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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. Steve has
made wonderful slides to get by
bought his health. It was to mangle
since he crawled up. He used
never be able to do all he tried
to do but with care can carry
a 40 year's weight.

We had a wonderful anniversary
last Sunday. Best thing was
the Christmas +

With you and 300 and see
in medicine. It's a long time.
If you are ever in individual -
please do - will be so happy to
see you -

Sincerely
Vera Scott

Thanking Dad, Eva -

Dear Mrs. Mack -
Dit-faint!! It's
a long time since I

saw you or words you
but believe me, we think

you - old friend like
you are not forgotten

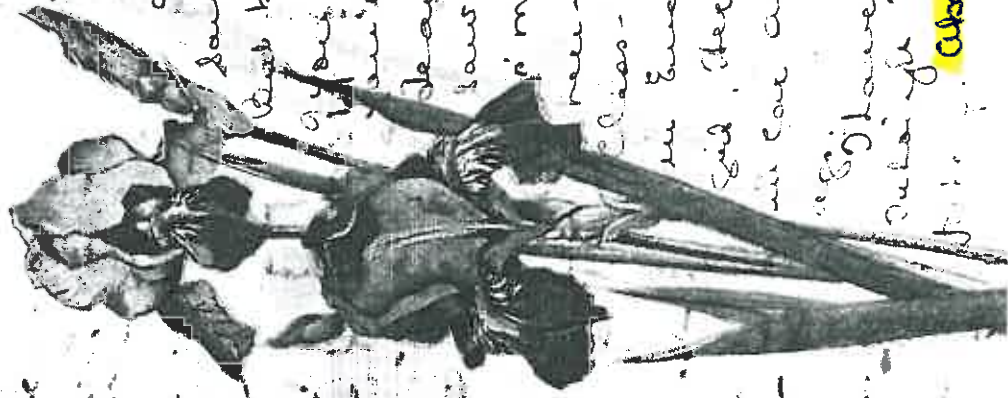
Dear William said she
saw you at Guelph. She

is my right hand man.
see - helps in Bayview.

Miss - Presbyterian Pres -
see Evening Army - and offers

said. Her husband was killed
in love accident just after

"I have a request to make
Patsy for 12 to be heard from
about five years ago -



2 a Dutch girl came to Hong Kong with her Chinese husband. He was a sea-merchant 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 Toronto and just recently got a very beautiful and Cabinet 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 woman 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