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ORIENTALS IN CANADA Chinese in Canada

Place	Staff	Date of Appointment
Victoria, B.C.	Mrs. E. Macquenn, B.A.	1918
"	Miss Gertrude Scott	1926
"	Miss Lily Chan	1925
Vancouver, B.C.	Miss Esther Fong Dickman, B.A.	1927
"	Miss Shyl Gawford	1929
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Agnes I. Dickson, B.A.	1904
Brookville, Ont.	Miss H. W. Davies	1926
Montreal, Que.	Miss Ethel C. Reid	1911
"	Miss Hattie Jue	1927
"	Mrs. Jean O. Heenan	1929

Kindergarten Classes.—These have 125 children enrolled. They get daily Christian teaching through the opening exercises, hymns, Scripture memory work and Bible stories. Prayers are taught. Earnest effort is made to impress these young hearts with the thought of God's love. They prepare the way for the teachers to go with the message to the mothers. The class in Victoria has 42 children, Miss Scott and Miss Chan are the teachers. Mrs. Macquenn has 31 older pupils for English. In Vancouver 25 are enrolled. The work here is interdenominational. Miss Dickson and Miss Temperton are the teachers. In Montreal, the teachers are Miss Reid, Miss Jue and Mrs. Heenan. The class has grown to 40 members. Mrs. Fraser Robertson who gave valuable part time help had to withdraw in September and the Board was fortunate in securing an efficient half time teacher, Mrs. Heenan. This relieves Miss Reid for missionary work among the mothers. The term closings are special occasions. The mothers are encouraged to come. Besides seeing what the children do, they meet each other. This helps to break down the reticence toward the services and Christian teaching. In Vancouver 100 mothers and children attended the Christmas entertainment, and 100 children and 22 mothers were present in Toronto.

Music Classes link the teenage girls with the activities of the mission. In Victoria, Miss Scott has a class of 31. In Vancouver, 9 get lessons from Mrs. Cuthbert and Miss Dickman. Miss Dickson has 4 in Toronto.

Sunday Schools.—All the activities of the mission contribute to the Sunday School. In Victoria, 109 are enrolled with 8 teachers, 4 are Chinese. Eleven senior pupils received awards for memory work and attendance. Four of these have confessed Christ. Two are preparing for medical mission work—David Lee, in Shanghai, and Lillian Leung, in Toronto. Vancouver has an increased attendance and 11 teachers. One of the pupils, Miss Lily Young, is in Toronto preparing for mission work in China. There are 51 names on the grade roll. Toronto has 40 pupils. They meet in Cooke's Church. Miss Dickson is Superintendent. Offerings were \$27.64. In Montreal, Miss Reid and Miss Jue take the kindergarten children to the Sunday School.

Other Activities.—A Mission Band of 35 members is conducted by Miss Scott and Miss Chan in Victoria. "Light Bearers" and "The Children's Hour" were studied. Supplies valued at \$3.00 and offerings of \$5.00 were contributed. The older members asked to be organized as a C.G.I.T. These "Shining Lights" are doing excellent work. Miss Chan is President, and Miss Scott, guide. Mrs. Macquenn conducts a W.M.S. of 12 members. They contributed \$42.70 and supplies valued at \$11.40. Bible topics were studied. She also teaches both men and women English. Homes visited 45. Vancouver has a C.G.I.T. Group of 9. Miss Esther Jue is president.

