

# *The* MISSIONARY MONTHLY

## A Daily + Prayer

O God, the Father of us all, who hast made of one blood all nations of men, mercifully receive the prayers that we offer for our anxious and troubled world.

Send Thy light into our darkness, and guide the nations as one family into the ways of peace.

Take away all prejudice, hatred and fear.

Give grace to all who serve and suffer because of war.

Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand one another, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

To those who by their counsels lead the peoples of the earth, grant a right judgment, that so through them and us Thy will be done.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The World for Christ  
Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts  
Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it

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## Today!

“ONE turns from Madras toward home and its tasks with one overwhelming impression—the power and promise of the Christian Movement in the world.

“The present writer came to this great missionary gathering straight from six months of continuous travel among the churches of the East where the actualities of missionary work were daily under observation. The realities of the Christian Mission are far grander than any discussion of them. The Gospel of Christ is infinitely grander than either. Here, within our hands today, under our charge and responsibility, we Christians hold the greatest power for truth, for health, for reconciliation, for good, for holiness this planet has ever witnessed. There is nothing else which can so much as be compared with it. Its powerful advance, with incalculable services to mankind, waits upon our realization of that fact, and then our worthy response.”—*Henry P. Van Dusen in Religion in Life.*

## Editorial

### The World We Live In

“HE lives in a world of music,” was said of a famous music teacher. Not that he lived apart from difficulties, for daily he had to listen to false chords and strident disharmonies, to music played with deadly monotony, incorrect rhythm and little feeling. Knowing that it was ignorance or neglect of its laws that produced such confusion in the world of music, the music master was never heard to complain that music was at fault. What he did was to labour with his pupils for long hours and with kindly patience, in order that they might hear for themselves the true world of music and understand its changeless laws—laws which they could learn and use with joy and with endless beauty and variety.

Ofttimes today we hear around us words such as these: “What a terrible world we live in.” But the world we

live in is a wonderful world, for it is God’s world. He made it and has never for an instant lost control of it. Over and over again the Bible states this great theme. It begins with: “God created the heavens and the earth,” and ends with the voice of a great multitude saying: “Alleluia, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”

Like the music teacher, the Christian does not complain that God’s world is at fault. The Christian has an unshakable faith that “all His commandments are sure, they stand fast forever and ever.” He knows, too, that obedience to the laws of God brings joy and satisfaction. “O how I love Thy law, through Thy precepts I get understanding.”

Slowly mankind is learning that God’s laws cannot be broken without suffering, and that in loving obedience lies the way out of the darkness of today’s evil into the light of His everlasting Kingdom.

## A Great Missionary Family

IT is an inspiration to study the lives of those who have fought the good fight and finished their course, and, going on ahead of us, have left behind them a shining record of Christian achievement. So it is with kindling hearts that we read the story of a great Christian family, the Scudders (page 51), written for us by Mrs. J. S. MacKay.

We are grateful to Mrs. MacKay for giving time to careful research into this particular chapter of Christian history. As the story unfolds, we catch a glimpse of the way in which the Kingdom of God is established in our world; we can see "the building not made with hands," rising before our spiritual vision. "In all, forty-three members of this family have served in India. They have given a total of 994 years of devoted evangelistic, educational, industrial and medical service."

Mrs. MacKay ends the story with an impelling question. "Does this record of one family's achievement stir within us a desire and determination to emulate as far as possible their devotion and consecration?"

## An Unbroken Peace

THIS year, the 125th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent by Great Britain and the United States, shows an unbroken record of peace and neighbourly relations during this long period. Many disputes and difficulties have arisen but they have been settled without the use or even the threat of force. The intelligent use, in a spirit of goodwill, of the method of arbitration and conference has brought about a series of reasonably just and satisfactory settlements.

Feeling then, that the citizens of both countries should give thanks to God for these outstanding and enduring blessings of peace, the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches is calling upon all churchmen of every variety, all believers in God, all lovers of peace, to observe this occasion by appropriate services of thanksgiving.

We quote from the leaflet which the Alliance has sent out: "Let us hold to this splendid heritage, not only because of what it means to us, but because of what it means to the world; for the future of civilization depends on just such community of spirit, such justice, cooperation and goodwill."

## Slums Disappear

SLOWLY the democracies are girding themselves for their practical task of removing the sore-spots in their social and economic life.

The Housing Commission of Melbourne, Australia, is a fine example of what can be done for slum-clearance. It has already spent £250,000 on new houses for residents from condemned areas.

## Youth Hostels Promote Friendship

A PLEASANT picture of Canadian youth working for friendly relations between British and French Canada is revealed in the following news item from Montreal. "A party of sixty-two youths from Ontario has left for a week's vacation in the Laurentian mountains. The trip was arranged by Auberges de la Jeunesse, a French-Canadian youth hostel organization to promote understanding between French-Canadian and Ontario youth."

## The Apostle of Literacy

DR. FRANK LAUBACH, of the Philippines, has become known as the Apostle of Literacy. Nine years ago he began to elaborate a system of teaching literacy by key-words and syllables based upon them. He tried it out first of all upon the Moros of the Philippine Islands, and its success attracted so much attention that he has received invitations from governors and directors of education in various parts of the world to apply the method in their countries also.

The method has already proved applicable to five Indian languages and it looks as though, through the patient work of one man, a way is being found to deal with one of mankind's primary handicaps.

# A Great Missionary Family

(MRS. J. S.) JEAN SINCLAIR MACKAY

THREE hundred years ago, two brothers, Thomas and John Scudder, left their home in England and, crossing the Atlantic, settled in Massachusetts, U.S.A. They brought with them the family coat of arms, bearing the motto—*Nunquam non paratus* (never unprepared).

The John Scudder with whom we are concerned was born in 1795, the son of a proud aristocrat, an owner of slaves. The boy John grew up amid comforts, was educated and in due time chose medicine as his profession and after careful preparation established himself in a lucrative practice in New York City. He was interested

in stories then current of Carey's adventuring to India, but not deeply or disturbingly impressed. Later on, however, he picked up casually from the table in the house of a friend, a pamphlet that completely changed the current of his life, and this brilliant young man became a volunteer for service abroad as a foreign missionary. His proud father was strongly opposed to the idea and when argument and threat proved unavailing in turning John from his purpose, he was disinherited and his name struck out of his father's will. We are glad to note that later on, as the father, seated in an adjoining room, heard extracts read from the son's letters, telling of his life among the people of Ceylon and his work of healing, he relented but he never really approved.

In 1819 Dr. John and his devoted young wife fared forth to India, a much greater undertaking than it is in our day.

They went under the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions (A.B.C.F.M. for short!) and, sailing from Boston, they reached Ceylon after a voyage of six and a half months. There, in the midst of prejudice, apathy

and superstitions, he began his great medical work. For long years he laboured, bringing not only health and healing to the bodies of men, but light and life to their souls.

He left nine children and every one of them was drawn back to India by missionary motives—so marvellous had been the influence upon their young lives of their noble, self-sacrificing and deeply evangelical

father's life and teaching and example.

Three of his sons having completed their studies in America came out to join their father, and in 1853 he sent them to open what is officially known as the Arcot Mission in the Presidency of Madras, but which is often familiarly called the "Scudder Mission." It is said that an American lady touring India inquired how she could get to the Scudder Mission. She had an idea the Scudders were an aboriginal tribe inhabiting an almost inaccessible region and she felt she would like to include it in her itinerary!

In 1857 the Arcot Mission's connection with the interdenominational board of the A.B.C.F.M. ended and the Reformed Church of America set up an independent board. It assumed heavy responsibilities, not only in India but in other mission lands as well, and soon doubled, trebled and quadrupled its



REV. JOHN SCUDDER, M.D., AND MRS. SCUDDER  
*"In 1819 they fared forth to India."*

former gifts and sent out additional workers. "They that honour me, will I honour, saith the Lord."

The Arcot Mission celebrated its Jubilee at the beginning of the present century and the opening lines of the Jubilee Commemoration Book presents this sentence copied from an early record of the young mission: "This mission consists of three brothers, Henry M., William W. and Joseph Scudder." The report indicates that soon there were "ten souls, of one name, one family, united in one mission and serving one Master." True to the motto on the family coat of arms, "never unprepared," other members of the family joined those already on the field, in several cases brothers coming in pairs, to help in the great work inaugurated by Dr. John T. His life thus remained a stimulus to his descendants long after he had gone, and even to the present day, for very recently a great-great-granddaughter has sailed for India not, it is true, to join the Mission, but to assist in the very important work of educating boys and girls in the school for missionaries' children at Kodai Kanal in the hills of South India.

Although a large proportion of the Scudder men were doctors, as well as ministers, they deemed the work of gospel preaching as of supreme importance and great stress was laid upon it for the first twenty-five years of the mission's existence, and again and again we read that certain medical men left their stations at times and made extensive preaching tours among the people. Gradually the burden of administration due to the development of congregational work, incident on the growth of the Christian community and also to the increase in the number of schools and other institutional work, has made it impossible with the available staff, to tour the unevangelized areas of that densely populated district, nor to stress as formerly the preaching of the message of salvation to the non-Christian peoples.

Men and women of other name than Scudder have from time to time joined the Arcot Mission and rendered service of a very high order, but at the moment, we are concerned only with this most

remarkable missionary family. We note in passing that the wives of these Scudder men were also appointees of the Home Board, and recognized as missionaries in full standing. Their work must have been regarded as not only satisfactory but sufficient for there was great opposition from the field when years ago it was suggested that unmarried women be sent out as missionaries and the Home Board had to insist on their being received. It sounds like ultra-conservatism in these days, but fifty or seventy-five years ago missionaries had to walk very circumspectly to avoid unworthy suspicions on the part of the people of the land who simply could not understand why young unmarried women should leave their home and country to come out to a strange foreign land and labour gratuitously for a strange people.

The Arcot Mission holds a high place in the estimation of other missions operating in India, for its educational, industrial, and perhaps chiefly for its medical mission work, by which agency the seed of the Kingdom has been scattered far and wide, and the gospel of love exemplified in the lives of the missionaries and their Indian helpers. The Madras Government (British) recognizing the value and excellence of the medical work, has again and again come to their financial aid in consolidating their work in times of financial stringency.

The Scudder Association of America was "organized on Washington's birthday, 1912, by descendants of the American pioneers, Thomas Scudder, Salem, Massachusetts, 1636, and John Scudder, Charleston, Massachusetts, 1639, in the belief that an association founded on a bond of kinship would prove an inspiration to generation after generation of American Scudders and their descendants, wherever living the world over."

This Association took in hand to raise an endowment fund of \$100,000 for the maintenance of the Dr. John Scudder Memorial Hospital at Ranipettai in the Arcot Mission. The buildings are extensive and the hospital well equipped. An interesting recent photo shows forty-eight members on the staff of the Hospital, mostly, of course, Indians. Some

of the positions held by Dr. Galen Scudder's trained assistants are as follows: Head Compounder, Operating Supervisor, various Ward Supervisors, Laboratory Technician, X-ray Technician, etc. About half the amount of the endowment fund has been raised to date. Mrs. John Scudder, wife of John III of New York City, has been working for seven or eight years on a history of the Scudder family in India. It is hoped that the book will be published by 1940. If there are any proceeds over and above the cost of publishing, they will go to the endowment fund of the Memorial Hospital.

As one gathers facts about this remarkable family, one is deeply impressed with this further fact that it has sent forth men to other lands besides India. For one has been a missionary doctor in Japan, another has laboured in Japan and Hawaii, two are now in Arabia and one in Africa.

In 1862, Dr. John Scudder II sailed with his young wife to India and after a voyage of four months, arrived at the port of Madras and proceeded to the Arcot Mission which had been started nine years previously. To them were born five sons and one daughter, she who has become in our day the well-known and greatly beloved Dr. Ida Scudder, Principal of the Women's Medical College at Vellore, Arcot. She was sent home to America to be educated and returned to the mission as an evangelistic missionary. Her knowledge of the untellable sufferings and appalling neglect of Indian women, which came to her through acquaintance with her doctor father's work and his inability to meet the needs of women patients because of the prejudices of the people, impelled her to return to America where she took a full medical course and degree and returned to develop a work that is known throughout the whole of India.

It only remains to sum up the contribution this family has made to India through missionary effort, a family into whose individual lives there seems to have been transmitted even unto the fourth and fifth generations, the warm

evangelical spirit of that first Dr. John Scudder, who in 1819, in face of an unsympathetic, opposing father, forsook all to follow his Master into the dark and needy places of earth and whose example of devotion has led one member of the family after another to follow in his footsteps, even as he followed Christ unwaveringly.

In all, forty-three members of the family have served in India. They have given a total of 994 years of devoted, evangelistic, educational, industrial and medical service to that land that so sadly needs the best any of us can offer. There are still in active service five members of the family who by the end of 1940 will have given, if spared, the amazing contribution of one thousand years to the uplift and betterment of those "other sheep" for whom our Lord gave His life.

Does this record of one family's achievement stir within us any desire and determination to emulate in so far as possible, their devotion and consecration to the greatest of all great causes, the hastening of the coming of the Kingdom of our blessed Lord?

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### The Rocking-Chair

My great-grandmother's rocking-chair  
Sits in a corner of the room,  
It is tiny, demure, and retiring,  
You hardly notice it in the corner.  
It looks small, but quite large people can sit  
in it,

It looks delicate, but it is very strong;  
It is so quiet in the corner, but always there;

I keep wondering if great-grandmother  
Was like her rocking-chair!

She came round the Cape of Good Hope to  
India.

What an adventure life must have been then!  
The chair came with her, sailing half round the  
world,

Past strange lands and stranger seas,  
A little bit of home wherever it went.  
It could tell queer tales, that little chair,  
But it sits there quietly, saying never a word,  
Just being a chair to rest in every day.  
It is so quiet in the corner, but always there:

I keep wondering if great-grandmother  
Was like her rocking chair!

—Hladia Porter in *The Indian Witness*.

## The Living Church in Ujjain

*This month our India study deals with the Church in India. In Chapter VI in our study book, "Moving Millions," Bishop Azariah states: "The first stage of missionary work opens when the missionary . . . goes about itinerating . . . When the first converts are made, they are baptized and the nucleus of a church comes into being."*

*Miss Alice Munns, our evangelistic missionary in the Ujjain field, in describing her work, depicts the church being thus established and built up. Miss Mildred Cates, in charge of the school in Ujjain, shows through the lovely story of the boy Nanuram, how effective is Christian education.*

AS the road from Ujjain is rough and stony and crosses many streams, the descents to which are very steep, Unhel, in Gwalior State, can be reached most of the year only by train. From the railway station we still have six miles to go to reach the village. The only way to go is by a shaky little cart with a driver who thinks that the best way to please his foreign passengers is to try to make his little country pony go as fast as it can, thereby endangering not only his own life and that of his horse, but also the lives of the passengers. However, these inconveniences are as nothing compared with the roads one has to travel to reach the villages where there are Christians. What stones—what ruts—what narrow roads—what rivers one

has to travel over! And yet—in villages twelve to fifteen miles away are little groups of Christian men and women. They must have teaching if the Church in India is to be built up. From two villages in this district we now have boys in the school in Ujjain and they are our hope for the villages of that district where we can so seldom go.

Returning by train to Ujjain, we now go by car, on a metalled road, to Agar, forty-two miles away. It can be reached by car all the year long except when there is very heavy rain which may flood one of the rivers. On the way, about twenty-eight miles from Ujjain we stop at Dhabla, where a compounder has a little dispensary to care for the medical needs of the villages round about, as there is no medical work done by any State in that area. Here one of my Biblewomen lives. She visits the near-by villages on foot and those farther away by cart.

Turning to the East, we travel to Sarangpur whose villages are situated in three different States. Here there is a deeper interest and a more sincere desire to follow Christ than in any other of our out-station fields. The people come into Ujjain, fifty and sixty miles, to learn of the "New Way." When I asked one of them who had told him of this "Way," he replied that it was his relatives. And that is the case everywhere — new inquirers coming along having heard from their relatives of Jesus. And this interest seems to be spreading through all the villages. Many times the baptized Christians are persecuted, their Bibles and hymn books taken from them and destroyed. But in spite of all this (or because of it) the desire to know of Christ is spreading.



MISS ALICE B. MUNNS  
*Central India, 1919.*



Now we turn the car toward Ujjain and our next stop will be at Shajapur, forty miles from Ujjain. This town is a stronghold of Hinduism and there is little or no response in the town itself. But the district around is alive with interest in the message we have to bring. A catechist and his wife are working in this field. Roads branching out in several directions make it possible for him to cover a large part of his field on his bicycle. And the calls come from far-away and near-by villages. When I go, I visit only the scattered villages where the Christian groups are, as we cannot overtake all the work on our brief visits to these out-stations.

About twenty-seven miles from Ujjain, we turn off to the south-east to Dewas, a fair-sized town, the capital of two separate States. Here we find a beautiful church building, Grace Church, Dewas. The land on which it is built was the generous gift of the former Maharajah who also gave a gift towards the erection of the building. Dewas, too, has a growing Christian community in a large district covering many square miles. The catechist and his wife there, a young couple recently from the Indore Seminary, are full of enthusiasm and a desire to see the work in their field grow.

