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Asking and Receiving

JESUS speaks of asking and receiving. If you ask, you will receive . . . If religion consists only of seeking, it is not to be depended upon to save man. At the present time there is very little of the experience which is the other half of religion—of receiving from God. Church prayer meetings are not successful. People do not take prayer seriously. They are very indifferent about the Holy Spirit. In an age of natural science they think that prayer does not make any difference, and that to talk of the Holy Spirit is foolish. I don't agree with them. I think religion to be both man's seeking and his receiving from God. If that receiving from God is not deep and genuine, religion has no meaning. That is the Holy Spirit. That is the Indwelling of God . . . If God does not dwell within, human life becomes very flat and tasteless, and our religious experience gets too theoretical. God gets to be nothing but a theory, and God and man get separated. But when we are made captives by God's love, and God dwells within us, there begins a wonderful transformation. Under the very ordinary surface of you and me, there is the Indwelling God.

Don't say over and over again that you are a sinner. Religion will become useless to you if you are always running yourself down. If God dwells even in me, a sinner, and God's Power enters me, I myself change into a wonderful existence . . . In this human flesh, the Image of God, Jesus Christ, dwells. He dwells above me, in me, through me—that is what the theologians of the early Church called the Trinity. We do not need to use that difficult vocabulary, but just to experience it, and have the religious consciousness of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

—Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan.

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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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Fragrance.

They say that once a piece of common clay
Such fragrance breathed as from a
garden blows;
"My secret is but this," they heard it
say—
"I have been near the rose."

And those there are who bear along with
them
The power with thoughts of Christ men's
hearts to stir;
For, having knelt to kiss his garment's
hem,
Their garments smell of myrrh.

So grant, I pray Thee, Lord, that, by Thy
grace,
The fragrance of Thy Life may dwell in
me;
That, as I move about from place to place,
Men's thoughts may turn to Thee.

—F. J. Exley.

Editorial

Giving and Receiving

WE HAVE chosen for our July cover the words of Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan, spoken at a mass meeting in Nagoya, from the text: "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask him." In it he gives a law of life. It is not only blessed to give; it is blessed to receive. The grace of spirit which can be so sweetly manifest in giving can be sadly absent in receiving. There is an exhilaration in playing the Lady Bountiful, but there is humility required to be the kneeling beggar.

Strangely enough, there is in each of us, written on the tablets of the soul, the Old Testament law of "paying back"; if we receive a favor it must be as a loan, and the shadow of the interest due will not

leave us alone. We are not quite happy until it is paid back. But the New Testament law does not dwell on the question of payment for favors received. Instead, Jesus says: "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God . . . Except ye . . . become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven . . . Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom . . . And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me."

It is very wonderful to note how this great Japanese Christian, Kagawa, has laid hold upon this truth and amplified it. In a recent number of *Friends of Jesus*, a little paper published in Tokyo, Japan, a writer comments on a chapter of Dr. Stanley Jones' latest book, *The Christ of Every Road*. I wish that every Christian worker could read this book, especially the chapter entitled "The Church

Behind Closed Doors.' "The Church is behind closed doors for fear; behind closed systems of thought for fear of the scientist; behind closed economic systems for fear of offending wealthy contributors; behind closed doors of race exclusiveness for fear of losing white prestige; behind closed doors of national isolation for fear of being called unpatriotic." Is it not a disturbing thought that we may all be locking ourselves out from the great blessings of God; that we have been so busy doing things, that we have forgotten to take what is offered. Or that our hands may be tight on so many other articles that we cannot stretch them out. We hold—and hold—on trivial things; we cannot relax and turn our palms upward and outward, waiting, gladly, trustingly, for the great gifts of God. We are sometimes like the small boy who thrust his hand into a valuable vase and could not get it out. His father, not wishing to break the vase, said, "Son, open your hand wide—stretch it out." "But, Daddy, if I do," replied the boy, "I'll drop my penny." Holding on to the little things of life and missing everything worth while.

When one receives from God, when the recipient is full of that deep peace and assurance which comes from close communion, then one's giving will never be withheld. After all, it is paid back. Not in the same coin, not to same need, not in any consciousness of squaring of accounts. Spiritual gifts have a magic way with them—they vanish, to become incorporated into the very stuff that life is made of. Our service is transformed, our own gifts redoubled and we feel ourselves lifted by the great tides of God that sweep out to sea.

The Tower of Babel

NO LESS interesting than the progress in producing Christian literature in China is that of the development along the same line in Africa. We are thrilled to remember that we are linked up with this great work through Miss Margaret Wrong, secretary of the International Committee of Christian Literature for Africa. It may well dismay one

who comes for the first time to a reading of the tasks awaiting this committee, the members of which are trying to "promote the production, publication and distribution of literature for use in connection with missionary work in Africa."

In a fine article, published in *The Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin*, Miss Wrong says: "The shadow of the Tower of Babel lies across Africa." Hundreds of languages and dialects are spoken, but many have never been transcribed. When a portion of scripture is at last put into the hands of the natives, how wonderful is their joy! "This joy," continues Miss Wrong, "is much more than a child's pleasure in something new. They have often heard from their teachers that the Bible is the greatest book in the world. The possession of even one fraction of it in their mother tongue means that they are sharing with the Christian world the most precious of its treasures. This heightens their sense of personal dignity, adds enormously to their self respect and is, in itself, a valuable element in their education. 'Now we see that our friends in the foreign country regard us as people worthwhile,' said a Christian in Angola, when he took the Gospels in his hand for the first time. When the complete Bible in the Ronga language reached him, a Wesleyan missionary showed it at a meeting of native Christians. One of the elders said: 'I know that in my body I am a very little man, but today, as I see the whole Bible in my language, I feel as big as a mountain.'"

