men, women and children."

Regular visits are made to the elderly folk in nursing homes, to patients in Verdun Mental Hospital and Children's Hospital as well as to patients in the larger hospitals. Mrs. Leatherdale writes further, "The work of the Hospital Visitor is so far-reaching in its scope. There is a new interest at every bedside. In all the wide world there are no two persons alike but each one is the object of God's love and care. As one continues in the work opportunities for follow-up work present themselves." "Again at Christmas there was a great outpouring of gifts and money from many sources. I shall never call it any other name than 'Manna from Heaven'. It came in such abundance as to meet every need. Over 2,500 gifts were prepared for patients in twenty-four Mont- real hospitals and nursing homes.

Carols were sung in the hospitals again this year by some of the Church groups from the Chinese Church, St. Cuthbert's Senior and Junior choir, Presbyterian Young People's Societies. The work of the hospital visitor continues to expand and each year sees a greater number of people interested in assisting wherever and whenever they can.

Chinese in Canada

An increased interest is being shown in the Chinese people who are coming to Canada to make their homes here. This is shown in reports from places such as Sudbury, Windsor and Yorkton where one person's interest has been the means of encouraging others to be interested and the Chinese have been welcomed into the Church's life.

Victoria

The reports received from Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Grace Lee tell of increasing numbers coming to Church and groups. The kindergarten had an enrolment of 46, a large percentage of whom have recently come from China. Classes for the teaching of English and others for the teaching of Chinese are conducted in the afternoon and evenings five days a week. These students are encouraged to attend Church services and the Church school. In June, the Senior Auxiliary celebrated their

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thirtieth anniversary. Contributions from the Senior and Young Women's Auxiliary and Girls' group totalled \$89.62 in the General Fund and \$12.15 to the Supply Fund.

Vancouver

Again it is a story of progress and increased numbers. Their enrolment had to be curtailed owing to lack of space. The enrolment for the year at the kindergarten was 121. In the English classes 105 were enrolled. Volunteer workers render valuable service in teaching English and in giving assistance in the Church school. The English classes provide a point of contact with the Church as many of the students attend Church school, Evening services and Young People's Society. The impact of Christian personalities must have a great effect also on these young people, most of whom are not Christian.

A young man, Ronnie Conn, has been appointed Superintendent of the Church school and under his leadership the attendance has increased. All organizations report a successful year and they include a Senior Auxiliary, Young Women's Auxiliary, a Young People's Society, choir, Explorers and Mission Band. Visiting in the homes is also a very important phase of the work. Often our staff are called to go with the Chinese people to doctors, clinics and hospitals to act as interpreters.

Toronto

Until towards the end of September the kindergarten and children's work was under the direction of Miss Fay McTavish. For the last three months of the year Miss McTavish was taking a refresher course in Nashville, Tennessee, while Miss Hazel Turnbull assumed her duties. Kindergarten, Church school, Mission Band, Young Women's Auxiliary and Women's group have shown progress. It is noted that in the past year about twenty young women from several congregations in the city have freely given of their time to teach English to newcomers from China. Over 50 young people are receiving instruction in English. The Young Women's Auxiliary, the Senior Women's groups, the Church school and Young People's Society all report a successful year.

Montreal

In the report received from Montreal mention is made that three of the Church school classes are taught in Chinese for the benefit of newcomers. Here, too, the work has grown as evidenced in the increased enrolment in all the groups. Each week 80 attended the English classes where instruction in the Bible was given as well as the lesson in English. The Women's Missionary Society Senior Auxiliary exceeded their allocation. The Good Will Club meeting twice a month, through their activities, were able to assist in projects for the improvement of the Church. A new feature was introduced when the elders of the Church held a reception on New Year's Day for representatives of organizations and other interested people. At the Christmas concert a play especially written by Mrs. Louie was given by a number of young people. The choir under the direction of the organist, a young Chinese man, sang carols in the wards of the Royal Victoria Hospital. The visits in the homes by our staff are always greatly appreciated—particularly by those newcomers who are finding it difficult to become adjusted to their new life in Canada.

Children's Centres

Vancouver

Miss M. Boyd

Miss Boyd, Director of the Kindergarten, writes of a busy year, with an average attendance of 20. In the summer Miss Boyd directed a Girls' camp in the Presbytery of Kamloops-Okanagan, as well as a two-week Vacation Bible school in Central Church. Assistance is given by Miss Boyd to other age groups at the Centre.

Miss A. Read

Miss Read, Director of Older Age Groups at the Children's Centre, reports that an average of 50 children attended the mid-week groups which include Mission Bands, Explorer groups, Trail Rangers and C.G.I.T. On many occasions throughout the year the members of the groups participated in Church activities. A group for new Canadians has also been organized by Miss Read and she is being assisted by two volunteer teachers.

