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"Report of Deaconess Work" mentions two un-named deaconesses. No detail and no specific mention of Miss Murray.

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Freight	\$112 87
Boots, Stockings, Underwear for Emergency Bales	144 50
Cartage	4 48
Sundries	11 86
Printing	11 62
Stamps, Postcards	9 72
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Work in Canada

Report of Work Among the Chinese in Canada

VANCOUVER.

Missionaries

Miss Elizabeth Stuart—Miss Minnie A. Pyke.

On May 18th, 1915, a little slave girl, about twelve years of age, came to Christ Church (a small mission carried on by the Chinese), begging protection from her cruel master. Mr. Ng and Miss Stuart, and later Mrs. Henry, interested themselves in her. She was brought under the notice of the Deputy Chief of Police, who consigned her to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Collier, of the Children's Detention Home, until her case could be tried in court. After a fight of several weeks a decision was given in her favor, and on July 2nd, Miss Stuart placed her in the Oriental Home in Victoria, an institution carried on by the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. Our own Women's Missionary Society provided for the child there for several months, but finally, after conference between the two Boards, the Board of the Methodist Society having kindly signified their willingness to accept responsibility for her, it was thought best to transfer her entirely to their care, so that proper papers of adoption might be taken out and her future be secure.

We are thankful to be able to state that owing to the persistent vigilance of those in charge of this institution, the number of these little slave girls in Victoria and Vancouver has materially lessened; so many were rescued that the business became less profitable than formerly. They are, however, still being brought in, and it would be well if some regulation could be put in force calling for the registration of all girls under fourteen years of age now in the country, and those who may subsequently enter it.

Miss Elizabeth Stuart.—The early part of the year was spent in the regular work of the night school, as well as in Sunday School work and in visiting. Early in the year I moved to a small apartment near the Mission. After I got settled, a few of the older girls came twice a week to sew. Several of them made waists and dresses for themselves, or for the younger members of their families. Some very pretty hats were also made during this sewing hour by the girls. They also did some crochet work and knitting. This work brought requests from some of the older women to teach them. One old woman sent for me to teach her daughter-in-law, who had just arrived from China. She wanted me to tell her about Jesus, too. She said, "Come often, I want her to know you well."

The children's class increased its numbers; and I had to divide it into two parts, giving the older girls some outlining or crochet work, while the little ones had kindergarten work, and Miss Pyke helped us to learn a hymn. On Sunday this class grew so large that I promoted some of the older boys, Mr. Thomas taking those who were promoted. He is a valued worker in the Mission, never tiring in his efforts to help, and making himself loved wherever he goes. The Stand Fast Club, though not as large in numbers, still keeps up its work, and the older boys have been helping to bring in some of the younger ones, half an hour each meeting being devoted to play, in order to make the little ones feel at home. Some of these older boys are taking their places in the Mission and its work.

of Session. Other members of the Session have assisted during the year, and Mrs. Macdonald, a valued worker, has recently joined us.

During the first seven months of the year, I attended the Chinese S. S. in First Presbyterian Church, held immediately at the close of the Mission S. S. There I assisted with the music and taught an advanced class from consecutive studies in the Acts of the Apostles.

On the afternoon of October 10th, the members of our Sabbath School, and a number of Canadian friends, had the pleasure of welcoming the missionaries of our church, who were en route to China and Formosa. Farewell addresses to the missionaries were given by Principal J. MacKay, Rev. E. A. Henry, and Rev. A. E. Mitchell. Rev. T. A. Broadfoot, of South China, gave a helpful discourse to the Chinese congregation, on John 3: 16. Miss Tate, Miss Dulmage and Miss Shearer each left a parting message.

Music.—The evening practice of English and Chinese hymns has been continued during the year, and an average of two hours, three afternoons a week, given to the teaching of instrumental music. Of the ten boys who shared this instruction, for the whole or the greater part of the year, seven were in attendance at the public school, and came for lessons after school hours. My girl pupil of a year ago has moved out of the city. Two other girls began piano lessons in the autumn.

At the close of the primary class on Wednesday afternoon, the boys and girls assembled around the organ for the learning of hymn tunes. The earnest way in which these children sing out now in the Sabbath School, adds much to the service of praise.

In addition to the music for the Night School closing, and the Sabbath School, preparation was made for special Sabbath services, and musical programmes furnished for many evening occasions, such as anniversaries, receptions, farewells, etc.