Great Movements

THE TWO great religious movements in the leading Oriental countries which have so stirred Christian people everywhere, continue with steady enthusiasm. Rev. Akira Ebisawa, General Secretary of the National Christian Council of Japan, says: "God is doing wonderful work among us these days. . . . We are expecting that the organization will practically cover all the country before summer. Now we feel the campaign has well taken root, and we trust that God will use this wonderful

opportunity to spread His Kingdom in this nation. It is really encouraging to see almost all the churches united in this campaign as never before. . . . We increasingly realize that God has His own plan to Christianize this country."

Recently, Dr. C. Y. Cheng, Moderator of the Church of Christ in China, and General Secretary of the National Christian Council in China, spoke at a conference on "The Forward Looking Church." A call went out in consequence for increased co-operative support from the home lands, and for young men and women "of large vision and spiritual power," who are willing to work with the Chinese as fellow workers in order that they may contribute to "the greatest potential Christian adventure of today."

Christian Literature in China

THE LITTLE *Quarterly Link*, sent by the Christian Literature Society of China, and written, for the most part, by Dr. Donald MacGillivray of Shanghai, is always full of interest. Dr. MacGillivray, who has done so much for the Society in the past, has resigned from the position of General Secretary, and there has been appointed an executive committee, consisting of all the members of the staff, whether Chinese or foreign, who have been set apart for the work of the Society.

Among the many books translated this year we see listed Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*. It is translated by a devout Chinese Christian lady, who said that she had to stop her work more than once to shed a sympathizing tear! Somehow the picture of this Chinese sister, losing herself in the prim atmosphere of old time England, and entering into the joys and sorrows of girls of another country and another age, remains with us pleasantly.

There is another book published in Braille for the blind in Shanghai, this time a translation of *The Other Wise Man*. As copies of these will be distributed free to all who need them, it is hoped that the expense will be met by a special gift from some one interested. The books are all written now in the national language of China.

Dr. MacGillivray says: "The man in the street has little idea how the books of the Society are produced. He has a vague idea that there are 'translator fellows' in there, but how vague an idea does that title express! They are not engaged, exactly, in translating books, but they are engaged in translating ideas in such a way that they can be put across to the Chinese. In travail of soul and sweat of brain, the work goes on, day in and day out, rain or shine." He quotes Mr. J. G. Holland, who writes: "The world has no ear for anything a man has to utter that has not been previously distilled in the alembic of his own life." One can imagine no challenge more striking for any of us, than that truth.

The Society began years ago with one missionary board. It has now representatives from ten principal boards, and is one of the best examples of successful co-operation in all China. May it continue to serve an ever increasing circle of people there!

The Fifth Annual Meeting

AS WE hand the final copy of this issue of the magazine to the printer, the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Dominion Board of The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church has become a thing of the past. Renewals of old friendships, new acquaintanceships and endless details in the branching organizations of a large Society, were all part of the day's happenings. Underneath one sensed the greater issues for which the Society stands—that hope, which is more and more clearly defined as at the root of the real missionary enterprise, that Jesus Christ may become pre-eminent in every department of human life.

We missed familiar faces—particularly those of the President, Mrs. MacGillivray, and the General Secretary, Miss Effie A. Jamieson. Our thoughts were often with both—Miss Jamieson in Africa and Mrs. MacGillivray in Wonsan, Korea, from which place she sent affectionate greetings.

We will give an account of the Board meetings in the August number of the magazine.

Landing the New Music at Ahousat

WILLIAM R. WOOD

AHOUSAT? Just where in the world is that? Of old time the central rendezvous of the Ahousat Indians was on the western shore of Vargas, an island which occupies the southern area of Clayoquot Sound.



Being Canadians you are of course familiar with the general geography of the West Coast. But some three generations ago bitter enmity arose between the Ahousats and a group of Indians which occupied the little peninsula which juts out from the south-eastern corner of Flores Island. The Ahousats, who were a warlike and energetic group, annihilated the northern village, massacred its inhabitants almost to a man, and, recognizing the advantages of a site with a sheltered harbor on one side and ready access to the outer waters on the other, settled down and gave their name to the new location. The name is now applied to the village, to the post office on the western shore of the creek, and to the Indian School which adjoins the reserve.

The new music? Yes, of course, there has been earlier music. From primeval times groups of men and women, seated on the grass on summer afternoons or on the floor of some big house on winter evenings, had raised the wild chant of la-hal, the gaming device, which appears to have been universal among the Coast tribes, and accompanied it with the incessant tat-tat-tat of clashing sticks. But for a generation or more Christian hymns have been heard, accompanied by the music of a little portable organ and, in the little church and the Indian School, small house organs have helped in the service of praise. But time and the dampness of the British Columbia climate had long ago played havoc with their melody and there was dire need of something better.

