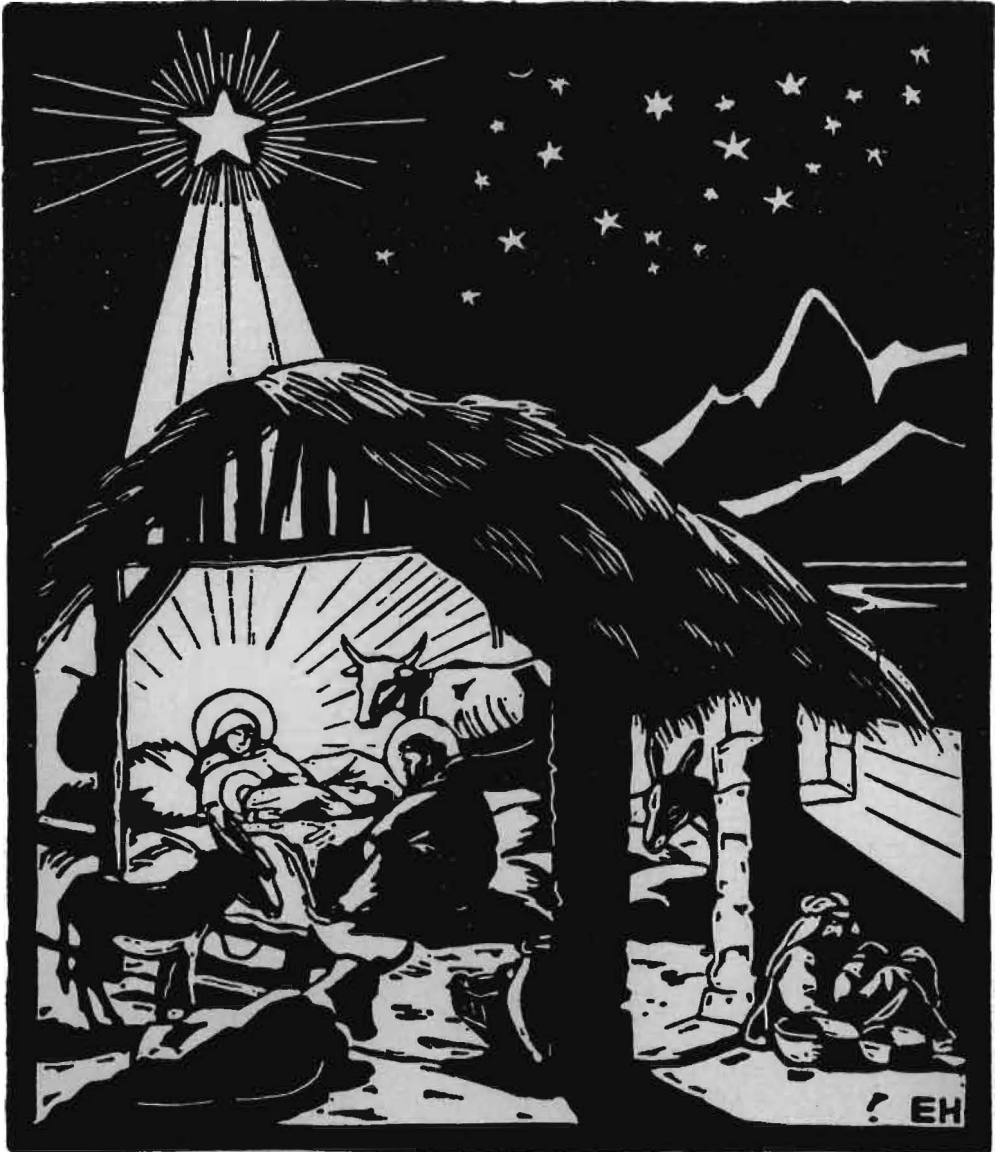


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Holy Night

From a sketch designed by the Danish artist, Ebba Holen

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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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A Christmas Wish

Oh, I would celebrate my Lord
With every gift my means afford;

And I would wreath His Name around
With every joy I ever found;

And I would light a candled tree
For every one on earth to see;

And I would wish at last to be
On Christmas Day as poor as He.

And I would stand all night to bake
For every hungry soul a cake;

And I would send a star to greet
My brother soul in every street;

And I would sing my love among
The carolers in every tongue;

—Jean Kenyon Mackenzie.

Editorial

The Child at Christmas

THIS month once again we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. The Child will draw all thoughts to him for at least a little space of time, and every detail in connection with his birthday—star and angel, light and song, camels, shepherds, wise men and the patient animals in the stable, will be repeated in picture, song and story over and over again in many ways. Somehow we all become children again with that little Child because of our memories and our share in the happiness of little folk near us. We forget—or try to—the sophistication of life, the greed, the hard selfishness. We see with clear insight that life never can attain its fullness until every one sees through the eyes of a child. The lovely faith, the trust, the unworldliness, the spontaneous joy—we have had these; we must have them again.

It will be a sad and difficult season for many. As we look abroad today, hearts

sink with fear and sadness at the hate and suspicion evident in word and deed, and the haunting spectre of starving, homeless and wounded folk in war-torn countries.

Some new and splendid energy is needed for the times. Where shall it be found? The Child is still drawing people to him. Many of them have in their hearts the pattern of the world they want to see—the kind of world citizen they earnestly want to be. And so this month men and women from every continent will wend their way to India. How can that pattern be attained, they are asking. How can we build a world-wide Christian community today? England, Africa, Japan, Korea, China, Europe, Latin America, India, North America—these are the backgrounds of the four hundred and fifty people who meet in conclave at Madras at Christmas.

Let us be a part of that meeting. It is ours also, our representatives are there, our brothers and sisters also of different

ances and nations. Let us look forward with prayer and earnest meditation that God will speak again at Christmas time to a waiting world.

The League and Ourselves

THE W.M.S. Executive, at the October meeting, endorsed two important movements sponsored by the League of Nations Society in Canada, and agreed to co-operate. One of these was the establishment of a National Aid to Czechoslovakia Fund. One has only to read some of the statements made by responsible people regarding conditions in mid-Europe, to be convinced of the need of such a Fund. Senator Cairine R. Wilson, President of the League of Nations Society, and Dr. T. H. Leggett, National Chairman, issued this joint appeal:

"No one can follow the heartrending course of events in Czechoslovakia without desiring to help. We hope that Canadians will respond appropriately. One million, two hundred thousand Czechs have now had their land, homes, and even their household furnishings incorporated into the Third Reich. Thousands of anti-Nazi Germans have also been included, and what remains of the Czechoslovak state hesitates to welcome them for fear that the Reich will once again extend its territorial claims to encompass them. With winter rapidly approaching, thousands of persons are without shelter, food and clothing. Even at this great distance we cannot escape feeling some of the torments of this proud people as it bows before a brutal totalitarian régime. The fact that we, as a nation, were obligated, morally and otherwise as well, to aid in protecting Czechoslovakia from external aggression, adds to our present responsibilities. We invite contributions, large and small."

Sir Robert Falconer, Toronto, is the patron of the Fund. All sums should be sent directly to the National Aid to Czechoslovakia Fund, Ottawa, Ontario, or through local units of the League of Nations Society.

The other matter, equally important, was a proposed committee on Refugees and Victims of Political Persecution. This followed an urgent cable from the League of Nations Union, London, England, which ran as follows: "Czechoslovak refugees situation desperate . . . asking Dominions assist settlement 20,000

Germans . . . please help with your government."

The Canadian Society believes that, besides giving aid to a fund, a separate project to co-ordinate action in Canada on behalf of refugees, exploring the possibility of a home here for these homeless ones, welcoming discussion and study as to the best method of doing this—is also of the greatest importance.

In her plea for this, Senator Wilson closes with these words:

"I commend an editorial in a recent issue of the *New York Times*, in which a profound belief is expressed that 'a system of collective security is indispensable and inevitable; that a new attempt to create such a system on a genuinely substantial basis must, and will, be made again; that the swiftly-marching events of the last few weeks in Europe merely offer further tragic proof that the world will know no real respite from war and from recurrent threats of violence until the full strength of nations which want peace on honourable terms is ranged behind law and order.'"

Madras at Christmas

ON Christmas Day, 1938, "Peace on Earth, good will to men" will be broadcast from Madras, India, in all the languages of Christendom. For many reasons this will be the most significant of all the conferences which have yet been held to draw all Protestantism together and to unite them for one great purpose. Nothing more clearly denotes the change in personnel than a glance at the list of delegates. In 1928, at Jerusalem, white western delegates were a large majority. At Madras, from Japan will come thirty-five, including seven missionaries; Korea, twenty, with four missionaries; China, sixty, with ten missionaries, all the rest being Chinese. Africa for the first time sends representatives from the Bantu people—fifteen negro Africans will attend. Canada and the United States will be represented by forty-five, Britain by seventeen, and most of the European countries by two each. Thus the so-called older churches have no longer the precedence in numbers over the "younger"; we shall hear a new voice, and a new spirit will call us to larger tasks.

The theme of the meeting is, "The Church at the Heart of the World Christian Community." Is it not strange at this time to think of a group of people culled from countries at conflict with one another, from Fascist and Communistic peoples and from democracies, sitting down together to plan for the building of the community of God in a world of strife and confusion?

The Colleges of China

THERE is deep interest and pathos in the last *Bulletin* issued by the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China. The commencement exercises of these colleges have been held under circumstances tragic and destructive. In Chengtu the ceremonies of several universities were held one after another; staff and students were moved from their destroyed institutions to the West China Union University. Simplicity and gravity featured all the occasions. Refugees crowded the cities. But there was a feeling of solemn triumph that it was possible to hold such services at all after the difficulties of the past year. At Shanghai, four universities participated and Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese ambassador to Moscow and Minister to Washington, gave the address. "Out of the ashes of death and devastation," he said, "there will arise a new China, modern, scientific, sanitary, beautiful, testifying to the indomitable spirit and indefatigable industry of our people." . . . "Go forth," were his closing words, "with faith and courage in this hour of peril to attain your ideals and ambitions."

"No words," the *Bulletin* says, "can adequately express our admiration for two things about our students. The first is the absence of all hate of the Japanese people. Chinese students are determined to resist Japanese militarism, but there is no hatred for the people, who are, they believe, suffering under the rule of militarists. The second is their consecration to scholastic work, with the realization that through their studies, their thorough training, they may go out to serve the new China after the end of the conflict."

Re Amalgamation of Papers

A GOOD many inquiries have come to Headquarters at Wesley Buildings regarding the amalgamation of Church papers. The action of General Council had to do with the forthcoming amalgamation of *The United Church Record and Missionary Review*—which is one magazine—and *The New Outlook*—the Church's weekly paper, and has no bearing on THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, which continues as before.

MISSIONARY MONTHLY Secretaries, busy now with the annual subscription drive, please note! Let no misunderstanding spoil the rising subscription list for 1939!

Radio Broadcast

IT is expected that an International Radio Broadcast will be made from Madras some time during the week preceding Christmas. Watch the press for announcement of date and time, or write the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N.Y.

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WE extend hearty congratulations to Rev. John W. Woodside, D.D., Chalmers Church, Ottawa, who was elected Moderator of The United Church of Canada at the recent meeting of General Council in Toronto. Mrs. Woodside has been unfailing in her interest and service to the Woman's Missionary Society and we extend to her also our heartiest congratulations.

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THE beautiful scene on our cover is a Danish artist's conception of the nativity—Ebba Holen. It was designed on a Christmas card sent by a Danish friend to Miss Marjory Gregg, our missionary now in Thunder Bay area, but at that time visiting Helsinki, Suomi (Finland)—a fitting cover for our study of our country in relationship to New Canadians.

The Church in Japan

IT is very difficult for the Japanese Church to express its missionary purpose under present circumstances, but she is alive to every possibility of Christian contact. One effort that is being sponsored by the National Christian Council is the sending of missionaries from Japan to the territory occupied by the Japanese military in North China, thus expressing a spirit of Christian brotherhood.

Miss Helen Topping, recently returned from Japan, says: "Dr. Kagawa is not only preaching but baptizing. I attended several baptismal services during the less than three months I was in Japan. He adds an extra question now, in addition to the three about the Trinity: 'Are you ready to endure any amount of persecution for your faith?' When the candidate answers in the affirmative, the baptism continues. The older people are timid now about coming to the 'international religion,' but the young people are courageous, and are coming in numbers to Christ through Dr. Kagawa's meetings."

Writing to a loyal English friend visiting in the United States, Dr. Kagawa said: "Don't be discouraged or disquieted about the Church in Japan. Some of us may be weak and vacillating, but the Japanese quality of loyalty of which we boast is in the blood of the Christians, too, and they will be loyal to Christ, whom they follow and who alone can save Japan. We are not Western Christians and our response is hard for direct Occidentals to understand, but pray God we are loyal Christians."

Kagawa's books have gone into many languages. His "Songs of the Slums," published by Parthenon Craftsmen, Nashville, Tenn., is one of the most poignant series of word-pictures ever written at first hand. The following is from a poem entitled "Day's End":

Day ends;
Breasting the North,
My shoulders shiver
As I onward go.
And yet,
I utterly forget
The cruel cold,
Nor feel the dark,
Because my heart
Aches with the people's woe.

Oh, let me trust
That through my tears
God's Kingdom has
One little inch drawn near!

Then what is it to me
That my weak body be
Beaten to dust?
Midnight:
I crawl from out my bed
Into the cold,
And gaze up at the stars again,
Finding God there
To help me bear
My daily load
Of grief and care,
Sorrow and pain.

Deep in the night
Our spirits meet,
And prayer is sweet!