And now we enter Ujjain where there is a Christian community of two hundred and fifty. We have an organized church with our own Indian pastor, carrying on various activities in the building erected a few years ago.

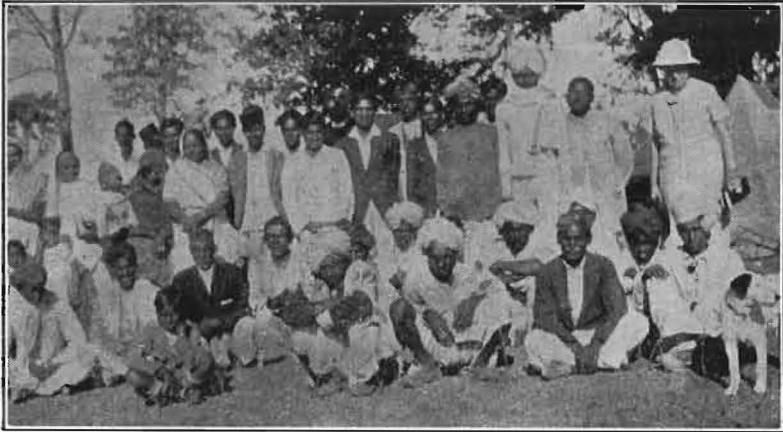
### Ujjain Mission School

What can one report, writes Miss Cates, about a Mission School which would be distinctive and interesting? Shall we describe the personnel of the school, boys and girls of Canadian Public School ages, with brown faces, black hair and darkly-shining eyes, doing the same kind of things that children in Canada do; studying much the same subjects, with the addition of daily Bible lessons for all; finding it just as hard to keep quiet in class, to get one's homework done, and to pass the ever-recurring



MISS MILDRED CATES  
*Central India, 1931.*

examinations which nobody likes but which we all stick to. Is this the kind of description we should give? Or how about having a look at the nice solid building of grey stone and cement, formerly the residence of a missionary family, but now adapted for use as an eminently useful and comfortable school-house, and still "news" with us? A visit to the sewing classes might be interesting, where bags, quilts, mats and wearing apparel of various kinds are produced by both boys and girls; for no one in India thinks that sewing is women's work, seeing that all the professional dress and suit-makers are men. The games and drill period, the free play at recess, the extra-curricular activities such as Girl Guides, or the singing and worship periods, all would be worth getting acquainted with; but best of all, how fine it would be if one could give Can-



THE BIRTH OF A NEW CHURCH, SHAJAPUR

*The new congregation meets for their first communion "using leaf-cups, and wheat cakes, the familiar bread of the people."*

adian friends glimpses into the souls of these children and their teachers, and show how sincere is the desire in the hearts of many of them to make this school a province in the Kingdom of God.

From a small village not far from Ujjain came Nanuram, a dear little fellow of nine or ten years, to join our school family. He comes of low-caste people, but there is nothing low or mean about his intelligence or his soul. The faith of Jesus Christ, which his parents chose a few years ago, is a living thing to him, and he seems to realize the importance of keeping close to his Master and to experience a true fellowship with Him. A few weeks ago there was danger of great privation to this district, on account of the failure of the usual rains, so people of all religions were offering their varied prayers for the rain to come. We went to a certain regular prayer meeting and there fervent prayers were uttered for this most necessary gift, and even as we prayed the answer came, in a downpour which made a terrific noise on the roof of iron sheeting, preventing anything under a shout being heard. The meeting was soon dismissed, and we stood about waiting for a chance to dash home,

for like the unbelievers, we had taken no umbrellas with us. Nanuram, with a delighted look on his face, remarked, "What lovely rain God is sending us! He heard our prayers."

A day or two later, another evening shower, even heavier, came suddenly on us. There had been some rain in the meantime, but much more was needed. After it was over, the small boys of the hostel burst out of their house with joyous whoops, slipping and falling on the wet steps, splashing through the puddles, clutching their *dhotis* in a vain effort to keep them from getting muddy. A rush of laughing youngsters swept up onto our veranda, bringing our dog roaring to the defence of his door against those he imagined to be marauders.

"When I ran out on our veranda," said Amriya, "it was so wet that my feet went right out from under me and I sat down!"

"He did, Miss Sahibji," added Narain, "just like this!" demonstrating, to the accompaniment of shouts of laughter from all.

Said Nanuram, "I was playing outside when the rain suddenly started and I ran fast to the house, thanking God as I ran!"

# A Call to Prayer and Thought

THERE are many indications that our membership is becoming increasingly aware of the need for a deepening in the prayer life of our people. From Sault Ste. Marie, one of our members writes:

"The W.M.S. group of our church was very much interested in a little article, 'Keeping Tryst,' in the December number of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, and thought you might like to know that for more than a year we have each in our own homes been 'keeping tryst' at nine o'clock or soon after every morning in the week and that at least two other W.M.S. groups have decided to follow our example."

And now comes word that a national prayer for peace has been drafted by a group of representative women of Canada—a prayer in which all women of the Dominion, whatever race or creed, can join. Several meetings to discuss this plan have been called by the Reverend Mother of St. John's Convent (Anglican) and have included representatives of all the major churches of Canada. The leading Roman Catholic prelate was sympathetic though not represented. The Jewish Sisterhoods, I.O.D.E., Girl Guides, Women's Institutes, Women's Canadian Clubs, the Salvation Army, Red Cross and many other organized bodies of women sent official representatives. Mrs. Albert Matthews, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, took an active part in the discussions.

"We must think also of the people who do not attend churches, who have different religious ideas from ours, but who want to pray for peace in the world," pointed out Mrs. W. P. M. Kennedy, of the Women's Canadian Club.

It was finally agreed that the prayer should be printed on a Prayer Card, with the thought and faith that it would be used wherever women meet together, and also privately in the homes of Canada. It is confidently expected that our United Church women will share in this great movement among the women of Canada.

The method of general distribution of the Prayer Cards is still being considered but they can always be procured through the W.M.S. Literature Department.

## A DAILY PRAYER

O God, the Father of us all, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men, mercifully receive the prayers that we offer for our anxious and troubled world.

Send Thy light into our darkness, and guide the nations as one family into the ways of peace.

Take away all prejudice, hatred and fear.

Give grace to all who serve and suffer because of war.

Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand one another, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

To those who by their counsels lead the peoples of the earth, grant a right judgment, that so through them and us Thy will be done.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayer at Twelve Noon (whenever possible).*

Grant that all men everywhere may recognize their need of God and turn to Him. Fill my heart and theirs with the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Front of card.*

## MY AFFIRMATION

I will try to pray daily for the peace of the world, believing that God wants me to do this and so help to establish His Kingdom on earth. I will try to work for it in the following ways:

(a) By showing goodwill in a practical way in all my dealings with others, in my home, in my business, and beyond.

(b) By befriending people in distress at home and abroad.

Name .....

It is known that each individual is praying often for a righteous and lasting peace, but corporate intercession for all in need at this time is important. What power might be released if, at all meetings in the morning at eleven or twelve o'clock, there was time given for prayer for the world's needs; or if, in afternoon groups, work was put down at three or four o'clock and this done! Evening gatherings might pause at nine o'clock for prayer.

If you already have a card, will you pass this on to some one who has not.

*Back of card.*

## Preparing for Peace

There is evident everywhere today a desire to know how a just and lasting peace may be established, so that the civilized peoples of the world may live together in harmony, as friendly neighbours and not as lawless enemies. This preparing for peace cannot be left to governments alone because no lasting peace will come without the understanding, the cooperation and the loving spirit of the people themselves behind it.

Prayer will help tremendously in this task. The King in his beautiful Christmas Day message expressed the Christian point of view. Putting our hands in the hand of God, we shall be shown the way through our present darkness.

In addition to prayer, there is also the way of study, of giving time to thinking individually and together about the problems of peace. The Board of Evangelism and Social Service of our Church is proposing that wherever church groups meet together for war service, they should pause in the midst of their practical work for a brief period of prayer and thinking together. A joint group of church and non-church women would in all likelihood also welcome this quiet time, if church women take the lead.

The brief period might be used somewhat as follows:

**Prayer:** The prayer on the cover of this issue of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY.

*A Prayer in Time of War* (page 548, December MONTHLY).

*Prayers for War-time* (recently prepared by our Board of Social Service and Evangelism; price three cents, fifty for \$1.25, 100 for \$2.00).

*The little series of booklets*, prepared under the auspices of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, on subjects such as Prayer, Forgiveness, the Universal Church, could be distributed for individual use; price three cents a piece, 100 for \$2.50.

*The Fellowship of Prayer*, Bible readings for the Lenten period—price three cents.

**Thought:** One or two members might be asked to give brief talks which will help to make the attitude towards our enemies more Christian and to learn how a just peace can be set up.

The following booklets will give useful information to the speakers and may also be passed around to members of the group to read individually.

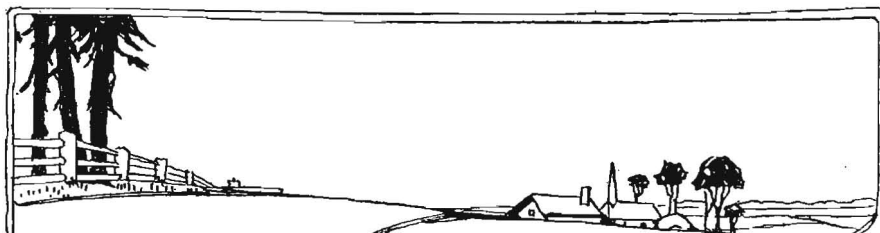
*Chinese Christians Face Their War*, by Stanley H. Dixon, price 10 cents. Can we face our war in as Christian a spirit as has been shown by Chinese Christians?

*The Refugee Question*, by John Hope Simpson, price 10 cents. One of the Oxford Pamphlets on World Affairs—Are we entering into the sufferings of the refugees in Europe and Asia? What are we prepared to do about this human problem?

*The Peace That Failed*, by Varian Fry, price 30 cents, a Headline Book from the Foreign Policy Association. Do we wonder why the last war did not "end war"? Are we prepared now to think about peace aims in war time?

*Should Missions Go On?* by Basil Mathews, price 10 cents. Do we really believe that the world mission of the Christian Church is an essential factor in creating a warless war?

*All the above mentioned booklets are available at the Literature Department, 410 Wesley Buildings, Toronto.*



# My First Year in Trinidad

M. MABEL McNICOL

*Miss McNicol, a graduate of the University of Manitoba, is a specialist in Home Economics. Graduating from The United Church Training School in 1938, she was appointed to Trinidad, where she is now Superintendent of the Iere Home, Princes Town.*

HERE in Princes Town is the Iere Girls' Home, a home for girls up to fourteen years of age. The girls attend the Canadian Mission School and live in the Home, where they learn to cook, sew and keep house as any girl should in her own home. Some of the children are orphans, but others are from homes where the parents, through the nature of their work, or some other such circumstance, are unable to care for the children at home or send them to school. Miss Barlow has had charge of the Home and my part has been only a very small but interesting one. Certain nights of the week, I had charge of prayers and study period, and every Saturday morning I had a class in singing. The girls love singing and ever since they returned to the Home in January, they have been asking when we can start practising for our next Christmas concert.

I held Health classes for the older girls, the most interesting to them being the one concerning feet. Luckily I related their interest in this to Miss Barlow for, several days later, one of the girls appeared at the office with the toes cut out of her shoes—her toes had been pressing against the ends of them, so she decided it was better for her feet if she wore toeless shoes.

Before Christmas and up to Easter, I held community cooking classes in Princes Town. These are for the benefit of young girls out of school and any married ladies who desire to come. Each pays a fee of six cents and has a taste of the finished products, the remainder of which are sold to help to cover expenses. During the classes, I learn nearly as

much as any one in the class. You may wonder at that when you remember that I have my University course in Household Science, but your wondering would cease if you could take a peep into one of the classes and see me baking the biscuits and cakes in a coal pot, which may be likened to a brazier pot in Canada, with no oven whatever. Many of the ladies themselves had never tried any such baking in their coal pots, but together we learned how much could be done in this way. Later we were able to procure a tin cement drum with a door cut in it and shelves put in. This we placed over the coal pot and the cakes were then baked quite nicely.



MISS M. MABEL McNICOL

Since Easter I have stopped the classes in Princes Town and started a weekly class of the same type in San Fernando, where I have an enrolment of over sixty ladies. The classes are held in the Naparima Girls' High School cooking laboratory, which is quite efficiently fitted as to cooking and baking utensils but we still must work with the above mentioned cooking apparatus.

In both places I must give due credit and many thanks to Mrs. Sammy, née Marian Sabzali, without whose assistance I should never have been able to keep my coal pots lighted.

Beside the above mentioned classes I hold weekly classes with the girls in the Naparima Teachers' Training College in both native and Northern cookery, housewifery and mothercraft.

Many hours of my time have been spent in church activities in Princes Town. I have a Sunday School class of junior girls and take part in the work

of the Christian Endeavour and church choir. Any time spent in the Canadian Mission Day School is in connection with music and singing. But in all curricular studies the children in the Canadian Mission schools in Trinidad compare most favourably in their standing with those of either the Government schools or with those of the other denominational schools.

Not the least interesting and enjoyable part of my work in Trinidad has been my evangelistic work among the women and girls. Most of our travelling is done by car and we hold meetings in churches, schools, houses, karats, barracks or outside. It is here we have our real contact with the people of Trinidad, for it is only through the home life of any people that we can come to appreciate them to their fullest. A Biblewoman accompanies us to many of these country meetings. In some cases all, or a great part of the ladies attending, can hardly speak English. At such meetings we missionaries say only a few words and usually show a picture to illustrate our lesson. Then the Biblewoman either

repeats our lesson or gives a much longer one in Hindi. Thanks to Miss Archibald, with whom I live, I can now make an effort at singing Hindi *bhajans* (hymns) at these meetings and enjoy it far more than standing with closed mouth while all the others at the meeting sing and afterward ask me, "But when are you going to learn to sing with us?"

Every one going to a new and different country has much to learn and there are many ways to learn these things. To me the greatest knowledge has come, I feel, through my visits in the homes. Yes, the home life in Trinidad is very different from that in Canada. A large number of the houses, especially those belonging to Christian families, compare in comfort, although built differently, to Canadian houses. But many still live in small karats with mud floors swept, as a rule, very clean. However, I'm sure that nowhere in the world could greater hospitality be shown than I have found shown to me, in the smallest and poorest of homes in this beautiful little island of the Humming Bird.

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## A Birthday Party by Proxy

ANNA O. McLEOD, KOFU, JAPAN.

WHEN one's mother, who is four thousand miles away across the ocean, celebrates her ninety-fifth birthday, it just seems as though one must join in some way in the celebration.

There are not many Japanese women as old as that, to help in such a celebration, so it was decided to invite those in our church who are over sixty, to a birthday party. Eighteen were invited and ten came, of ages ranging from sixty to seventy-eight.

A connection must be made with the one having the birthday. Her picture taken this year was shown. The story was told that one woman evangelist had said to the daughter, "She looks like you when you were younger." Each guest, as she arrived, was asked to write a favourite Bible verse to send. This took

some time. Bibles must be produced, and searched for the required verse. Some had forgotten spectacles, some wanted the woman evangelist to write for them, but at last we were ready to proceed with the programme.

Two or three games were played, the oldest playing with as much enjoyment as the youngest. One game involved singing the scale and all accepted the challenge, producing strange sounds and much hilarity. A photographer who had been called now appeared, so we all resorted to the garden where the roses were in bloom.

When we returned to the house, lunch was served. This included, of course, a birthday cake with many lighted candles, the like of which none of the guests had ever seen before.

Then a message of encouragement for older people which had recently been received from the mother was repeated to the guests. Revelation 8: 4-5 speaks of the "prayers of the saints" as sweet incense rising before God, and then being poured out upon the earth in blessing. This message had been printed on

cially the grandchildren, might have a taste.

We felt that the birthday party by proxy had been a great success.

Those present were: Mrs. Hayashi, aged seventy-five, President of our Church Women's Association; (We are sorry to report that Mrs. Hayashi has



#### THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

*"We all resorted to the garden where the roses were in bloom."*

*Back row—Left to right: Mrs. Maruyama, Miss Mary Haig, Mrs. Mochizuki, Mrs. Hirose, Miss Anna McLeod, Mrs. Shimada, Miss Kuroi, Mrs. Enya. Front row—Mrs. Ito, Mrs. Tanaka, Mrs. Hajikano, Mrs. Hayashi, Mrs. Yamamoto.*

decorated paper and presented to each guest with her birthday gift.

One of the ladies, a college graduate, had written a Japanese poem on a beautiful strip of Japanese paper. She had also written the translation in English. Much whispering among the guests resulted, the next morning, in a gift to be sent to the mother.