Two of the workers at the school, recognizing not only the religious value

of music but its general cultural importance, and being convinced of the possibility of effective development of the musical talents of some of the Ahousat youth, decided that the need was urgent and immediate. The facilities simply must be secured. Being above all things practical, and of the devoted spirit which has been so commonly a characteristic of our workers among the Indians, and never suspecting that even such semi-publicity as this would be given to their generous action, they took steps to have them purchased in Vancouver and shipped by the C.P.R. steamer up the coast.

And now the day of their arrival, a piano for the school and an organ for the Village Community House, has come. All the children are on the tip-toe of expectancy and the grown-ups are wondering about the landing of such precious and ponderous pieces of furniture. As the day advances we hear by telephone of the steamer at Ucluelet, a name with many old-time associations in the Indian work of the Presbyterian Church, then at Tofino and finally at Clayoquot. But by this time it is dusk and we are compelled to realize that the landing cannot be to-night. No piano could be landed by canoe and got up the rocks in the dark. So reluctantly we are compelled to decide that the music must be allowed to go on to Matilda Creek, where it may be placed on the wharf till the return of daylight. Going out in the big dug-out as the steamer passes we are able to assure ourselves that the music has really come, seeing the two big cases on the lower deck. And landing our ordinary household supplies, we pass the night with what patience we can.

In the morning our faithful man of all work meets us at the reserve float with the launch and landing scow and a group of us step on board. *En route* to the wharf we visit the post office for our once-in-ten-days mail, and by that time it has begun to rain with every appearance of giving us a day of it. But after

a half-hour's downpour—the genuine British Columbia article—it slackens, and by the time we reach the Gibson wharf the sun is out again.

With the help of willing hands, strong ropes, heavy plank and convenient little rollers, the piano is soon placed on the scow and we set off for the school, leaving the organ for a second trip as its destination is the Community House in the village. Opposite the school we anchor the launch and with long pike poles work the scow toward the land. In a few minutes it is close inshore and planks and rollers are again brought into requisition to place the piano on the beach. It is only a few feet and the slope is downward so there is no difficulty and we push the scow off again before the falling tide can leave it stranded. Anchoring it with the launch we face the task of negotiating the rocky slope, above which the school stands.

All the boys are on hand, and four or five brawny young Indians from the village. Planks are laid forward up the rocks and the heavy tow rope is brought on which twenty or more can pull. With a couple of cedar rollers under the case it begins slowly to move up the rocks. With many an "All together and "Everybody on the rope" it advances foot by foot. For much of the way it is heavy pulling and the relaying of the plank track is no child's play. But this is a

school function, the sun is shining, the boys are in working humor and there is no delay. Soon the steepest and roughest part is past. The pullers move their burden ten or twelve feet at each effort. Then comes the final stage, up the steep outer stairway to the front hall of the school. Then the planks are laid. The rope team stretches up the steps, across the hall and into the dining-room. Here their efforts are seconded by the ladies of the staff, and almost with a bound the heavy case is landed in the hall. Paul Sam, the biggest of our Indian helpers, is the first to voice our satisfaction in the triumphant exclamation, "Home at last."

Then it is not long till the beautiful instrument, relieved of its heavy casing, is moved into the sitting-room and the school gathers round, full of curiosity and wonder to see and hear it. Quite undesignedly and yet appropriately enough it happens that the first air picked out by Winona, one of our senior girls, was "God Save the King," and as the shining keys under her touch gave out the sounds, familiar and yet strangely sweeter from this new instrument, the group sang the first and second stanza of the anthem.

And what of the organ, you ask? Oh, we didn't forget it. As the scow and the launch were taken back to their haven in the inner creek, the mill workers lent a hand and it was placed on the scow, the



AHOUSAT INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL FROM THE BEACH

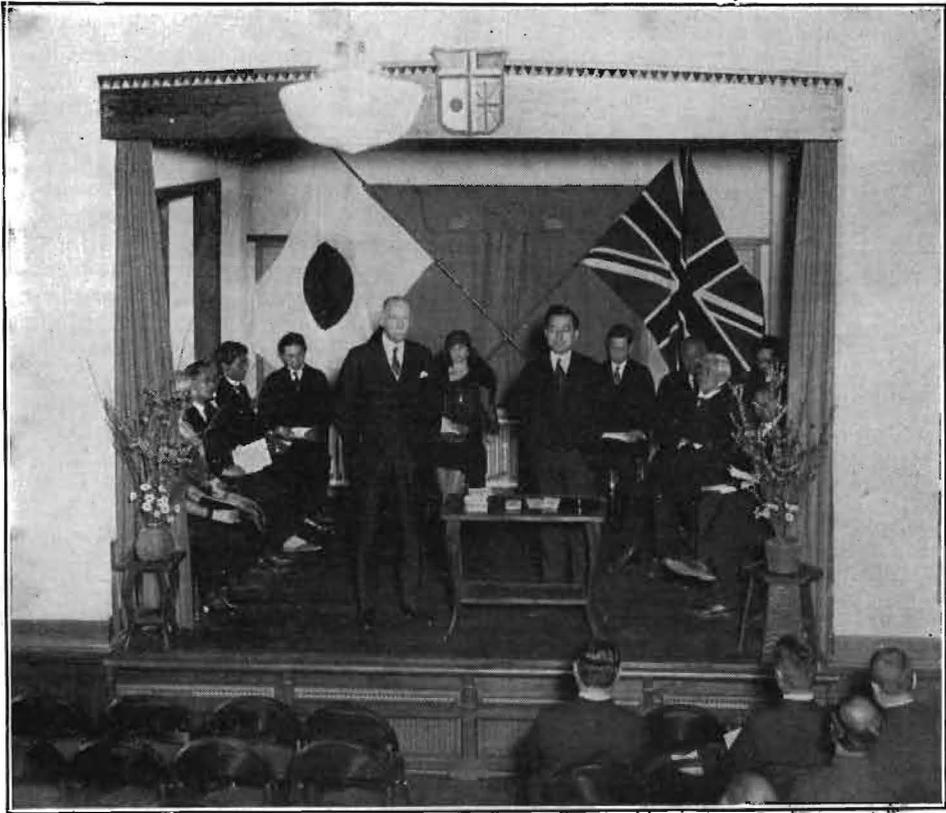
plan being to cover it with a tarpaulin for the night and unload it at the village in the morning. The sky was clear and there was every indication of fine weather and a chance to finish our task in the morning sunshine. So we slept quietly—but at six o'clock in the morning—what? Rain? Impossible! But we should have learned ere this that nothing, excepting perhaps forty below, is impossible in British Columbia in the way of weather. A heavy drizzle had begun, and soon it was a "regular" rain, and word came across that if the organ was not to be damaged it must be got under cover very soon. There was no alternative.