Christmas Is Coming in China

B. LOUISE FOSTER, CHENGTU



CHRISTMAS is coming. Only a few weeks since we returned to college to the joy of meeting old friends, the excitement of getting back to classes, the thrill of being a senior. Now Christmas is in the air. Soon we will be practising carols and special music

—I am to have several solo parts this year—decorating and hanging the red lanterns that at night turn our college into fairyland; preparing for our family Christmas when as many as possible of our graduates come “home” to the college for the evening meal; planning for our white gift service. Oh, the days are full to the brim. Last year our white gifts went to the beggar children who are being cared for in an old temple outside the city. They are better off than roaming the streets but there is nothing very Christmassy about their surroundings. This year we may use our gifts for the war orphans; one thousand of them are already in West China, and more are on the way. No exchanging of gifts with other college girls; no surprises tucked under pillows—even our Christmas dinner must be very simple. China is fighting for her life and it is our joy to deny ourselves for our country. I am more fortunate than most of the girls for my home is in Chengtu. My father is a Bishop in the Anglican Church, so I have a double Christmas, Christmas week at the college, Christmas day and Christmas Sunday at home. We are a musical family and year by year the Christmas hymns, sung around our own fireside or at the church services, take on a deeper meaning and the joy of the Christ child fills our hearts.

CHRISTMAS is coming. Last year at this time I was on a crowded boat making my way, like so many others, to Szechuan province. We had spent most of the fall term dodging into dug-outs when alarms sounded for air raids, then one day our university was bombed and we



could carry on no longer. My parents decided to send me to Chengtu, hoping it might be possible for me to finish my course at the West China Union University. A long wearisome trip on that crowded boat, then a time of anxious waiting in Chungking, a city thronged with refugees, until we could get some means of transportation to Chengtu. But no one talked of discomfort; we knew there were others enduring far more, suffering and dying for our country. What a welcome awaited us at Chengtu! Girls of the Woman's College had given up their comfortable rooms to make space for us and their smiling faces showed they were glad of this opportunity to “do their bit.” Almost a year has passed since we came to this beautiful campus. My home city has been bombed again and again; I do not know whether my family have escaped or not; it is so long since any letters have come through. Now Christmas is coming, and although there is sadness in my heart there is also joy, because I believe God's purpose of peace and goodwill on earth will yet be accomplished and because I have found here so many sisters in Christ.

CHRISTMAS is coming. That's what those girls said when they came out last week from that big school in the city. It is so strange to think of



"I don't understand it all yet: but I keep on learning every week . . . Now I know why the faces of the Christians shine . . ."

girls going to school, learning the same things as boys—why, some of them told me they are going to be teachers and even doctors. It's stranger still that they should take the trouble to come out to our little village every week, to talk to us and care for our sick children. They dress in blue cotton gowns just like ourselves, but ever so clean, and they are so happy and friendly. They say it is because they are Christians. They have been telling us about the God they worship, and they are not afraid as I have always been; they call him Father. They say His Son lived right here on earth; that's what Christmas means, the day he

was born. I don't understand it all yet; being a woman, of course, I am stupid, but they said they would tell me more. One thing I understand—I need not be afraid to die. All my life I've been horribly afraid of that. It hasn't been easy being poor; many a time we had only sweet potatoes to eat and very few of them. When I was twelve I was sent to the home of my future husband and there I slaved for my mother-in-law until my son was born. My son—the first taste of happiness I had ever known. But the gods were jealous of my happiness and my little one died. These girls say *their* God is never jealous and would not harm a little child. After my son died times were hard for me. I had other children, but all girls, and only one lived. My husband was so cruel, but, of course, I had not done my duty; he was disappointed at not having a son and he could not afford to take another wife. But all this I could bear; dying was what I feared. What would happen to me after death? I had done many things I knew were wicked; I could not hope to be reborn a man; no doubt my spirit would come back to this earth in the form of a dog, to be beaten and kicked about the streets.

And now these girls say God, the one they call Father, will forgive all my wickedness. They say death is like crossing a river to the place where He is, where there is no more pain or hunger, a place where I can learn all the things I've never had a chance to learn here. And if I'm afraid when the time comes, Jesus will be there to take my hand and help me across. I don't understand very well, but I've got this much and I'll keep on learning every week. Now I know why their faces shine when they say, "Christmas is coming," for Christmas was Jesus' birthday.





ONE OF THE VILLAGE CHOIRS IN OUR WEST AFRICAN MISSION

Welcome to Africa!

This is the first in a series of letters we hope to have from our Foreign Mission Executive Secretary.

Dear Editor:

Kalunga! Kalunga! Greetings from Africa to all readers of *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*! I have been in Angola only five days, but what marvellous days they have been! It is going to be very difficult to convey to you any adequate idea of the wealth of new experiences we have already had.

Our steamer arrived at Lobito about six o'clock on the evening of the last day of August. Dr. Tucker had come down from the interior to meet our party and was on the dock to meet us. What a welcome sight he was! We went directly to the missionary home, which is under the direction of Mr. Neipp, of the American Board. After supper, as we sat talking, we suddenly heard magic voices outside singing a welcome song. It was the choir from the native church

which had come to greet us. That was a foretaste of the wonderful singing we have had ever since then, wherever we go. Coming as it did just after our arrival, and in the soft darkness of the African night, it was overwhelming. Our hearts were so full that I fear our words of greeting were very stumbling.

The next morning we went over to the native section of Lobito, and visited the Christian school. The teacher is Mr. Eduardo, the son of one of Dr. Currie's boys at Bailundo. We heard him teach several classes and the children sang for us. We fell in love with the children at once. They were so pathetically eager in all their work and they sang with such abandon. The people themselves are building a new school a little distance from the old village. There are ten thousand people crowded together there

in a very small space. The opportunity is enormous, as there is only the one school. There should be a woman who could do public health work and work with the women. That is the greatest need of all just now.

The drive in from the coast was most interesting. The road took us over three ranges of hills, the highest being six thousand feet. From the highest point in the pass you get a marvellous view down the valleys and over the smaller hills. For some hours we drove through desert country, a spur of the Kalihari Desert which comes down along the coast, and saw the old slave trails over which so many thousands of weary men and women passed in the days gone by.

At Bailundo, where we spent the first night, the school boys and girls were all lined up on each side of the road to greet us, and they sang their welcome song as we passed down the line. Such basses I have never heard anywhere. Bailundo is the earliest station of the mission. Dr. Currie was there for a time when he first came to Angola. We visited the grave of the first Mrs. Currie. About a thousand people gathered for evening prayers in the church that night, and again we were overwhelmed with the beauty of their voices. Daniel, the man who went down to the coast to meet Dr. Currie and who afterwards went with him from Bailundo to Chissamba, addressed Dr. Arnup and presented him with a divining basket. He was a most interesting old man, grown grey in the service of his Master. His son is the teacher in the school at Lobito, of which I spoke. The wife of the pastor there spoke some words of welcome to me and presented me with a basket containing articles used by women in their worship and in connection with child-birth.

On our way next morning we stopped on the road to greet a group of people, young and old, who had come out from their village to meet us. Everywhere we have gone we have had the same experience. People have come from such long distances just to greet us. At Lutamo we found that several chiefs, who had

walked ninety miles, were here to meet us! It made me feel very humble.

Regional schools are a new development out here and we had the opportunity that morning of an unhurried visit to one of the largest. The school term was over, but the teacher had returned and called the children in again just to show us what their programme is. There are about 160 children in the school, about a third of whom are girls. They sang for us and greeted us and then we saw their classes actually in operation; I was especially interested in the excellent physical training classes. The children come in to these regional schools from the villages in the area and stay there from Monday to Friday. They bring their own food from home. The people from their villages come in before school opens and erect little huts for sleeping. They also pay the teacher themselves. So these schools are no charge on the mission. There was a boy of about fourteen years old as assistant to the teacher, who was most energetic; he is a student at Currie Institute, and during the dry season he assists in this school. We watched him teach a lesson in arithmetic and were so amused at the expression of disgust on his face when the children would make a mistake! He is a real teacher.

That day we had two more receptions, one at Means School, when the girls greeted us and presented us with flowers. One girl led us all in prayer of thanks to God for our safe arrival. There are about 160 girls at Means School this year, the largest enrolment they have ever had. They looked so attractive in their white dresses, and they all had such bright faces. They gave me a bowl of orchids, which, by the way, grow wild here.

From Means School we went on to Lutamo. There we found the pupils of the school and the people of this area gathered; there seemed to be several hundred lined up to greet us. As we passed between the lines they began to sing one of the native songs with which they would receive a chief. It was quite impressive. As we walked from the car

to the house all the group followed us, singing about the powerful white people who had come up out of the sea—a traditional song. One man led and the rest sang the refrain. Again we listened to greetings from several representatives of the group. Then the chiefs came up to offer their greetings. They looked like such interesting old men. Words are absolutely inadequate to express our impressions of this country and the wonderful people. Personally I feel as though I had slipped back into missionary work myself. Ever since I arrived in Lobito and saw the missionary home I have felt that I was back in China. There is a slight difference in the colour of the people and in the contour of the country, but the spirit of the people, and the work of the missionaries, is the same, and I feel right at home.

I am writing this letter in Miss Rutherford's office and there has been a succession of teachers, elders and women all the time. The wife of one of the teachers has just gone. She is a graduate of Means School and is now living in one of the farthest outstations with her husband. They walked up, sleeping three nights on the way. She had her baby on her back, and a sweet wee thing it is. Just now I had to stop to receive a chicken which the pastor here, Chilulu, and his wife sent over. I called on them yesterday. Last night I was over at the regular evening prayer service here and took the devotional talk for the pastor. It was a great sight to see five hundred young folk gathered at the close of the day to return thanks to God. There are 460 boys and girls in the school here and with the teachers and others from the neighbourhood about five hundred were present.

On Sunday we worshipped in the church at the Institute. The students from Currie Institute, Means School, and the school at Lutamo all attend there. That makes twelve hundred, and then there are about three hundred others who live in this area. So there was a congregation of 1,500! The singing from that large group of people was marvel-

lous. Dr. Arnup preached. In the afternoon we went out to Lomue, an outstation about seven miles away, for communion and baptismal service. Twenty-one babies and forty-five adults were baptized. The communion service followed immediately. It was a profoundly moving experience to take communion with these people, so recently out of paganism. A preaching service followed at which Dr. Arnup again spoke. Twelve hundred people had gathered for this service from fifteen villages. It lasted from two o'clock to nearly five. I can picture the consternation of a Canadian audience who had to stay for that length of time! It is tragic that we have lost our enthusiasm in our religious life. The church secretary has been in to the office



GOATS ARE BEING RAISED IN OUR AFRICAN MISSION FIELD TO SUPPLY MILK FOR CHILDREN. THEIR HAIR IS ALSO UTILIZED AND WOVEN INTO CLOTH

while I have been writing this letter and he tells us that he sold seven and a half angolares' worth of books that afternoon, Bibles, Bible stories and books for simple reading.

Yesterday we spent some time talking to the deacons and elders who had come in from the district. There were about twenty present and not one of them was from a Christian home. All had begun life in pagan surroundings. We listened to their stories with deep emotion as they told how they had been persecuted and yet had held firm in their faith and what Jesus Christ means to them in their own lives. They were ask-

ing for extra missionaries to help in the great work here. This district has work in two hundred villages, and still there are areas untouched. Dr. Tucker is going home on furlough and they are distressed for the work. Miss Mackenzie will be the only foreign worker in all that area. Dr. Arnup reminded them that the real responsibility rested on them for the progress of the Kingdom here. They all said with one accord, "We will not disappoint you." Pray God that we may not disappoint them.

Yours most sincerely,

ONDONA RUTH.

(Otherwise known as Ruth H. Taylor.)

Mrs. J. B. Willmott

A Tribute



MRS. J. B. WILLMOTT

IN the death of Mrs. J. B. Willmott, Toronto, the Woman's Missionary Society lost one of its most outstanding members of earlier years. Mrs. Willmott (Margaret Bowes) was born in 1843, in Milton, Ont., educated in the local school and in Hamilton Ladies' College. In 1864 she married Dr. Willmott, of the same town, and they later moved to Toronto. From early years, Mrs. Will-

mott had been interested in her Church and in Toronto she joined Old Adelaide Church, later the Metropolitan, interesting herself in many of its activities. In the Woman's Missionary Society the Evening Auxiliaries were her special interest. She organized a number and she often paid fees for girls who were not able to do so themselves. She became President of Metropolitan Auxiliary and later President of the Toronto Conference Branch, a position which she held for twenty-nine years.

Mrs. Willmott was a strong believer in prayer. She organized, in 1900, a Friday morning prayer-meeting which met for many years at ten o'clock in the morning, first in the Wesley Buildings and later in the Metropolitan Church, and she rarely missed one of these herself. Prayer for the missionaries was the prevailing featude. In the same way, even in later years when she was almost blind and deaf, she attended church service.

On a trip to Bermuda many years ago she organized a branch of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Methodist Church at Hamilton. This has become the Bermuda Presbyterial of the Maritime Conference Branch, linking that far-off place with the more northern Auxiliaries in prayer and service.

The Blessing of the Waters

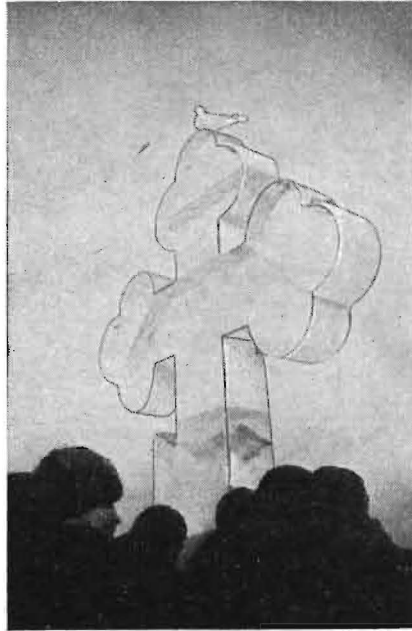
A. LENORA ARMSTRONG, R.N., LUNGCHING'SUN, KOREA.

AWAY north in the city called Harbin, in Manchukuo, our Russian friends celebrate Christmas. Their Christmas commences two weeks after ours and the season lasts for two weeks. There are large church celebrations with wonderful music. Members of the Greek Orthodox Church have little shrines in their homes with pictures of Mary and the Saints, and at special times candles are lighted in front of these shrines.

