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Includes the work of **Miss Murray**.

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Welfare and Deaconess

Mrs. Huggill, St. Stephens' S. S., Ottawa. The work here is well organ- ized and growing. New families moving to the neighborhood are gathered in whenever possible and those living at too great distance to attend are supplied regularly with S. S. papers.

The Hungarian folk of Toronto Presbytery are cared for by Mrs. Charles Steinmetz. Mrs. Steinmetz is grateful for the gifts from the Supply Department. During the year an interesting service was held in Knox College Chapel in which these new Canadians were welcomed by the Mayor, and presented with a Canadian flag as his personal gift of good will.

Mrs. Fessenden in reporting Ukrainian work in Toronto says that the present meeting place is proving too small to accommodate the numbers who wish to attend the services. One needs only to visit one of these meet- ings to appreciate the truly religious spirit which prevails. Two students of the Conservatory of Music are giving free musical instruction to chil- dren of the Sunday School.

Miss Murray sends a message of thanks to the Supply Department and to all those who help to keep her cupboard filled with fruit for the sick ones in the hospitals, also to those young women who fashion the deity toys and garments for the poor. Many an anxious fear is removed as this faithful cheery visitor hears and advises ways and means. Again and again this errand of mercy has been blessed with the changed outlook and a new purpose of a changed life together with His peace.

Miss Allan carries on in St. David's Hamilton, and also in St. Enock's with a class in the Italian Mission. Notwithstanding the difficulties of the times work is growing and progress being made, Sunday School attend- ance especially so.

Mrs. Kovacs who has organized such splendid groups of women and children in the Hungarian Church in Hamilton is to accompany her hus- band, Rev. F. Kovacs, on his special appointment for the summer months at Eskevas, Sask.

Miss Mary Todd has been very successful in summer camps in addition to her varied duties as Deaconess at large in Winnipeg.

Miss MacArthur sends a fine report dealing with the special relief work in Regina, the growing Chinese.

Miss Ross, Saskatoon, reports several very needy cases, visits in the homes and hospital for November and December being 124. The supply bases were most acceptable. Attendance at Girls' Guild, Young People's meetings and Sunday School good.

Miss Matthews has done a fine piece of work among the young women and girls in Red Deer Presbytery. Distances are great and take a lot of time, but visits are bearing fruit in increasing attendance and interest.

Early in September, Miss Shirley Scott commenced work in Calgary and the reports of work for the first three months were enthusiastic and encouraging.

Upon the appointment of a settled minister in the Peace River Dis- trict Miss Hazel Macdonald was transferred to Prince Albert, Sask., and is meeting with much success in her work among the young folk. Supplies of clothing were most helpful in the visiting as were Christmas gifts from many friends. A girls' camp is planned for July.

Miss Grigor, Wingham, Alberta, sends a thrilling account of the cour- age and endurance of the people to whom she ministers. Bales of supplies were distributed in almost every home. Conditions are very bad, difficulties of travel almost unsurmountable but the work goes on. Services are held and well attended in the coldest and stormiest weather. The visit of the Deaconess is one of the "Red letter days" in the homes of these far-away folk. Your Secretary regrets that out of such splendid reports and such a

wealth of information, only the sketchiest reference can be made. The space required would almost crowd out all other reports. But as in all departments "Economy" is the watch word, one can only share with others the limitations as we share the privileges.

The Provincial reports of the Welcome and Welfare Department pro- vide inspiring suggestions as to the greater service which may be rendered, such as hospital visiting, assisting the elders by calling on absent com- muneants, sending literature to those who cannot attend services, follow- ing up baptismal and cradle roll records, personal contacts wherever pos- sible, extending always the kindly word of welcome.

To our membership everywhere the Welcome and Welfare and Dea- coness Department is indebted and would again pray for the continued Christian fellowship which He Who has made of one family and Who is the Father of all has charged His followers on earth to maintain, and Who rewards even the cup of cold water given in His Name.

Provincial reports are as follows: Quebec, Mrs. R. D. Smith, Secretary. Names of newcomers received 53, visits made 373, letters sent 54, number known to have contacted with the Church through this Department 86.