With five boys rigged in every available rain coat, oilskin and rubber boot we set off over the plank walk to the village where the scow was to meet us at nine-thirty. Rain, rain, rain as we go; rain, rain, as we sit on the grassy bank waiting, and we tramp out the long float as the scow arrives. Slats are nailed across the front and back ends of the crate, and under them, along its sides, poles are placed for carrying. Strong of arm and sure of our ability to carry it anywhere we lift the case and step along the float. But when we have gone fifty feet, it is convenient to pause for a minute, and by the time we reach the landward end of the float we realize that we have not the man-power needed to take it up the village slope and over to its destination in the Community House. But it is raining and there is nobody about. At last some one suggests Noah. He lives just at hand and we rouse him

out of his "ark" to give us a lift. By the time he reaches us, Daniel, who in spite of the rain had ventured out of his "den," came past and took thought for our need. With the assistance of these two Old Testament worthies we reach, rather laboriously still, the steps of the Community House. Rain, rain, rain, as we fumble for the key and discover that the doorway is an inch narrower than the organ-case. Rain, rain, rain, while we hurriedly pry off the front, and, holding the tarpaulin across to prevent its getting wet, slide the organ at last into the building. Then, wet as we are, we sit down to take breath and to congratulate ourselves that in spite of all obstacles we have got both instruments landed safely, and without the slightest injury, in the places for which they were designed.

And now as the days pass the village people and their friends from Kilsomat and Opitsat come in twos and threes to look at and admire the instruments. To most of them the piano is new, so large, so finely polished, so sweet-toned, so much better than the old organs. And we, looking forward into the years, see the children getting better musical training with one here and another there being taught to play the instruments themselves and gradually the procuring of instruments for their homes. We see better music in the services and a richer culture all around for this and succeeding generations as a result of the splendid devotion of two workers through which, as we have seen, the new music came to Ahousat.





OPENING THE NEW KAMEIDO BUILDING
The Canadian Minister is speaking; Mr. Kawajiri interpreting

The Dedication of the New Aiseikwan

MARY HAIG

A LITTLE less than two years ago came a cable granting funds for a new building. In the Aiseikwan excitement ran high. Words being quite inadequate to express our feelings the Hallelujah Chorus was put on the gramophone and, as the chorus proceeded, the voices chanted over and over, "and He shall reign, and He shall reign," a refrain which seemed rather contradictory to the noisy drunken songs on the street just outside the window.

During the months while plans were being discussed, contracts signed, the corner-stone laid and walls erected, we continued the refrain "and He shall

reign," although each day brought new evidences of the distress, the strife and sin around us. Sometimes this question came to mind, "What impression can even a new Aiseikwan make on Kameido? Will He ever truly reign in it and around it?"

Now the building is completed, to electric bells and cupboard shelves inside and to the playground fence and coalshed outside. It is built of reinforced concrete, but, with yellow rough cast finish and green trimmings, it has not the drab appearance of the factory across the street. The kindergarten, the club rooms, hostel, teachers' dormitory and missionaries' residence, are all so attractive.

On the morning of February 22nd the last curtains and pictures were hung and everything set in order. This was the day to which we had been looking forward—the day of the dedication. The service began at two o'clock with Dr. Yoshioka, District Superintendent for Tokyo of the Japan Methodist Church, and also a member of the Board of Directors of the Aiseikwan, in the chair. On the platform were their excellencies, the Canadian minister and Mrs. Marler; Japanese Government officials from the Departments of the Imperial Household, Tokyo City, Tokyo Prefecture, Social Service and Kameido Municipality; Japanese pastors; Miss Courtice, Mission Secretary and Miss Allen of the Aiseikwan. The audience was a very representative group, including Japanese social workers, missionaries of our own and other denominations, members of various Japanese churches in Tokyo, Y. W. C. A. workers, mothers of kindergarten children, young people who have grown up in our Sunday school, girls who attend our clubs, the

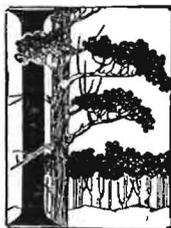
architect, the contractor, and, in the gallery, a row of workmen who have been employed on the building. Over the platform hung our Aiseikwan shield, composed of a Japanese flag, a British flag and a cross—Japan and Canada working together for Christ.