The last day of the holiday is celebrated by a ceremony called "The Blessing of the Waters." We, with pilgrims from other parts of the country, came to attend this ceremony. The last day dawned clear, cold and wintry, a day when one needed the warmest wraps and, if one had them, high Russian boots, as the ceremony was held on the frozen Sungari River, than which no colder spot could be found in all Harbin. By ten or eleven o'clock a large crowd had gathered on the river and every one was striving to secure a good place near the roped-off circle surrounding the central object. This was a forty-four foot cross, made of ice. On the top of it was a dove, also carved in ice, and when the sun shone brightly both dove and cross gave off beautiful lights. From a round hole the holy water was secured. But as we were trying to hold our places and watching the throng of Russians, Chinese, Japanese, and the occasional missionary being kept within bounds by stalwart Russian or Man-

churian police, we noticed many leaving. Where were they going? To watch those who were brave enough to take a dip in the near-by icy pool. It is said that no one has ever taken cold from a dip

in the pool at this time. But who are these coming down the hill from the city, singing as they march and carrying banners and sacred pictures? We watch as they enter the tree-planted, icy circle, wearing their round black caps and brilliant robes. These long-bearded men are the Russian priests and they conduct the ceremony, "The Blessing of the Waters." The deep-voiced choirs sang beautifully and we wished we had been blessed with the understanding of tongues. Just before the close of the service white doves were loosed from cages and it seemed



THE GREEK CROSS ALL MADE OF ICE,
HARBIN

Note the dove on top.

to be counted a good omen when they alighted on the icy cross, the banners or the holy pictures. Many of the worshippers were children, but old and young, priest and peasant, rich and poor, modern and old-fashioned were there. When the ice was pierced, there was a rush of holy water and in the rush the throng made to secure it the crowd-confining ropes were broken and we were carried along by an excited crowd. Branches of the now holy pine trees were broken off and carried home by the worshippers, some to rich and some to poor homes. Some rode down the hill on fast-going sleds to hurry along the homeward journey, and these sleds were pushed and

guided by Russians or Manchurians. We, too, were glad to hurry home and be warmed by a Russian stove in the home of an American missionary with whom we were staying. As we rested after the day, we realized that at the Christmas season the love of the Christ Child is shown by many people of varied tongues in many lands.

*The new moon at Christmas
Is like a little boat,
That the winds out of Paradise
Set sweetly afloat.
With the Star at its masthead,
Its sails of silver bright,
The new moon at Christmas
Brings home the World's Delight.*

—Katherine Tynan.

*From a Pax Christmas Card.

An Epistle to a Missionary

When Dr. Choné Oliver went to India in January, 1902, several of the Honan missionaries were in Central India helping in the work because China was closed on account of the Boxer rebellion. Dr. Murdoch MacKenzie was among them, and the following was his letter of welcome to Dr. Oliver.

Dear Dr. Oliver:

I bid you a most hearty welcome to your field of service for God in Central India. You are coming as I am leaving for a portion of God's vineyard which is dearer to my heart than India, although this land is very dear to me, too.

India will call for all the physical vigour and health you can command, her daughters will give you as much disease and weak health to deal with as your best skill can manage, and God will bestow on you all the grace which in your highest spiritual moments your heart can desire. You might have been able to do much for Christian Canada. You can do more by coming to India. There are strong and tender ties binding you to the great Dominion. You will soon have Christ-like sympathy passing through your heart and binding you with wonderfully strong bonds to India's suffering mothers and daughters. You will have much to learn in India and possibly not a little to unlearn, too. You have obeyed the voice of Jesus when He said, "Come unto Me!" Listen to Him as He says, "Learn of Me!" You may at times be disappointed with sister and brother workers; it is almost certain that you will often be disappointed with yourself, but it will be passing strange if you can ever be disappointed with Jesus Christ. Let it be one of your aims in life to disappoint His loving heart as seldom as you can. May His joy be your strength.

Good methods of doing mission work have been tried in all lands. There may be better ways yet to be discovered. Keep your eyes, ears and mind always open. Be yourself, and no slavish copy of any other person. Do your Master's will in His spirit as God opens up the way before you.

It is possible that I may not have an opportunity of seeing you in India. If I should not, rest assured that I wish you very much joy in Christ's service, very many years in which to labour for Him in India, and very many precious lives as your crown of rejoicing.

He says, "Lo, I am with you always."

Yours, in Christian hope and service,

MURDOCH MACKENZIE.



LAME KISHAN AND THE LAST TWO FAMILIES BAPTIZED, HAT PIPLIA, INDIA

Lame Kishan

A Home Mission project of the Hat Piplia Woman's Missionary Society.

A. ETHEL GLENDINNING, CENTRAL INDIA

"**W**E have a very urgent call to put a worker into a Ballai village. Is there any one you could recommend? I cannot put one of our present staff in and you know we are not allowed to open new work from mission funds; but they do seem so eager I should be willing to finance it myself. Perhaps our local W.M.S. Auxiliary will help." This was my request to a fellow missionary.

After some reflection, she replied, "Well, there is one man I think of, Lame Kishan. He is not a product of the schools, but he can read and has been going about the villages, singing and explaining hymns to the people."

So it came about that when we were next in camp at this village I sent a message to Kishan. He came along alone one night after dark and our boy was about to send him off when he discovered that this was the new worker we were expecting. Kishan is quite lame

and gets about with difficulty, but his heart is aglow and he is eager to pass on to others the sure knowledge he has of Jesus as Saviour.

The day after his arrival we took him to the village and called the men together to meet him. They all seemed willing that he should live in their village. However, as I wanted him to teach, not only the children, but the men as well, I kept him with me for the rest of the touring season, and gave him some lessons in using the new Laubach method of teaching adults to read, as well as some instruction in the newer methods of teaching children.

The last day of camp we took him to his new field of labour. The head man was away, but his wife said he might live in part of their house, and assured us that we need not fear for him, as they would look after him. He is one of their own caste and they look up to him.

The village is on the beaten path to one of the large markets and men are constantly dropping in to chat with him. Kishan is then in his element as he loves to sing the Indian hymns and expound them to his fellow countrymen.

During a stay at our Hat Piplia Hospital, when he brought a son of the head man for treatment, I took him daily to the surrounding villages to introduce him to more of his caste people. They were all glad to meet him and one head man was insistent that he be given to them as their teacher.

One night, during the following hot season, some one set fire to the house of the headman and it, together with almost all the other houses in the village, was destroyed. No lives were lost but their worldly all was gone. Kishan stayed with them during this trial, suffering privation along with his charges. Our congregation took up a subscription to help them buy grain, for which they were most grateful.

In October, the headman and his family were baptized. This led to persecution, as the others in the village were opposed to such a step. In January of

this year, when we went there to camp, we found that one of the men had cut all the branches off the trees under which we pitch our tents. This necessitated our moving farther into the jungle to camp. Nevertheless, during our two weeks' stay we got an insight into the hold Kishan has over the men of the village. We were led to pray that the whole village might be won. In March two more families of eight people came out and identified themselves with the Christian group in baptism.

From many of the villages the relatives of these three families are now interested and a number of them have been baptized. The Hat Piplia Woman's Missionary Society have shared in this fruitful work from the first, and since I came home have taken over Kishan's full support. So the work has become a home mission project.

Word has come that at present Kishan is ill in the Hat Piplia hospital. He has endured hardships and they have taken their toll from his none too robust health. Let us join in praying that he may be spared to carry on his good work.



A GROUP AT GENERAL COUNCIL, 1938

Left to right—first row: Pearl Chiang, recently returned to West China, after having spent several years in postgraduate study in Canada and United States; Tomi Hayakawa, from Japan, now studying at the United Church Training School and the University of Toronto; Helen Tung, from Honan. Second row: Ming Chong, Canadian Chinese studying medicine at the University of Toronto; Mrs. G. E. Forbes, President of the Dominion Board; Wilma Samlalsingh, from Trinidad, studying at Alma College, St. Thomas.

What Is the Church?

Questions were sent out far and wide in preparation for the Conference which meets this month in Madras, India. The following was in reply to the question, "What is your idea of the Church?" sent to the pastors of Lifu, one of the Loyalty Islands in the South Pacific Ocean, near New Caledonia. "Would that all writings on the nature of the Church were as simple," wrote Dr. Douglas Horton in forwarding the article to the editor of "World Christianity." Translated into the French by the missionary at Lifu, M. Etienne Bergeret, it was rendered into English by Miss M. H. Horton.

TO you who are organizing the great Christian conference to be held in India in 1938:

We, the pastors of the churches of the island of Lifu, wish to express, first of all, the joy which is in our hearts at the thought of being able to participate in the conference by means of this message which we address to you. We have tried in all humility to explain what the Church, the family of God's children, means to us.

I. God's family may be compared to a choir. There are various parts in a song and there may be a great many singers. In order that the song should be beautiful, however, all the singers must sing in the same key; this is essential. Then they must all follow the same beat; the ensemble depends upon this. If the singers like and understand each other, their singing will be harmonious and the listeners entranced.

The essential, or the right "key" for the Church, is the Holy Spirit. The whole Church should come together, work harmoniously and receive inspiration under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Different nationalities and men of different temperaments may unite together in a common ideal, in a common way of life, and in common action for the common good. May your conference experience such a harmonious blending of voices and receive such a vision of our united Christian family!

II. There grows a tree on our islands which may be compared to the Church; this is the cocoa-tree.

The cocoa-tree grows only in a certain kind of ground; it flourishes only in sandy places. Jesus is the ground in which alone the Church can flourish.

There is much to say about the cocoa-tree, as there is about the Church. The cocoa-tree is slow to ripen. After seven



WOMEN'S CHAPEL, MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

or ten years of waiting, it brings forth fruit, but once it has begun to give fruit, it never stops. Every part of the cocoa-tree is useful; the roots make a healing medicine; a hole in the trunk of the tree collects the rain water; the sap makes a pleasant drink; the trunk may be sawed into boards and used for timber; one can thatch houses with the leaves or use them to make bags, mats, brooms or baskets; the fibres are used to make tongs to lift hot stones from our ovens; the stems on which the clusters of cocoanuts grow are used as brushes to whitewash our walls or to sweep our floors; the nuts give copra and the nut shells are used as kindling for fires or to make little bowls; the fibre-like covering of the trunk is made into ropes and padding for mattresses; the kernel of the nut seasons our food, feeds our chickens, and makes our pigs fat for market; the heart of the cocoa-tree is good to eat and makes delicious salads; we use the juice of the green nut in communion, in place of wine, to symbolize the blood of our Lord. It is unbelievable that from one single tree one can obtain so many useful things.

And similarly from the Church, if it is dedicated to Christ, spring an immense

number of big and little things, essential to life.

III. To cultivate the land, we kill the undesirable trees by burning them. In order that the fire may be strong enough to destroy a big tree, one must collect many little pieces of wood and heap them up around the base of the tree.

The Holy Spirit is the flame, the fire which consumes, and we, the members of the Church, are the little pieces of wood. We must be collected together to catch fire and have strength enough to destroy the evil in the world around us; the warring instinct, the fight for money, covetings of the flesh, etc.

IV. There is an old superstition in our islands; in families with many brothers and sisters, the older ones respect and love the youngest son because he is "the child of old age." They believe that the spirit and the soul of the father have

passed to the youngest son; if they do harm to him, they do harm to their father, while, if they honour and love him, they honour and love their father. Those who respect and love this child of old age receive a special benediction; those who do not, receive a curse.

We believe that in the family which is the Church of Jesus Christ there are, also, many children of old age, the feeble, the ignorant, those whom the light of Jesus Christ has not yet touched, as well as the sick and the poor. It is these little children whom our Heavenly Father loves particularly. We must love and respect them, too, in the family which is the Church.

We must stop here, but we beg you to let us know the exact dates of the conference so that, although we are far removed from you in body, we may unite with you in thought and in prayer.

Christian Stewardship and Finance

HOW is your 1938 W.M.S. year going to end?

It has been suggested early in the year, and also in the Conference on Financial Policy and Plans at the Dominion Board meeting in May, that a local committee—President, Treasurer and Christian Stewardship and Finance Secretary, meet each month to give a closer check up on monthly or quarterly contributions.

If this suggestion has been carried out at all carefully, December will not hold the usual ominous anxiety. If the organization has a monthly or quarterly budget, rigidly adhered to, this last month should see just a natural finishing up of the year's work, rather than the hectic scrambling, incidental to unsystematic and haphazard gathering in of the funds of the Society.

The budget plan—with systematic giving as the pivotal method of income—does obliterate worry, anxiety, disappointment. When this local committee has met and appraised the year's effort, unless an increase over the

givings of 1937 has been achieved, do not stop yet. We need every dollar!

Bear in mind that the Estimates covering the work on the fields for 1940 must be governed by the income from the Branches during 1938. How important that extra effort! The cuts have been maintained for several years now because of continued falling income. Every piece of work cries out for more support. Greater opportunities for service press in on every side. More money will mean more missionary maintenance.

In 1937 we had 2,588 afternoon Auxiliaries, 411 Evening Auxiliaries, 509 Mission Circles, a total of 3,508 organizations. Suppose each one increased ten dollars in 1938, over 1937—\$35,080. Read on page 34 of the Thirteenth Annual Report: "To restore all salaries to normal would mean increasing the Estimates by \$39,311.43." (So it isn't beyond our reach, is it?) Read all that page.

Fill in annual report forms promptly, fully, conscientiously, prayerfully. Secretaries in Presbyterial, Branch and Dominion Board, in turn, need this information for their reports.

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



From Coast to Coast

Christmas Welcome

Get your gifts ready,
And set in your window a light,
For a guest comes tonight.

Let the light shine on
The distant dark road, like a star,
For He has to come far.

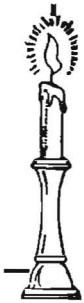
Watch at your windows,
Be instant to open the door,
For He may be footsore—

Coming to you thro'
The storm, and with hands and feet
scarred—
And so many doors barred!

And you—bid Him in;
Let Him hansom* your books and your toys,
For He loves girls and boys.

—*Greatheart.*

* To use for the first time.



Our Hospitals

The following are brief extracts from a fine report given to the October Executive by Mrs. Colin Young, Secretary of Medical Missions.