After prayer by the woman evangelist they went away with many expressions of happiness in the afternoon's entertainment. I believe that each had surreptitiously tucked a bit of her lunch into her parcel so that others at home, espe-

since passed on.) Mrs. Tanaka, aged seventy-eight, mother of one of our women evangelists; Mrs. Ito, aged seventy, mother of an earnest Christian doctor in Osaka; Mrs. Enya, aged seventy-two, mother of the Sunday School secretary; Mrs. Shimada, writer of the poem and president of the W.C.T.U.; Mrs. Hirose, a business woman of ability, who does much for the finances of our Women's Association and Church; Miss Kuroi, woman evangelist; Mrs. Maruyama, Mrs. Hajikano, Mrs. Yamamoto, and Mrs. Mochizuki, all dear little Christians with grandchildren growing up in the Sunday School.

# Totem Poles of the Tsimshians

WILLIAM BEYNON, PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

Through the kindness of Mr. William Beynon, of Prince Rupert, and Miss Bessie French, of our Crosby Girls' Home, in Port Simpson, who enlisted Mr. Beynon's services on our behalf, we have the following explanation of the totem pole, a form of art which holds a significant place in the life of the Indian. In Canada today we have an unexcelled opportunity to open our hearts and imaginations to the customs and ideas of groups other than our own. We are glad to have this useful and interesting information about our Indian fellow Canadians.

**T**OTEM POLES, representative of the plastic art of the Indians of the Northwest Pacific Coast, especially the Tsimshian tribes, are symbolic, and comparable to European heraldry. The art reached its highest peak about a hundred years ago, in a culture which had perfected wood carving to a very high degree, as shown by art specimens which are now in the keeping of the museums of various countries.

The intrusion of the white people gradually weakened the social structure in which this art had flourished. The Indians were taught to believe that their art was heathenish. The white people, with a lack of sympathy and understanding, assumed that

these totem poles were worshipped, and represented deities. But such was not the case, for the fanciful figures carved on the poles were not pagan gods or demons, but represented the myths, traditions, and adventures of the owner's house, and established, to all the native tribes, the inherited rights and privileges of his lineage. On the poles were displayed individual crests, which only the members of the owner's family could use. There were also symbols representing the clan to which he belonged.

At the time of the erection of a new totem pole, a recital of its full meaning and significance was given to the assembled tribal guests. The host then distributed valuable gifts to each of the guests present, in accordance with his rank and importance. They, by their

acceptance, acknowledged and confirmed in the recognized manner the full authority and responsibility of their host in the Tsimshian Nation.

The four established Tsimshian clans were Wolf, Grizzly Bear, Raven and Eagle. The Tsimshians had developed an economic system and social organization, which in some respects were superior to those which they now live under. The moral laws were very strict, even by our present-day standards, and this



CERTAIN PARTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ALBERTA MIGHT BE CALLED THE LAND OF THE TOTEM POLE  
*Each pole enshrines stories of heroism and valour.*



developed a strong and healthy nation. Of late years eminent scientists of Canada and the United States, through their researches, have compiled a very comprehensive survey of the former social structure of the Tsimshians. Among these is Rev. G. H. Raley, and

others, who have been and are doing a great deal to restore a fast dying art, which is disappearing due to the lack of appreciation by the Indians of what they have lost. When the Indians know more of their past history, they will find that they have much to be proud of.

## Wanted—for Africa

*A Teacher, a Nurse and a Doctor*

KATE RUTHERFORD, LUTAMO, AFRICA.

“AND what are we going to do when you go home on furlough?” It was Elisa who asked me when I told the girls of the Boarding School at Lutamo that I was leaving very shortly for Can-



ada. Elisa was one of the two dozen girls of the Vocational School left in my charge for a short term when Miss Halliday left for furlough. And what an interesting time we had had! It was a joy to work with their teacher, Leona Sole, who had been one of my first pupils in both Boarding and Day School. What consultations we had in my office over the extreme cleverness of the four girls who, with station school background, were completing the two-year course in one year, the complete ignorance of Gamba, the problem girl of the class, who through inability and indifference sat cheerfully through all classes, not fitting in anywhere in our programme.

Then there had been many consultations over Mariana, who did not seem to adjust herself to living conditions and who, when not basking in the sun, every part of her body aching with malaria, was sitting beside their bedroom fire complaining of indigestion. And the

day that Mariana finally ran away! I had gone down after breakfast to find the Bible class assembled. At seven o'clock it is still cold in Africa and there seemed to be a particular gloom over the whole class.

“Where is Mariana?”

“She disappeared early this morning and she's taken her field basket and clothes.”

The old story of the runaway pupil always brings a feeling of failure. I had known Mariana for several years before she came in to school during a three-day conference with the Christian village girls as I sat with them and my friend Lina Cunanga around their fire at night. And I had always liked Mariana. I left the cottage by the back door, thinking as I went how disappointed the people in her village would be when she arrived home. But outside, leaning dejectedly against the wall close to the door, was Mariana. The weight of sorrow lifted from my heart and as so often serious matters end in Africa, so this one did, with a good laugh. “I just couldn't do it,” she said.

One of Africa's needs for 1940 is another teacher for Vocational Schools, a teacher who will be an older sister and mother to these girls, one who with loving patience will guide the school and its native assistants and pupils to find better ways of living, who, with the Bible lessons as guides for the day's conduct, will lead the girls to trust in Jesus Christ's way of life. The girls must be guided in the very practical things of the household, cooking, cleaning, sewing, knitting, gar-

dening, field work, care of the sick, marketing their corn and buying cloth. They are old enough to see that these are the very things they can use in their homes and they eagerly learn what they can, storing information in their minds, as they hoard vegetable and fruit-tree seeds which they carry home to plant. What an opportunity and privilege it is to be a missionary!

Every African has malaria. Other diseases are common. There is need for surgical work. There is a vast field for preventive medicine, for village and station clinics, for child welfare work, and always for education—education of native nurses and dispensers and education of the public. What a challenge to trained men and women! This year Africa needs a nurse with surgical experience for work in a hospital where the daily clinic, the operating room and bedside care of the patients will bring her into touch with people from villages within a radius of over a hundred miles and will bring her friendships with women and girls who come to her for advice and help and who trust her loving care as they were never able, in the old

days, to trust the witch doctor who claimed to have such great powers of healing and who demanded such high prices for his work.

There is a hospital without a doctor, and that is the third great need for 1940. Sick people carried by hammock for miles are told that they must wait for days or weeks till a visiting doctor can be called. The training of new assistants is part of every doctor's work. Many cases are brought to the doctor's outdoor clinic and treatment is begun, and continued later at the Mission, cases which otherwise would not have had any skilled care.

As in Palestine, in the days of Jesus, the sick and weary came to Him, so the mission doctor with loving skill dealing with physical ills, often uncovers the sores which lie buried in the heart, and with brotherly love, learned from the first Great Physician, brings peace of heart and faith in the future as well as health of body. What greater challenge can there be than that—to serve our Lord and Master in the work of his Kingdom, healing the open and hidden sores of Africa?



"AFTER THE SERVICE"—AN OUTSTATION CHURCH, DONDI  
*The girls from Means School have been assisting at the service.*

# Candles Lit in the East . . .

*Candles lit in the East are now shedding their light in Canada.*

ESTHER FONG DICKMAN

Miss Dickman, who tells this charming story of her parents and grandparents, made a fine contribution to W.M.S. work in the Chinese Church in Calgary. She is now in the Chinese Presbyterian Mission Home, San Francisco. Her father worked for many years under the Methodist Church as a missionary to the Chinese in the West, in particular among the miners at Nanaimo. In 1906 he helped to organize and publish in Vancouver the first Chinese daily paper in Canada, designed to combat gambling and other evils rife among the Chinese people. He is now retired and living in Edmonton with his daughter, Lavinia, who has also helped in our work.

*"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord."  
"Thou wilt light my candle; the Lord my God  
will lighten my darkness."*

ALL through the years since the wise Amen of the East saw the star and went to seek the Christ Child, God has been lighting candles in the East so that those who seek Him shall find Him.

Through the ages since our Lord's coming to earth the courageous spirit of those with missionary zeal has been spurred on, as more and more were turned from darkness into light. That same spirit found root in the island of Formosa when it was still a part of China's domain, when a Chinese family of the old empire circle first received the light from the heart of British missionaries labouring in Formosa.

The mother of this family of three generations ago was a literate, refined woman of the old Chinese Empire. Her feet, as the custom was in those days, were bound but her spirit now found release in the new knowledge of a Saviour and this truth she imparted to her children.

When she became a widow she went to Hong Kong, another island, and placed her two youngest daughters in a Christian school while she herself went about with her maid to preach the gospel in homes. In this Christian school the

daughters studied Chinese and English as well as the Bible and music, wonderful educational advantages for Chinese girls in those days. Their teachers were men and women of great faith from Great Britain and Germany, and one whom they loved is still living in England.

One of these daughters later married a Chinese preacher, Rev. Fong Dickman, of the Methodist Church, and so went far away from her native land and settled on another island, Vancouver Island, in Canada.

As a minister's wife, Mrs. Fong Dickman was rare. Coming from a Christian school where most of the housekeeping and preparation of meals was done by help employed by the school, she had much to learn in the way of homemaking, but soon her home was a home among homes for the many Chinese who were welcomed there for counsel, for shelter or any assistance which a Christian home could give.

In the coal mining town of Nanaimo her daughters can recall many a summons in the night from needy Chinese families, pleading with their mother to go and assist with the birth of a baby. Thus in the eight years of the pastorate in Nanaimo, Mrs. Fong Dickman has assisted Canadian doctors at the attendance of the births of twenty-two children. These contacts in homes meant a way of bringing truth into lives that were in darkness, and later these children attended the little Mission Sunday School.

Her daughters also remember that their mother was always busy. Their lives were punctuated by Mission Band meetings and other meetings at a time when such names as Miss E. A. Preston, Miss L. Mansell, Dr. Thomas Crosby and Dr. John Robson, and many others were household words.

The role of a minister's wife meant not only meetings, playing the piano or organ for services, teaching and visiting

in homes, but her daughters lift hearts of thankfulness for their earnest Christian mother who always found time to sit with them in the evenings for prayer and training in the Word of God. Today her prayers and her dreams are finding fulfilment as they of the third generation continue the task this missionary mother left for them to do. Her little granddaughter of five years of age,

little Diana Lam, of Vancouver, now sings sometimes for the Mission Band concerts at the Chinese United Church of that city.

This is but the first glimpse of a life picture, the unseen details of which are like the light and shadow of the woven threads of a beautiful piece of tapestry.

And Christ continues to light His candles in the hearts of many a Chinese.

## Han Kaja's Victory

EDNA McLELLAN

*Miss McLellan is in Evangelistic work, Hamheung, Korea.*

HAN KAJA lay very ill in the Hospital. The dread T.B. had got her and the doctor said she could not recover.

She had spent many years as a Bible-woman in Manchuria, and she had travelled far and wide in the Master's service. But with all her good works and good intentions she had never conquered herself and often her bad temper got the better of her and counteracted the good she might have done. Every church knew her as a hard worker, but knew also of her bad temper, and it was said there was not an elder in all the district with whom she had not quarrelled.

When sickness overcame her, she was brought to the mission Hospital in Hamheung. Doctors and nurses did their best to wait on her and comfort her but very often received only abuse for their efforts. She would not obey the doctor's orders and often refused to take the prescribed medicines. Now it seemed the end was near and that her work was done.

The Women's Bible Institute was in session at that time. The teacher in charge, who had long befriended Kaja, was much distressed over her condition. She called the students together and said to them, "Let us all pray for Kaja that

the Lord will spare her life; let us pray that she may get a better mind and realize the harm she has done to the Lord's cause." So the students prayed every day for Kaja. Every day the teacher went to the hospital and prayed and talked with her. Gradually her strength began to return to her and she listened to the pleadings of the teacher.

Day by day she began to realize that all these years she had been sinning against God and had brought shame to the Lord's cause instead of glory. She began to pray in agony. She fasted for two days and poured out her soul in confession of her sins. She asked God to help her to begin anew and make reparation for all the harm she had done.

The doctors and nurses all noticed the change in her, her every effort seemed to be to make amends for the trouble she had caused. That was a year ago. Today she is out of the Hospital and living in the teacher's home and is able to walk about. On Christmas day she went to church and witnessed before the congregation to the wonderful power of Jesus Christ who had not only restored her health but had enabled her to conquer her bad temper and thus bring peace to her mind and glory to the Lord's cause.

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*"This sense of the peace of God, shared by many Christians in China, has been the outstanding gift of the Chinese Church in war time. . . . This is not that culpable inertia that ignores or makes light of evil. . . . It is quietness of heart, poise of mind, that labours with steady exertion and yet remains tranquil, because it is committed to the love and labour of God."*  
—Stanley H. Dixon in "Chinese Christians Face Their War."

# From Coast to Coast



NAMUR, QUEBEC

*A beautiful little Church, the Manse and School Home, and the School where "fifty-seven French Protestant children are receiving an education."*

## Namur, Quebec

Mrs. C. Maxwell Loveys, having recently visited Namur, with Mrs. D. R. Carson, President of the Montreal-Ottawa Branch, gives us the following delightful account of its history, past and present.

"Nestled in the Laurentian Mountains, twenty-five miles from the railway, is the mission field of Namur. In 1870 five Belgian families had made a little clearance and constructed humble dwellings in the northern forests of LeBel county. They first called their settlement "Little Belgium" and later, Namur, in memory of a city and province of that name in their homeland. Three years later two French European families joined them and with this contingent a missionary arrived who was by his great zeal and indomitable courage to lay the foundation of this field. Services were first held in a log building erected to accommodate the newly-arrived immigrants until their own dwellings were built, but soon Rev. Joseph Mouseau had another log building erected, of two storeys, the upper serving for school and church and the lower for himself.

"During the seventy years, successful work has been carried on, each missionary who came

adding something special to the development of the Namur mission field. A beautiful little church was built and later a school home. Added to this today, is a consolidated school serving the three schools that used to be in the district. Our present missionary, Mr. P. E. LeBel, has been successful in raising the status of this school to that of intermediate, thus securing a higher standard of education for the community. Under the care of two teachers, Miss Clement and Mr. Wood, fifty-seven French Protestant children are receiving an education. During the recent visit of Mrs. D. R. Carson and myself, appreciation was expressed for the interest and assistance of the Woman's Missionary Society."

## Indian Work

In a letter recently received from Miss Bessie French of the Crosby Girls' Home, Port Simpson, B.C., she tells of a tea and concert which was arranged by the C.G.I.T. and the Mission Band in the Crosby Girls' Home.

"It was a real tea with 'hostesses,' and you should have seen our posters and announcements," she writes.

This C.G.I.T. group was organized just a year ago and is proving itself to be a live organization.

### Community East

The All Peoples' International Fair, one of the most colourful yearly events in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was its usual success. Ten national groups participated and presented typical programmes of national talent. Seventy-five persons in national costume took part and exhibits were contributed by over one hundred new Canadian homes. A "repeat" performance of the International Concert was necessary to accommodate the huge crowd of citizens from both the United States and Canadian cities of Sault Ste. Marie. The Mayor, Mr. J. McMeeken, officially opened the Fair.

Another event of importance was the seventeenth anniversary of All Peoples' Mission. Rev. Alex. G. Donald, of St. Andrew's United Church, was the special speaker at a very fine service on November 26th. The work at All Peoples' continues to grow; there are about thirty weekly activities with an enrolment of about eleven hundred. The adult membership is now about three hundred and forty active members, coming from fourteen countries. Miss Eva Empey and Miss Ruth Churchill are the W.M.S. co-workers with Rev. I. G. Perkins in this church.

### New Community House, Glace Bay, N.S.

On December 4th, Miss Mabel Newsome, W.M.S. missionary at the United Church House at Caledonia Crossing, welcomed a great many guests at the formal opening of the newly-erected building which will serve the residents of Caledonia and Passchendaele. This community centre was built by the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. J. T. Burchell, President of the Maritime Conference Branch, being largely responsible for its erection.

The house is a two-storey building with Sunday School rooms and community centre on the first floor. The rooms are beautifully finished in Douglas fir and panelled fibre board, while the hardwood floors have been newly varnished and polished. Upstairs is a self-contained apartment which will be the residence of Miss Newsome and of Miss Donalda Jardine, missionary at Wesley Community House, New Aberdeen, who will continue her duties there.

The ladies of the community have been organized into two groups, the Cinderellas and the Busy Bees. Another Auxiliary has been organized from among the W.M.S. members

of the United Churches in town. This group will assist the first two in the work to be done. The new house is filling a long felt need in supplying a Sunday School room and recreation centre for the young people of the two districts.

### Friendship Corner

Recently I attended a meeting where a secretary reported her surprise at reading in the leaflet, *The Community Friendship Secretary*, the varied avenues of service through which she might work. It is to be regretted that some limit their work to the Auxiliary and do not follow the vision of the larger community service. So often by a friendly call and kind word we may interest people who otherwise would never go to church at all, and who by reason of circumstances find no opportunity of belonging to an Auxiliary.