As the Dedicatory sentences were read and prayers offered, national anthems and hymns sung in both English and Japanese; as messages were given by the Canadian minister and by Japanese officials, by Canadian missionaries and by Japanese churchmen, we felt that the two countries are indeed working together. Together we have erected the building; together we are working in it.

We here, both missionaries and Japanese, are full of gratitude to you in Canada who have contributed so much toward this, our new home, and thank you, not only for making the building possible, but also for your regular support of the social work in this community centre. And now we sing with a more triumphant ring, "and He shall reign."

The Capping Ceremony

ADA SANDELL



HAD just returned to Hamheung, Korea, after summer holidays, when Dr. Murray left for her vacation. I was then in full charge of the hospital in a new land and with my limited knowledge of the language—a strenuous experience for me. During that time I decided that the average nurse's training is very inadequate, especially for the mission field, and when I go home I'm going to advocate that the Training School includes in its courses such things as digging ditches, building chimneys, setting up stoves, mending leaky water tanks and a few other such things which needed attention and which I knew nothing about.

We started our fall classes in September and all went merrily for about three

weeks, when an epidemic of something or other spread over the city and every one was so busy taking care of patients that we had no time for anything else and all classes were suspended for more than two weeks. Our newly-opened Isolation Wing was filled almost to capacity and fortunately all the patients recovered. I say fortunately, because of the innate dread of Isolation Wards which all Koreans have. The reason for this is that the minute the Health Department hears of an infectious case, officers are sent to take the patient to the Isolation Hospital, run under government supervision. As far as I have been able to ascertain it is nothing more or less than a pest house; there are no doctors in attendance and no nurses on duty; consequently no nursing care is given and very few patients survive the ordeal.

The friends are allowed to go in and out at their pleasure, but a policeman

stands at the door with a spray and sprays a weak solution of lysol over each person as he or she leaves the building.

Well, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," and this epidemic has given us a chance to show the public that patients can be well taken care of and recover from an infectious disease even in an Isolation Ward. All the patients we had seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. One little boy of seven years of age liked it so well that when he went home he said, "If I had known it would be so noisy in the house I would have stayed in the hospital where it's quiet, but here 'Ill Supie' (his little brother) is always quarrelling with me. Besides, when I was hungry I just rang the bell and the nurses gave me milk or gruel or something else. Mother, why don't you have a bell here?" His oldest sister was sick with the same disease first and he took it from her. He also said to her, "If you had gone to the hospital when you were sick instead of staying at home then I would never have been sick." I think he learned something by spending a couple of weeks with us, don't you?"

I had my second capping ceremony on the evening of October 1st, when the second class of three probationers were accepted and given their caps. The waiting room of the dispensary where the ceremony was held was gaily decorated with flowers and filled with interested friends and relations. I had been so busy that I hadn't had time to properly prepare my speech, consequently I had a very miserable time. It's bad enough to get mixed up during an English talk, but for real unadulterated agony there's nothing like trying to talk in a foreign language and getting stage struck. The three little girls stood up before me so sweet and pretty, and *I was tongue-tied*. I finally collected my thoughts and made a start, but it was a very jumbled and halted speech I made, though my Korean friends were most polite and told me I did very well. I have vowed that never again will I try to make a speech unless I'm properly prepared for it or at least have a vague idea of what I'm going to say.



MISS ADA SANDELL, R.N.,
And Her Three Nurses

I wish you could meet the Hospital staff, especially Dr. Koh. He is a remarkable man and we are indeed fortunate to have him on the staff. The more I see of him the more I admire and respect him. He has infinite patience, in fact, I've never seen him any way but the patient, kind, smiling gentleman he is. He's a very clever surgeon, very kind and above all, considerate for the nurses even in the operating room. The more I see of western impatience the more I admire Oriental patience. We westerners have a lot to learn from our Oriental friends and to my mind the greatest of these is patience. I'm trying to learn this lesson. Dr. Koh is hoping to go to Canada some time in the not too distant future and then I hope you will have a change to meet him.

Another person I'd like to tell you about is our Treasurer, Mr. Whang. He is only twenty-three years old and he's the happiest boy I've met for a long time. He has anything but a strong body, but, to use his own words, "I just can't help being happy even when I'm sick; the happiness just comes bubbling out and I can't be sad if I try." He has a very good voice and no concert is complete without a solo from him. He is the leader of the choir, superintendent of the children's Sunday school, steward in the church and

has some office in the Christian Endeavor Society. His parents became Christians when he was a very little boy, and as soon as he was big enough to express an opinion he declared that some day he was going to become a minister and preach the Gospel to other people. So far he has not had an opportunity to do so, but he hopes to enter college in the spring.

My student nurses are my special favorites. One of my friends to whom I

had evidently been talking a great deal about them (though I hadn't realized it) dubbed the first class "the cherubs" and the second "the angels." What she'll call the next class I don't know, but I do know that they are very human little cherubs and angels and sometimes it's a bit difficult to discover their angelic qualities, which only goes to prove that they are the same as any other nurses in any other part of the world.