Last June, accompanied by my daughter and Mrs. H. M. Kipp, we left Toronto by motor to visit the W.M.S. mission hospitals in Western Canada. In Teulon, Manitoba, the staff has been able to create a piece of work, not only in the hospital, but in the community through the School Homes that is deserving of the highest praise. Dr. Hunter, who inaugurated this great work in 1902 in the present building, has accomplished, according to his pioneer ideals, an undertaking that is second to none on the frontier.

One of the most delightful things to report is about Miss Yak, a Ukrainian student in our School Home who afterwards graduated with distinction from one of Winnipeg General Hospitals, after which she became a member on our hospital staff. To-day she is one of its most efficient and beloved members. And still another Ukrainian girl, who was ward helper for two years, has just entered a hospital in Winnipeg, to begin her training and her fondest hope is that she may return to the Hunter Hospital where she first received her inspiration to enter the nursing profession.

Our visit to the Elizabeth M. Crowe Hospital at Eriksdale, was perhaps one of our happiest surprises. All the things that stood for inefficiency had been eliminated. The

present superintendent has had to surmount many difficulties; for instance, when the church was burned, Miss Hilditch arranged that the regular services would be held in the hospital, till such time as a new building could be secured. Then the tragic death of Dr. Poser, who had been there for many years and had served the people so well, was a great loss to our hospital. We were indeed fortunate to have a superintendent who could manage the maternity work and for a year Miss Hilditch carried on alone. We found here that every one was interested and working for the success of the hospital. The fine co-operation that exists between the staff and the townsfolk is largely brought about through the Women's Guild which is comprised of various nationalities and creeds. The president is a Roman Catholic and there is perfect harmony.

The settlement at Gypsumville is one hundred and sixty-one miles from Winnipeg, the end of steel, with only three trains a week and the nearest doctor fifty miles away. We have a nurse and community worker doing a splendid piece of work, ministering to those lonely frontier settlers. We went to the church of which they are so proud and had the pleasure of meeting a group of young girls who were being instructed in leadership.

June 16th found us at Ethelbert at our fine hospital which was built in 1914 to accommodate fifteen patients, but is not being very well patronized. Although Dauphin is only

fifty miles to the south, there is a large area to the north not yet covered by medical or community work, and there is much work yet to be done in breaking down prejudices and welding the people together.

A wonderful work is being done at Pine River. A year ago, the settlers in that community undertook to build a church, supplying most of the material and doing all the labour. Last winter, services were held in the basement, but they hoped to be able to contribute enough money this fall to enable them to finish the upstairs. Miss McArthur has won the confidence of the people with whom she works by her understanding and unselfish devotion.

Smeaton, in Saskatchewan, is seventy miles from Prince Albert—a frontier hospital indeed. It was opened six years ago; 300 babies have been born here, and not one mother's life lost. I asked the doctor how many of these mothers would have had medical care without the hospital; he said not more than one per cent!

The John Neil Hospital is situated on one of Canada's beauty spots. Picture, if you can, a promontory jutting out into beautiful Cold Lake, Alta., and on that point stands the hospital commanding a view of beauty from every angle. They were very busy and we had a delightful time visiting the patients and in the nursery at the babies' feeding time. I had the pleasure of visiting in many of the homes and everywhere we were met with kindness and cordiality. Here, as elsewhere, the three great precepts of our Lord's ministry, preaching, teaching and healing is put into practice. Here too, there is overcrowding and very poor accommodation for the staff.

From Cold Lake we journeyed southwest to Bonnyville, a distance of forty-five miles, to the Catherine H. Prittie Hospital; the original hospital was burned, but in a very short time was rebuilt. This pioneer hospital is fully equipped and modern in every way. It was a happy time as one of the helpers was to be married the day after we left. The young lady's family were busy with preparations and all regretted that it was not possible for us to wait for the wedding. We were unable to visit the Girls' School Home as they were in quarantine with scarlet fever. We had dinner with Mrs. Burge at the Boys' Home and met the boys.

Late in August I spent a day at the Anna

Turnbull Hospital at Wakaw. I found the hospital full to overflowing with non-paying patients. In the nursery there were seven babies. In my opinion there is still need for our work here.

Owing to the condition of the roads, it was necessary to change our mode of travel and from Edmonton we took the train to Peace River where we were met by Dr. Doidge and motored seventy-five miles to Battle River where our newest hospital is situated. It was with rather a pleasurable hope that we looked forward to our visit here; but there were some disappointments. The hospital is located four miles from the church over a very bad road that makes it impossible for our nurses to assist in any of the church activities. When we think of the services the nurses are rendering in the church life of communities, what an opportunity for the same work here. This will be frontier country for a long time and I am thankful that we have nurses and doctors anxious to serve in the lonely places.

We are back in the east at St. Paul's Hospital at Hearst, Ontario. I had heard about the crowded conditions here, but never did I realize what it meant to carry on under such conditions. What did I see! Every available space occupied, in the wards and in the corridors. The hospital accommodation is for twenty-eight beds, thirty-two being registered to meet the government demand, most of the time there are over forty patients, forty-three while we were there. To show the high standard of service, the medical superintendent holds, their policy is never to turn a patient away, they have even had to resort to using the case room, especially when a patient is brought off the train, creating an emergency.

We must believe in this work we are doing and any one who has seen it as I have this past summer could not feel, but that it is one of the finest pieces of work The United Church is rendering to-day. And if it is not done, we will lose the opportunity of giving a life-time service to sick and suffering humanity.

Correction

The picture spoken of as Duval School in the November *MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, in Mrs. Pollard's article, is the *Williamsville* School at a new preaching point on the circuit. Duval has both high and public school buildings.

News from Overseas



Here is a charming picture of our missionary, Miss Alice McFadden, B.Sc., now Mrs. S. Harley Jenner, Chengtu, West China, taken at the wedding in June. Dr. Helen Lousley is bridesmaid, and Eleanor Williams the attractive little flower girl.

It is good to know that the work of the Household Science Department at Chengtu, so ably carried on by Miss McFadden, is making good progress under Miss Liu this year. She lives with the girls of the Junior Middle School in the Domestic Science Practice Home. Last year they had two small children and a four-months-old baby, and the latter was a great venture, giving the girls a practical demonstration of the theory of child care, feeding, bathing, clothing and habit training.

This year with the group are the children of one of the Professors of Nanking University, and it gives the girls responsibility and enjoyment, too, to care for these children. The older girls of the Senior Middle School put into practice their theories at nutrition laboratory work. They make meals for normal healthy adults, children, fever patients, rickshaw pullers, etc. They also learn a little foreign cooking. These meals are afterwards served in their new dining-room.

Korea

The Korean Council of The United Church met in the delightful setting of row upon row of hills and the long waves of the ocean rolling

up over the sandy beach. Rev. D. A. MacDonald was chairman and it was one of the last of the wider activities in which he was engaged, for he died suddenly in September. Fraternal delegates from Japan were Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Bott, and Mr. Bott gave an account of some phases of work in the Japan mission.

One of the outstanding features was the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Korea mission, with a number of speakers picturing the lives of the pioneers. Miss Louise McCully, the first woman missionary, related her experiences. Sports and a picnic supper were special features.



MISS TOMI HAYAKAWA

Japanese W.M.S. scholarship student now studying in Canada. This picture was taken at the School for Leaders, Whitby, Ontario.

Auxiliaries

Books as Christmas Gifts

BOOKS which give an understanding and appreciation of other peoples promote "peace and good-will toward men." What finer Christmas gift than such a book! Several are described in an article on the Mission Circle page. One W.M.S. officer said that in future the little children in her circle of friends will not receive from her just another toy or knitted article but books such as "More True Stories," and their mothers will receive books like "Towards a Friendly World." See the Mission Band page and the Literature pages for other suggestions.

Might we at this Christmastime give gifts to our Presbyterian libraries so that these books which further world friendship might go out as messengers of good-will to Auxiliaries which have no access to such books. Select from the "Canada Bookshelf."

What It Means to be a Second-Generation Girl	\$.35
Candles in the Heart, Annie B. Kerr ...	1.25
Elizabeth MacDougall, Edna Kells10
With the West in Her Eyes, Kathleen Strange	2.50
Trails and Tales of the Northland, J. C. Cochrane35
Oriental in Canada, S. S. Osterhout35
Canadian Farmer and the Machine Age, W. M. Drummond10
City Shadows, Robert Searle60
Life of Principal Oliver, Clarence MacKinnon	1.50
Through Missionary Windows25

One missionary in India sent home money for seven copies of "Through Missionary Windows" as gifts to her friends in Canada. Here is an idea worth passing on.

Temperance and Christian Citizenship

Seasonal Suggestions

DECEMBER returns, bringing with it the happiest festival of our Christian year, when we remember the Advent of the supreme gift of God's grace to us, the Babe of Bethlehem. Truly this is a time when home and family relationships are very dear. As Chris-

tians we thank God for the gift of His love, for personal liberty, and for the peace within our land. But these very joys grow in significance as we share them with folk in our midst who, far from home and loved ones, are infinitely lonely or with less fortunate ones. Then comes the review of the year and the resolution that 1939 will be more sincerely and vitally Christian in so far as we are responsible.

The observance of Christmas and New Year's has become increasingly pagan, commercialized, exploited by materialistic forces. Is it necessary that we Christians should let our sacred occasions be so degraded? Too often we have contributed to it or failed to rise above it. Once again we call all members of the Woman's Missionary Society and women of our Church to renew the pledge taken this year at the annual meeting of the Dominion Board.

"That whereas there is apparent in Canada an alarming trend toward incorporating the habit of drinking into the observance of Christmas, New Year's and other celebrations, the Dominion Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada appeals to its members to maintain the standard of exercising their hospitality at all times so as to exclude alcoholic beverages from their homes;

"That the Dominion Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada requests its members to exercise great care to nurture the youth of Canada in the ideals of true Christian hospitality, and to this end that Christian homes be opened at all times to young people and that beverage alcohol be not served."

Let us not do anything either by deliberate action or passive acquiescence that may cause any one to begin the downward path to a life of suffering. Can we not rise to Paul's standard: "Wherefore if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." (1 Cor. 8: 13.) If life is to be freed of the evils that prey upon it Christians must lead the way. Can we not use our ingenuity as hostesses to make these days rich in their deeper meaning and leave no bitter sting.

(MRS. THEODORE) M. A. TRICKEY, *Secretary*.

Friendship Corner

Our Debt to the Stranger

*What do we owe him?
A friendly hand,
And the kindness that he
Can understand;
A hearty welcome,
A friendly smile,
That lightens his burden
All the while.*

*A little patience,
To teach him, too,
What is the proper
Way to do.
Talk with him often
Along the way
None know how lonely
He is today.*

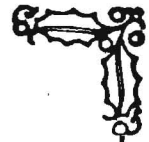
*Tell him we're brothers
And race nor creed
E'er matter when others
Are in need.
That great is the vision
We all must see
To make this the country
We'd have it be.*

*And not for self
Is our highest aim,
While "the good of all"
Is the right we claim.
So hasten the day
When one common tie
Will bind all the world's
Humanity.*

—Selected from material collected by the late Mrs. J. M. West, Former Strangers' Secretary of the Dominion Board.



**The Annual Meeting
of
Auxiliary or Mission Circle**



January, 1939.

Opening Worship (5 minutes).

HYMN: "Lord, while for all mankind we pray," *The Hymnary*, 519.

LEADER:

You love your country? Love is proved by deeds
And not by waving flags and shouting cheers.
Know, know your country, know her hopes, her needs,
And make her strong against the surging years.
You love her woods, her hills, her plains, her streams?
Then help to keep them all that they should be.
You love her people? Help to make their dreams
Of joy for all a proud reality.
You love her glory? Keep it free from scorn,
Let no foul blot of wrong deface her scroll.
Oh, love means duty—burdens gladly borne;
Then serve your country, serve her with your soul!

—Arthur Guiterman.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison).

Business Period (10 minutes).

Annual Reports (20 minutes).

Plan at an Executive meeting for a brief but interesting report on the work of 1938. Group the reports as follows: (1) Corresponding Secretary and Leaders of Younger Groups; (2) Treasurer and Secretary of Christian Stewardship; and (3) departmental secretaries. Have figures re membership, givings, etc., printed on chart or blackboard beside those for 1937. Avoid detailed reports, give high lights only; draw attention to the strength and weakness of the year's work; and, above all, have each secretary present a definite appeal for some forward step in 1939.

The Programme for the meetings from January to June, as outlined by the Executive, should be presented and approved. Ideally it should include plans for a gathering, designed to interest others in the Church's work in Canada, such as an International Tea or Luncheon (see "How to Use," pages 10-11) or the Pageant, "Canada's High Adventure" (see "How to Use," pages 42-46).

Installation of Officers (10 minutes), conducted by the minister or a past-president. Secure the Installation Service (price 5 cents).

Missionary Programme (25 minutes), conducted by a "Group" or Committee. "The Church Reaches Out," Chapter III, "The World in Canada," by J. I. MacKay. See the suggested Programme in "How to Use," pages 24-28.

The Worship Service (20 minutes).

THEME FOR THE YEAR: "Making Canada Christian."

THEME FOR JANUARY:

"Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today."

LEADER: "Prayer is like a vast house, a House of God, but built for men. The roads that lead into this House of Prayer are called 'Meditation.' The roads that lead out are the roads of service, the roads of love that carry one away from self and bring God's power to meet men's needs."

Let us *meditate* upon God's love as revealed in Jesus, a love that reaches out seeking every one of His children.

HYMN: "O Master of the waking world," *The Hymnary*, 261.

BIBLE READING: Luke 15: 1-10 (see below).

LEADER: Let us enter the *House of Prayer*.

PRAYERS: (1) A prayer for the sick and the suffering in our land and for our missionary doctors and nurses who reach out to bring them health and healing; (2) a prayer for all underprivileged boys and girls in Canada, especially for Indian boys and girls and those in isolated settlements, and for our missionaries who reach out to give them Christian training in Schools and Homes; and (3) a prayer for all young missionaries of our Church in Canada, men and women, and for the new candidates for missionary service so urgently needed.

LEADER: Let us resolve to follow the *roads of service*.

OFFERING: Presentation of the first monthly (or weekly) envelopes for the year, or of written pledges to give systematically through envelopes, for which a special appeal has been made in advance.

HYMN: "We give Thee but Thine own," *The Hymnary*, 374.