Some years ago our secretaries were urged to pay special attention to the young women who were coming alone from the Old Land, particularly those who came out for domestic service. These girls were strangers in a strange land and much appreciated the friendly interest of our secretaries. As their hours did not always permit of attendance at regular church services, some of our secretaries established for them a four o'clock Sunday afternoon class. One class of which I have a full report became an Affiliated Mission Circle. The minister took a kindly interest in the group and gave a short address about twice a month which was much appreciated. This class is still doing a splendid work, sending out Christmas hampers and contributing to the Woman's Missionary Society and to the local funds of the church. By their own efforts they have added many to their membership and are always ready and willing to extend a helping hand.

These young women do missionary reading and have among themselves tried a few pageants. While one of them appears in the costume of a country, someone else reads a short account of the mission work there.

Perhaps in your own church you could form such a group. Have you sought out these young women and made an honest endeavour to interest them in the better things of life? Many of them have talents, and only need the encouragement of kindness to make a contribution of outstanding value.

(MRS. S. W.) JEAN HASTINGS,  
*Community Friendship Secretary.*

# News from Overseas

## China

The following letter has been received by Miss Winnifred Warren from Miss Ch'i Yu-Chen, Secretary for Christianizing the Home, Church of Christ, China. Our Society shares in the support of Miss Ch'i's work.

Kweiyang, South West China.

My dear Miss Warren:

I was exceedingly glad to read your most interesting letter. It seems we were talking face to face. Yours recalled at once the happy days we spent together and reminded me of the fact that no friends are like old friends.

The Home Missionary work in Kweiyang is going on smoothly. Our regular Sunday services have now been inaugurated. A group of about eighty well-educated people gather together in His House to praise the name of the Most High. The Young People's Fellowship Group, the church choir are well organized. A group of about twelve college students, boys and girls, come and help us every Sunday. In order to meet the urgent need of the inquirers a Bible class in English has been opened. About fifteen young men and young women attend it intently and regularly. We pray the seed of the Gospel that has been sown in their hearts may grow up and bear fruit. We believe some day the local people will be able to provide their leadership to the church thus to win the people of their province for Christ.

A few weeks later the service for children only was held. Thirty some beloved little ones come happily and regularly. The children's Sunday School has encouraged quite a number of parents to attend the Sunday services.

In the past three months the church friends here have made a very generous contribution to the church budget. Some contributed the chairs for the church, some hymnals and some cash. So far over four hundred dollars have been received. This is entirely from their own willingness.

There are three churches in this town, namely the China Inland Mission, the Anglican Church and Church of Christ in China. The C.I.M. has been here more than fifty years; however their congregation is still small, has only about twenty some communicants. We respect them very much for their pioneering

work. The Anglican Church started about half a year earlier than ours. Comparatively our church congregation is considered to be the biggest among the three.

The great China University was moved to Kweiyang since the outbreak of the Shanghai hostility. The National Kweiyang Medical College was established soon after the war was begun. The Yale-in-China Medical College has moved up here from Changsha a year ago or so. The Central Hospital is also located here at present. Most of the staff members of the different medical institutions are Christians. These are the marvellous work fields for the Church.

This city was bombed and the most beautiful part has been reduced to ashes. Hundreds of the innocent people have been killed and wounded. It made hundreds of people homeless. Who are going to take the fatherless children and the poor widows? Who can comfort the heart-broken people? No doubt it is only the Love from on High can comfort them and help them to overcome their difficulties. They have a very hard time even among our fellow Christians. They need very badly material aid as well as spiritual. This is really a great challenge to all of us.

My parents are now in Peiping with my three sisters. They are all well. My other sister, who used to be in Hankow English Methodist Mission Hospital, was married a few weeks ago to a medical doctor. The new couple is now serving in the City Hospital of Chungking. I am well and happy and enjoy my work here very much. Pray for me as I do pray for you so that His Kingdom may come and His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. . . .

Sincerely yours,  
CH'I YU-CHEN.

## West China

Miss Laura Hambley ends a dramatic account of the bombing of Tzeliutsing, West China, with the following comments: "All afternoon friends kept coming in to see if we were safe. City authorities came and nice people we did not know, anxious to see if we were unharmed. The church people and workers urged me strongly to get away at once, as every one predicted a continuance of the bombing. The schools had left six

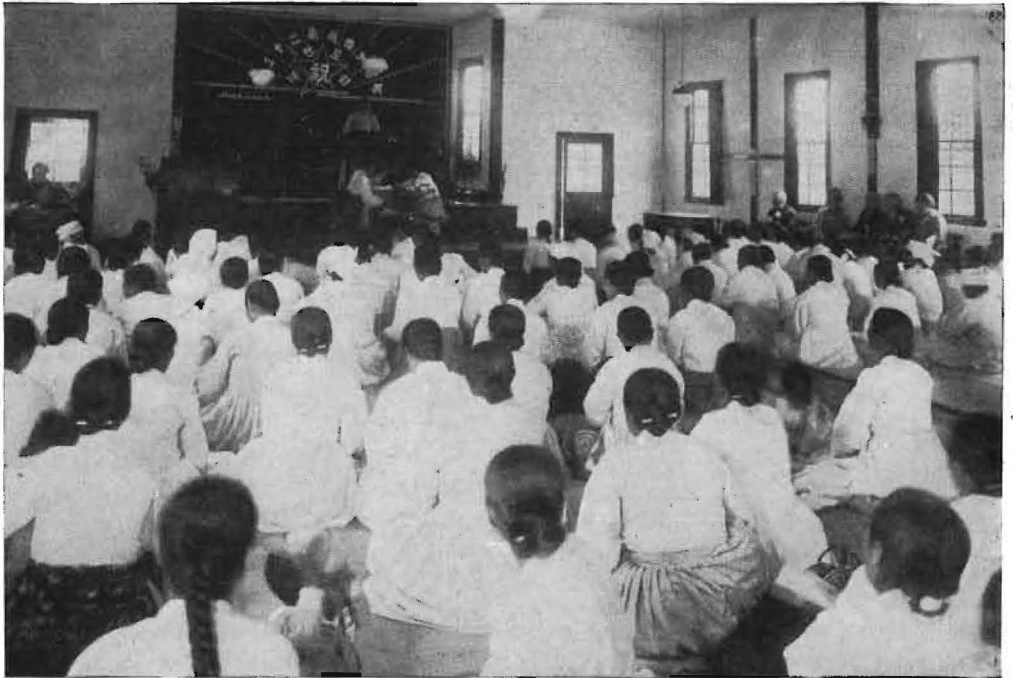
months ago, but I was not willing to go. Miss Darby and I had been going out the eighteen miles each week to our classes, but now I seemed to see my duty plainly. I felt that I had been saved by the many prayers of all the loved ones at home, and it would be foolish to run risks that were not absolutely necessary. I left the next morning with a lot of my things and most of the supplies I work with. The alarms had started for that day's raids, my carriers were urgent and we joined the excited mass of Tzeliutsing's citizens rushing from the city. Miss Darby in a day's time followed me out to our school here in this lovely country place. Miss Sparling was away in Luchow for a few days trying to be a help to Miss Ward, with our lovely W.M.S. property there all in ashes.

"It is remarkable how little hate there is in the hearts of the Chinese people. It is accepted as lightning strokes would be accepted. It is an awful thing to see death raining out of the sky, but it would be worse if we had to hit back.

"Sometimes I wonder why we Canadians are here during these stressful times, but it must be for some purpose, and I feel that the Canadian Church will not let us down. I am sure there is plenty of love and money in Canada to put our schools and hospitals and homes up again when the wreckage is over. Do pray, all you dear friends, that it may be so."

### India

A recent letter from Dr. Manikam reports that the campaign against illiteracy is meeting with remarkable success in various parts of India. Four hundred and fifty thousand people in the province of Bihar have become literate since April of this year. Similar reports come from other provinces. The Assembly of The United Church of North India, with which our mission is associated, has fixed on East Africa as its first field of foreign missionary work. Each of the church councils is asked for Rs. 150 towards the total of Rs.4,000 required. It is hoped to inaugurate this new enterprise in 1940.



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH HAMKYUNG PRESBYTERIAL, KOREA  
*For over twenty years, the W.M.S. has been functioning in Korea.  
 There are now twenty-four Presbyterials.*



# Mostly About People

During the past fifteen years, since her retirement from active work in Japan, Miss E. A. Preston has arranged many delightful gatherings of Japanese friends, missionaries and others connected with our United Church work in Japan. Recently, in the friendly and charming rooms of the School of Missions, the party was again held, bringing together many friends young and old. Miss Cartmell, the first missionary under the Woman's Missionary Society to go to Japan, was present and was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers in honour of her ninety-fourth birthday.

The Christmas message of peace and goodwill was the theme of the brief worship service, Miss Enomoto and Miss Hayakawa reading in Japanese the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke. The spirit of genuine and unrestrained Christian fellowship was a Christmas gift which one and all felt and deeply prized.

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The resignation of Miss Edna Haines, R.N., from the work of our Society is noted with deep regret.

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The following arrangements have been made for work for our Honan missionaries in the immediate future—Miss Durrant, in the English Department of Yenching University, Peking; Misses Hodge, Sykes and Dr. McTavish, refugee work under the Salvation Army in the British concession, Tientsin—the British Municipal Council finance work there for eight thousand refugees; Miss McDougall, in Peking with the group remaining there for Executive action and contact with the Church and the Home Boards; Mrs. Ratcliffe, in Peking completing the revision of her text book, *Communicable Diseases*; Miss Preston, to Yenching University for Public Health work among the University employees (1,000) and among the surrounding villages. Mrs. Menzies' work is not yet determined.

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Miss Margaret McHarrie has arrived safely in Neemuch, after an adventurous journey from Liverpool.

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Miss Margaret Halliday left for Angola with Dr. and Mrs. Tucker on December 22nd, sailing from New York on a Dutch liner, via Cape Town.

Miss Bessie Cairns and Miss Rachel Isaac have left Kongmoon and are now in Hong Kong.

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A delightful luncheon was given to Miss Hisa Koika, the leading star of the San Carlo Opera Company, on her recent visit to Toronto, at Wymilwood, Victoria University. Her hostesses were chiefly W.M.S. missionaries from Japan, who have been connected with the Azabu School, which Miss Koika attended as a girl.

At the close of the luncheon, Miss Koika spoke feelingly, in particular giving expression to her indebtedness to Mr. and Mrs. Sandford, St. John, N.B., who had opened their home to her and made her one of their family circle. During her visit in New Brunswick, she had come in touch with many W.M.S. Auxiliaries and had come to understand and appreciate something of their devoted work and sacrifice for Christian missions. In closing she paid a moving tribute to her Christian upbringing which she felt had been an abiding influence throughout her career.

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Miss Grace Gibberd, Missionary Secretary for the Canadian Student Christian Movement, has returned from visiting the chief university centres in Ontario and the Western provinces. Open meetings for students were addressed by Miss Gibberd, and in several places the Woman's Day or Prayer Committee arranged a meeting of S.C.M. and W.M.S. members to meet her and to discuss their common missionary task. In Winnipeg, through the kindness of Mrs. E. E. Baynes, a meeting was held in her home.

Miss Gibberd reports a steadily increasing interest in the missionary enterprise throughout the colleges of Canada.

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Miss Adella J. Archibald celebrated recently the fiftieth anniversary of her arrival in Trinidad. A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Scrimgeour, Paradise, San Fernando, when the members of the Trinidad mission staff, numbering twenty-two, and a few other friends got together to do honour to Miss Archibald. Miss M. Grace Beattie, Principal of the Naparima Girls' High

School, read an address of appreciation for the work she had carried on both in Princes Town and in San Fernando. After a year of retirement in Canada, she has found it possible to return to Trinidad. On behalf of the Mission Council, Rev. V. B. Walls, B.D., presented Miss Archibald with a writing cabinet.

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With deep sorrow we record the death of Miss E. Jane Fullerton, of Pugwash, N.S., on November 29th, the President of Cumberland Presbyterial. Miss Fullerton graduated from the Training School, Toronto, 1926. She was designated as a home missionary to the Mission at River Hebert, where she worked with Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Parker for some years until the Mission there was closed. Miss Fullerton was then transferred to New Aberdeen where she faithfully served the Woman's Missionary Society, until her father died, when she went home to live with her mother, both being busy in W.M.S. work. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved mother, sister and three brothers.

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Miss Margaret Walker, B.Sc.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker, of London, is shortly to be married to Rev. Moir A. J. Waters, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Waters, of Toronto. They plan to serve in Central India under the Foreign Mission Board of The United Church.

Miss Walker's mother, Mrs. J. M. Walker, is President of the Woman's Missionary Society in First-St. Andrew's Church, London.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Heming, of Ithaca, N.Y., on the birth of twins. Mrs. Heming was formerly Miss Helen

Robertson who served for one term in our Africa Mission.

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Mr. Bradley Sinden, a graduate of Pointe-aux-Trembles School, Que., has been granted a W.M.S. scholarship which will enable him to attain teachers' standing at MacDonald College.

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Dr. Victoria Cheung has recently been appointed as Corresponding Secretary of the South China Mission.

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More Bibles were sold in China in 1938 than in any year of her history, in spite of all the difficulties. The sale of Testaments also passed that of the previous year. Missionaries are kept steadily at their work of translation, revision and transcription, working upon as many as seven different dialects while books in a dozen languages have been on the press. Though money is so sorely needed for the bare necessities of life, it is not lacking for Bibles. The Japan Bible Society shows an increase of 100,000 copies sold in 1938 over the previous year.

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Dr. Florence Murray writes from Hamheung Hospital, Korea: "Last year, memorable as the first in the new modern hospital wing where we are so much enjoying the bright airy wards, convenient utility rooms, office space, nurses' stations, stairs that do not creak, and other improvements, is also the tenth since the founding of the Nurses' Training School, my fifteenth as superintendent of the hospital and the thirtieth since Dr. Kate McMillan began medical work in Hamheung and founded the hospital."

## A GUARANTEED ANNUITY GIFT

**A**RE you interested in receiving a guaranteed annual income on a safe and reliable investment? By the Annuity Gift Plan of the Woman's Missionary Society you may make a gift to the work of the Society upon which you will receive a guaranteed annual income that will not shrink. The rate of interest depends upon the age of the donor at the time the gift is made. For further information and interest rates, write to the Assistant Treasurer, Miss Myrtle M. Buck, 413 Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

# Christian Stewardship and Finance

THE United Stewardship Council of the Churches of Christ of the United States and Canada, met in annual session in St. Louis, Missouri, November 27th and 28th. From the minutes received one gleans that the conference programme with "The Christian and his Possessions" as its theme, proved highly worth while.

In a letter from Miss Doris Dennison of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Chairman of the Education Committee of the Council, she states that the women's meeting to discuss women's work in the Church was a highlight of the conference. Apart from the regular topics for discussion, a very amusing and enlightening talk as to the reasons women do not, and will not, accept responsibility for Christian work, was given by one of the leaders. Seriously considered, indifference amounting almost to callousness is the most wrecking attitude we, in America, today must face.

The Woman's Missionary Society is now entering the second month of 1940, a year bound to be fraught with trials and heartaches. Surveys and conferences are the modern methods of meeting difficult situations. Why not pursue these methods in our Society? I believe, wholeheartedly, that many of the 1939 failures to measure up to 1938 were the result of not being sufficiently aware of financial standings at the crucial times.

So, early in 1940, in February to be concise, the Finance Committee of our organization or those delegated to responsibility for the givings, should minutely survey their field, appraise the membership for their possible response in Christian giving and confer frequently with their Executives, as to ways and means so that all may bear the burden.

The activities and achievements of the first quarter may set the standard for the whole year. Doing something extra in the first three months may turn the tide in the year's success. Easter comes in March, but most thankoffering meetings will be held in April. Let us build up to this Easter meeting by inspired and planned meetings in February and March.

Then, too, do something in the first quarter to launch your Stewardship year programme. May I repeat that co-operation with the regular church activities is the first and most

weighty essential. We aim at Stewardship for the whole Church in 1940. Each Conference Branch, Presbyterian, local organization has, or should have, individual plans mapped out. I have heard of some that are breath-taking in their far-reaching possibilities.

How about Stewardship drama? The United Stewardship Council suggests this list:

"An Alabaster Cruse"—twenty cents.

"Such as I have"—twenty cents.

"Losers Finders" (new)—twenty cents.

"Lost Keys"—fifteen cents.

"Which of These Three?"—twenty cents.

"Converted Purses"—fifteen cents.

The Use of Possessions (a study in Christian possessions)—twenty cents—prepared by Miss Doris Dennison as a study guide, is recommended for use in stewardship year programme. Many may be interested in procuring it for guidance and adaptation to their use. It suggests devotional and study resources, using books with which we are familiar—It is to Share, sixty-five cents; Fellowship of Giving, twenty-five cents; Graphic Horizons of Stewardship, twenty-five cents.