The President's Journal

JANET T. MACGILLIVRAY

ON THE sixth day we reached Tzeliutsing. As we wound through the valley we could see in the distant height one of the cities of refuge, strongly walled, built by men of wealth as a haven of safety during the war outbreaks.



WEI U TONG
One of the Tzeliutsing Girls

Tzeliutsing itself is on a hill and the centre of the great salt well district which, like opium, yields large revenues. The tax on the salt production goes as a guarantee or interest on loans borrowed from the foreign powers and, at China's request, a Britisher is here in charge.

It was nearing evening when we passed through the city gates.

We crushed

through the narrow streets turning what seemed impossible corners, the bamboo poles of our chair almost ramming somebody's door, up flights of stone steps till you felt your chairmen's strength must fail them. Darker and darker it grew: but, high up on the hillside, a messenger approached us with a lantern. They had been expecting us, watching with the gates

of the property open to welcome. Did anything look so good as a light in the window and a warm fireside—the comfort of home! Oh, how our missionaries deserve it after the comfortless looking Chinese homes and the constant poverty everywhere, unknown in its depths in Canada!

Again we saw something of the Church's property and were welcomed by the pastor and the teachers and pupils of the schools. The hospital again needs a doctor and nurse to take hold. Here, too, Mrs. Tzen was waiting with smiling face, asking for the many friends she had made in Canada. All work is well organized again in the whole district and fine cooperation with our missionaries is induced. We wished it had been possible to go out into the district and see the many little day schools our Chinese graduates have in charge.

At Jungshien our two missionaries, Misses Coon and Harris, had landed but a few weeks before at a house, closed since evacuation, but they were making it home-like. Their days were full, looking after the large boarding-school, planning to open the newly finished building and transfer the women's school to the older building. The boys' school, church, hospital and residences of the General Board are all situated close by. The mission staff is far from complete and residences are still empty. Here again the Chinese doctor pleaded for our Society to help with a Canadian nurse.

Jenshow is one of the most beautifully situated centres. Again our property stands on a height. Ever up we climbed, 385 steps in all. It was nearing holiday and Council time and schools were empty. All mission residences too were empty, awaiting the return of sufficient numbers to staff them. Alas! the pity of it, and how the Chinese at Council meetings, both men and women, pleaded for help. Why had no one returned to them? It was at Jenshow we saw the prettiest church, a Chinese temple adapted; while in another of its temples we saw one of the nicest day schools of our mission with two young women in charge. There was the hospital with its men's and women's sections, again in need of trained assistance from Canada.

Two days more of chair travel we had over "The Douglas" range of lovely hills and down on to the plain, where stands the capital of this province and the hub of our missionary work, Chengtu. What a royal welcome—a "Baby Austin" to meet us, on the broad road near the Arsenal, just outside the city's gates! The motor gave its welcome toot and out stepped our friend, Dr. Mullett. Soldiers in friendly curiosity surrounded us during the transfer of baggage till we pushed off into the city. Already; from far and near, the workers, foreign and Chinese, were gathering for Council and Conference. Like ourselves they had been traveling for days overland, by chair and on foot, weary to-night, too, but happy at the prospect of meeting old friends again and sharing in fellowship. It was a strenuous two weeks, but epoch making events took place which will hold the year 1930 as outstanding. We were glad that "The Deputation," the first since Union, was there to represent The United Church of Canada at such a time.

This letter can give but brief reference to the many happenings of those days. First there came the Conference of the Church and the W.M.S. Workers' Conference. The latter included our missionaries and about twenty-five Chinese trained women, picked from among over two hundred of our teachers and Bible women. One of the events of that first week was the request from the Church Conference that the Woman's Missionary

Society become part of it. It had been planned by our Society that this should take place after another year's training of our Chinese women carrying responsibilities, but the spirit of the men was insistent that the work of the Church should show itself a unit *now*. And so our women, Chinese and foreign, slipped over from the side benches, where they sat as corresponding members, and took their places as part of the conference voting membership. A burst of applause was heard from the men's side as they rose, and soon the true significance expressed itself in a hymn of praise. The working out of plans and policies for the care of the work itself will come gradually. "The Commitment Statement," which

A Letter from West China

The Council of the W.M.S. of the West China Mission asked me to write a letter to the Home Board telling how much we appreciated the visit of Mrs. MacGillivray and Miss Harvie. Words fail to express how much their visit meant to us.

It was a great privilege to have Mrs. MacGillivray and Miss Harvie with us and really get acquainted with them in a Chinese atmosphere. When travelling overland they went through nearly all the experiences possible on such a trip. They missed the robbers, but not the rice-fields, and, to use a slang expression, they were the best of "sports." Mrs. MacGillivray delighted us with her sense of humor when describing a Chinese inn and the road (?) to Penghsien and the attempt they made to get there in a *ricksha*.

Their sympathetic interest and clear insight into many of our problems were a great help to us. Their presence was a spiritual impetus to us and we go forward into another year of work in West China, richer and stronger because of their visit. We are sure their visit will greatly strengthen the bond between the field and the home base.

Again expressing our delight and appreciation of the visit of Mrs. MacGillivray and Miss Harvie, I am,
Yours in the Master's service for China,

(Signed) EDITH P. SPARLING,
Secretary of Council.

every member of conference must take, is beautiful in its conception of the high standard of life and service which each one accepts in the Master's Name.