Mrs. Cuthbert, leader. They made a quilt for the Supply Department and sent \$5.00 to the Treasurer. They put on an Art Exhibit and raised \$60.00 for the new church, which is greatly needed. A Trail Ranger Group of 14 boys under Mr. McAskill's leadership have received their recognition certificate from the Society's Work Secretary. The "Jin Kwong" Mission Band of 13 members sent in \$10.00. They held 21 study meetings and 5 work meetings. In Toronto, Miss Dickson holds a class for women on Sabbath afternoons with an average attendance of 9. Mrs. Ma has been tireless in her efforts to forward the work among the women. Offerings were \$41.66. These go to support a Bible woman in China and to leper work. The Bed Cross Society meets weekly for sewing. A bazaar was held in November. The Beverley Baptist Mission joined them. Receipts of over \$300.00 were given to Famine Relief in China, the Church of Christ in Canton for evangelism, orphanage work. Old People's Home and leper work in China. A class for boys and girls was held Saturday afternoon, average attendance, 15. Miss Frances Blair, Miss Lily Leung and Miss Lillian Leung of the Deaconess Training Home took charge of the Juniors, and Miss Lambert the Seniors. The latter studied "Treasure Hunts in Treasure Land." The Daily Vacation Bible School was held in July with an enrollment of 41. The boys and girls responded with eager minds to the instruction. Miss Dickson visited some 50 Chinese women in their homes in Toronto and taught 4 to read. She also held a monthly service for women in Hamilton and visited 11 homes.

There are 45 Chinese women in Montreal. Miss Reid carries her Christian ministry into their homes. A number are anxious to study the Bible. A large number attend the monthly meeting. A gospel message is given by Rev. Mr. Tang and Miss Reid. The kindergarten pupils always sing at these meetings. Miss Jue is of great assistance in bringing out the women. Weekly prayer hours have been observed by our workers on behalf of the Chinese work. Increased attendance of children and definite spiritual results have been noticeable. Chinese families in 9 points in the vicinity were visited. The lonely women appreciate a gospel talk in their own tongue. The men receive tracts and the claims of Christ are presented. A gift of \$50. was received from Stanley Church S. S., Montreal.

Saskatchewan.—Mrs. Walter Martin, Regina, has visited the women and children in the city and at points in the Province. The International S. S. lessons, primary picture cards in Chinese, and the beginner's leaflet in English, have been mailed to each home every two weeks. Appreciative letters have been received.

Brookville.—Eight mothers, 4 young women and 15 children reside in this city and neighboring places. Miss Davies, our faithful worker, visits or corresponds with them regularly. Literature is given to the men. The Eastern Canada Chinese Convention was held in the Presbyterian Church, Brookville, in November. Miss Davies did much to make this a success. The spiritual tone was very high. The reception of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Leip, after their Christian marriage in North Bay, was quite an event. We are assured this Christian home will be a blessing. The Chinese community, as well as the family, suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Hong. Her three daughters are members of the Presbyterian Church.

From each centre come words of gratitude for the splendid contributions of supplies. The voluntary service at different centres has been a great encouragement to the workers and the mission. Many opportunities have come to the Chinese leavers and missionaries to tell of the work to Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. The children in the kindergartens have had a share in this, giving a real touch of the Orient and showing that Chinese children are just like other children.

(Mrs. W. G.) JENNIE S. HANNA,
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Kistawasis, Sask.—The Improved Day School has been continued throughout the year under the care of the teacher, Miss Sadie McQueen. There were 15 on the roll, eleven treaty Indians, three non-treaty and one little white girl, with an average attendance of nine, out of the eleven treaty Indians, besides the other four. During the first part of the year, five pupils from a distance lived at the Mission House. A number of difficulties arose, among which were the facts that water had to be melted from snow, or drawn a couple of miles, and that the bathroom was out of repair. As a result an arrangement was made for the children who could not go home, to board at the home of one of the Indians nearby. The noon meal has been given to all throughout the year, the menu "consisting of something hot, such as soup with biscuits, and sometimes jam and tea or cocoa."

The children attend Church and Sunday School, under the teaching of Rev. Mr. Moore. The great desire of the Indians and of Chief Drevier, a man 74 years of age, is that the boys and girls shall be Christian and Presbyterian. It is regrettable that there is no Presbyterian Residential School in the province.