Above all the purpose of the study is "to discover the meaning of Stewardship and to formulate an interpretation of Stewardship principles which will guide the individual to use his possessions to enrich and develop Christian personality."

(MRS. H. T.) BEATRICE M. THOMPSON,  
Secretary.

*The above mentioned booklets may be procured through the Literature Department at the prices indicated.*

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## Snowflakes

*Snowflakes whirl around me,  
Swirling low and high,  
Curtaining the hillsides,  
Shutting out the sky.*

*Shrouded round with petals,  
Fluttering soft and light,  
I am unmolested,  
Folded all in white.*

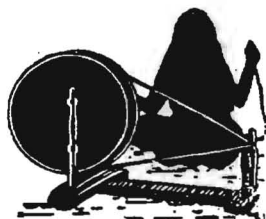
*So God's love surrounds me,  
Like the gentle snow,  
Safe, secure protection  
Everywhere I go.*

—Mary E. McCullough.

# Auxiliaries

## The Family Party

**H**AVE you had a Family Party in your congregation? Many enthusiastic reports of such gatherings come to us every year. It is a delightful occasion when the



women of the Auxiliary meet the mothers of Baby Band members and when children, teen-age girls and young women feel that they really "be-

long" to the Woman's Missionary Society.

It is even more worth while to make this event a congregational gathering, an Open Meeting, when all of the organizations of the Woman's Missionary Society unite to prepare the programme. Since this year we have all been studying about India, we can use this opportunity to share with others our new knowledge and understanding of the people of that country and of United Church Missions in Central India.

What could be more attractive for our Open Meeting this spring than an Indian *Mela*? What is it? It is a fair or festival when crowds of people gather in some sacred city. What an opportunity for the merchant with his stalls of fruit and vegetables, for the craftsman in the bazaar offering for sale the beautiful rugs and brass and ivory and for the pedlar from whom the children may buy bangles and beads or nuts and candy. Missionaries soon realized that here, too, was their opportunity. So today at many an Indian *Mela* the missionary has his booth gaily decorated with health posters and Bible pictures and around him gather crowds of people to watch his lantern slides or moving pictures and to listen to the stories of Jesus.

If the "W.M.S. Family" plans for an Indian *Mela* the programme will vary according to the size of the church. In a little one-roomed church the gathering might be held in the evening or on a Saturday afternoon and the whole programme would take place on the pulpit platform. In a large church, every room could be used, and it would be ideal to have a real "Fair" opening at 4.30 and closing at 9.00, with supper served from 6.00

to 7.00 and the assembly taking place from 8.00 to 9.00.

Here are suggestions for the programme from which you may make selections. All the W.M.S. organizations should cooperate in planning as well as in presenting the programme and it would, of course, be very fine if the boys' groups and the Young People's Union took part as well, since they, too, are studying India. Read carefully the following pages in order to discover the many ways in which the younger groups may cooperate.

## An Indian Mela

*Decorations, Costumes and Posters.*

A poster or posters should announce the Open Meeting. Cut-outs of elephants, the lotus or the palm tree, colourful pictures of Indian scenes and buildings, rugs and scarves, brass and ivory from India will give an Indian atmosphere. The sari is a costume easily reproduced (see *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, September, page 408). Girls and children dressed in white or some light colour may simply wear a bright scarf draped sari-fashion over head and shoulders. The hostesses should wear saris and greet guests with the Indian salaam. Fuller suggestions are given in the Mission Circle pages.

*Something to Eat and Something to Sell.*

An Indian meal may be served (see *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, November, page 510). If this is not desired, chapatis and coffee may be for sale in a booth, or girls in Indian costume may move among the crowd, selling from brass trays, dainties typical of India: nuts, dates, raisins, fruit, cocoanut cut in small pieces or spun candy. Further suggestions are given in the Mission Circle pages.

Young women may also go among the guests with trays of literature, giving away free literature, as our missionaries do at the real Indian *Melas*, and offering for sale some of the books on India, included in the India Bookshelf. The Literature Department (410 Wesley Buildings, Toronto) and the Literature Depots will gladly cooperate. Requests for literature exhibits should be sent through the Literature Secretary.

*Booths.*

Each organization of the Woman's Missionary Society as well as any other group which

cooperates should be responsible for a booth. Thus, as at a real Indian *Mela*, the guests may move from booth to booth finding in each a scene representing some phase of the life of India or of missionary work in Central India. In a small church these scenes might be presented, one after another, on the platform.

In the following pages, suggestions are given regarding the contributions which the younger groups may make to the programme. The Auxiliary might contribute one of the following, either in a booth or during the assembly period:

1. The lantern slides suggested in the January issue.
2. A loan exhibit of Indian art.
3. A bookstall, where members give book reviews.
4. From *An India Programme*, II, in *How to Use*, the two impersonations of the untouchable woman, Questions 4 and 7; the dialogue given with Question 7; or the scene, "What is Our Response?"
5. The charts or selected stories from *An India Programme*, IV, in *How to Use*.
6. The impersonations of the doctor and the nurse in *An India Programme*, V, in *How to Use*.
7. Reading of poems about India.

#### *The Assembly.*

Just as the holy man, the story-teller or the band of strolling players, and, in recent years the missionary or the Indian Christian leader may attract a large crowd at an Indian *mela*,

so at a certain hour the whole company may be called to one room, perhaps the church auditorium. This should be the closing hour of the Open Meeting. At this time lantern slides might be shown or a talk or dramatization be given by one of the groups. The Assembly should close with a worship service as outlined in the Mission Circle page.

Let us in this way share with others our new understanding of the people of India and seek to arouse a greater interest in the work of our missionaries in Central India.

WINNIFRED THOMAS.

### Christian Citizenship

As citizens interested in good government, the following questions will challenge us to think out our citizenship responsibilities. They were prepared as part of a questionnaire circulated by the Local Council of Women in Toronto.

Do you believe in Democracy, in the right of every individual to form his or her own opinion, to give his or her judgment?

Do rights not imply responsibilities?

How can we best discharge these responsibilities in our municipal life?

Do you think the quality of our municipal government depends on the quality of the men and women elected to office?

Will you make sure your name is on the voters' list if you are entitled to a vote?

(MRS. THEODORE) MURIEL A. TRICKEY,

*Secretary.*

### A Hymn of Peace

O God of Love, show us Thy love  
For ever seeking all mankind,  
In eager questing of Thy heart  
To win and bless and heal and bind;  
May Thy rich mercy help us love  
Our neighbour as we honour Thee,  
And seek his good as 'twere our own  
In glad and deep fraternity.

O God of Peace, bring peace on earth  
Where men and nations haste to war;  
Restrain our passion and our pride  
Ere Thine inheritance we mar;  
Spare us the guilt of brother's blood  
That judgment be not our desert;  
Teach us to build and not destroy,  
Teach us to heal and not to hurt.

O God of Life, abundant, free,  
Make known Thyself to men today;  
Kindle Thy flame of life in us  
And lead us in Thy living way;  
Make us the heralds of Thy word,  
And builders of Thy city fair,  
That all the sons of men may hear  
The song of freedom in the air.

R. B. Y. SCOTT.

(Suggested tune—514 in *The Hymnary*).

# A Service of Worship and Suggested Programme for Mission Circles and Auxiliaries

MARCH, 1940.

The Opening Hymn and Prayer.

The Business Period

The Service of Worship.

*Theme for the Year:* "The Missionary Purpose of God."

*Theme for March:* "Into All the World."

*Approach.* The Leader opens the service by repeating slowly and thoughtfully the following verses as a Call to Worship:

Eternal God, whose power upholds  
Both flower and flaming star,  
To whom there is no here nor there,  
No time, no near nor far,  
No alien race, no foreign shore,  
No child unsought, unknown,  
O send us forth, Thy prophets true,  
To make all lands Thine own!

O God of love, whose spirit wakes  
In every human breast,  
Whom love, and love alone, can know,  
In whom all hearts find rest,  
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign  
Till greed and hate shall cease,  
And love shall dwell in every heart,  
And all the earth find peace!

*Hymn:* "O Zion, haste," *The Hymnary*, 253.

*Meditation:* A brief but carefully prepared Bible Reading based on the passages given below and stressing the special responsibility which rests today on the Christians of North America to make Christ known to our needy world. See also the story of Sundar Singh in *How to Use*.

*Dedication and Intercession.* The offering is received and dedicated by the Secretary of Christian Stewardship (1940 is Stewardship Year), in the words of this prayer: Father of all, we thank Thee that through our money we can touch the lives of those near at hand and those in need in distant lands. Stir our imagination to see that through our gifts we may be at work in the far parts of the earth, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, expressing Thy love to those who know Thee not. We ask this in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Leader guides the members in a period of intercession:

Let us think of the whole family of God. Let us pray that, in loyalty to God's missionary purpose, we and the whole Church may send the Gospel into all the world until all men everywhere shall know and love Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. (A period of silent prayer.)

Let us think of all our missionaries at home and abroad. Let us pray for our missionaries, especially for those in Central India, that God may lead them by His almighty hand in their service for His needy children. (A period of silent prayer.)

Let us think of our own Auxiliary or Mission Circle. Let us, in prayer, dedicate ourselves anew to God's missionary purpose for Canada and the world. (A period of silent prayer.)

The Secretary of Christian Citizenship presents the Call to Prayer and Thought (page 57) and the Hymn of Peace (page 75).

The Prayer for Peace and the Hymn of Peace bring the Service of Worship to a close.

## The Programme—"Christian Service in India."

For the final India Programme, No. V, suggestions are given in the *How to Use*. Three members may present medical work in India impersonating a doctor, a nurse and an Indian woman. The remarkable contribution which Christian missions have made to the education of Indian children and youth may be the subject chosen. Some may prefer to devote this last meeting on India to a more intensive study of our own work in Central India using *Contrasts in Central India* (price 15 cents, 2 for 25 cents).

Before the meeting closes make a special effort to enlist readers. Gather together all the books on India which have been purchased during the year and ask the members to sign their names in those they wish to read so that they may be passed around during the Spring and Summer.

*Closing Hymn:* "Zion's King shall reign Victorious," 255, and the Benediction:

God be merciful unto us and bless us,  
And cause His face to shine upon us,  
That Thy way may be known upon earth,  
Thy salvation among all nations.

Amen.

## A Guide to Personal Bible Study

Theme: "Into All the World."

**Day 1. The Samaritan.** Acts 1: 8; Acts 8: 1-8, 14-18.

"Ye shall be my witnesses in all Judæa and Samaria." Home missions came first and Philip was the first home missionary. As in Canada, the early Christians could find in Palestine an opportunity to share the Gospel with people of other nationalities. The short journey from Jerusalem to Samaria was a very difficult one for a Jewish Christian (Luke 9: 51-56). When Philip told the despised Samaritans the story of Jesus, "the Holy Spirit had broken down the first barrier to the spread of the Gospel."

**Day 2. The Ethiopian.** Acts 8: 26-40.

Nor did this first home missionary have to leave his own country to share his experience of Christ with one of another race. "The World in Palestine" was as true a title as "The World in Canada." This Negro traveller came from a land which has found a place in modern world news. When Philip baptized the Ethiopian another barrier to the spread of the Gospel was broken down.

**Day 3. The Roman.** Acts 10; 9: 31.

The Roman was to the Jew not only a "foreigner" but an "enemy," the cruel oppressor of God's people. Recall Jesus' vision when he saw the faith of a Roman centurion (Matthew 8: 11). What joy there must have been in the presence of God, when Cornelius became a follower of Jesus Christ! The strongest barrier to the spread of the good news was then broken down. Thus, right in their own country, the early Christians learned the most difficult lesson of all, namely that *Christ is for all men*. Later they could see clearly that Christ is for all men, *everywhere*.

Which is more difficult for us; to give money for foreign missions or to share our knowledge of Christ with our "neighbours" of other races and nationalities in Canada?

**Day 4. Paul, the Missionary to the Gentiles.** Acts 9: 1-22.

The conversion of Paul marks the beginning of "foreign" missions. "Paul, more than any other man, was God's instrument in transforming Christianity from a Jewish sect into a universal religion."

The sense of God's plan is ever present with us as we read the book of Acts. There is little evidence of human planning and yet there is nothing haphazard about the expansion of the Early Church. From the first it was "the Spirit of God who took the initiative, bringing guidance and power to the Church."

**Day 5. Antioch, Asia, The Greek,** Acts 11: 19-26; 13: 1-4.

Antioch was the first important foreign mission station of the Early Church. Here, in this cosmopolitan city, Greeks first came into the Church. We are reminded of Christ's vision when the Greeks came to him (John 12: 20-24, 32). Here the followers of Jesus were first called Christians. Here foreign missions as a movement of the Church was born.

We too often are satisfied to quote the Great Commission as though on it alone rested our argument for foreign missions. We forget that followers of Jesus had been going "into all the world" for fifty years before the verse was written. The whole of the New Testament is our argument for foreign missions. It was all written by men "whose lives were dominated by the purpose of carrying the good news of Christ to every corner of the world."

**Day 6. Europe, Athens.** Acts 16: 1-14; 17: 22-28.

How clearly Paul was guided by God's Spirit to go into Europe! As Jerusalem was the centre for the Hebrew people, so was Athens for the Greeks, and Rome for the Romans. Paul, the Jew, was also a Roman citizen and learned in the language and literature of Greece. Once he was able to say, "for me, to live is Christ," he was ideally equipped to be the apostle to the Gentiles.

**Day 7. Rome.** Romans 1: 1, 7-16; Acts 28: 11-14.

"The Book of Acts is the story of the victorious progress of the good news of Christ through the Roman world and the climax is reached with the triumphant words, 'and so we came to Rome.'" As a prisoner, Paul entered Rome, and yet there he won disciples for His Lord, even "in Cæsar's household."

From Rome, missionaries went forth "into all the world." Europe and North America today are the "sending" countries, the centres from which go forth the missionaries of the Cross, in response to Christ's command "Ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Do not world conditions bring to us in North America a special responsibility at this time to carry out the missionary purpose which is ever present in the heart of God?

WINNIFRED THOMAS.



# Mission Circles



## For an Indian Mela

FOR several years a Family Party, in which each branch of the Woman's Missionary Society can take part, has been suggested. From all over Canada have come reports of the success of such parties. This year, I hope each Circle will plan to make a definite contribution if your church attempts an Indian *Mela*. See the Auxiliary page re meaning of *Mela* and for suggestions regarding the Family Party or Open Meeting.

The Circle might help with the decorations especially if tables are set. I've used palm trees which can be easily made from twigs and crepe paper. Get twigs from any tree nearby, about nine to ten inches long. Cut dark brown crepe paper a half an inch wide and cover twigs spirally. Then cut frond-like pieces from leaf green crepe paper five inches long and one-half inch wide, fringing lower edge, and fasten one end to top of twig by catching into and under brown paper. Then use glue to stick. Seven or eight fronds will be enough for one tree. If extra brown paper is left at bottom the trees may be fastened into table with thumb tacks, plain tacks or pins. I cut up some of the green paper and make grass around the tree. If possible put elephants in the grass.

The lotus is typical of India. Coloured paper napkins may be folded to resemble this beautiful flower—either to be used on the supper table or as containers for candy and nuts. They are folded as follows—fold the corners to the centre three times; turn the napkin over and fold the corners to the centre a fourth time. Then, starting from the other side, turn the napkin wrong side out, one petal at a time, to resemble the lotus flower.

If you would add an extra or two to your menu, try fried peanuts. Shell fresh roasted peanuts and remove brown skin. Then melt a little butter on a frying pan (iron preferably) and put in enough peanuts to cover bottom well. Stir constantly till browned a little, and taste crisp. Then remove from fire and drain on brown or absorbent paper, sprinkling with a little salt. These are delicious. Another extra is to serve dates along with the peanuts. It's the extras that count in refreshments at a time like the *Mela*.

If the Circle is asked to take over a booth; I would suggest that you dramatize the first chapter as given in the leaflet on Programme Suggestions on India for use with Freedom. The four characters would need to be in costume.

The worship service might be taken by the Circle and the one in the November MONTHLY used again. It should be very effective. The candles lit would make a climax long to be remembered, but, if desired, the service might be used without candles. The readings, the story and the hymn convey the central thought of the service, the carrying of the light of the Gospel to all the world. This service will bring the whole *Mela* to a close.

EVELYN G. FOLLETT, *Secretary.*

## February

*Lead me by the hand, you north winds,  
As you lead the flakes of snow;  
Carve me with your touch of wonder  
As we wander to and fro.*

—Wilson MacDonald.





# Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups

## Day of Prayer

ON February ninth Christian women throughout the world are holding their annual day of prayer. In order that girls may have a share in this, a service has been arranged for their use, prepared by Miss Violet Tennant, secretary of Girls' Work for the Presbyterian Church and a delegate to Madras. Copies may be secured from the literature depots (the price, one cent apiece).

Canadian Girls In Training Groups from churches in the same locality might unite for this service, since it is interdenominational.