Both Miss Boyd and Miss Read in 1953 did extensive visiting in the homes in the area in which the Centre is located.

Montreal — Tyndale House

Miss C. Watson

Miss Watson is in charge of the Nursery school and organizations which take in children up to eleven years of age. The total enrolment in the nursery school for the year was 53. Miss Watson is assisted in this work by mothers of the children. The other groups under Miss Watson's direction include the Mission Band, 44 enrolled Girls' Explorers, 16 Boys' Explorers, 17, and Interest group, where handicrafts are taught—enrolment 50.

Miss Watson, after directing the Girls' camp, conducted a Vacation Bible school for two weeks. This new endeavour was enthusiastically received on the part of both the parents and the children.

Indian Schools

Birtle, Manitoba

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Rusaev, Principal and Matron of the Birtle school, report a very busy but a very successful year, with an enrolment of 160. Many improvements made included the repairs and decorating in the laundry, installing a freezer unit and much decorating. For the first part of the year Grades XI and XII attended classes in Birtle and Grades I to X were taught at the school in four classrooms.

Because of lack of accommodation in Birtle High School, it was necessary to make room for Grade XI at the Residential School. An extra classroom was built apart from the main building and a fifth teacher employed. At the close of the year there were 67 pupils in High School grades. Quite a number of these High School pupils are from reserves other than those served by our Church. Of the June, 1953 graduates, 7 are taking further training and several others are employed in positions away from the reserves. The High School group have their own student council.

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Staff 1955

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Appointment

Deaconess Department

Presbytery of Westminster, B.C.

Miss Ahabie Reed 1943

Presbytery of Peace River, Alta.

Miss Margaret Boyd 1948

Presbytery of Assiniboia, Sask.

*Miss Marie Judd 1945

Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay

Miss Florence Goertzen 1953

Presbytery of Hamilton, Ont.

Miss Winnifred Ripley 1949

Presbytery of East Toronto, Ont.

Miss Margaret Allan 1915

Presbytery of Montreal and Quebec (Tynedale House)

Miss Lillian Reay 1953

Montreal and Quebec Port Receptionist

Miss Catherine Watson 1947

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ontario

Miss Hilda Blackwell 1948

Western Missionary Van

Miss Helen Ross 1930

Summer Workers

Miss Kathleen Stewart, Reg. N. 1937

Six Student Deaconesses

Miss Marion Barron 1955

Hospital Visitors

Vancouver—New Westminster

Miss Ellen Douglas 1930

Edmonton

Mrs. Jessie Anderson 1952

Winnipeg

Mrs. G. W. Bradley 1961

Montreal

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale 1950

Chinese Workers

Victoria, B.C.

Miss Gertrude Scott 1926

Vancouver, B.C.

Miss Grace Lee 1981

Toronto, Ont.

Miss Ruth Yearndie 1931

Montreal, Que.

*Miss Susan Yeung 1940

Indian Schools

Miss Annie Wilson, L.I.C.M. 1948

Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ont.

Mrs. L. Wong 1951

Birtle, Manitoba

Miss Margaret Near, B.A. 1962

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Miss G. B. Lee 1954

Miss Judd until March 31st, 1955

Miss Hazel Turnbull 1952

Miss Yeung until June 30th, 1955

Mrs. G. P. Lowe 1942

Mr. Ivan B. Robson, Principal

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Mr. Ivan B. Robson, Matron

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Mr. N. M. Russaw, Principal

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Mrs. N. M. Russaw, Matron

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Our Deaconesses

Miss Hilda Blackwell, Port

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been touched or perhaps left untouched by the love of Christ in whose service they have been contacted. To His name we give the praise and glory for anything that may have been accomplished."

Chinese in Canada

An event of great interest was the Conference held in June, in Toronto, by the leaders of Chinese works in Canada under the Presbyterian Church. Representatives were in attendance from Victoria, Vancouver, Saskatoon, Windsor, Ottawa, Toronto, Brockville and Montreal. Many problems which were common to all centres were discussed and recommendations were forwarded from this Conference to the General Board of Missions and to the Women's Missionary Society (W.M.S.). One of these recommendations stressed the need for more National missionaries so that the work might be extended to other cities and towns. It was most encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the young people who were representatives.

