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Includes the work of **Miss Murray**.

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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. McKEBEROLL,
Secretary.

Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department

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. Hngill, Deaconess at large	1919
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	1929
Quebec, Que.	Deaconess	1929
Saskatoon, Sask.	Miss R. Scott, Voluntary Port Worker	1925
Red Deer, Alta.	Miss H. Ross, Deaconess at large	1930
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Frieda Matthews	1931
Genor, Man.	Miss M. Grigor, Deaconess at large	1930
British Columbia	Mrs. MacKenzie, Missionary	1905
Pouet Coupe, B.C.	Mrs. McLean, Missionary Deaconess	1928
	Miss H. Macdonald, Missionary	1930
Toronto, Ont.	Deaconess	1931
Toronto, Ont.	*Miss M. Walker, Deaconess	1931
	Miss J. Maystrowich, Deaconess	1932
Hamilton, Ont.	Part Time Workers	
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. F. Kovacs, Missionary	1992
	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

sent 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 were 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 1,728.

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 Robertia 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 Hngill, 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 unparingly, 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 "Bed 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 **Maysbrovich**, 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. Fesenko 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 **Jenkunen**, 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 solicitations. 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**, Pouce Coupe, 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 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
Brockville, 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

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 Presbyterial 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 these 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.

Chinese in Canada—

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 Presbyterial.

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 McEae. 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 \$20.50.

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 Layna 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