Ontario, Mrs. J. Herbert Eaton, Secretary. Names received 3,360, visits made 15,296, letters sent 1,102, number connecting with the Church 1,738.

Manitoba, Mrs. J. Stanley Flook. Names received 12, visits made 2,473, letters sent 14, number connecting with the Church 41.

Saskatchewan, Mrs. F. M. Graig. Names received 27, visits made 1,357, letters sent 82, number connecting with the Church 41.

Alberta, Mrs. Walker. Names received 139, visits made 669, letters sent 199, number connecting with the Church 16.

British Columbia, Mrs. Hugh Fraser. Names received 46, visits made 259, letters sent 16, number connecting with the Church in any way through the Department 43.

(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. Lewis	1930
" "	Miss Ruth Yeandle	1931
Toronto, Ont.	Miss Esther Armstrong	1933
" "	Miss Lily Young	1932
Brockville, Ont.	Miss E. W. Davies	1926
Montreal, Que.	Miss Agnes A. Clarkson, B.A.	1904
" "	Miss Hattie Jue	1927
" "	Mrs. Herman	1929
Part Time Workers		
Toronto, Ont.	Mrs. Ma	
" "	Miss Lambert	

The reports in this Department have been most encouraging. Our workers are devoted women and the missions report growth and progress in Victoria. The kindergarten, under the Misses Scott and Lee, has had an enrollment of 45. In June, 14 children entered public schools and 2 went to China. An extra afternoon session of one hour was held, and the June and December closings were attended by a great many parents. Bi-weekly, Miss Scott taught her English class, and at 4.30 daily, Miss

assistance to Miss Lambert. There are two C.G.I.T. groups, the Spring under Miss Jean MacMurchy, and the Youngs, under Miss Armstrong and Miss P. Gurney. St. Andrew's Church has kindly placed their gymnasium at the disposal of these groups one evening a week. The women's Sunday afternoon classes, conducted by Mrs. Ma, have kept up a good attendance. Miss Dickson addressed them twice. The women held a bazaar in November and made \$140.00, which goes to China for missions and relief work. Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Young have had great success with the children's work. Lessons and Baby and Ruth Ma, pupils of Mrs. Gilbert, play at the morning service. There is an excellent attendance at the Sunday School in Cook's Church. We wish to express our thanks to the ladies who loaned their cars, to bring the women to the Sunday services, and to the men who bring the children to Sunday School also to St. Andrew's Church. W. A. for the layettes.

Brockville. Miss Davies continues to work with the most wonderful spirit of faith and love, visiting the people in their homes, hospitals and asylums; smoothing out their difficulties, guiding and defending the young and brightening their lives in many ways; making it calls after finishing her day's work at five o'clock. Miss Davies visited Chinese people in Kingston, Pembroke, Smiths Falls, Gananoque, Perth, Carleton Place, Montreal, Murrumburg, and called on the Chinese Consul in Ottawa. One Chinese girl of twelve in Brockville has answered perfectly the first 60 questions of the Shorter Catechism, and is looking forward to receiving a Bible, for completing it this year.

Montreal. The work among the women and children varies little from year to year. One wishes it were possible to report decisions to become Christians. There has been an average of 20 women attending the monthly meetings, and we have seriously considered meeting bi-monthly. During recent months a class for non-Chinese mothers has been held simultaneously with the other meeting. One Christian woman has been given regular Bible lessons every Sunday, and Miss Dickson has also taught a boys' class. Visits to the homes have been made regularly, and children taken to hospital and dental clinics, births have been registered, and many other matters looked after where interpreting is needed. One always finds where people are in difficulty or sorrow, hearts are much more tender and barriers vanish. The "Helping Hand," Club lost their faithful leader when Miss E. Johnson married and left the city, her assistant, Miss McGill student, is helping with the boys. We hope soon to open the Junior Club, of 18 children, under the leadership of Mrs. H. Johnson and Miss K. Fowler, into a regular Mission Band. Fourteen girls are taking private lessons. The kindergarten has an enrollment of 30. Two were taken to a convalescent home in December, for two months. Twelve were inoculated against diphtheria and most of the children have been immunized. In September, 5 children entered the second year public school, the credit for this is due Mrs. Herman. The parents are very much pleased with this and also with the progress the children are making in Chinese under Miss Jue. Our children have been invited to take part in the Mission Band rallies, at the different churches, and our student at the Institute for the Deaf, is giving a good account of himself. Mrs. Herman and Miss Jue conducted the summer school while Miss Dickson was superintending the one in Toronto. Miss Dickson made 4 visits in Toronto and 1 to Ottawa. In the latter place, the work is most encouraging under Miss K. Bell. In September, Miss Dickson visited Windsor, Laramington, Chatham, Ingersoll, London, Brantford and Toronto.