"The Christmas Feast," adapted from Kate Douglas Wiggin's "Bird's Christmas Carol," was given at our Christmas concert, the Cantonese translation from the Mandarin being made by one of our clever young men. The costumes and scenes were characteristically Chinese. In the preparation of the scenes for the four acts, an artist was discovered in our midst. It was splendid the way the young men voluntarily gave their services during those three weeks, to make the Christmas closing a success. A musical and literary programme was provided between the acts. The whole breathed the spirit of Christmas. We trust that many in the crowded audience carried away in their hearts something of the real meaning of Christ's coming. "The Christmas Feast" was repeated in the Methodist Mission, on New Year's night. From the sale of tickets, thirty-one dollars were realized. The amount, over and above expenses, is to provide suitable literature for the Christian Chinese reading room.

Literature.—Copies of a small Catechism in Chinese and English, containing the Great Truths of the Gospel, a Form of Prayer, The Lord's Prayer, Table Blessing, The Creed and The Ten Commandments, have been distributed. A Gospel Tract in Cantonese, translated from the Mandarin by our S. S. Superintendent, clearly setting forth the plan of salvation, was issued. Five hundred have been distributed, most of them being handed to men congregated in the various Chinese shops for the purposes of trade and amusement. Above and beyond all other amusements, dominoes, card playing and dice throwing, hold a conspicuous place. Such dens abound! One could not but be touched by the solemn, unemotional faces of those participating in these games of chance, and long for the opening of some place, where these and the numerous on-lookers would find a welcome.

Over two hundred copies of a small bulletin announcing the weekly English night classes, the Sabbath services and other meetings were, at my request, prepared by the young men. These have been found useful for pasting in the Catechisms, for hand distribution, and as posters. Through this the suggestion has come that a great work might be done by securing

a sign board in the Chinese district, where posters of educative value and Gospel truths could be presented to the passers-by.

Recently ten copies of "Happy Childhood," a child's monthly paper, published in Shanghai, and edited by Mrs. D. MacGillivray, have been provided by the Women's Missionary Society. Experimental distribution of these Chinese papers has demonstrated their value, for where the usual religious literature could not be introduced, these were welcomed.

Nine missionary addresses were given.

TORONTO

Missionary—Mrs. John MacMillan.

Similarity of work must, in the nature of the case, produce a similarity in the reports given from time to time. Each visit made during the past year has had an interest all its own, and has awakened a fresh love for those among whom we labor, and also new desires regarding the work as a whole.

There has been a decrease in the number of Chinese women in Toronto, owing to the return of three families to their homes in China. The husbands may return to resume their work in Canada, but I fear that we will not have the pleasure of seeing the women and children again. The reason given for returning to the "old land," is that the grandparents may see the grandchildren. In two of the families the eldest sons have been left in Canada to be educated. One "new" woman has come to Toronto from Montreal, making thirty-two women in all. The children number between fifty and sixty, thirteen having returned to China with the families just mentioned.

The interest in the class held Sabbath afternoons in Knox Church, has continued and deepened. The numbers do not increase for various reasons—distance, family ties, employment, and in some cases indifference. The straitness of the times has affected the laundries, and, in order to fill the family purse, several of the women have found employment in Chinese restaurants. In the case of one or two this has made attendance at service on Sabbath impossible.

The visiting from home to home has been carried on, and it has been a year of privilege in the way of entertaining in one's own home, and of giving instruction to some who have come regularly for this.

The class for the teaching of sewing, English, Chinese character, and for the promotion of social life of the women, has been carried on by a number of the workers at the Chinese Christian Association, and is much appreciated by the women.

Miss McQuarrie's unceasing ministry to the women and children means much more than a word in a report of this nature can convey.

The help which Mrs. Ma Wou, our missionary's wife, has rendered during the past year, must also be warmly commented upon. On the Lord's Day this has been given in the class for the women, at Knox Church, and for the children at the Association rooms. Helpfulness and willingness of spirit have been manifested also at the weekly class already mentioned. Pray that this servant of the Master's may be increasingly used of Him for the advancement of His Cause and Kingdom.

Pray, too, that each worker may yet witness the "greater things," which are possible with Him for whom the service is wrought. God—the Living God—is able to give us much more than these. "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down." May we be of those who through faith subdue kingdoms, work righteousness, obtain promises and stop the mouths of lions. Victory belongeth unto the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, who can break every chain and quench the fiery darts of the Evil One.

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Secretary.