## The Family Party

IT has been suggested that, in February or March, we, of the Woman's Missionary Society family, hold a "party." This would serve three purposes: (1) We—Auxiliary, Circle, C.G.I.T. and Mission Band—would become better acquainted. (2) It would make an admirable conclusion to a missionary project for C.G.I.T. (3) It would widen our missionary knowledge by making the sum total of it available to all the organizations.

In this copy of the MONTHLY ideas are suggested for each department. Please read all of these (pages 74 to 82) for *they do not stand alone*, and then plan the programme *together*. A member of the C.G.I.T. executive as well as yourself must sit on the overhead committee; this is not a piece of red tape but essential to the cooperative planning.

When this committee has met and decided upon the programme, a part of it will be "farmed out" to the C.G.I.T. If the committee is following the outline in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY (and the local church can supply sufficient organizations to carry out the items) the C.G.I.T. Group will be responsible for a booth, both its decorations and its form of entertainment. The former will appeal to the younger girls, and in the pamphlet *Fun and Festival* there are many suggestions. Travel magazines, railway folders, and geographies will give many more. If, however, the group is small and needs to concentrate on the "entertainment" it might be easier to centre the decorations on the C.G.I.T. theme with blue and white streamers, book displays, camp snaps, posters, etc.

The "entertainment," which is the more vital educationally, is also the more difficult. *Either* the group may form a band of strolling players and dramatize one of the stories from *Tales From India*. (The boys' groups who are studying the same books, might cooperate.) A "movie" of the first story, in pantomime, with the "headings" read aloud would be original and interesting. Of course the story which you choose would have to be rewritten as a play, but they are all very dramatic, and each incident could be connected by an announcer.

Or the "village story-teller," a great favourite in India, could tell the stories from *Tales From India*. Dressed in Indian clothes, "he" would sit cross-legged in the booth. Of course the story-teller would be changed constantly, a different member of the group telling a different story. The C.G.I.T. leader or some other person (perhaps the local librarian would do it) should give a short course on "story telling" to the group.

Either of these alternatives would be suitable should your local church decide to have an evening programme instead of a Family Party.

The Family Party should take the place of your usual weekly meeting, and not be an extra. Otherwise it will not have the support of the whole group, just those that have a definite part to play; and in that case it will not be fulfilling its purpose.

Should there not be a Circle or a Mission Band, the C.G.I.T. may have to take on other responsibilities.

MARGARET GOVAN, *Secretary*.

## Information Please !

1. What do the fanciful figures carved on the totem poles represent? See page 62.
2. How is the Christian Church being established in Ujjain? See page 54.
3. What kind of missionaries are urgently needed in Angola today? See page 63.
4. How many years of missionary service has the Scudder family given in India? See page 53.
5. What are some of Miss McNicol's activities in Trinidad? What is her present position? See page 59.

# Mission Bands

## At the Family Party

**A** FAMILY PARTY—or better still an Open Meeting—may be proposed in your church. In this all of the organizations of the Woman's Missionary Society will take part, including, of course, the Mission Band. The general plan for an Open Meeting, in the form of an Indian *Mela*, is given in the Auxiliary page. Whether in charge of a booth or contributing to a platform programme, there are many contributions which the Mission Band can make.

Here are some presentations from which to choose. Any one of these will present our study in an attractive way to the other members of our Woman's Missionary Society "family" or to the whole congregation. You may have worked out a programme especially adapted to your Band or you may use *one* of those suggested below.

1. Hymn, "Far Round the World," No. 251, by whole group.

Life in an Indian Village. Talk by an older member, illustrated by the picture model. Speaker in Indian costume, if possible.

Singing game, younger members.

Indian greeting—*Namaskar*, by several members.

2. Hymn, "Far Round the World," by whole group.

Dramatization of incidents from *Shera of the Punjab*:

(a) The Rescue of the Baby Girl from King Cobra, pages 45-48, using directions and speeches in the book.

(b) The Money Lender, pages 107-111, with the following characters: Buddu, Shanti, Shera, money-lender, land-owner's son, group of people.

3. Hymn, "Far Round the World," by whole group.

Exhibits of posters, Indian village, movie, scrap-books.

May study, a brief talk by an older member on the Central India Mission.

4. Hymn, "Thou Whose Almighty Word," No. 240, Verse 1, sung by the Mission Band.

The story, "Lamps in the Dark," Section B in The Leader's Guide, told by the Leader.

The Leader, standing beside a table upon which stands a tall white candle—and nothing else—recites:

"And God said, Let there be light, and there was light."

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

"That was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

The Leader lights the candle as she says:

"Jesus said, I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness."

As verses 2 and 3 of Hymn 240 are sung, the Mission Band members, one after another, come up to have their individual clay lamps or large-sized short candles lighted from the tall candle. The girls and boys then march around the outline of the map of India previously chalked upon the floor making "India" a bright place. If space permits, our Central India field may be indicated by a member for each station; each child making a simple statement as he takes his place upon the point on the map indicating the station, for example: "This is *Indore*, where preaching, healing and teaching are shedding the light of God into darkened lives."

When all are in position on the map, the group will sing Verse 4 of No. 240. Then, the piano still playing, they will walk to their seats passing *en route* the table upon which the lighted candles are left.

5. Prepare and present "The Light of the Village," as indicated very explicitly on pages 114-117 of *Shera of the Punjab*. The staging is simple: something to represent the large trunk of a tree is really all that is necessary, with possibly a few rugs upon the platform. The characters are: the pastor, Buddu, his wife, some other woman, Shera, and the boys from the Village of Service, Knowledge, Cleanliness, Health, Agriculture, and "the mosquito," also the preacher, the doctor and the teacher. The words for the drama should be worked out by the Leader and the older members. The lighting directions are simple but produce very lovely effects.

6. One of the lantern lectures mentioned in the January issue might be given as part of the Mission Band programme.

MARION S. SMALL, *Secretary*.

### From the Mail Bag

Mr. Clarence W. Hayes, Superintendent of the "Light Bearers" Mission Band at Maitland, Hants County, Nova Scotia, has enlisted with the Princess Louise Fusiliers. He gave splendid leadership to the Mission Band. He writes: "I was deeply interested in this Band. I shall continue to regret its closing and shall pray earnestly that it will be reopened. I feel that God will answer my prayer and yours." We, too, shall pray for a new superintendent for the Maitland Mission Band and that God will graciously guard Fusilier Clarence W. Hayes.

February ninth is the World Day of Prayer. Will you speak of this at your Mission Band

meeting nearest that date? Some of you may plan to repeat the programme printed in February, 1939, in *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*. As a Mission Band Leader, you will want to attend the service in your own community.

Miss Beulah V. Bourns, R.N., has recently returned to Korea. In her Christmas letter she tells a bit of good news about Chong Soonie, in whom we were all greatly interested when we studied *One Family*. Miss Bourns writes: "Chong Soonie, the little tubercular girlie, is a fine young lady now; fat, with rosy cheeks, she is running all round and helping her mother." Isn't this very happy news?



SONI



BAMBI



PARO



JOAN



WEE-NOH-NAH

## Baby Bands

### Rhymes for Special Occasions

HOW much little children love to receive mail "of their very own"! Have you seen our attractive pink correspondence cards? On each is pictured one of these children from our Baby Band membership card: Soni, of India; Bambi, of Africa; Paro, of Japan; Joan, the little Canadian girl, and Wee-noh-nah, our Canadian Indian friend. These cards can be used to invite children to parties or to send to a Baby Band member a birthday greeting or a message in time of illness or on some special occasion. Here are some rhymes which you may use and to which you can easily add others of your own.

"Happy birthday!" says the sunshine,  
 "Happy birthday!" says the rain,  
 "Happy birthday!" says friend Sita, (or  
 Bambi, etc.)  
 Sending you her (his) love again.

Somebody told me—don't ask who—  
 A little girl is nearly two.

or

A little whisper came to me,  
 "This tiny boy is nearly three,"  
 And so I send this friend to say,  
 "Best wishes for a happy day."

Here I come to make you smile,  
 A message sweet to tell,  
 I am a little friend of yours,  
 I hope you'll soon be well!

At this happy Easter time  
 When earth is new,  
 Other children round the world  
 Sing their praises too.

—(From "A World Picture Book of Prayers")

With joy and with gladness we greet Thee  
 today,

Little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay;  
 The love of our hearts is the best gift to bring  
 For loving Lord Jesus, to greet Him as King.

—(From "A World Picture Book of Prayers")

Baby dear, this little note, we hope you'll understand,  
 Invites you to a party with the babies of the  
 Band.

Please bring your mother, as our guest—we  
 hope she comes with you,  
 To meet the happy babies and the friendly  
 mothers, too.

## The Family Party

A FAMILY PARTY or Open Meeting in the form of an Indian *Mela* may be planned by the organizations of the Woman's Missionary Society in your congregation. The programme is given on the Auxiliary page, and, as you read it, you will discover ways in which the Baby Band may take part.

As the whole Church is studying India this year, the programme will stress the life of that country and our mission in Central India. If the idea of booths is carried out, the Baby Band could plan a most interesting one. Have on display our attractive Baby Band literature. Here are some suggestions for your booth.

1. Present Miss McHarrie's Babies' Home at Neemuch. The scene may be in the garden where Miss McHarrie, her assistants and some of the children are gathered for play. One of the Baby Band mothers or the superintendent would be prepared to talk about the Home and to introduce the little dramatization. Miss McHarrie, herself, could be impersonated by one of the mothers dressed in a white summer dress. Two or three mothers could act as her assistants and the older Baby Band children could pretend that they are some of the little folk in the Babies' Home. The assistants and the children should be in Indian costume (see Auxiliary page).

In the Special Objects leaflet, in the August issue of *World Friends* and in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY for 1939 (for example, on pages 61, 158, 200, 243) you will find a great deal of information about India and the Babies' Home. A poster with pictures of Miss McHarrie and her children would be attractive. Favourite games of Canadian children and those in *More True Stories* could be played. Miss McHarrie has sent us these two rhymes:

One baby is a lovely treat,  
But two alike are twice as sweet.

There are hundreds of little brown babies  
That live away o'er the sea  
As fine and as lovely and precious  
As any white baby could be.

2. A Story Hour would also be interesting. Mothers and children of the Baby Band might sit in a group and listen to the superintendent tell stories of the little folk of India. The story of Sita in *True Stories for Little Folk*, the stories of the Babies' Home as given in the

Special Objects leaflet and others from *World Friends* and THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY could be told. *More True Stories*, pages 8 and 9, also provides items for the programme, the story on the child's page being followed by the information on the mother's page.

3. The lantern slides mentioned in our pages in January might be shown. The August issue of *World Friends* gives the background for a talk on the set, *Around the World with Bob and Betty*.

4. The Graduation Service of the Baby Band members into the Mission Band might be included in the programme of a Family Party, but not of an Open Meeting. This is given on page 20 of *A Guide for the Baby Band Superintendent*. The story should be told, not read.

Remember, other groups are taking part in the programme, so limit the Baby Band "number" to fifteen or twenty minutes.

LILLIAN M. EDDY, *Secretary*.

## Little Green Gates to the Garden of Joy

YOU will find the lovely words of this title hidden away somewhere in the February number of *World Friends*. You will find, too, in the same magazine, how Chanee, a poor little Korean leper girl, discovered a gateway in her garden of joy; how "The Finest Valentine in the World" became a green gate into another garden, and how the tenth orange tree became a garden of joy all by itself.

In February *World Friends* are two or three items for a rainy day—a funny movable giraffe to make, an illustrated game of India to play, a cross-word puzzle to do. In the Watch Tower is a short, but excellent stewardship story, and a temperance item, besides little stories told by our own missionaries.

The babies have a special page in *World Friends* this month. There is a simple little song, with motions, to be sung as a welcome to those entering the Baby Band. Last month we began a series of little stories about the children who went with Bob and Betty around the world. The first story was about Elephant and Hippopotamus. This month the story is about a pretty little girl whose name begins with S.—(MRS. E. J.) VIOLA W. PRATT, *Editor of World Friends*.

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# Literature Department

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## *Facing Forward in February*

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**The India Bookshelf** is a fine reading list on India. Send for a copy—free.

**Stewardship Dramas**—see page 73.

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# News from the Conference Branches

## Alberta

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**EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL**—The Auxiliaries of the Edmonton, Lacombe, St. Paul, Vermilion and Wainwright Presbyterials united with the Alberta Conference in a one-day session held in McDougall Church, Edmonton, on October 23rd. The Rt. Rev. J. W. Woodside, D.D., Moderator, and Rev. J. H. Arnup, D.D., Foreign Mission Secretary, were guest speakers. Miss Mary Mansfield, missionary at Smoky Lake, representing the Woman's Missionary Society, spoke on the work carried on in Home Missions.

**HIGH RIVER PRESBYTERIAL**—Mrs. F. E. Graham, President of the Conference Branch, was guest speaker at the autumn thankoffering meeting of Vulcan Auxiliary on October 13th. She told of her attendance at the Dominion Board and mentioned particularly Miss Kathleen Mullen, Superintendent of the John Neil Hospital, Cold Lake, who was at the Board meetings. The Vulcan Auxiliary is especially interested in this hospital, as they often send supplies and Christmas boxes there.

**LACOMBE PRESBYTERIAL** — Disappointed in obtaining a speaker for their annual autumn thankoffering meeting, members of the Auxiliary at Lacombe filled in to make a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. R. L. Ramsay on November 3rd. Owing to road conditions Spring Valley Auxiliary was unable to be present. The President, Mrs. J. E. Love, gave a brief but inspiring account of the early life of Mrs. Induk Pak, a Korean educationist.

The visit of the Moderator, Dr. J. W. Woodside, and of Dr. J. H. Arnup, Foreign Mission Secretary, was described by Mrs. A. Gilmour, who had been one of the Lacombe members to attend the meetings.

The affiliation of three Lacombe C.G.I.T. groups and one Fairview group of C.G.I.T. girls with the Woman's Missionary Society

took place on November 1st. Mrs. Arthur Newman, Presbyterian Secretary of Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups, conducted the service, which was held under the auspices of the Lacombe Evening Auxiliary.

**VERMILION PRESBYTERIAL**—The annual fall rally of the Vermilion Presbyterian was held in Manville Church on October 4th. Mrs. H. A. Boyd, Vermilion, presided. There were about fifty in attendance, with delegates from Vegreville, Lavoy, Innisfree, Vermilion and Islay. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. D. Miller, Edmonton. She spoke on "My Field is the World."

## Bay of Quinte

*Press Secretary, Mrs. Percy MacMullen, R.R. 3, Stirling, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Corkill, Napanee, Ont.*

**BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL**—Napanee section held their October rally at Deseronto, with Mrs. G. Jenkins in charge. Morven Auxiliary based their worship period on prayer. This section has twelve Auxiliaries, three hundred and eighty members, and since the first of the year their givings were \$993. There are also two Mission Circles, six Mission Bands and three C.G.I.T. groups.

Mrs. Frank Herrington gave a graphic account of her visit to Hearst Hospital, Ont. Adulphustown conducted the afternoon worship on "Stewardship." Miss Helen Day, Literature Secretary of the Dominion Board, was the guest speaker, and her message was very inspiring. Musical numbers contributed during the sessions were much appreciated and the rally pledged their support to the Dominion Board in their war-time measures.

Bethany Auxiliary sustained a great loss on November 7th when Mrs. Esther Mary Brown passed into higher service. She was a life member in the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society a number of years before Union, and since then she has been an active worker in the United Society.

Mrs. W. L. Smyth, Pembroke, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance in the Bay

of Quinte Branch, addressed several meetings in Belleville Presbyterial early in November.

On October 24th, Vernonville Auxiliary entertained the members from Grafton and Wicklow Societies at the home of Mrs. W. S. Gillespie, of Shelter Valley, in honour of Miss Mary Haig, of Japan, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. C. S. Rutherford, President of Vernonville Auxiliary. A splendid message was brought by Miss Haig, stressing the blessings of her work in Japan.

During the month Miss Haig was speaker at quite a number of thankoffering meetings in Cobourg Presbyterial, including Baltimore, Colborne, Bethesda, Plainville and Garden Hill.

Mount Pleasant (Tyendinaga) Auxiliary deeply mourns the loss of Mrs. Albert Gibson, who passed away on October 2nd, a valued member and one who will be greatly missed.

**COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL**—The fourth Mission Circle rally was held in Frankford under the direction of Mrs. F. Ketcheson. Mrs. S. L. Terrill introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. S. J. Gray, of Port Hope, who spoke on the theme, "The Circle girls are the Woman's Missionary Society of tomorrow." Brighton Circle entertained with a playette and a good programme was enjoyed by all.

**PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL**—This Presbyterial has once more completed their series of annual fall rallies. The Presbyterial, which is divided into four sections under the leadership of its four vice-presidents, held their rallies during October. Featured at each rally were efficient reports of delegates to Branch, School for Leaders and Dominion Board meetings.