(Mrs. J. C.) MARGARET E. E. WOOD,
Secretary

and the Rev. Mr. Leung, began their classes, closing at 9.30. There was an attendance of 60 of all grades. The Mission Band, with a membership of 17, studied "Big Ships and Little People," and "Flowers in Far Fields," besides sewing and making scrap books. Thirteen members of a C.I.T.E. Group studied "The Seven Seas of Service," and "Who is My Neighbor?" and these corresponded with a girl at the Helena Macdonald school in Jhauai, and a Victorian Order Nurse gave them health lectures. The choir had gowns and mortar boards presented to them by the Chinese ladies, who had made them. They were instructed in singing by Mrs. McCoy Robinson, and later by Mr. Pearson, with a membership of 20. The Y.P.S. has just completed its first year, with a membership of 15. We lost our President, Solomon Leung, he going to McGill to study theology, he was succeeded by his sister Rebecca. The W.M.S. had an encouraging year, 15 members. They ordered their own Bibles from China, contributed \$69.25, exceeding their allocation and also helped with supplies.

Vancouver. Mrs. Lewis reports 358 visits made. The W.M.S. has a membership of 18 and raised \$18.49. Mrs. Hard spoke at the Christmas giving meeting. One young man has been baptized, and Miss Yeandle Chinese families are showing evidence of their faith in God. Miss Yeandle emphasizes what the prayers of the workers and their friends have done for that mission. There are 60 enrolled in the kindergarten and Miss Yeandle pays a special tribute to her helpers and regrets very much losing Esther Armstrong. The Mission Band, with a membership of 12 boys and girls raised \$1.20 and sent 2 boxes of supplies to the Peace River District. The Girls' Guild of 12 members, contributed \$1.00 to missions and helped with the Mission Band supplies. The senior girls have been studying the life of Christ in the 4 Gospels, and Miss Pansy Young has been attending the Bible School, and took the highest marks in her class. The senior boys are being looked after by Mr. Greger McCrae, who had no vacation school, the ten-year girls attended the "Stay-at-home" camp, and 17 others were conveyed daily, for three weeks, to Fairview Church, and we are very thankful to the minister and his staff for their hospitality and instruction.

Regina. Mrs. Martin's work has been mostly the distribution of literature. Owing to lack of funds, very little visiting has been done throughout the Province. The hospitals have been visited and jail work is a new departure. During Mrs. Martin's absence this winter, Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Parley have looked after the work and Mrs. Martin has visited some of our missions at the coast.

Toronto. We are pleased to report that, in September last, Miss Esther Armstrong Vancouver, was appointed head worker here. Mrs. W. F. Adams helped for two months, and by her experience of years in China and lovely personality, endeared herself to the Chinese people. Miss Dickson conducted the vacation school, and was assisted by the Misses Peitch, Mark, Fay Wong and Wright. They had a record attendance and their annual happy garden party at the Descombes Training Home. Miss Young visited her home in Vancouver, after five years' absence. Miss Lambert was laid aside for three months, with a fractured hip, and was compelled to take a badly needed rest. Our Miss Gunn has not been well for some time and we have not had the benefit of her devoted work. The kindergarten has grown from 11 to 23, and we were able to renovate the room, through the generosity of the W. A. of St. Andrew's Church, and some interested friends. Mr. Gilbert looked after the work and enabled us to do it at much less cost than we otherwise could. The Mission Band, under the leadership of Miss Armstrong and Miss Young, has a membership of 40, and contributed \$6.00 to the W.M.S. funds. Miss P. Simms has been helping with the older girls. Miss Lambert instructs the boys in wood-working and the Scouts are doing exceedingly well under the leadership of Mr. G. Haines and Scout D. Quan has been of great