

Material from Women's Missionary Society Records:

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Presbyterian Church in Canada, Women's Missionary Society, Records of the National Missions Department, Chinese Secretary [File number is 1988-7004-9-14 and 1988-7004-9-15]

Terminology: Christian Service Brigade. This may be a predecessor of "Boys' Brigade" = a child/youth organization. There is also the Mission Band for younger children, Sunday School, a kindergarten and a "Cradle Roll" (future members – the Church keeps track of them and sends birthday greetings etc.) File includes reports from all of these organizations, from the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Vancouver; reports also from Montreal, Toronto, YOW.

Church is organized according to regional **synods** (eg. Synod of Saskatchewan, Synod of Hamilton and London) and then within each Synod are the Presbyteries. Within these are individual churches, I think, because each "presbytery" lists several ministers – eg. Presbytery of Westminster lists Ministers in Vancouver, Prince Rupert, New Westminster.

Glad Tidings is the magazine of the Women's Missionary Society; started publication c. 1925.

First file/folder is labelled WMS (W.D.) Chinese Secretary: Chinese in Canada, 1927, June - 1945, Dec. [File number is 1988-7004-9-14]

Finding aid info "Reports and correspondence of W.M.S. missionaries, June 1927 - Dec. 1945"

Mrs. Harold Ferrier seems to have been on the receiving end of the correspondence - according to one letter-writer, she is the **new** "Secretary for the Chinese work" in 1944, preceded by Mrs. J. C. Wood (who was serving as secretary at least as far back as 1936). Official title of Mrs. Ferrier is National Missions Secretary for the Chinese in Canada.

File is all in reverse chronological order.

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**“Annual Report of the Christian Service Brigade Battalion No. 3.
Meetings held every Saturday at 3:00 P; M.
Chinese Presbyterian Church – 261 Keefer St.
For the Year 1944”**

Excerpts. “The first meeting was held on Saturday, March 25th with 5 boys present, and since that time about 25 meetings have been held, enrollment now being 13 boys, three of which are “white” boys.

Brigade meetings are designed to meet the challenge of presenting the Gospel in such a way that will appeal to boys and to train them for service for the Lord.” ...

“Experience has shown the boys to be very reserved in spiritual matters but by watching the faces as the Word goes forth, one can see the Holy Spirit at work - - bringing some to the point of tears. There has been no outward profession of faith in Christ except in the case of “white” boy but I know that in due time, the Word will bring forth fruit unto salvation.” ...

“Certainly God was in the opening of this Battalion for comparison of notes revealed that God had spoken to me about the Chinese boys in Vancouver about the same time that some of your leaders were concerned about these boys.”

- Report signed by Hedley Nielsen, Captain Batt. #3

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Sunday School report. Miss Ruth A. Yeandle seems to have been a key worker in the Vancouver Church. Subsequent documents also mention Miss L. Isabella Bennet and Mrs. Yeandle, Miss Elsie Potter. Chinese workers in the church also including John Chan, Mr. F. Y. Louie (English teacher), Mr. Dick Woo (former superintendent of the Sunday school). Miss Yeung was the most qualified teacher at the kindergarten. Toronto church kindergarten report noted that Miss Yeandle had provided them with support in form of graduating certificates and loaned them caps and gowns.

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Some items demonstrate some inclusion of non-Chinese children in programs that seem to be designed and run by the missionaries to the Chinese community:

“1944 ANNUAL REPORT Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal” (report is unsigned, but could probably get name from the Acts/Proceedings for 1944 if needed)

Excerpt: (underlining in original; bold text is Anne’s): “A two weeks Daily Vacation Bible School was held in July. Sincere teachers came to help us, whose efforts were responsible for the happy instructive time the thirty-five pupils had. **Most** of those pupils were Chinese Children. [capitalized in original]... Just after the Bible School we were enabled to send three Chinese boys to a Christian Boys’ camp near Sherbrooke. Those boys came home in excellent health and filled with enthusiasm for such a camp.”

...

"Visiting in the homes has been part of our regular duties and new contacts have been made both with Chinese people and with **white wives of Chinese men**. Tracts and Scriptures have been distributed [sic]. Several Hospital visits have also been our privilege. Some deputation work has been done by each of the three workers, at which times the progress and needs of the work have been told."

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Letter dated March 27, 1944.

to Mrs. Ferrier (new secretary for the Chinese work in Canada, as of 1944)
from Gertrude Scott, 1008 Carberry Gardens, Victoria, B.C.