First, Mrs. J. A. Porter reported in fine detail the work covered at the Bay of Quinte Branch meeting, held at Lindsay in May, bringing many helpful bits of information to local Auxiliary workers at Cottesloe and Keene, while the second delegate, Mrs. H. Patterson, did equally good work at Lakefield and Bethany. The School for Leaders at Whitby was ably presented at all points by the Presbyterial delegate, Miss Esme Johnston, while Christian Stewardship and Finance, in the capable hands of Mrs. J. R. Trumpour, gave new meaning and impetus to its place in our work.

A glimpse of the doings the fellowship enjoyed at the Dominion Board meeting was told in an interesting word picture by the Peterborough Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. H. Morton, our delegate, who shared with all the rallies the inspiration and enthusiasm she had received there.

In the passing of Mrs. Wm. Stevens, Peterborough Presbyterial lost one of its outstanding leaders and most faithful workers. She had long been identified as an Auxiliary worker and for many years as Presbyterial officer. Mrs. Ernest Mesley, Bay of Quinte Branch Mission Circle Secretary, is a daughter.

Over one hundred girls rallied at their tenth annual gathering of the Mission Circles of Peterborough Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, on September 25th. The girls of the various Circles enjoyed a splendid banquet to which each had contributed their share, with the girls of the C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's assisting in the serving.

Miss Connie Wagar, Presbyterial Secretary of Mission Circles, presided during the evening. Six Circle secretaries responded to the roll call and each told how the study book was presented in her Circle this year. Echoes from the W.M.S. School for Leaders were brought in an enthusiastic little talk by Norma Hughes.

Miss Wilma Paddock, missionary at large in North Frontenac, was the interesting speaker. The presentation of the efficiency banner is always a feature of interest, and this year it was again awarded the "Frances Watt" Circle of Knox Church. An exhibition of posters on Stewardship and Temperance was on display. Prizes for these went to the "Jean Wagar" Circle of St. James, and the "Alpha" Circle of St. Andrew's.

**OSHAWA PRESBYTERIAL**—Ebenezer Auxiliary report a good average year in all branches. Mrs. W. Adams, of Oshawa, gave an inspiring talk at the Sunday evening service on November 26th, with the President, Mrs. A. J. Gay, in the chair.

In November the Affiliated C.G.I.T. group, in conjunction with the Auxiliary, helped with the bazaar which was a decided success financially and otherwise. The C.G.I.T. opened the meeting with a camp-fire scene.

There are also live wires in our Mission Circle. With the help of the W.M.S. representative they have reached their allocation, have some new members and give systematically.

The two Mission Bands through their efficient leaders are showing real satisfactory results. They give systematically and have fine concerts.

Miss Mary Haig, of Kofu, Japan, was the guest speaker at the October meeting of Simcoe Street Harvey Hunt Evening Auxiliary, Oshawa. W.M.S. ladies of Oshawa had the pleasure of listening to Miss Haig when she was guest speaker at the autumn thankoffering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary on November 9th. Miss Haig gave a very vivid and interesting talk on kindergarten work in Japan.

The twelfth annual sectional rallies of the Western and Eastern sections of this Presbyterial were held at Pickering and Blackstock, November 1st and 2nd. Mrs. W. W. Gee presided at Pickering, and the guest speakers at both gatherings were Miss M. E. Armstrong, Japan, and Dr. Alice J. Anderson, of Central India.

The rally at Blackstock was attended by over one hundred members with Mrs. G. L. Wagar presiding. A pageant, entitled "The Visit of the Fairy Queen," was given by several young people. A most interesting item was an "Exchange" conducted by Mrs. George Honey, Presbyterial President.

### Hamilton

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*Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. Talbot Crosbie, R.R. 3, Guelph, Ont.*

**HALDIMAND-NORFOLK PRESBYTERIAL**—The Fall rally of this Presbyterial was held in the Lyndoch Church on October 19th with ninety members present. Miss C. Price gave a short talk on Christian Stewardship and Finance and Miss Helen Day, Dominion Board Literature Secretary, gave a brief address, illustrating it with moving pictures. The main address of the afternoon was also given by

Miss Day entitled, "Craftsmen All." During the lunch hour Dr. J. T. Tucker, of Africa, gave a short talk on some of the work done in that country. Mrs. J. L. Mitchener conducted an open forum.

Old Windham Auxiliary held their fiftieth anniversary on November 1st, with about sixty-six members and friends attending. Among those who contributed to the success of the meeting were Mrs. O. T. Scott, President of the Presbyterial, Mrs. J. L. Mitchener, Recording Secretary of the Conference Branch and Mrs. J. R. Pond, former President of the Presbyterial.

**HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL**—A sectional rally was held at Case Church, Glanford, November 14th, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Fountain. Miss Fern Scruton, of Japan, was the guest speaker at the afternoon session, emphasizing the work among kindergarten children, and Christianity in the Japanese home. Mrs. Richard Proctor addressed the meeting on Christian Stewardship.

**NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL**—Sectional meetings have been held throughout this Presbyterial during the fall season. Fenwick district held theirs in Diltz Road Church on October 13th; speaker, Mrs. H. E. Walker, Guelph Presbyterial. Welland-Port Colborne district convened at Stevensville, October 27th; speaker, Miss Fern Scruton, of Japan. Niagara Falls district held one at Morrison Church, October 26th; speakers, Mrs. J. I. Flatt, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance of the Conference Branch, and Miss Fern Scruton. A panel discussion, led by Mrs. Tufford, President of the Presbyterial, featured reports from the Auxiliaries. Unique, highly effective and most interesting was the item "Information Please," a playlet modelled on a popular radio feature. This dramatized the instructions and information usually gleaned from the Annual Report. Another rally held in Beamsville on November 7th was addressed by Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, Foreign Mission Executive Secretary of the Dominion Board. In the evening at a gathering of the Mission Circles, interesting slides were shown.

**HALTON PRESBYTERIAL**—Miss Marie Storey was the recent guest speaker at several Auxiliary meetings throughout the Presbyterial.



Special meetings were held at Burlington and Milton to which other Auxiliaries were invited.

In the recent Hamilton Conference Branch competition for the best human interest story in the Christian Stewardship Department, Bethel Auxiliary has been awarded the prize for the story, "The Circle Baby," written by Mrs. Emerson Ford. A small personal gift will be presented to Mrs. Ford at the Conference Branch annual meeting.

### London

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KENT PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Grace Patterson, missionary home on furlough from India, launched her Kent county itinerary on October 24th when she addressed a sectional meeting held at Grace Church. Her itinerary also included sectional meetings held at Guilds and Trinity Church (near Wheatley) also special meetings held at Thamesville, Wallaceburg, Chalmers, (Eberts) Ridgetown and a sectional Mission Band rally held in Park Street Church Sunday School hall, Chatham. Three other sectional Mission Band rallies were held during the year under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Cartier, Presbyterial Secretary of Mission Bands. Mrs. R. Simpson, of Comber, who was born in China and came to Canada about ten years ago, spoke also at the Trinity sectional meeting.

At the various meetings addressed by Miss Patterson, Mrs. James McCrea, Past Presi-

dent of the London Conference Branch, was an honoured guest, also members of the Executive of the Kent Presbyterial, together with their President, Mrs. Harold Bolingbroke, Turnerville.

ESSEX PRESBYTERIAL—A class of seventeen girls of Sandwich Church, with Mrs. E. Axon as teacher, held an impressive candlelighting service in their first initiation as a C.G.I.T. group when they were also affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Society by Mrs. Charles Bawtinheimer, Secretary for Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups of Essex Presbyterial.

The Advisory Board of All Peoples' Mission, Windsor, held a contribution tea there recently to welcome Miss Hazel Adsett, new co-worker there. The guests were received by Mrs. Evans, Chairman of the Board, also Miss Ila Brown and Miss Adsett. An attractive programme had been arranged and was very much enjoyed.

Mrs. Walter Strangway, missionary on furlough from Africa, spoke to a large audience at Ottawa Auxiliary in November.

On November 16th, Central Church, Windsor, celebrated the golden jubilee of its Auxiliary. The history of fifty years of missionary work was traced by Mrs. Lloyd Bauslaugh. Golden candles were lighted for each milestone of mission work by charter members of each Auxiliary, and the story of the formation of the first Auxiliary in the old Windsor Avenue Methodist Church was told by Mrs. Nelson Clinton, the only living charter member of fifty years ago. Mrs. George H. King presided over the musical programme. Mrs. J. H. Rodd gave a short address on the value

## THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY AND WORLD FRIENDS

**REMEMBER**—sample copies of both THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY and *World Friends* should be on display at every Presbyterial gathering. Just write to headquarters and **state the number** you can make use of and they will be forwarded to you at once.

*Frances Anger*

of Woman's Missionary organizations and the birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Clinton.

**HURON PRESBYTERIAL**—During the third week in October, Grand Bend, Ontario Street Clinton, Bayfield and Belgrave churches were the meeting places respectively of the South, Centre, West and North sections comprising Huron Presbyterian. Each convention, which was well attended, was presided over by its sectional vice-president. The secretaries of the various organizations as well as those of the Presbyterian gave splendid reports. Miss Clare McGowan brought a message from the School for Leaders at St. Thomas, to the Bayfield and Belgrave meetings, while Mrs. J. M. Southcott and Mrs. R. E. MacKenzie did likewise at Grand Bend and Clinton.

Mrs. A. W. Gardiner, Presbyterian President, added inspiration to the meetings with her timely remarks. The West section was fortunate in having Mrs. Lorne Eedy, Conference Branch President, to address its gathering. Special musical numbers were appreciated at all meetings. A pageant by the Ontario Street Mission Band was a feature in Clinton. The highlight of each convention was the splendid address given by Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, Foreign Mission Executive Secretary of the Dominion Board. Having visited mission fields in Angola and India, on her way as a delegate to the Madras Conference, Mrs. Taylor gave very interesting glimpses of the work on these fields as well as bringing gleanings from the conference.

**MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL**—A very successful Mission Band rally of the London Bands was held in First-St. Andrew's Church on the evening of October 27th. Mrs. H. English, Presbyterian Secretary of Mission Bands, was the general convener and deserves great credit for the splendidly planned evening. The various Bands gathered in class rooms and as a herald announced the church, the Band marched in singing.

On the platform with Mrs. English were Miss Richardson, Presbyterian President, Mrs. B. S. Scott, Mrs. James Scobie, Conference Branch Mission Band Secretary and Rev. Moir A. J. Waters, minister of First-St. Andrew's Church, who leaves shortly for mission work in India. Each Mission Band contributed to the evening's entertainment with solos, dialogues, the Daisy Song and other songs.

Rev. Moir Waters told the children of some of his experiences when he was a boy in India.

The annual Fall rally of the city of London churches was held in Hyatt Avenue Church on October 19th. Following the plan that has been so successful for the past four years, the Auxiliaries, Evening Auxiliaries and Circles joined for this rally. About one hundred and fifty W.M.S. members were the guests of the Hyatt Avenue Auxiliary for supper. Following the supper the members of Wellington Street Auxiliary conducted an impressive devotional service.

Mrs. R. Hicks, Vice-President of Middlesex Presbyterian, presided over the meeting. After a short business meeting the current literature was ably presented in a peppy sales talk by Mrs. L. A. Cruickshank. Mrs. F. Whitehall spoke on the Stewardship of Personality.

The main speaker was Mrs. C. H. Searle, who based her talk on the little book, *I Dare You*, by William Danforth. The Auxiliaries have appointed Red Cross conveners and are helping with knitting and other Red Cross work. Many knitting needles were busy during the meeting.

**ELGIN PRESBYTERIAL** — Yarmouth Centre Auxiliary lost a valued life member in the death of Mrs. William Wadland, who passed away on July 6th, in her eighty-seventh year.

**OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL**—Mrs. George Judge, a very valued member of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Tillsonburg, passed away on November 8th.

Many presidents of Auxiliaries were in attendance at the Executive meeting of the Oxford Presbyterian held in Central Church, Woodstock. A pleasant departure from the usual pot-luck lunch was the lunch served at the Restaurant managed by the Chong sisters. They are the sisters of Miss Ming Chong, who is now in fourth year in Medicine at Toronto University, looking forward to work in China. A younger sister, Eva, is soon entering Victoria Hospital, London, to train as a nurse, with the same objective.

**OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL**—Curries Auxiliary have sustained a distinct loss in the passing of Mrs. T. J. Lammiman, who has been an active member for forty-seven years, since the Auxiliary was organized in 1892.

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ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAL—A valued member and a group leader in Boissevain Auxiliary, Mrs. O. Hibert, passed away in November after a very brief illness.

## Maritime

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MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERIAL—MRS. F. M. Robertson, Presbyterial President, was the special speaker at St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, when the Auxiliaries of Trinity and St. Luke's united for their Autumn thankoffering meeting.

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERIAL—A large gathering of friends and representatives of the various missionary societies of the Portland Church, St. John, were entertained on November 20th by the members of the Jessie Chipman Auxiliary. The occasion was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the society. The theme of the programme was "Reminiscences of the Past Fifty Years." The first speaker in this connection was Mrs. Allan Lingley who, under the leadership of Miss Jane Henderson, became the first President of the society which originated as a Mission Band. Other members who traced the progress of the society through more recent years and up to the present time were Mrs. Charles Cowan and Miss Oattie Maxwell. Among the special greetings read during the evening was one received from Mrs. Jessie Chipman, Toronto, in honour of whom the original society was named.

A social hour followed and the three-tiered birthday cake, ornamented with gold leaves and fifty candles, made a charming centrepiece for the tea table.

TRURO PRESBYTERIAL—The Auxiliary at Noel Shore reports the loss on October 13 of Mrs. Harris Neil, the oldest member of the Auxiliary. She joined this society when it was organized in 1910 and as long as health

permitted was an active member, being President at one time.

A number of those in the Noel congregation interested in Mission Band work met at Noel Shore for a special meeting on November 15. The children of Noel Shore Band led the worship service. The special speaker was Rev. T. R. Goudge.

## Montreal-Ottawa

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL—At the November meeting of Knox Evening Auxiliary, Cornwall, it was arranged that the December meeting should take the form of a shower of Christmas gifts to be sent to children at a school in Northern Ontario.

At the November meeting of Maxville Evening Auxiliary, Miss Melba McDougal reviewed the last number of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, stressing the Madras Conference, the importance of home training in the life of the child and the Amsterdam World Youth Conference.

A sectional meeting was held in Alexandria Church. Much regret was expressed at the sudden passing of Mrs. D. McEwen, Vice-President of the district, who had made all arrangements for the meeting and which was held immediately following her funeral. The guest speakers were Mrs. Carson, Conference Branch President, and Mrs. T. W. Munro, President of Glengarry Presbyterial.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — Handicrafts of different national groups in Montreal were brought together in a missionary festival in St. James' Church, sponsored by the Church of All Nations and the non-Anglo-Saxon Committee of The United Church. Hungary, Poland, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Ukraina were represented in booths, each with characteristics of its own. A Hungarian dinner was served to more than two hundred visitors. A typical Hungarian dish, *tarhonya*, supplemented the ordinary fare. A small orchestra in Hungarian costume played during the dinner. The

entertainment of the evening was an original Hungarian ballet pantomime by Madame Julia Hudak with fifty performers. Mrs. W. H. Sutherland, Past President of the Conference Branch, opened the festival in the afternoon. Rev. R. G. Katsunoff, of the Church of All Nations and Mrs. Katsunoff, Rev. M. Feher, Hungarian minister and Mrs. Feher, Rev. C. C. Dean, minister at Caughnawaga and Oka, and Mrs. Dean were present and also the W.M.S. missionaries working in Montreal, Que. On the second evening of the festival a Ukrainian dinner was served, followed by a pageant, "Christmas Customs of Many Lands," with performers in native costumes.

Mrs. J. L. Morin, a valued W.M.S. worker in Eglise St. Jean, Montreal, passed away on October 23rd, aged seventy-one years. Mrs. Morin took an active interest in all the work of the church and she was a leader of the choir for some time. She also acted as organist for a number of years.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL—Dr. W. E. Strangway, a medical missionary in Angola, West Africa, spoke to a large gathering at a supper meeting at Chalmers Church. Mrs. Strangway was also present and gave an historical sketch of Angola.

The Annie Johnston Auxiliary of Chalmers Church had for their speaker Rev. Charles D. Donald, once a missionary in India. Ukrainian songs were sung by little Miss Mary and Miss Annie Hanchuck. Mrs. Donald Nicol led in the worship service. Dr. Donald is now the pastor of Southminster Church, Ottawa.

The Baby Band and Cradle Roll secretaries of Southminster Church, Ottawa, held a Hallowe'en party with an attendance of ninety-one children and sixty-four mothers and grandmothers. Mrs. A. C. Fairbairn, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, and Mrs. D. G. Cowan, Superintendent of the Baby Band, planned a very interesting programme. Twenty-two children graduated into the Mission Band. Mrs. Charles Donald told the children many stories of the children in India, where she and her husband were missionaries for a number of years. Mrs. T. K. Gerrard, Presbyterial Baby Band Secretary, also spoke to the children. Mrs.

Willard Blair had charge of the party and each child received a balloon.