BENEDICTION: Our Father, those things that we believe in our hearts, and say with our lips, may we practise in our lives, as followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Bible Reading

PARABLES OF MAN'S WORTH TO GOD Luke 15: 1-10.

Read also Matthew 18: 12-14; John 10: 10, 16. Jesus never forgot the presence of women in the groups who gathered to hear Him. Again and again, as here, he used an illustration from the occupation of men and then gives a parallel from the everyday life of women. (See, for example, Matthew 13: 31-33; 25: 1, 30.)

"You all," Jesus seems to say, "know the thrill of finding something you have lost. It is natural to search for lost property. Even God searches for what He has lost. You rabbis ought to be co-operating with God, as I am, in seeking the lost instead of criticizing me."

It is important to understand what Jesus means by "lost" and "found," just as to understand his distinction between "dead" and "alive." All of these terms referred to a condition of life here and now in this world. To "live" was to possess the "abundant life" of God's Kingdom. To be "dead" was to miss that higher, richer life which is available to those who come into fellowship with God through doing His will. So a person is "lost" if he is not in his proper place, if he is not in God's family, enjoying God's fellowship and engaged in His service. To be "found" is to find one's place in God's Kingdom. It matters to God that *one* person should be outside the family circle. Each one counts; each one is wanted and needed. God reaches out to bring everyone into the abundant life of the Kingdom. The Church, like Jesus, should be co-operating with God in this quest.

One clause of the Aim and Object of our Society reads: "To share in sending the Gospel of Jesus Christ to *every* Canadian." By our study, prayer and giving we are co-operating with God in reaching out to draw *every* Canadian into the abundant life of God's Kingdom.

"*Before They Call*"—Nellie McClung wrote the story of the Home Missions of The United Church of Canada in 1937. She opens with this true story from the experience of her own family:

"When my people made the long trek from Grey County, Ontario, to Manitoba, in 1880, they went to that section of the country which is now known as the Wawanesa country, about thirty miles south-east of Brandon, making the last lap of the journey—the one hundred and eighty miles from Winnipeg—by ox team and pony cart. We slept in a tent and in the covered wagon; made bannocks in the mouth of the flour sack, cooked them on a camp-fire; arrived in September and lived the first winter in a thatch-roofed log house plastered with mud.

"That first winter the problems of life were centred around the difficulty of keeping warm. There were six of us besides my father and mother, and I was the youngest. The crisis came when my eldest sister took cold, developed pneumonia, and seemed likely to die. There was no doctor nearer than Portage La Prairie, eighty miles away.

"Elsewhere I have described that scene. My mother gave up in despair. The Manitoba blizzard roared past the little house, and death was in the blast. Suddenly a knock sounded on the door and a man on snowshoes entered. It was the Reverend Thomas Hall, a missionary of the Methodist Church, who had come to Millford, five miles away. He had heard that there was a sick girl some place south-west of Millford and, braving the storm, set out to find us.

"How he managed to make his way across the billows of snow God only knows! But he did. He knew something about medicine, and he stayed with us until my sister was out of danger. I remember yet how he prayed—how we all prayed—and how real God was.

"That was my first contact with the Board of Home Missions. It did much to convince me that there is life in the Church. In fact, I have never doubted its vitality.

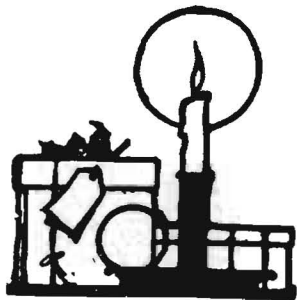
"When years afterwards I heard this verse used as a text for a sermon, 'Before they call I will answer,' I knew what it meant. I knew the promise was not vain. Thomas Hall had come to us across the snow before we called, before we knew there was the slightest chance of anyone's hearing us if we did call in that wild waste of snow and silence."

"*The Other Sheep.*" Read John 10: 16, and this "Psalm of Sharing" quoted in the September MISSIONARY MONTHLY by our Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance:

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want
 He also is the Shepherd of those Other Sheep!
 He would make them to lie down in green pastures;
 He would lead them beside still waters;
 He would restore their souls.
 He would lead them in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
 Yea, though they walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 They need fear no evil, for Thou art with them;
 Thy rod and Thy staff *could* comfort *them*.
 Lord, thou hast prepared a table before me
 In the presence of those Other Sheep!
 Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over,—
 Yea, even enough for them, too!
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 All the days of my life.
 Yet I would that *they*, too,
 May dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

—Amy Welcher, in "Women and Missions."

WINNIFRED THOMAS.



Have You Chosen Your Christmas Gifts?

IN what better way could you remember your friends than to send them a year's subscription to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY? We will send a copy of December, 1938, MISSIONARY MONTHLY, together with a suitable card, bearing your name, and your gift will be continued on through the year to the end of December, 1939, all for the small sum of fifty cents.



Mission Circles



Christmas Shopping

CHRISTMAS time is drawing near, and a book means so much to the person who receives it. As there are "N" more shopping days until Christmas (please supply your own number for "N") why not look over the following list of books with a view to using some of them as gifts for your most discriminating friends? Last year one of my very wise friends gave me, "China Through a College Window." It has meant a great deal to me to have the Chinese students' viewpoint. Such a book would be a fine gift for a student friend.

A fellow Circle member would enjoy "City Shadows," or "Candles in the Heart," as they accompany our Study Book with supplementary stories. An older friend would enjoy "Mrs. Wang's Diary," and so on down the list.

Be wise this Christmas. Give a worthwhile book.

Candles in the Heart, by Annie B. Kerr, is a collection of stories about real people—old and young, but mostly young, who are newcomers to this continent. The experiences of Theresa from Tripoli, Swedish Sigrid, Karl and Elsa, and many others, make interesting reading, but beyond that they enable us to understand some of their problems and perplexities in a new country, and to realize their need of an understanding friend, their joy in such friendship, and the gifts of friendship which they offer in return. (Price 35c.)

City Shadows, by Robert W. Searle, is another adventure in friendship and understanding, for it brings to us the story of fourteen different people, or groups, who live in one of our cities, with more of the handicaps and fewer of the

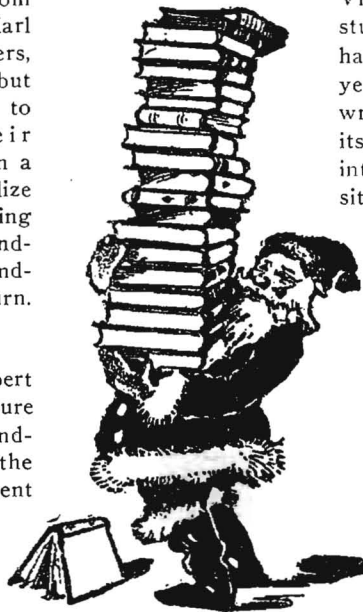
privileges than most of us enjoy. Paul and his street gang; Rose with her desire for pretty American clothes and a good time, and her mother, Anna, who did not understand American ways; Thomas, the negro lad who goes on gamely working for an education, even when he fully realizes his racial handicap; the meaning of "no job" for a young lad and an older man and his wife; old Mrs. Baker; Irving and the shadows of anti-Semitism—with all these we become better acquainted, and with the part which the Church and other Christian agencies may play in the lives of such people. (Price 60c.)

Juliette Derricotte, by Marion Cuthbert, is a brief sketch of a young American negro woman, a Y.W.C.A. Secretary of international fame, whose life was of rare beauty, although she suffered to the full from the colour bar and race prejudice of her homeland. (Price 50c.)

China Through a College Window. When so much of Chinese life is changing, it is of particular interest to read this story, published in 1937, which centres around a Chinese university in a city far inland.

Vividly we see modern Chinese student life and thought as it has developed over the past few years. The story is so well written that it is of interest for itself alone, but it has added interest, in view of the present situation, when to these inland universities there is an influx of students from the other areas of China. (Price 75c.)

Christmas and New Year's Songs is a delightful collection of carols and songs (with music) from a number of countries, largely European, but including also some Asiatic and American folk songs. (Price 35c.)



Mrs. Wang's Diary has been written by one of our own missionaries, Margaret Brown. She has given us this new Chinese friend, for Mrs. Wang becomes as real in many ways as our own nextdoor neighbour. Through her diary we follow Mrs. Wang, day by day throughout the year, in her little inland village of rural China. Her family, her neighbours, her work, the puzzling situations which arise because of the conflict of new ideas and old customs, into all of these the reader enters with Mrs. Wang, and begins also to understand a little better the hope and encouragement which Christianity brings to a Chinese village woman. (Price \$1.00.)

The Life of Principal Oliver, by Clarence Mackinnon, gives us the fine story of a great leader of our Church, and with it a clearer picture of various aspects of our Canadian life. We see the early Ontario-

farm home, the town and city of the nineties, and then the West, particularly Saskatchewan, from the early twentieth century, with its new life and growth, its opportunities and its problems, its educational struggle, as experienced by one who was an integral part of it. (Price \$1.50.)

A Treasure of Darkness, by Mabel Shaw, is a book which various members of a family will enjoy. It is a story of an African child, Mary Livingstone, as she grew from babyhood to her seventh birthday in Mabel Shaw's own school in Northern Rhodesia. The delightful illustrations alone would interest both children and grown-ups, and equally both would enjoy some of the stories and escapades of Mary, while the beauty of the whole story will captivate those who have passed beyond the age of childhood. (Price \$1.50.)

EVELYN FOLLETT and HELEN DAY.

An African Woman's Prayer

At a camp-fire prayer meeting in connection with Communion services held at Etunda-lia-Moma, near Dondi, West Africa.

HEAVENLY Parent, Thou art our Father; Thou art also our Mother. Like a father Thou dost counsel us and guide us and protect us. Mother art Thou to us for Thou dost comfort us and feed us. We are like the little children sitting around the dish of food which mother has prepared. Each may stretch forth the hand and take a portion. And that satisfies. Thou dost feed us from the heavenly dish, Thy word, and the food is Jesus Thy Son who is the Bread of Life. May we eat of Him during this Communion season. Make us true and ready to serve Him. In His name. Amen.

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The setting for the prayer was perfect. Full moon. A chill in the air. Many little camp-fires along the village streets shining through the shelter of branches erected to cut the cool wind of the night. The little children gathered around the fires on which pots were boiling.

To all the prayer was a spiritual uplift; brief but comprehensive and to the point. The element of Motherhood in God is a favourite one with Africans. And quite Biblical too. "The Spirit of God brooded over the face of the deep," says the creation narrative: "hovering like a mother bird," say the Rabbis. "Our mother, the Holy Spirit," is a phrase of the early apologist, Justin Martyr. And that grand phrase in Isaiah: "Like one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

May not the neglect of this side of the nature of God account for the worship of the Virgin Mary, the spiritual heiress to the worship of Diana of the Ephesians?—*Rev. John T. Tucker, Dondi, Angola, Africa.*



A Christmas Carol

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all aright.)*

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)*

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)*

*The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.*

—Gilbert Keith Chesterton.

Christmas in a Pioneer Hospital

CHRISTMAS Eve begins early in the evening, and at least until midnight members of households are very busy doing the numerous things that can be done at that time only. Do you ever wonder what other people are doing at Christmas time?

At the John Neil Hospital, at Cold Lake, Alberta, the staff is busy on Christmas Eve packing boxes to be sent to needy families on Christmas morning. Already boxes of gifts from other places have been unpacked, and now boxes are being filled with good things for Christmas. Besides meat and vegetables, presents for the individual members of the family are put in. Just old clothes, do you think? No, indeed! new things such as stockings, sweaters, mittens, scarves, and things that may not be listed as necessities but are appreciated just the same. Some used things are put in along with the gaily wrapped dolls, games, beads, fancy soaps, hair bandeaux, tops, books and whatever else may be found in the lovely boxes that are sent here for that purpose.



MISS ELSIE HUNT, R.N.

Christmas Day brings a certain amount of excitement in the hospital itself, beginning when the breakfast trays appear, all decorated with Christmas serviettes, fruit and favours for each patient. There are decorations in the windows and doorways and occasionally someone plays carols softly on the piano, which are repeated later in song or whistling as people work. Once in a while a baby cries, visitors quietly come and go or a nurse appears with candy or fruit. The medicines, other treatments and the doctor's visits are attended to as usual. Whoever has fruit-cake cheerfully invites everyone to sample it, and so the day passes.

It is evening and the staff, including the doctor, his wife and little daughter and one or two others, are having dinner in the dining-room. Lights are turned low and coloured lights appear. The Christmas tree looks beautiful with brightly coloured balloons and candles lit. A small camera appears and a picture is taken of the table and all is in readiness.

Later on footsteps are heard on the stairs. Gathering in the hall the party greets no less a personage than Santa himself, fat and jolly, in a shining red suit with white fur and long white whiskers. With jingling bells he descends the stairs and, shaking hands with a very wide-eyed little girl at the bottom,

exclaims, "Well, my little girl, and how are you?" "Daddy!" delightedly shouts the child, and laughter is heard coming from the different wards of the hospital. Santa is loaded with parcels and, taking the little girl with him, visits all the patients, giving to each one a wrapped present.

The Christmas tree in the dining-room is unloaded by Santa and soon Christmas carols are played and sung. The guests depart and all is very quiet. Some hearts have been gladdened by hearing the Christmas message in song and

in sincere Christmas greetings and through gifts useful and needed; and those little things that have been longed for, friends have given. The spirit of peace and good will to men has filled to overflowing one day's programme, made possible by thoughtful friends in other parts of the world.

ELSIE HUNT, R.N.

One of the Special Objects for Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups is \$1,000 for the John Neil Hospital, Cold Lake, Alta. Dr. M. T. Macfarland is the medical missionary there.

Grape Juice Punch

Make syrup of 4 cups sugar and 4 cups water. Boil 10 minutes and seal. For the punch use:

1 cup sugar syrup,
1 pint water,
Juice of 3 lemons,
Juice of 1 orange,
1 pint grape juice.

Serve iced.

This is a delightful drink, the recipe of which was sent in by the Secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship, Mrs. Theodore Trickey.