The reports of Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Grace Lee of Victoria showed progress. Much of the work here as in all of our mission centres is teaching. As Miss Scott reports, "My day is fully occupied in teaching and the pupils vary in age from three year old to grandmothers." Again she writes, "It is so easy to make good friends with these strangers in our land and the warmth of their response makes one feel very privileged to be able to give them a little help." Kindergarten, Sunday school, Young Women's Auxiliary, Senior Auxiliary, English and Chinese classes, as well as home visitation, fill the busy days of our missionaries in Victoria. In the summer, vacation schools were conducted.

From Vancouver also, the reports were encouraging. Seven people came of their own accord seeking baptism. An English Bible class was started. In the English class where there were 123 students enrolled, a Gospel message has been given at every session. Mothers' meetings have been resumed. At the Mothers' meeting there is an average attendance of 40. From morning till night the activities are continued at the church order to cope with the increasing numbers who are coming to the various groups. An attempt was made wherever possible to have family participation in services. At the Easter closing of the kindergarten, the Good Friday service, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day and Rally day, families came all together to worship God. There are four missionaries on our staff in Vancouver—Miss Ruth Yeandle, Reg. N., Miss Susan Yeung, Miss Annie Wilson, L.I.C.M., and Mrs. L. Wong.

In spite of changes in staff and the fact of the non-arrival of the Chinese worker from Hong Kong there were some very encouraging features of our work in Toronto. It was with regret that the resignation of Miss Fay McTavish, who had served faithfully on our staff for fourteen years, was received.

Miss Hazel Turnbull carried on the work until April when she was transferred to Montreal and her place was taken by Miss Margaret Near, B.A., who had been working as a Deaconess in Regina. At the end of June we were notified that the place where the kindergarten was being conducted did not meet the requirements of Government regulations. From late September until the end of the year a few of the children were taken to the kindergarten in Knox Church. Other groups were continued—English classes, Young Peoples' Society, Mission Band—in the Chinese Y.M.C.I., with the Sunday School meeting in Cooke's Church. The need is most urgent for a new Church building where all of the activities may be carried on. Late in December, Miss G. B. Lee arrived

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in Vancouver from Hong Kong. We rejoice in her coming and pray that she may be a great blessing to our work in Toronto.

In Montreal there were also changes with the transfer of Miss Muriel Judd to Deaconess work in the Presbytery of Peace River and Miss Hazel Turnbull from Toronto to Montreal. An increase is noted in the Sunday school attendance. Kindergarten and Mission Band are conducted for the children during the church service on Sunday afternoon. English classes and kindergarten are held during the week. For the third consecutive year the Young Peoples' choir, under the direction of Mrs. G. P. Lowe, sang at Christmas in one of the large city hospitals. Another interesting feature was the Christmas dinner served at the Chinese community church to all Chinese who had no home in Montreal.

It is most difficult to tabulate results of the work done in our Chinese missions but the following figures are most revealing. Total enrollment for the kindergartens in the four centres was 195 and for the English classes, 275. In these two groups alone are represented incalculable opportunities for teaching many who have never heard the Gospel. Miss Yeandle, reporting from Vancouver, tells us that two young men who were former pupils at the Chinese kindergarten are now preparing for the ministry and that another former kindergarten, Miss Margaret Gee, was the first Chinese woman to be admitted by the Bar of British Columbia. As these young people and others, too, take their places in the life of our Dominion we know the lessons learned in the kindergarten will never be forgotten.

Our Indian Schools

Beginning September 1st, 1954, the teachers in all Indian Residential Schools in Canada were employed by the Department of Indian Affairs. Each denomination operating Indian schools has the privilege of nominating teachers for the schools under its supervision, it being understood that the qualifications of teachers nominated would meet the requirements as set forth by the Department of Indian Affairs.

Birtle Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba

Under the careful guidance of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Russaw, Principal and Matron, the Birtle school continued to show many improvements during 1954. It is ten years since Mr. and Mrs. Russaw began their work in Birtle and we look back over these years with thankfulness and even a little pride in what has been accomplished. In that time the buildings have been greatly improved, more land has been cleared, the cattle herd has been increased and is a fully accredited herd (now 81 head). Practically all meat and vegetables consumed at the school are home grown.

The Department of Indian Affairs during these ten years has been most co-operative and old worn-out or out-dated equipment has been replaced. In the kitchen, electric stoves and oven have been installed, heating boilers have been replaced and a cold storage unit has been set up. All of this has meant careful supervision by the Principal and his tireless helper, Mrs. Russaw. But along with these improvements, which have meant greater efficiency, better food, healthier children and happier surroundings there have been many other changes. The pupilage has increased. The number of pupils taking studies beyond the eighth grade has increased from 1 to over 60 each year. High School students are now being brought from grade schools of other denominations when there is no High School near their homes.

The study of music, both piano and vocal, has been introduced and some of the students have done remarkably well. Graduates of the