A rally of Mission Bands was held in McLeod Street Church in October and nearly 200 children and leaders answered the roll call. Mrs. G. C. Kingsbury, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, and her assistant, Mrs. C. E. Steele, planned an interesting programme and treat for the children. A Temperance pageant was well put on by the Hawthorn Band. Irene Joe, a wee Chinese girl, sang "Jesus Loves Me" in her own language. The leaders receiving certificates for banner Bands were from Dominion Mission Band, First, Parkdale, Stewarton and St. James. The rural Bands were from Campbell's Bay, Carp, North Gower and Russell. Mrs. Donald Nichol delighted the children with a sing-song and stories of India's children.

QUEBEC-SHERBROOKE PRESBYTERIAL — Two new Baby Bands have been organized in this Presbyterial, one in Ayer's Cliff and one in Beebe. Mrs. M. R. McIntosh is the leader in Beebe and Mrs. F. J. Brown in Ayer's Cliff.

## Newfoundland

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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAL — On November 15th Wesley Evening Auxiliary presented a three-act play, "Luna Rivers," which met with such a good reception that it was repeated to a second capacity house a week later.

Dr. Mildred Hudson, associated with this church, started her third year as medical missionary in India on October 1st of this year. She trained at Edinburgh under the auspices of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society and is now on the staff of Dr. Brown's Hospital in Ludhiana, North India.

On October 17th George Street Evening Auxiliary sponsored a most interesting lecture on "My Impressions of Germany," delivered by Mr. A. L. Vardy, a local press correspondent and radio announcer, just returned from Europe.

The Mission Circle of this church also put on three one-act plays on November 11th to

their own credit and the advantage of a large audience. One of the plays was later repeated at the request of another church group on November 22nd. The Mission Band is growing and a Christmas concert was held.

The Gower Street Auxiliary on November 21st renewed its youth during a lecture given by Professor R. Duder, of the Memorial University College. The lecture concerned "The Poetry of Nonsense," featuring Edward Lear, Lewis Carroll and other beloved writers for children.

The Mission Band programme in this church combines with the junior congregation once a month. Band leaders feel with justice that a larger group is reached and all children of the church then receive missionary instruction. The average attendance is well over one hundred. The Mission Band follows the study book, "*Shera of the Punjab*." They held a very successful concert on November 4th.

Cochrane Street Church as recently as November 9th reorganized its Mission Band which had lapsed. This new programme is due to the initiative of Mrs. E. F. Peters, Presbyterian Secretary for Bands. The group of at present about thirty-five members meets weekly. The leaders plan to extend the opportunity of missionary instruction to a larger group of children when the planned-for junior congregation is organized in the New Year, as Gower Street Church has done.

**CARBONEAR PRESBYTERIAL**—Blackhead Auxiliary celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on November 8th with birthday cake, candles and all. Its first recorded President, Mrs. C. Howse, of Carbonear, and its latest, Mrs. James King, were on the platform together. Addresses were given by Mrs. Howse and Mrs. Duff, Branch President. During the evening presentations were made to Mrs. Howse and to Mrs. King in appreciation.

### Saskatchewan

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Miss E. Mae Laycock, missionary-at-large in Saskatoon, had the rare privilege of representing the Woman's Missionary Society at a series of rallies held throughout the province from October 29th to November 3rd, at which Dr. J. W. Woodside; Moderator of the Church, Dr. J. H. Arnup, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions and the President of Conference, were present.

Miss Laycock attended rallies at Estevan, Regina, North Battleford, Saskatoon and Yorkton and gave an address at each point on her own missionary endeavours in connection with Visitation Evangelism. The rallies attracted large crowds from great distances and



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they contributed in a large measure to the life and work of our Church.

**ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL** — Mrs. G. H. Bennee, Conference Branch President, on a visiting tour of Assiniboia Presbyterial, visited the newly organized Auxiliary at Killdeer, sixty-five miles southwest of Assiniboia. Mrs. G. A. Curless, Presbyterial President, accompanied her. Largely attended rallies were addressed by Mrs. Bennee at La Fleche, Mankota, Kincaid and Aneroid.

From Kincaid, Mrs. Roy Wilson, of Meyronne, drove Mrs. Bennee and Mrs. J. E. Hood as far west as Shaunavon, making calls at Cadillac, Orkney, Bracken and at Climax, where a large rally was held. Enthusiasm created led to promises of new women's and children's organizations in the near future. Mrs. Bennee proceeded westward from Shaunavon to Consul, Senate, West Plains and East-end, where an Affiliated Society organized into an Auxiliary.

Mrs. A. J. Johnstone, Lewvan, a delegate to the Dominion Board, gave very inspiring addresses at Willows, Coronach, Verwood, Readlyn and Hqath. The itinerary was planned for her by the Assiniboia Presbyterial, and we are indebted to Rev. Isaac Kirkpatrick, minister on the Readlyn-Verwood charge, who gave of his time and car to drive the speaker to these special thankoffering meetings.

**QU'APPELLE PRESBYTERIAL** — Mrs. A. J. Johnstone, Lewvan, spoke also at a rally in Wolsey Church when about seventy-five W.M.S. members were present representing Auxiliaries from Qu'Appelle to Broadview.

**ABERNETHY PRESBYTERIAL** — Mrs. A. J. Irving, Saskatoon, official delegate from this Branch to the Dominion Board, addressed gatherings at Nokomis, Govan, Duval, Stras-

bourg, Southey and Earl Grey, Balcarres, Abernethy, Lemberg and Lorlie and took Sunday services at Raymore and Semans.

While in the Presbyterial, Mrs. Irving also visited File Hills School, made a trip through the colony with Miss Ruth Lanigan, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Indian graduates of an Anglican School and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Dieter, Indian graduates of File Hills School, whose garden was, to use Mrs. Irving's words, "The best I saw in the four Presbyterials covered."

**REGINA PRESBYTERIAL** — This Presbyterial enjoyed a short visit by Dr. Choné Oliver on November 24th to the fullest extent. Mrs. K. C. Crook, President, entertained her to dinner and there was a well-attended gathering in Westminster Church when Dr. Oliver dealt with conditions in India at the present time. A number of interested friends had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Oliver afterwards when the Presbyterial Executive entertained.

Mrs. Crook has been very busy making visits to the various Auxiliaries. She has been to Indian Head, Imperial, Simpson, Liberty, Davidson, Bethune, Dilke, Rouleau and Sherwood, and a most interesting visit was made to Knox Federation when she spoke to a large gathering on "Our W.M.S. Work in Canada."

Hundreds of guests were welcomed to the "Madras Festival" held in the Metropolitan Church parlours under W.M.S. auspices. A cleverly formed gateway, with the name Madras in silver letters above, was beautiful with evergreens and coloured lights and opened into the tea-room, where again the Madras assembly was suggested. The long tea table was centred with a miniature gateway to Madras and five ribbons leading to it were representative of the five races from which delegations attended the large congress. Small flags of all nations formed a background to the gateway.

Over forty ladies who were assisting in the Festival wore costumes representative of the nations attending the Madras gathering, many of the costumes being rich and elaborate. Four booths, extremely attractive, illustrated forms of mission endeavour and proved educational in a great degree. One was hung with Indian cloths and decorations, and in this booth were demonstrated wood carving, needlework,



flower making, brass work, etc. In an Oriental booth were shown tables, jars, bowls and other pieces of marabba, connebar and cloisonné. A tray of teakwood, in leaf design, attracted much attention. There was also a booth demonstrating hospital work in India, featuring a typical ward. Literature distributed by the Woman's Missionary Society in Saskatchewan was on display at another booth and here was shown a large number of missionary books, and pamphlets were distributed. Many colourful and attractive posters were also on display. Nuts, dates, figs and other sweets typical of India were sold at a booth arranged by the Associate Helpers.

During the afternoon and evening records sent recently from Madras were played and vocal solos and readings typical of different countries were given by members of the choir and others.

Mrs. P. I. Thacker and Mrs. C. H. Dixon were the general conveners of the festival which served to introduce the W.M.S. study of India and many were the compliments paid to them for this distinctive function.

WEYBURN PRESBYTERIAL — The C.G.I.T. groups of Colfax and Lewvan held their mother and daughter banquets November 17th and 18th respectively. Mrs. E. R. May, who is the leader of both groups is also Presbyterial Secretary of Affiliated Groups. The guest speaker at both banquets was Miss McIlroy, of the Girls' Work Board. The women of the local Auxiliary were also guests. A very impressive part of the evening was candle-lighting service, when six girls took part.

Bringing the message of the Dominion Board to eight different gatherings in this Presbyterial, Mrs. A. J. Johnstone, Lewvan, spoke at four different church services, four thank-offering meetings and one Presbyterial rally. The points included Weyburn, Lang, Yellow Grass, Milestone, Colfax and Lewvan.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL—In the Autumn, the Mission Band at Asquith were hosts at a picnic to the Auxiliary and Associate Helpers. An enjoyable programme was given by the Band members, together with addresses by two visitors from Saskatoon. Biblical games and a picnic lunch were much enjoyed.

Dr. B. Choné Oliver spent three days in Saskatoon, November 25-27, when W.M.S. members were privileged to hear her speak at several gatherings. Dr. Oliver has served in India as a medical missionary for thirty-eight years.

At the home of Mrs. A. J. Irving, the Executive of the Conference Branch entertained at a tea on November 25th in Dr. Oliver's honour, when the guests listened with interest to Dr. Oliver's informal talk on her work in India. At a well-attended mass meeting in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon, Dr. Oliver described phases of work carried on by Christian medical missions in India. On Monday evening a supper meeting, sponsored by the Executive of the Saskatoon Presbyterial, was held in Third Avenue Church, and attracted a large number of people. Dr. Oliver spoke of the help and inspiration she received from the delegates of other countries, when she attended the Madras Conference.

A very interesting rally was held at Allen under the leadership of Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Third Vice-President of the Presbyterial. The enjoyable programme included addresses on Mission Band work, Community Friendship, Baby Bands. Mrs. G. G. Bompas was present and spoke briefly.

## Toronto

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The Branch Executive entertained at the home of the President, Mrs. R. T. Shiell, in honour of the missionary candidates and the two scholarship students.

From an improvised microphone and station "TCB" Mrs. J. L. Zoller introduced the guests, and the programme consisted of a "quiz" contest and a Toronto questionnaire. Members of the Executive assisted in serving refreshments.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — Miss Elizabeth Laughlin, W.M.S. Hospital Visitor in Toronto, was the guest of honour at the December meeting of the Stanley Evening Auxiliary

of Alhambra Church, Toronto. Mrs. Magec, on behalf of the Auxiliary, presented Miss Laughlin with about sixty jars of jam and jelly, cookies and writing paper. Miss Laughlin spoke of her work and the help this donation means to her and her patients. Mrs. Walker read an excellent summary of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. This report was especially enjoyed by all and gives every one a better knowledge of this magazine.

Our hostess, Mrs. Laughlin, served refreshments, and in honour of our President's birthday, presented her with a lighted birthday cake. The offering for the evening put us over the top in our allocation.

GREY PRESBYTERIAL—Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Strangway, of Chissamba, Africa, now on furlough, were the speakers, morning and evening, at Central and Division Street Churches, Owen Sound. Dr. Strangway, in his very interesting address, dealt almost entirely with his medical work in the hospital. Mrs. Strangway discussed the history of Angola, from the time, fifty-nine years ago, when the first Congregational missionaries went there, up to those of the present time.

The Hopeville Auxiliary lost a much-loved life member in the person of Mrs. John Plester, who passed away on November 1st, at the age of eighty-one.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL—Miss T. D. Greer presided at the supper rally of Evening Auxiliaries of this Presbyterial held in Danforth Church. "Guidance" was the theme of the worship service. An open forum was in charge of Mrs. R. McDougall and Mrs. Jesse Arnup gave an interesting talk on her recent visit to India. The slides were presented by Miss Jessie Murray.

The fall rally of this Presbyterial was attended by representatives from city and rural churches. Mrs. R. McDougall presided. "Fruit Bearing" and "Service" were the themes of the worship services. A demonstration of the candle-lighting service used in the affiliation of C.G.I.T. groups was shown.

The guest speakers were Mrs. Maxwell Loveys, Executive Home Mission Secretary, and Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Executive Foreign Mission Secretary. Mrs. Loveys told of new work which had been started in several centres and Mrs. Taylor brought gleanings from the second meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras, India.

"What is New" was the topic of an address given by Mrs. Roger Self, Third Vice-President of the Dominion Board, at the November meeting in Sherbourne St. Church.

## New Organizations

### Auxiliaries

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH  
BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Marmora, St. Andrew's—Mrs. W. P. Fletcher, Marmora.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH  
DAUPHIN PRESBYTERIAL—Bowsman—Mrs. J. B. Anderson, Bowsman.

### Evening Auxiliaries

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH  
BIRTLE PRESBYTERIAL—Basswood—Mrs. James Templeton, Jr., Basswood. DAUPHIN PRESBYTERIAL—Sherridon—Mrs. J. Brown, Sherridon.

### Affiliated Societies

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH  
BIRTLE PRESBYTERIAL—Fairmount—Mrs. W. A. Ross, R.R. 3, Minnedosa.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH  
TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL—Toronto, Dewi Sant (Welsh)—Mrs. A. F. Ferris, 157 Indian Road Crescent, Toronto.

### Mission Circles

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BRANCH  
KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—Princeton, St. Paul's—Mrs. Hugh G. Macdonald, Box 110, Princeton. Vernon—Mrs.



Hill, Vernon. WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—Hatzic—Miss Mary Fletcher, Hatzic.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

BRUCE PRESBYTERIAL—Clifford—Mrs. F. Thaler, Clifford.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL—Winnipeg, King Memorial—Mrs. F. Brownridge, 165 Johnston Ave., Winnipeg.

MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

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MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

HALIFAX PRESBYTERIAL—Halifax, St. Andrew's—Miss Vera McCarthy, 27 Mott Street, Halifax, N.S.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL—Saskatoon, Third Ave.—Mrs. R. A. Downey, 626 Ninth Ave., Saskatoon; Saskatoon, St. Thomas-Wesley—Miss Jessie Kemp, 819 Ave. J. North, Saskatoon.

### Mission Bands

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Deseronto—Mrs. E. Fitchett, Deseronto.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BRANCH

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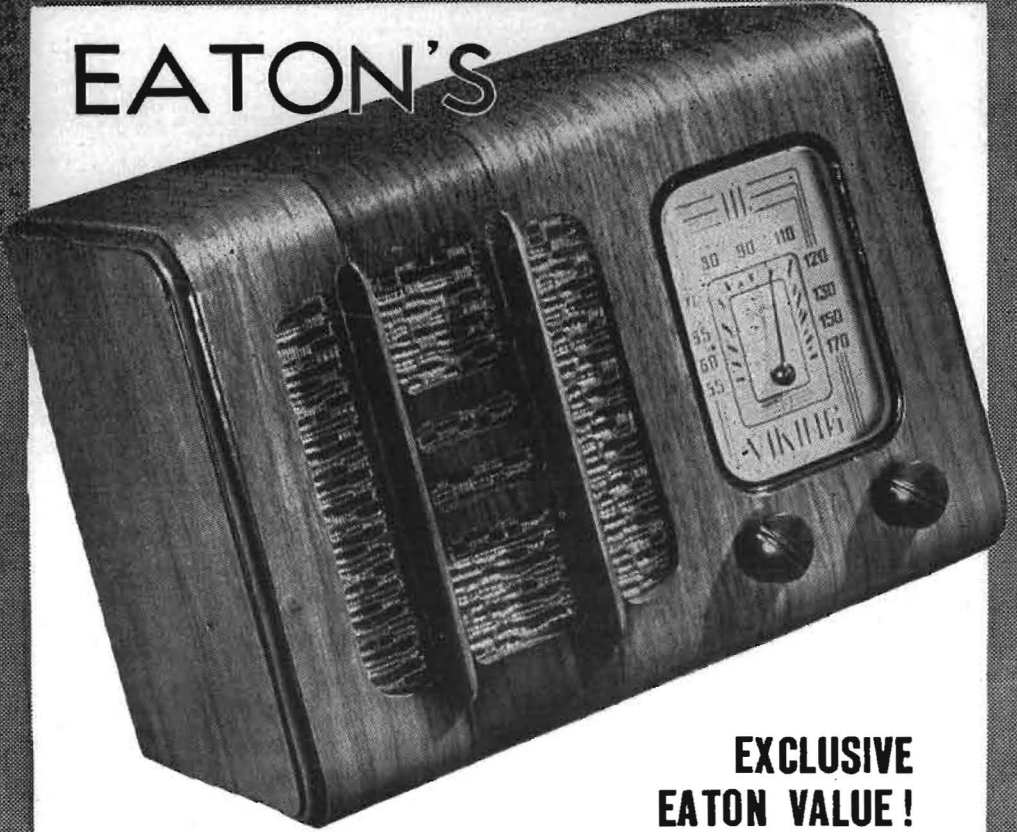
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