Christmas Gifts Make Rainbow Bridge

DO you know what a rainbow bridge is? It is a means of communication between two groups of people which brings happiness to both, and which joins them together in the bonds and fellowship of love.

Mothers and Grandmothers, Aunts and Cousins—you can build a bridge between yourselves and your young relatives by sending them a year's subscription to *World Friends*. Auxiliary members—you can build a beautiful bridge between yourselves and your Mission Bands by seeing that all the Band members are subscribers to their magazine. The most colourful bridge of all may be built between missionary-minded women and those needy, far-off Mission Bands who cannot afford to buy *World Friends*, and for whom these little brightly-coloured magazines may be all the story books they have to read.



World Friends, like THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, has a uniform date of expiration. All subscriptions begin in January and end in December, which makes *World Friends* an ideal Christmas gift. If you want to make a long and lovely rainbow bridge, send a year's subscription

to *World Friends* for Christmas. Make a list of all your friends—twelve years old or under, to whom you want to give a Christmas present. Send in their names and addresses now to the office of *World Friends*, 433 Wesley Buildings, Toronto, together with the subscription money, and in plenty of time for Christmas they will receive their first copy of *World Friends*, and a pretty card, telling from whom the gift has come. If the ten subscriptions are sent to one address, the price is fifteen cents a year for each subscriber; sent to separate addresses, the price is twenty-five cents for each. If any boy or girl gets ten new subscribers, or sends *World Friends* as a gift to ten people, something very pleasant will happen. See the November *World Friends* for details.

Readers of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY—wouldn't you like to build a rainbow bridge this Christmas?

Mission Bands

A Letter from Kitamaat

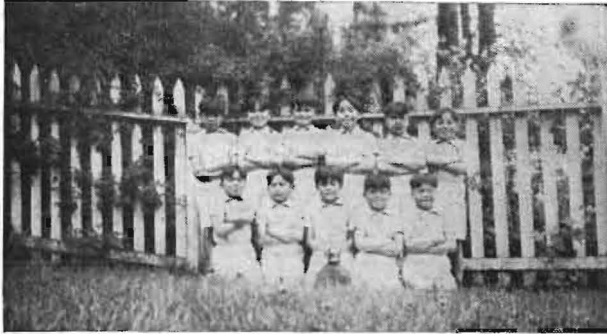
The Elizabeth Long Memorial Home, Kitamaat, B.C., is one of the Special Objects for Mission Bands.

Dear Mission Band Friends:

Summer has come and almost gone and school is open again so our thoughts turn definitely to fall and winter plans for our

map hung in a conspicuous place so that the older ones could easily locate the countries studied.

One feature of our meetings is, I am sure, unique. Birthdays among Indian people receive little attention. We have a birthday cake at the close of our Mission Band meeting and remember the birthdays of all members who had a natal day during the month. We greet them with a birthday song and present each with a card with a suitable illustration and Bible verse. How they look forward to this part of our programme! The children do quite nice handwork—sewing, knitting and embroidery, which we can sometimes sell and thus add to our Mission Band funds.



THE JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM "ONWARDS" OF THE INDIAN SCHOOL, KITAMAAT, B.C.

This team won the cup seen in the picture.

Mission Band. Kitamaat is at the head of Douglas Channel, some seventy miles from Butedale, our usual mail contact. A Union S.S. Boat, *The Cardena*, calls about the 20th of each month from Vancouver.

All the forty girls and boys in the Elizabeth Long Memorial Home naturally belong to the Mission Band, for the meeting is an interesting highlight of monthly occurrences with us. "One Family" was fascinating to each one and so we look forward to our new study, "Good Neighbours."

In our isolated Indian village of approximately three hundred and fifty people the children do not meet many different nationalities, yet at the canneries during the summer months Japanese and Chinese mingle with them at work, so different languages, people and customs have made their impact, and the realization has come that, at heart, all people are much alike though different in some ways.

At our closing meeting in June we arranged a pageant, girls and boys dressing in costumes of the several countries studied. They sang responsively, "Welcome, Little Travellers," as outlined in "One Family." The boys, usually more shy than the girls about acting and singing, entered into the spirit of it splendidly. A

I haven't a good picture of our complete Mission Band but I am enclosing two snaps which may prove of interest and later I hope



MIRIAM WILSON, MAY QUEEN, WITH HER ATTENDANTS, KITAMAAT, B.C.

to be able to send you one of all our boys and girls. May 24th is an Athletic Field Day in Kitamaat. All the villagers have one splendid get-together before the fishing season begins. The group of boys is our junior football team, "Onwards," who won the small cup, seen in the picture, which was presented by one of the younger men of the village interested in athletics.

From among our girls a May Queen is chosen. The second group picture shows Miriam Wilson, 1938 May Queen, with her attendants on the steps near the Home, just as we were ready for the parade to the village athletic grounds. The Kitamaat Band met us at the foot of our hill and escorted us to the stand where the crowning took place.

Aren't they interesting and attractive groups of boys and girls? Their instruction and Christian training is made possible through the thoughtfulness and devotion of our Woman's Missionary Society and we extend greetings to all Mission Band members who may hear of us throughout the coming year.

Most sincerely yours,
(Mrs. E. H.) FANNY G. DURNIN.

Christmas in Your Mission Band

ARE you planning to use the entire programme for Christmas, as outlined in "Good Neighbours"? The worship services and the stories are very appealing.

Have you tried the Shadow Play, as described on page 67? This is not difficult, and is very effective. Why not prepare one for your Christmas meeting?

Do you wish to purchase an attractive Christmas gift for a child, or a mother of little children? Why not choose one which will promote "peace and good-will"?

For the 2-5 year old:

- More True Stories for Little Folk 25c.
- Prayers for Little Children 15c.
- The Nursery Series—Kembo (Africa);
Ah Fu (China); Mitsu (Japan); Esa
(Palestine); Babo (South Seas); The
Three Camels (India); each 25c.

For the Mother:

- Towards a Friendly World 45c.
- Prayers for Little Children 15c.

For the 6-8 year old:

- The Friendly Books—Red (Africa);
Yellow (China); Green (India); Blue
(several countries); each 30c.

For the 9-12 year old:

- Vagabond Wong (China), and Muskasa
the Bold (Africa); real adventure
stories; each 50c.
- May you all keep Christmas in your hearts!
(Mrs. J. L.) MARION SCOTT SMALL.

Mission Bands

MAPLE Leaf Mission Band, Noel Shore, M.N.S., with Mrs. C. A. Canning, leader, is a wide-awake Band. The members sent cards at Christmas to friends in Korea and India and a card to the Mission Band of the Indian School at Portage la Prairie. The following is a letter received in return from an Indian boy, John Hobson, of that school. John's teacher and leader in the Band is Mrs. W. F. Biltyard.

"Dear Mrs. Canning:

"We have your pretty Christmas card, and wish to thank you for it. We were excited to get a card from children so far away, whom we have never seen. We saw a picture of your Band in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. We think you look very happy. We go to school five days every week. Before we go to school, we make the beds in the four dormitories, peel potatoes, wash the dishes, and set the tables again, and do all the sweeping and dusting.

"While we are in school some of the senior children are working in the barn, furnace room, kitchen, laundry, sewing rooms, hospital, and bath rooms. There are ninety-six children and ten staff members. Our baby is Patsy, and she is three years old. She talks English, is quite fat and healthy, and is very merry. We love her very much. We have a rink of our own. It is near the school door. The boys practise hockey every day except Sunday, and they play against other teams, hockey teams, on Saturday. There is a Pee Wee team, a Paper Weight team, and a Midget team. The girls skate nearly every afternoon. Sometimes they play hockey against the smallest boys. The girls have C.G.I.T. on Monday. We have Mission Band on Fridays."

Baby Bands



—By Courtesy of the Royal Drawing Society.

A RED INDIAN SCHOOL BOY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, MADE THIS PICTURE WHICH IS WORKED ON LEATHER. HE SENT IT TO THE ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY EXHIBITION, LONDON, WHERE IT GAINED A BRONZE MEDAL
See the baby Jesus as a little papoose—a Red Indian baby—and the Canadian animals coming to visit him.

The First Christmas Tree



IT was Christmas Eve. The wind howled through the forest, bending the great pine trees. The snow was falling heavily.

In the little cottage Hans, the wood-cutter, sat before the blazing fire with his wife and two children, Fritz and Gretchen.

"It's a wild night," said Hans as he put another

log on the fire. And just as he said that came a gentle little sound, "Tap, tap, tap!"

"What is that?" asked Fritz.

"It's only the old larch tree tapping at the window," said his father.

"Tap, tap, tap! Please let me in! I am cold and hungry," a voice cried.

"There's some one at the door," said Mother. "Run, children, and open the door."

Quickly the children ran and opened the door. There stood a little child. He was white and numb with cold. They let him in to the fire.

"Where have you come from, little child?" the mother asked, gently rubbing his hands and feet. But the little child only smiled. Fritz and Gretchen were so glad to have him; they shared their supper with him and gave him their bed.

"We will sleep beside the fire," they said, and curled down happily.

In the night Gretchen awoke. A light was shining in the room, and lovely music sounded out in the night.

"Wake up, Fritz!" she whispered. "Listen to the music!"

Fritz rubbed his eyes. "Let's see!" he cried. They crept to the window. Outside, under bright stars stood a group of angel children holding harps and singing a sweet carol. And suddenly the room was filled with light, and the little Child came to them in a dress of shining gold and silver.

"I am the Christ Child," he said, smiling to his little friends. "Wait a moment."

He ran out into the forest and came running back with a branch of a fir tree in his hands.

"You gave me your food and your bed; this

is my gift to you. Good-bye!"

"Good-bye! Good-bye!" called the children, holding the green branch in their arms, and as they looked at it, it grew bigger and bigger, till it grew to be a lovely Christmas tree, laden with golden apples and silver nuts, and all the toys they dreamed about.

And that is why you have a little fir tree in your home at Christmas hung with silver angels' hair, shining balls and silver light, in memory of the first Christmas tree that the Christ Child planted for his little friends.—(Adapted from a story by Gertrude Hume, in *The Teachers Monthly*.)



An Indian Christmas Song

'Twas in the moon of winter-time,
When all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchie-Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim,
And wandering hunters heard the hymn,
Jesus your King is born;
Jesus is born.
In excelsis gloria!

Within a lodge of broken bark,
The tender babe was found;
A ragged robe of rabbit-skin
Enwrapp'd his beauty 'round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high,
Jesus your King is born;
Jesus is born.
In excelsis gloria!

The earliest moon of winter-time
Is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on
The helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt;
Jesus your King is born;
Jesus is born.
In excelsis gloria!

O children, of the forest free,
O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and Heaven
Is born today for you;
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy.
Jesus your King is born;
Jesus is born.
In excelsis gloria!

—Record and Missionary Review.

Mostly About People

Dr. R. B. McClure left Canada for Europe, October 22, *en route* to the International Missionary Council, in India. Crowds have welcomed "Dr. Bob" everywhere and newspapers have given him plenty of space. He has "news" of the first importance always, delivered straight from the shoulder, and it always finds a mark.

A group of secretaries and staff and others heard him in a brief luncheon get-together at the Wesley Buildings, Toronto, before he sailed.

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The Canadian School of Missions, now entering upon its eighteenth year's work, opened its busy sessions in the fall with a reception on October 12, at which Mrs. Albert Matthews received with the director, Dr. J. Lovell Murray, and his wife. A glance over the programme of studies indicates a wide variety of subjects.

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Mrs. Lily Hockin, West China, sailed November 25th, for furlough in Canada.

Miss Lottie McRae, West China, has had a very serious operation but is improving slowly.

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Deep sympathy was expressed at the Executive for Mrs. J. S. Gillies, Braeside, President of Renfrew Presbyterial, whose husband has just passed away. A message of sympathy was also sent to Miss Evelyn Mitchell, who, with her sister, was bereaved of a brother, Mr. Joe Mitchell, Stratford, Ont. A message was sent to Mrs. A. M. Phillips, who was in the hospital with a broken hip, the result of a fall in her own home.

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At the October Executive Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Moffatt were guests and brought the Orient very vividly before us in words and moving pictures. Seeing our missionaries engaged in their own work and surrounded by their people in India and China was indeed a unique experience for those who have never been to these countries. Miss Isabel Griffiths was also a guest of the Board and was presented with a book as a farewell gift. At the morning session Mrs. Colin Young gave a brief

but interesting talk on her visit to the hospitals in the West.

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A visit of importance in missionary circles in Toronto was that of Dr. Edward H. Hume, now serving as Director of the Christian Medical Council for overseas work. At a luncheon given in his honour by the Foreign Mission Board and others, Dr. Hume gave a delightful informal talk of his contacts in India and China, and he was the guest the following day of the School of Missions and the Inter-Board Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society, at an informal reception. Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes and Miss Ernestine Whiteside poured tea. Dr. and Mrs. Lovell Murray received with Dr. Hume.

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Mrs. Murdoch MacKenzie has sent eighty copies of her husband's book, "Twenty-five Years in Honan," to the presidents of rural Presbyterials. Much appreciation has been voiced for this gift.

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Note: The name of Mrs. H. W. Gundy was added to that of Mrs. H. G. Arnott in the September *MISSIONARY MONTHLY* as having resigned from the Board. This was an error; Mrs. Gundy is still a valued member of the Executive.

Bread. The report of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

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Through Missionary Windows—25 cents.

My Mother, by Ruth Buchanan. To her many friends, and to those who have been familiar with the mission work of Central India for many years, this attractive little book will be of special interest, as it tells in a graphic way the story of Mrs. John Buchanan, who gave forty-seven years of devoted service as a missionary-doctor, educationist, evangelist, in Central India. 25 cents.

For more book suggestions, see also page 548.

For Children

Mukasa the Bold: A real adventure story of boys in an African school, which will appeal to the 9 to 12-year-olds, or older. 50 cents.

Vagabond Wong: Another good adventure story of two boys (English and Chinese) in China in the flood times. 50 cents.

The Green Friendly Book: Interesting stories of boys and girls in a village of India, for the 6 to 8-year-olds, illustrated. 30 cents. For other books in this series, see page 557.