Ocella Jeffrey, Ont.—Up until the summer vacation school was continued at the old site, forty-five miles from Kemora, under Mr. Menzies as principal. In the spring, however, Mr. E. W. Byers, of Brandon, was appointed to be in charge of the new school, three miles from Kemora, and to oversee details of preparing the land for crop, and the grounds, school and outbuildings for September occupancy. The old site, with its buildings, light and small power equipment, has been placed at the disposal of Manitoba Synod "for \$1.00 per year and any expense of upkeep" for Summer School purposes.

The formal opening and dedication of the new school in its lovely situation was held November 6th, representatives from the Council Executive of the W. M. S. and the Presbytery of Winnipeg, were present, with Rev. N. A. MacEachern as Moderator. Many citizens of the town were present, and it was indeed a great event when Mr. P. Hutchison, M.P.P., representing the Government, presented the key to your Secretary. Sincere thanks and appreciation from the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is felt towards the Government and its Indian Department, and towards the Hon. Charles Stewart, Superintendent General, and Dr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General, for this very fine building, with its good stables, barns, pigery and hen house, all so nicely finished and equipped.

Eighty-seven are on the roll, among these being a number never before in a school, although of teen-age. The average attendance last quarter was 79.02. Under the capable staff very good work is being done. In the two school rooms the boys and girls are taught the regular public school subjects for the half day, and are drilled in house and farm work the other half. All are being encouraged in organized plays, such as skating in winter on the lake nearby. The boys made hockey sticks out of bits of boards and have much enjoyed this type of game now to them. The boys and girls attend service in town, boys being driven in a truck to the outskirts and walk the rest of the way, then the truck returns for the girls and all arrive simultaneously at Church, reversing the process on return. The opening up of a Presbyterian service by our Church is eagerly awaited.

(Mrs. D. T. L.) MARY C. MCKERBOLL,

Secretary.

Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare Department

"In all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

These words express the spirit of the women of our Society everywhere, but more especially the service of our volunteer workers in our Auxiliaries, who with genuine kindness in their hearts, have sought out the newcomers, the strangers in our land, and those who have moved from one congregation to another, extending to them a kindly and Christian interest and at the same time an expression of our expectations as to their contribution to our Church life and service.

Back of all the motives which have impelled the newcomers to come to this new country, where even to the British both the customs are strange and bewildering, is the desire for their children's future. That mother love, that father sacrifice, that building of hopes around the precious children is what has compelled them to leave the beloved homeland.

This love of the children provides an open door to friendship and is particularly an opportunity for our women to show kindness to and interest in the family, especially if needy. Before the bright smile, warm handshake and sincere greeting, indifference, reserve and stiffness disappear as mist before the sun, and the little girls and practical sympathy will return as "bread cast upon the waters."

Our Provincial reports are rich in records of service; visits made, follow up work, Christmas cheer, relief supplies, letters sent to families far removed from Presbyterian churches, magazines, papers, comforts for the sick, entertainment for those away from home, overseas and old country clubs, social opportunities in wholesome surroundings, and Christian influences, all that tends to uplift and fulfil the great mission of our Church, and carry out the purpose and aim of our Society in uniting the women and children of our Church in prayer and service.

EXTRACTS FROM PROVINCIAL REPORTS:

Alberta.—Mrs. T. L. Walker, names received 1,030; visits made, 206; letters sent 279; number who have connected with the church 16; 279 adults and 116 children living in districts where there is no church.

British Columbia.—Mrs. W. H. McIntosh, names received 735; visits made 436; letters written 139; 137 connected with the church; very helpful co-operation from young men's Welcome and Welfare Secretary in Westminster.

Manitoba.—Mrs. T. Owen Hughes, names received 201; letters sent 96; Mr. Graham, port chaplain, at Winnipeg, receives names of men; local hospital visits and many cases of relief.

Ontario.—Mrs. J. E. Eaton, very full and informing report, 8420 names received; 14,009 visits made; 946 letters written and 1,331 connected with the church. A treat for 45 young lads from the old land was arranged by Mrs. McOdum of Brockville. This treat was the only means by which these lads, many of them Presbyterians, were reached by our Church.