There followed the Council meetings of the missionaries, men's and women's meetings, also of the Senate of the West China Union University. Besides our group, a deputation from the Friend's Mission had also arrived for the opening of the Cadbury Educational Building, most recent of the buildings in this beautiful campus site, and one of the most attractive spots to visit, each building distinctive in its adaptation of Chinese architecture. The history and development of the work here is a story in itself. The recommendations resultant on the important committee meetings now await the sanction of the Home Boards of the several cooperating missions. They are significant of the times, felt even in far off West China, that the churches must draw closer together and show a united front in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The viewing of the mission plant, itself, required time, for here centres the senior and oldest institutions of the work. Then there were many friendly functions that took place, for every one heaped kindness upon us and the hospitality of the homes was unbounded. We spared a few hours to see famous places in and around the city, and one morning President Beach of the University arranged that we call on General Lin, military governor. We hope he was interested, but he had just come from a rumpus with another general over the arsenal in which its commander had been shot that morning in a passing incident in Chinese life.

We left Chengtu mid a shower of good-bye fire crackers, January 27th, bound for Chungking, a two weeks' journey this time by sampan. There were several little boats comprising the party, all returning to their down river stations at Kiating and Luchow. It is a real gipsy life. Our boat had eight rowers who lived in the front section of the sampan, the helmsman in the back, and we in the centre, closed off at night by a rough door, while overhead

was the bamboo matting. Oh, how we enjoyed the restful life in the open, and the songs of the boatmen as they sang, swirling through the rapids.

It was Chinese New Year, a holiday time of over two weeks, the last, if the Nanking government gets its way and the Christian calendar is accepted. The season made it all the more of interest to us. As we pushed up on the mud bank at Kiating and Luchow in the dark of evening, we saw the lighting of tiny perpendicular strings of lanterns, new year lights for the river spirits. The many shrines and temples that we passed as we sped along down river, all had their pilgrim visitors, and fresh incense sticks were smoking. Arriving at Chungking, we spent a busy two days re-packing and seeing some of the plant we had not visited before, including across the river and the school for missionaries' children. Chungking is sometimes called "the gloomy city," and most of our stay there was shrouded in smoke and mist, but the morning before we left, a glorious sunrise over the hills was visible from the best room window, and I went away satisfied. The hills of Chungking—I shall never forget their beauty. The following morning at dawn our steamer sailed for down river and, as we heard the anchor lifting, we peered out of our cabin window to see the lights of that city on the hills resting in its misty loveliness gradually fading from our vision. It was goodbye for us to Szechuan.

Our seven weeks in Szechuan province have sped all too rapidly. Both note book and memory are brimming over with all that our eyes have seen and our ears have heard. It has been worth while, a thousand fold. Would that more of our Church membership would come and see for themselves. But a fringe of the need is yet touched. It has been a long hard task that our missionaries have set themselves to and will be still for many years. The courage, faith and zeal of both missionaries and Chinese Christians touches my heart, and I am humbled at the thought of how little we of the home Church understand.



WOMEN'S MEETING, CHISSAMBA, MARCH 7, 1930

The Day of Prayer in Africa

ELIZABETH B. CAMPBELL

THE International Day of Prayer was observed here yesterday and today. There came together about five hundred African women from the neighborhood for prayer. They had three long sessions in the church, on Friday morning and afternoon, and on Saturday morning. Many of these women had been school girls here, and now are wives of teachers and evangelists in the outposts. There were



young mothers, mature women, and grandmothers. A little face and two little feet peeped out from the cloth tied on the back of many. The quiet spirit of prayer was wonderful. The crying and prattle of the babies sometimes hindered the words from being heard by us, but no doubt the prayers ascended to the Throne of Grace.

Our Lord's commands to pray and His promises for prayer were read by Miss Melville. The story of Pentecost was read and told by Vita, one of the pioneer women, amid rapt attention. There were prayers of thanksgiving that they have the Word in their own language and that they can read it. There was seeking of forgiveness for lukewarmness. Prayer was made for the tempted and for those who had fallen into sin; for the new believers; for the people in the far villages who want to hear the Word, but have no teachers; for the new places entered; for the native ministers ordained this year; for the teachers of children in the villages; for the pupils; for the catechumens; for the church members; for those in trouble and sorrow. It was a long session, from 8 o'clock till noon, but there was no abatement of interest. At the close Miss Brown gave a paper on

Health, bringing home the thought, "Ye are the temple of God."

The afternoon was given up to reports. Most of the accounts of the work were very encouraging, of growth from small beginnings. One woman from each village spoke. Usually there were two or three on their feet when the chance was given to speak. After four hours fifty-three had spoken, and still others were to be heard from. Quite a number of villages among the Valuimbe tribe were heard from. The Christian families who have gone from here to teach them are now seeing results. Miss Margaret Halliday, our new missionary, who has been here only a few months, gave a short inspirational message in Umbundu and the women were greatly pleased to hear her address them in their language.

The programme was planned for Friday only, but the meeting spilled over into Saturday morning, and the closing session lasted from eight o'clock till eleven-thirty. The remaining reports were heard, and then the meeting turned into a discussion of questions and problems in their village life, of many hindrances because of superstitions. It seemed as if they could have kept on all day and profited by it.

In Miss Melville's closing words, she said that when she came here over thirty-five years ago, she could count on the fingers of one hand the woman believers. With her, we gave thanks for this company and the villages they represent. One of the women in her report said the work succeeded because of the prayers made for them.