"... I suppose Victoria and Vancouver are where you would find more Chinese families than anywhere else in Canada. In years gone by Victoria's Chinese lived in a segregated district known as Chinatown, but now the greater number of the families have moved to residential areas, and as the families prosper they buy or build their own homes, and live very like their Canadian neighbours. Probably in a few more years the chopsticks will be discarded, and rice no longer hold its place as the staple food. The war has made a big difference in the status of the Chinese. A few years ago girls would not be accepted as nurses in training in the hospitals, or be employed in office work in Canadian business firms, and the professions were closed to the young men and women. Now the girls are gladly accepted as nurses, are working in government departments, the Navy Yard, ship yards and all sorts of jobs; and the young men are in the ship yards, taking courses in radio, wireless, engineering etc. and urged to do work prohibited to them before. This all means a big change in the lives of the young people. They are making more friends among the white people and I do not doubt but that there will be more **intermarriages**. When I think back to when I first became acquainted with the Chinese people in 1926 I realize what an entirely different type of people they have become. Of course the adults have not been affected so much but the young people are different. I notice the Kindergarten children speak much more English when they first attend the school than they used to, and almost all of them play with white neighbour children. Little three year olds can carry on quite extended conversations with me in English, and their mothers say the children don't know whether they are speaking English or Chinese.

The parents are anxious that the children should learn to read and write in Chinese, so the majority of school children put in about two hours a day in study in one of several Chinese schools in town. At our Mission Rev. Leung Moi Fong and Miss Lee teach ... [goes on to discuss kindergarten, children's groups, etc.]

... I do hope you enjoy your contacts with the Chinese. Perhaps some day you can pay us a visit. I know you would like to meet our Chinese families here, and they would give you a warm welcome."

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"Report of Work of the Chinese Presbyterian Mission 1943"

Excerpt: "Mrs. Adams, our worker among the **white mothers** also retired in Sept. feeling that for the present there was not the same opportunities for reaching them."

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1946

Several letters: Missionaries express their gratitude for the increase in salary, which they attribute to the interventions of Mrs. Ferrier.

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fondness for Chinese food:

eg. Letter from Muriel Judd to Ferrier, Nov 15, 1946 excerpt:

“P.S. I’m still thinking of that delicious Chinese dinner of last Sunday!”

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Expressions of humility also common:

eg. Letter from Grace Lee (1971 Newton St. Victoria BC) to Ferrier, Nov. 10, 1946

Letter is thanking Ferrier for salary increase.

“In your letter, I think you have praised me too much, I thank you for it, but I feel shame to deserve all this. I just do what I can do. God always make them good.”

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Letter from Ferrier to Yeandle, Sept 7 1946.

Yeandle (from Vancouver) to come to Toronto for the “meeting of Council.” List of 8 questions that she might be asked at the meeting.

Excerpt:

“4. Are Chinese homes increasing here and what, if any, are the problems arising out of this?

5. Is there much inter-marriage with white people? What problems arise from this?”

[Too bad that there is no indication here of how Miss Yeandle might reply to these questions.]

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Letter from Yeandle to Ferrier, June 13, 1946.

Talks about buying a house to use to care for children. “It is not an educational institution nor a social service agency which we want. We want, and need badly, a home where the presence of Christ is manifest, where parents and children alike might get to know Him whom to know is life eternal. ...

Since we first felt this need we have lost 6 whole families because the Roman Catholics could keep the children all day. I personally persuaded one of the Anglican workers to take a girl whose mother begged me to take her. She has since been baptized in the Anglican Mission. We rejoice that our early labours with her were not in vain but we can’t help wishing it had been in our church she was baptized.

This is a hard letter for me to write because my heart is so burdened about the matter. But what of the heart of the Saviour? He will work on their behalf I know. May He help us to obey when He commands."

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Letter, Alma Burdick to Ferrier, March 4 46

Excerpt:

"You can never guess where I am - Down at the Dental Clinic waiting for a little Chinese Boy who is having his teeth fixed. The little boy is an orphan but is being cared for by his old grandfather who lives in a sort of men's club down in China town. No kind of "home life." We have finally secured the grandfather's permission to have William's teeth attended to and so hours are spent at the clinic."

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Gertrude Scott: "Report of the Chinese Presbyterian Mission, Victoria, B.C., for the year ending December 31st, 1945.

Excerpt:

Section on the kindergarten: "As the years go on more English is used in the Chinese homes, and the Kindergarten pupils are now much more fluent in expressing themselves in English than they were a few years ago. When a Bible story is told some of the children can reproduce it with little difficulty. Two quite small pupils speak nothing but English as their mother is a white woman."

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Letter from Ruth Yeandle (Vancouver) to Ferrier, dated Dec 15 1945.

Discussion of **mixed-race child**. And delicious chow mein. Photo-copied.

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Discussion of **mixed-race children**. Also hilarious section on attitude towards working with United Church workers. Photo-copied.