Quebec.—Miss G. Davidson, names received 802; visits made 913; number connected with the church 340; many interesting cases at the ports, follow-up work very thorough and effective; generous donations of fruit, flowers and comforts were received for the sick and needy.

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Saskatchewan.—Mrs. D. M. Craig, names received 440; letters sent 267; number connected with the church 30; personal attention given to names located where there is no Presbyterian Church; newcomers especially cared for in Regina and Saskatoon.

OUR STAFF:

Our staff numbers 18, of these 13 are permanent workers with full time salary, 1 part time and 4 special summer workers.

At Quebec port, Miss Scott and Miss MacArthur will be in charge, assisted by Miss Bernath. These three workers had a very busy season last year and were exceedingly prompt in forwarding names. Miss MacArthur, who was assigned to Regina for the winter months, returns to Quebec in May.

In Montreal, Miss Iris Munro will again have the assistance of Miss Todd during the summer. Mrs. W. Thomas gave very helpful service in the follow-up work for five months. The Overseas Girls Club contributed very generously Christmas cheer to five families, spending their first Christmas in Canada, and also sent a donation to Miss McConnell's work in India. Miss Munro is grateful to those friends who help to keep her supply cupboard well stocked with comforts and useful gifts. Miss Mary Hagill continues her work among the newcomers who are settling in large numbers in the districts of Crawford Park Mission and Yille Eward, assisting with Sabbath School, Mission Band, and Young People's work.

Toronto, Miss Mary Murray, hospital visitor, is known to many of our newcomers, as well as to those who have been in our hospitals. Recently Miss Murray's report showed 56 Presbyterian patients in one hospital in the same week. In and out among our sick and shut-in folk she goes, carrying a cheery word of encouragement, and offering kindly services to any who may be without any friends, or church connection, writing a letter, leaving a book or magazine, speaking the gospel message wherever permitted. A weekly visit to the Mercer Reformatory is a feature of Miss Murray's work. Advice, counsel and a helping hand are generously given where sympathy and understanding are sorely needed. Miss Rose Paton continues in the Jewish work in Scott Institute. Glasses and clubs for all ages are carried on daily, in addition to Sunday School, Mission Band and Young People's work. During the summer, the Fresh Air Camp is proving a great boon to the mothers and children and a wonderful opportunity for the workers. Miss Whitty has been transferred to Toronto for the Summer months, and will be engaged in station work, and to relieve Miss Murray.

Miss Margaret Allan, deaconess at large for Hamilton, is fully occupied in St. Enoch's and St. David's congregations. Sunday School, Mission Band, Young People's work, mother's meetings, and a summer Fresh Air Camp are features of the work there.

Winipeg, Welcome and Welfare department is served by Mrs. Jean Howey. Mrs. Howey has been a friend in need to many of our new settlers and has a splendidly organized girls' club, who sometimes assist in the station work.

During the year, Miss Dorothy Jenkinson was transferred from Van couver to East Selkirk, Manitoba. Miss Jenkinson has the courage and faith of a pioneer and is already making progress in establishing our church in this district. Mrs. MacKenzie, at Gonor, Man., is considering plans for a new building, to accommodate the growing work among new Canadians, and we again pay tribute to her long service of unselfish devotion.

Regina has had the services of Miss MacArthur during the past winter, where the Mission and Sunday School work is growing rapidly. Miss Helen Ross, a graduate deaconess of this year, will spend the summer months continuing this work, going on to Saskatoon in September.

Miss Margaret Grigor has been appointed to Welcome and Welfare work in Vancouver city, assisting also as deaconess at large.

Mrs. J. P. McLean will continue as itinerating deaconess for the province of British Columbia. Fine reports of Mrs. McLean's work among scattered groups, and Sabbath Schools, more than justify this venture and cannot but bring satisfactory results.

As will be readily seen by this report this Department is steadily enlarging, the possibilities of its services to our church are very great, and to this end your Secretary would ask your prayerful co-operation.

(Mrs. C. W.) MABEL McMULLEN,
Secretary.