Kembo—A Little Girl of Africa: Just the story to read or tell to the 3 to 5-year-olds, or for them to enjoy for themselves, as they see the delightful coloured illustrations. 25 cents. See also page 557.

A Sari for Sita: A new and delightfully illustrated story about a little girl in India and her family. 25 cents.

New Year Supplies

Weekly Envelopes—dated, but not numbered—52 in set, 15 cents per set.

Monthly Envelopes—3 cents per set of 12.

Secretary's Book—85 cents.

Treasurer's Book—70 cents.

Treasurer's Quarterly Report Book—Free.

A Handbook for Auxiliary Officers—A great help to new officers. Every President needs one. 10 cents.

A Handbook for Mission Circle Officers. 10 cents.

A Guide for the Mission Band Superintendent. 10 cents.

A Guide for the Baby Band Superintendent. 10 cents.

A limited number of copies of the Honan Jubilee Booklet, **Five Decades in Honan**, are still available at 10 cents per copy.

The monthly Devotional Leaflet is no longer published.

The above may be obtained from
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News from the Conference Branches

Alberta

Press Secretary, Mrs. F. T. Colley, Stettler, Alta.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Kelly, 11120-65th St., Edmonton, Alta.

DRUMHELLER PRESBYTERIAL—The Autumn rally of this Presbyterial was held in Delia Church on September 15th. Miss Margaret Gay, R.N., North Honan, China, was the principal speaker, and her address on the missionary work in China was most interesting. Mrs. E. M. Bigelow also gave a brief talk on giving.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—At a recent meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Auxiliary, Mrs. A. A. Williamson was presented with a life membership certificate.

A wealth of interesting information in connection with the work carried on by the Woman's Missionary Society in Weihwei, North Honan, was imparted to large audiences by Miss Margaret Gay, R.N., when she addressed the fall conference on September 23rd. During the afternoon, Mrs. A. D. Richard, Conference Branch President, brought a most interesting and instructive message from the Dominion Board meeting. At the supper hour, Mission Circle girls, by means of posters, presented a list of the literature available for the various departments. Dr. J. Frazer Smith, one of the pioneer missionaries to Honan, addressed the supper guests and a group of girls, representing several

nationalities, dressed in native costumes, told briefly of how, through the special object of the Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups, various pieces of mission work had been made possible. This little play was made more impressive by each girl receiving light for her candle from the lighted one of the C.G.I.T. representative.

At the evening session a group from Central Church demonstrated in a short play the value of **THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY** to all departments of the W.M.S. work.

Bay of Quinte

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

Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Corkill, Box 124, Napanee, Ont.

PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL—The fiftieth anniversary of Trinity Auxiliary, Hastings, was celebrated on September 21st. Mrs. C. M. Scott, Past President of the Presbyterial, gave a short address on the founding of W.M.S. work. One of the oldest members of the society, Mrs. A. Brooks, spoke on the work of the Auxiliary during the past fifty years. Miss Lottie Brooks, who went from this church, thirty-nine years ago, to China, was guest speaker. The birthday cake, adorned with fifty candles, was served, with other refreshments, by the members of the Mission Circle.

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Four sectional rallies were held in this Presbyterial at Hazards, West Huntingdon, and the two Napanee sections, during the first week of October. Miss Cora Kilborn, R.N., of Chengtu, West China, ably addressed all the rallies. Her mother, Dr. Retta Kilborn, also attended the services.

Stone Church Auxiliary held a successful thank-offering meeting on October 19th, with several Auxiliaries as guests. Mrs. E. Farnsworth and Mrs. W. F. Osborne, Belleville, were guest speakers.

Thomasburg Auxiliary held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Morton, when life memberships were presented to Mrs. Lucy Fox and Mrs. George Jones.

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Thomasburg Auxiliary sponsored a birthday party with several visiting societies. Each organization contributed to the programme; the Mission Band had a sale of home-made candy, the C.G.I.T. served lunch at tables artistically arranged for each month of the year.

Mrs. Osborne, Napanee, who has held the office of Mission Band Secretary in Belleville Presbyterian, left early in November for Toronto, where she and her husband, Rev. S. L. Osborne, will assume their new duties.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. George Smith, Manilla Auxiliary, has recently made herself a life-member of the society.

British Columbia

Press Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Burke, 2719 West 36th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Creelman, 4611 Marguerite, Vancouver, B.C.

Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Furniss, 425 East 29th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

VANCOUVER PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. E. Day Washington, Conference Branch President, was guest speaker at a luncheon given by Chown Church, Vancouver, recently.

Mrs. A. Campbell, Presbyterian President, was the speaker at the Thanksgiving meeting of St. George's Auxiliary, Vancouver. The ladies assembled for lunch and it proved an effective way of securing a large number of the church women and added greatly to the offering.

In the interest of peace, the women of Vancouver held a peace rally during Armistice week. The plans were made under the direction of the League of Nations Committee and were sponsored by the combined Protestant W.M.S. organizations.

Dr. Margaret Wallace, of Dhar, India, now at home, in Vancouver, was guest of honour at a luncheon sponsored by St. Giles' Auxiliary, on September 16th. In her interesting address, Dr. Wallace gave a brief outline of conditions in India today. Among the visiting missionaries present were Mrs. McClure, who was

touring Canada with her husband, Dr. R. B. McClure, of China, and Miss Irene Thompson, on furlough from Trinidad. At the close of the luncheon, Dr. Wallace was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. M. Derbyshire was guest of honour on her eighty-fifth birthday when Mrs. W. P. Woods, Second Vice-President of the Conference Branch, received both afternoon and evening. Mrs. Derbyshire has been, until the last few years, a great W.M.S. worker. The hundreds of friends with gifts and greetings testified appreciation of her work. A Mission Circle of Chown Church bears her name.

Mrs. Daires, widow of a pioneer Methodist minister, has just celebrated her ninety-third birthday. Mrs. Daires is a member of Ryerson Church, and is a most faithful attendant at morning service.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—The Treasurer reported an increase in givings over last year at a recent meeting of the Executive of this Presbyterian. A C.G.I.T. leaders' rally, under Mrs. Froats, has been held, also a rally of Fraser Valley Japanese groups at Maple Ridge Church. A new Auxiliary was organized at White Rock.

KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—From Revelstoke comes the news of the death of Mrs. F. McConnell recognized in this Presbyterian as an outstanding Mission Band Superintendent. Eileen Curtis, President of the Mission Band, presided at a largely attended memorial service.

Rev. R. J. McIntyre, Secretary of the British Columbia Temperance League, is on a tour of this valley and a petition to prohibit the advertising of liquor in newspapers is being circulated and signed by many Auxiliary members and others.

Mrs. J. A. Leslie, the Manse, Enderby, has been appointed to Special Objects work for this Presbyterian.

Mrs. J. T. Mutrie, Presbyterian President, gave her report on the Dominion Board meetings to Pentiction Auxiliary at the thankoffering meeting, October 5th.

Hamilton

Press Secretary, Mrs. F. R. Meyers, 16 Beulah Court, Hamilton, Ont.

Treasurer, Miss M. L. Fawcett, 219 Prospect St., Hamilton, Ont.

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

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—The thankoffering meeting of Hart Auxiliary, of Chalmers Church, Guelph, was held at the home of Mrs. William McLachlan, on October 17th. The service in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the Honan Mission was observed. Dr. Annie Ross, of Blyth, in her address, spoke of the appropriateness of the meeting place as the McLachlan family has been for many years connected with the Honan mission. Two daughters, Mrs. E. Evans and Mrs. A. Locheed served in Honan and at the present time a grandson and granddaughter, Rev. and Mrs. E. Bruce Copland, are doing a splendid work there. A pleasing feature of the programme was the presentation of two life memberships, one to Miss Laura McLachlan and the other to Mrs. John Hockin.

HALDIMAND-NORFOLK PRESBYTERIAL—The fall sectional meeting of this Presbyterial was held at Canboro, on October 6th, with an attendance of about one hundred and fifty, representing twenty-two of the thirty-six Auxiliaries. Two new Mission Bands were reported organized, and the Supply secretary reported five bales having been sent out. An increase in the subscriptions to the missionary magazines was reported. Mrs. James Laughland, Conference Branch President, was the speaker and addressed the gathering on the "Inner Workings of the Dominion Board." Three new Presbyterial officers were appointed: Mrs. Walter Cook, Simcoe, Mission Band Secretary; Mrs. J. R. Pond, Simcoe, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance; Mrs. E. Gamble, Port Rowan, Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups Secretary.

HALTON PRESBYTERIAL—At the October meeting of the Oakville Auxiliary, graduation exercises were held for thirty Baby Band graduates conducted by Mrs. J. M. Wallace, Baby Band leader.

At the fall meeting of the Executive, held at Milton, the Treasurer reported an increase of

\$539.03 over moneys received in 1937. "The Living Church" was the subject of the devotions conducted by Mrs. H. Inglehart.

Correcting the Blue Book, the Treasurer for Halton Presbyterial is Mrs. J. McDermid, Georgetown, Ontario.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—Sectional meetings for Niagara Falls and St. Catharines districts were held on October 4th and 6th respectively. Miss Winnifred Thomas, General Secretary of the Dominion Board, was the speaker at both meetings and conducted round table conferences, assisted by Mrs. L. B. Tufford, Presbyterial President. With the aid of posters, Miss Thomas gave a brief outline of the new study book. The subject chosen by Miss Thomas for her evening discourse was "The Challenge of Membership." The treasurer's report showed a most gratifying increase in the givings of both of these districts.

The Welland-Port Colborne district held their sectional meeting, on October 19th, at Welland. Miss Cora Kilborn, B.A., R.N., who is on furlough from Chengtu Hospital, West China, was the speaker, and brought a most interesting message of the hospital work there. An open forum conducted by Mrs. L. B. Tufford, was a feature of the afternoon session. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. W. Malcolm and members of various Auxiliaries conducted the worship periods assisted by C.G.I.T. girls.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. W. H. Blair, a valued member of Arthur Auxiliary, passed away on October 18th. She had been a life-member of the Society for many years.

London

Press Secretary, Mrs. S. J. Martin, 112 Windsor Ave., London, Ont.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Purdy, 44 Jefferson Blvd., Riverside, Ont.

Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Nicholas, Port Stanley, Ont.

The School for Leaders, held in St. Thomas, at Alma College, from August 29th to September 2nd, had a larger attendance and a broader programme than in former years. The morning devotional given each day by the Dean

of the School, Mrs. Herbert Childs, and she illustrated in her unique and charming way the theme of the School, "Learning to live together." Dr. Walter T. Brown, Principal of Victoria College, Toronto, spoke on the findings of the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences.

How to put across attractive missionary programmes and how to conduct devotional periods was demonstrated for Auxiliaries by Mrs. J. H. Turnbull, Editor of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, for Mission Circles by Mrs. E. A. Hollands, Branch Mission Circle Secretary, and for Mission Bands by Mrs. J. L. Small, Mission Band Secretary of the Dominion Board.

For the first time the School included a group of church school leaders of children who shared a discussion course on the principles of teaching under the leadership of Miss NeTannis Semmens, Children's Work Secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

Mr. E. O. Hall gave talks and conducted discussion on the Christian Social Order. At the meeting of the London Conference Branch, it was decided to hold a School for Leaders again next year. Mrs. Herbert Childs was elected as Dean and Miss Alice Stone, St. Thomas, Registrar.

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL—The fall rally for the Auxiliaries and Mission Circles of the city of London churches was held in the Hyatt Ave. Church, following a supper served by the Hyatt Ave. Auxiliary. Mrs. R. Hicks, President of the London section, presided over the meeting. The programme, which was planned by the committee in charge, covered every department of W.M.S. work. About 150 were in attendance and all agreed that a very interesting and profitable evening had been spent. It was decided to ask all Auxiliary members to give twenty-five cents extra, all Circle members 10 cents extra, and all Band members five cents extra before the end of this year, to help make a substantial increase over last year.

KENT PRESBYTERIAL—On September 17th, there passed to her long rest, Miss Anne Middleditch, faithful Missionary Monthly secretary, of Ridgetown Auxiliary.

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. E. Bigham, a true and valued member of Culloden Auxiliary, passed away on August 26th.

Maritime

Press Secretary, Mrs. K. N. Tait, 31 Avon St., Truro, N.S.

Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Langille, Tatamagouche, N.S.


TRURO PRESBYTERIAL—Glenholme Auxiliary celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding in the form of a banquet on September 15th. Rev. Thomas Paethorpe, pastor of Glenholme Church, presided over the programme following the supper. Mrs. Chisholme gave a brief historical sketch of the growth of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Rogers, wife of Rev. Gerald Rogers, Pictou, is a granddaughter of the first President, Mrs. J. Sinclair, and was fittingly chosen to cut the birthday cake.

WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAL—A rally of this Presbyterial was held on September 21st, at Canning, under the leadership of Mrs. C. H. C. MacLaren, President. Miss Harriet Jost, retired missionary from Japan, was warmly welcomed and addressed the gathering on her thirty-nine years' experience in Christian service of Christian missions. A musical duet, violin and piano, was a prelude to the dramatization of Chapter One in the new study book, "The World in Canada," by members of Canard Auxiliary.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. William Gunn, a faithful member of Brule and Waldegrave Auxiliary, passed away on October 11th, at the age of eighty-two years.

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FREDERICTON PRESBYTERIAL—The Autumn rally of this Presbyterial was held in Fraser Memorial Hall, on October 4. About eighty members were present and Mrs. J. R. G. Armstrong, President, was in the chair. Mrs. Burns, Gagetown, gave her general impressions of the Branch meetings. "China and Change," was the theme of a most interesting and appealing address given by Miss Eunice Peters, returned missionary from West China. Most encouraging reports were received from the different Auxiliaries represented and the treasurer's report showed a splendid increase over the givings for the same period last year.

Montreal-Ottawa

Press Secretary, Miss Maude Reynolds, 64 Flora St., Ottawa, Ont.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Roberts, 26 Fifth St. E., Cornwall, Ont.

Much business was discussed in the three days' sessions of the Conference Branch Executive. It was made plain that deputation work would be done best by missionaries whose homes are in the Conference Branch, those at present available being Miss Jean Graham, on furlough from Japan, and Miss Mabel Carroll, from South China. The allocation of \$87,000 was accepted as the financial goal for the year. Inspiring reports of the meeting of the Dominion Board were given by the delegates.