COMPLETED READING THROUGH BOTH OF THESE FILES. These records only exist for these two time periods, as noted in the titles of the two folders. After 1947, files appear in a different section, headed "Chinese in Canada"

Ruth Yearnall, 1945, Vancouver

exceeded their allocation. After the meeting they served Chafin hair to their guests, some of the Y.W. Group associated in this. The show men was delicious. It was made by some of the ladies.

Rev. S.S. concert is on Tuesday evening. We are hoping to have some suitable movies. I have never seen the kind we are trying to get but people who have say they are good. Unfortunately the ones we want are not here yet so we may have to use something else. The Pigeons have one on the making of Bills & we have been offered the use of some nature films so I think we'll be alright. Of course various groups will bring and Rev. Kwah will speak.

I am missing my father again, in between times. Mother had to phone for me to come home Thursday morning so Miss Young and Sarahella Bennett had a lot of extra work to do and they will have some extra, thank not so much, for Tuesday. They are a wonderful help. For the first time, Miss Sarahella's nurse pupils will be contributing to the programme. Dad is in the hospital so I am not carrying the responsibility of his care and would have to if he were at home. He is a little better but still very ill. He is in an oxygen tent most of the time. Now I must close. You will see by the picture that one of my angels is white. We don't

never like to meet children and
 those who were in no way pleased
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 in a pitiful former condition
 My heart went out to her and
 so she is with us until June.
 Phoebe is the eldest of the family of
 three whose mother is in the mental
 hospital & whose little brother 2 1/2
 is in a white foster home, which
 is a poor state of affairs. Anita
 is one who "came back" from the
 - R. C.'s Bernice was a little
 bit of humanity five years ago
 not claimed by her Chinese father was
 wanted by her white mother - so
 "FOR SALE!" The Chinese couple had
 they would like her as a good one to
 have her registered in their name.
 When I found the facts I set about
 getting her adopted by them. She is
 now their "cataly". I could tell you
 about each of the other "but I must stop".
 forms necessary, Red Cross

2039 Brooklyn Ave.,
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Dear Mrs. Fenner:-

We had our kindergarten
 closing yesterday and I
 think it was successful
 measured as the children
 themselves seemed to enjoy
 it. The Daily Sun photographs
 was there. If their pictures are
 published I'll send you a
 clipping. (One is enclosed)

We had a very good W. M. S.
 annual meeting. There were
 about 50 ladies (Chinese
 and visitors) Miss White,
 Provincial President installed
 the officers & Rev. Kwan gave
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Lancaster, B. Co.,
Nov. 15 - 1945.

My dear Mrs. Jensen:-

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Ruth Yearnle, 1945, Vancouver

exceeded their allocation. After the meeting they served chocolate hair to their guests, some of the Y. W. Group associated in this. The show menu was delicious. It was made by some of the ladies.

Den S. S. concert is on Tuesday evening. We are hoping to have some suitable movies. I have never seen the kind we are trying to get but people who have say they are good. Unfortunately the one we want and that we've got so we may have to use something else. The Gideon's have one on the making of Bible & we have been offered the use of some nature films so I think we'll be alright. Of course various groups will bring and Rev. Kwah will speak.

I am pursuing my father again, in between times. Mother had to phone for me to come home Thursday morning so Miss Young and Sarahella Bennett had a lot of extra work to do and they will have some extra, though not so much, for Tuesday. They are a wonderful help. For the first time, Miss Yearnle's niece Pupils will be contributing to the programme. Dad is in the hospital so I am not carrying the responsibility of his care and would have to be there at home. He is a little better but still very ill. He is in an oxygen tent most of the time. Now I must close. You will see by the picture that our camp is white. We don't

naturally take white children and
 also our own in the same place
 as some of our adopted children and
 have a pitiful poor condition.
 My heart went out to her and
 so she is with us until June.
 Phoebe is the eldest of the family of
 three whose mother is in the mental
 hospital & whose little brother 2 1/2
 is in a white foster home, which
 is in a poor state of affairs. Anita
 is a poor white "cane back" from the
 R.C.'s. Bernice was a little
 bit of humanity five years ago
 not claimed by her Chinese father was
 wanted by her white mother. So
 "FOR SALE!" & a poor couple bought
 her & sold her as I told me to
 have her registered in their name.
 When I found the father's set about
 getting her adopted by them. She is
 now their property. I could tell a tale
 about each of the others but must stop.
 Yours sincerely,
 Fred Young

2039 Lorrelman Ave,
 Lancaster, B. C.,
 Dec. 15-1945.

Dear Mrs. Fenner:-

We had our kindergarten
 closing yesterday and I
 think it was successful
 measured as the children
 themselves seemed to enjoy
 it. The Daily Sun photographs
 was there. All their pictures are
 published. I'll send you a
 clipping. (One is enclosed)
 We had a very good W. M. &
 Annual meeting. There were
 about 30 ladies but (Chinese
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