Four missionary guests at supper on Wednesday were introduced by the President, Mrs. W. H. Sutherland, who presided over all sessions. These were Miss Mary Blair, now co-worker with Miss Bouchard at the Syrian School; Miss Trace, at the Lachine Children's Home, and Miss Nellie Roberts, Verdun, all of whom spoke briefly, and the speaker of the evening, Miss Mabel Carroll, who described informally her experiences in China.

On Thursday a supper of Ukrainian cooking was served by one of the groups at the Church of All Nations, when the executive had as guests the Italian, Hungarian and Ukrainian ministers with their wives and our own workers, Miss Beulah Graham, Miss Olive Brand and Miss Olive Sparling, some of whom spoke of their work. An international programme was put on by girls of the church in Czechoslovakian and Hungarian folk-dances and Hungarian solos and by the Ukrainian men's quartette.

Dr. Grant Lathe, a guest speaker at one session, was one of the group of representatives of the International Students' Association, who were recently guests of the Chinese Government. At all sessions of this interesting meeting, the devotional services were outstanding as seasons of real meditation and prayer.

DUNDAS GRENVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Albert H. Fulton, a valued member of Chester-ville Auxiliary, passed away on September 13th at Maple Ridge.

The new President, Mrs. George Carlyle, has had a very busy time since elected. Her duties have included several church services. Sectional meetings of great value were held in October at Maynard, Oxford Mills, Hanesville and Elma. Miss Jean Graham, from Japan, was guest speaker at each.

A successful Mission Band rally was held at Roebuck with Mrs. Donald Nichol, Ottawa, as guest speaker. On October 6th, Iroquois Auxiliary attained the honour of celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL—Southminster Baby Band had a Hallowe'en party arranged by the superintendent of the Cradle Roll of the Sunday School and the secretary of Baby Bands of that church. A lovely promotion service was conducted for the eighteen Baby Banders who were received by the Mission Band leader. Mrs. F. D. Burkholder, Presbyterial Secretary, assisted and told an interesting story.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL—With profound sorrow the Moose Creek Auxiliary reports the loss of their President, a life member and beloved pastor's wife, Mrs. N. McLaren, whose death occurred on September 22nd.

Newfoundland

Press Secretary, Mrs. Charles Garland, Lower Island Cove, Nfld.

Treasurer, Miss Millie Howell, Merry Meeting Road, St. John's, Nfld.

CARBONEAR PRESBYTERIAL — The twelfth annual meeting of this Presbyterial convened in Carbonear on September 8th and 9th. The President, Mrs. J. King, presided. Very favourable reports were given from the nine Auxiliaries raising \$355.88; twelve Mission

Bands raising \$177.38, and one Affiliated N.G.I.T. Group, \$1.00, making a total of \$543.26, an increase over the previous year of \$11.00.

The guest speaker was Miss Millicent Howse, missionary on furlough from Africa, who spoke at nearly all the sessions. Mrs. Robert Duff, Branch President, addressed the Presbyterial and brought glimpses of the Dominion Board meetings. Mrs. J. Maddock, past Presbyterial President, spoke on how to win new members; Mrs. J. L. Reynolds conducted the consecration and memorial service. Rev. J. L. Reynolds, pastor of the church, conducted the installation of officers.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. James King; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Cramm.

Saskatchewan

Press Secretary, Mrs. A. Pollard, Duval, Sask.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Laird, 153 Ominica W.,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. D. J. McIntyre, Lydden, Sask.

With a delegation from outside the city larger than last year, the South School for Leaders opened at Regina College, September 9th, in a downpour of rain which lasted almost three days. One hundred and forty-eight registered delegates, guests and staff were in attendance. Although it probably reduced attendance on the part of the city, it was welcome rain. From the very beginning, a splendid spirit prevailed, with Mrs. L. E. Eastman, a gracious Dean, and Mrs. G. H. Bennee, Branch President, on hand to introduce the missionaries and those assisting on the programme: Miss Margaret Gay, R.N., Honan; Miss Aileen Gunn, Settlement House, Regina; Miss Ruth Lanigan, File Hills Colony; Mrs. R. J. Ross, from Round Lake School; Miss Winnifred McElroy, Girls' and Children's Work Secretary for Christian Education in Saskatchewan; Mrs. Murray Cathcart, of Regina, music conductor; Mrs. J. E. Hood, Branch Secretary of Mission Bands; and Mrs. Morley Willoughby, who later lectured on dramatics.

Rev. A. D. MacKenzie, D.D., a former president of Conference, led, with his usual grace and insight, each morning in worship and Bible study. Saturday morning saw the

arrival of the guests from the Winnipeg School for Leaders and to Mrs. C. H. Dixon went the honour of introducing them, while Mrs. J. A. Menzies pinned on each a corsage of beautiful flowers: Miss Helen Day, Dominion Board Secretary of Literature; Miss Isabel Griffiths, Young People's Secretary, and Miss Jean Holt, of West China.

Space is all too brief to tell of the inspiring messages and practical help received during that wonderful week-end; the stirring addresses of Miss Jean Holt, Miss Margaret Gay and others; the leadership given by Miss Day and Miss Griffiths both in the groups and in the introduction of the new study book, "The World in Canada," and especially Miss Day's message on Membership and Christian Giving; the Service in Westminster Church Sunday morning when Dr. Bob McClure thrilled us all; the afternoon gathering at Hotel Saskatchewan where we heard him again and the address by Miss E. Glendinning, Central India. A supper meeting with leaders in Sunday School work in the city and leaders of Baby Bands and Mission Bands, when Miss Winnifred McElroy led a discussion on "How We May Promote Co-operation with the Local Church," proved very helpful. At the college a reception was arranged with the ministers of the city and their wives as guests, with local Auxiliary presidents as hostesses, and Mrs. Cathcart, Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Mitchell assisting.

With a feeling of regret we joined in the closing service, so fittingly led by Miss Day and Miss Griffiths.

The North Saskatchewan School for Leaders opened in Saskatoon on September 13th. From the time the hospitable doors of St. Andrew's College opened to admit us, to the somewhat reluctant closing of those same doors on September 17th, we felt at home—who would not, with the warm welcome of the Principal to greet us and the help of all the staff?

The official welcome by the Dean, Mrs. G. H. Bennee, a sacred drama, "His Own Family," and vespers made a fine opening for what was to prove a great school. Mrs. R. J. Macdonald each morning, in a short worship service, helped us in preparing heart and mind for the day ahead. Too much cannot be said for the Bible study course on "The Social Teachings of Jesus," given by Rev. Prof. D. S. Dix,

D.D., each hour passed all too quickly as every woman felt her life enriched through knowledge gained and the inspiration to incorporate those teachings in her own life.

Miss Helen Day and Miss Isabel Griffiths of our Dominion Board gave valuable assistance in every department. Miss Day conducted courses on "Leadership Through the Woman's Missionary Society" and "Trends in Missions," in the latter course a splendid paper on the Madras Conference was given. Miss Griffiths led in Young People's Work and Co-operation.

Miss Winnifred McElroy, of the Saskatchewan Girls' Work Board, was our guest, and, by her presence, made real the link between the Sunday School and the Woman's Missionary Society. The group course on education through stories, games and music brought enjoyment and help. The open forums gave opportunity for questions and discussions.

The evening sessions were varied and rich. Miss Jean Holt, West China, delighted us with the story of her work, and Miss Day made our new study book live through pictures and Miss Griffiths brought us a challenge the last evening we will not soon forget. A short play,

"Waked up," brought its own lesson and pleasure. Indicative of real interest was the fact that our literature table released \$119.60 worth of books, large and small, to be carried away, read, studied, loaned and lived.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL—Tall standards of gladioli and autumn tinted leaves and flowers were the decorations at the International Tea given by the Westminster Auxiliary, Regina, early in October. Many members and friends had donned costumes of various nations, and a pleasing picture was produced as the flashing colours of Swiss, Turkish, Hungarian and Oriental costumes mingled with others more subdued.

Mrs. G. R. MacKenzie played national songs and airs. Receiving were Mrs. J. A. Menzies, Mrs. A. D. MacKenzie and Mrs. S. J. Nichols. On the table the central decoration was a candelabra alight with five coloured candles, representing five races.

KAMSACK PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. Jennie Rodger, a valued member of Quill Lake Auxiliary, passed away on October 6th, 1938. She had been for seven years a very faithful Presbyterian Missionary Monthly and World Friends Secretary. She will be greatly missed in all branches of the church's work, W.M.S., Ladies' Aid and Sunday School, and in Kamsack Presbyterian.

Instead of having floral tributes paid to her at the time of death, Mrs. Rodger had asked that the money be donated to the work for caring for needy Chinese. So at the church door was a box ready to take the tribute to the Chinese sufferers.

Toronto

Press Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Benson, 373 Beresford Ave., Toronto, Ont

Treasurer, Mrs. John Cowan, 20 Rathnally Ave., Toronto, Ont.

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TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL—The annual fall conference of the most northern section of the Presbyterian held at Keswick, September 30th, was well attended. Mrs. J. Erle Jones, Third Vice-President of the Dominion Board, gave the address of the afternoon, speaking on the medical work carried on throughout the

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The Auxiliary in Aurora lost a valued member in the passing of Mrs. Richard McDonald, on October 8th. Had she lived until December, she would have been a member for fifty years, but at the fiftieth anniversary, in June, she was able to tell of the pleasure she had always taken in W.M.S. work. In 1890 Mrs. McDonald was Recording Secretary and she was also Mission Band superintendent. During 1896-1897 Mrs. McDonald was President and she resigned to become district superintendent. She organized the Auxiliary at King among others.

GREY PRESBYTERIAL—The annual Autumn sectional conferences of this Presbyterial were held during October. A large attendance marked these rallies, which were under the charge of the vice-presidents. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. J. Dowkes, was present, and brought a message at each of the meetings. The guest speaker was Miss Cora Kilborn, R.N., missionary on furlough from

West China. Other speakers at the various meetings were Mrs. James McLauchlan, Bognor, Miss Edna Evans, Owen Sound, and Mrs. J. C. Horning, Meaford. Rev. Thomas Green, D.D., pastor of Central Church, Owen Sound, gave a temperance address.

Miss Cora Kilborn, R.N., daughter of Dr. Retta Gifford Kilborn, retired missionary of West China, and native of Meaford, was the speaker at the W.M.S. Sunday service at Meaford Church. She also addressed a rally of the Evening Auxiliaries of the Grey Presbyterial at Owen Sound.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL—The September and October meetings of Central Auxiliary, Weston, have been outstanding in interest. Mrs. Hutchinson, Superintendent of the Rescue Home for Girls, and Miss Olivia Lindsay, from Japan, were guest speakers. The October meeting was a thank-offering service in honour of the Honan mission jubilee, several members giving a review of the work being carried on in Honan, China, during the past fifty years.

Mr. A. E. A. Stirling, for over thirty years widely known commercial traveller in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, passed away in mid-summer. He knew the churches and the ministers and many of the home mission stations, their outlook, as well as their problems. Mrs. Stirling is a sister of Mrs. R. W. Anglin and Mrs. A. N. Burns, of the Dominion Board.

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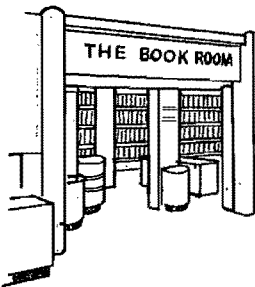
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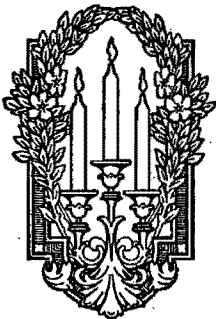
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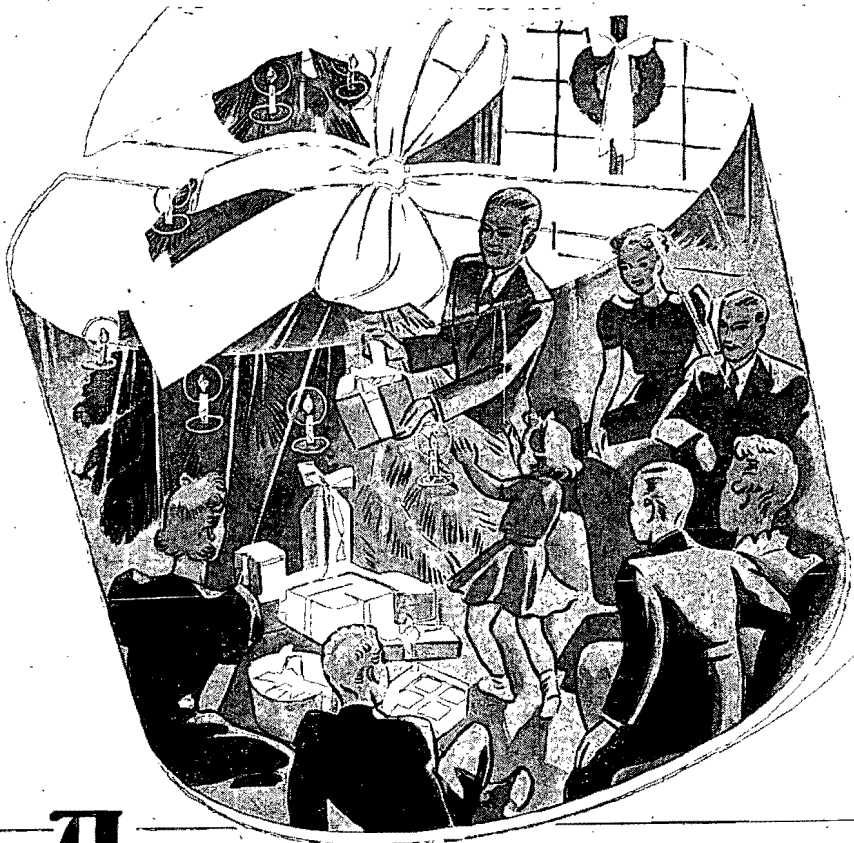
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