Letters from Our Fields

On the Road to Tzeliutsing

Miss Lulu Rouse, Luchow, West China, writes the following: I have most of my things packed ready to go back to my old home in Tzeliutsing. But as it has rained for a week I thought I had better change my plan and go by small boat, as it is miserable travelling overland in the rain. We are expecting Miss Brooks any day and I would love to see her before I go.

Luchow is a great place. I have made so many friends I hate to leave. There is no sign of ill-feeling toward us. Miss Ward and I went down the main street yesterday which, by the way, has just been widened and paved and all the store fronts built up new—it is a regular fairyland, many flags, banners and signs flying. We found the people very willing to serve us and all the bystanders in good humor.

Mr. Hoffman, the city pastor, and all the district pastors are holding "Search the Scripture" Campaigns. They invited Mrs. Lan and me to go along and hold meetings for the women. The first place we went to was Uin Gin Chiang. We had between twenty and thirty men and about the same number of women. Meetings began with devotional ex-

ercises at seven and then we divided, the men going into regular sessions hour after hour with short intermissions. The women studied a little booklet. First Mrs. Lan read a page; then she explained it. Then all read after her. After that we went around from one woman to another helping them to get the words which they could not read. To give them a rest we gave them a little song to sing. "There is only one spirit. That is our Heavenly Father. Gives us our daily food and what we wear. Also cares for us every day." I wish you could have seen their faces as they tried to sing this.

At night we all met together, had a good sing-song of several hymns and then two addresses. We spent three days there. Mrs. Lan took sick and had to come home, but the rest of us went on to Uv Ting Chiang. I had a delightful time there. The pastor's wife and I took turns in speaking. The women came about eight o'clock. It is a great inspiration to see the women really grasping the idea you are talking about. I gave each of them a little prayer and told them to repeat it before they went to bed. Next morning several came and said they had done it, and that they wanted to know the next step. So that day's lesson was mostly about prayer.

We celebrated the double tenth holiday last week. The students of each school in the city—dressed in the uniform of their school—paraded to the fairground. There were three girl bands. I wish you could have seen the conductors and the drummers. They certainly had a great swing. There were two addresses and then a procession on the principal streets. Dr. Allan estimated there were ten thousand people there. Besides the students all the soldiers from and near the city were also present. At night the school children begged us to take them again; so we did. There were moving pictures, but such a crowd we could not see them. We stood for half an hour and then came home by way of the new street to let the children see the pictures.

There was a big fuss made over my leaving. I received many gifts and there were many tears. At daybreak the students from the three schools came to escort me down to the boat. The good-bye was shortened because of a sudden shower of rain, and the students hurried back to school. Miss Ward, Mr. Hoffman and Dr. Allan waved me off until the boat rounded a bend. Now, I'm being towed up river. I love the songs of the trackers and the rush of water over the rapids.

I am looking forward with a great deal of joy to my work in Tzeliutsing. I'll be free to go about from place to place in the district, holding meetings with the women. This is where my heart is. I feel far too inexperienced and unprepared for such a task, but His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

All in the Day's Work

This letter from Miss Evelyn Mitchell, Travelling Secretary, tells of two visits made to community centres in the east: When I learned that I would have to spend one whole day at Sydney, N.S., waiting for my boat to Newfoundland, I decided to visit the Community House there. Miss McIvor was at the time holding the fort alone. As it takes a week or two to get the little kindergartners mustered after the holidays, she ran from door to door while we were on our way to the house with the question, "Will you be sure to get the children out this morning?" And when you saw fathers partially dressed and mothers with touzled heads thrusting their heads out of the windows in response to a knock at the door, you were

not surprised that many of the children came late, unwashed and uncombed.

After the "Good Morning Song" was sung, an exhibition of clean hands was asked for and one dear little African, not wanting to fall below the standard, immediately, with the aid of his hankie and saliva, produced as clean a pair as any. Even though the number was small that morning the following nationalities were represented: Ukrainian, Polish, Russian, Jamaican, Hungarian, Italian, English and Scottish. As they marched around they sang, "We'll march and march around as quietly as could be," but it was impossible to go very quietly, as the space is so limited that it was difficult not to bump into something. That difficulty was soon to be removed, for that afternoon the committee met to complete the plans for remodelling and enlarging the building. Could we see the surroundings we should better understand the need of having the apartments made as bright and homelike as possible. Most of us can truthfully sing, "For the beauty of the earth over and about us lies," but look out of the front and side windows of this house and what do you see? Streets strewn with all kinds of garbage flung from doorways, unkempt homes with few exceptions, and the sound of quarrelling neighbors.

What do our missionaries do here? I was able to see the homes and get first hand information. Let me describe one. The deaconesses had been sent for—in their extreme need these poor creatures realize that the community workers are the only ones on whom they can rely. In one room lay a very sick woman; in another a poor, Russian man. The woman had been told that she must go to the hospital and she had to be prepared. She was in a most deplorable condition, the result of a life of drunkenness and immorality. Our workers bathed and dressed her, but had more than once to go outside and pray for strength to complete the task. They then sent for the ambulance to take her to the hospital, where she will wait the ultimate end. Her half intoxicated friends stood around her saying, "Poor old . . . , say a prayer for her, O do say a prayer for her!" Then came the reply from the sick one, "O girls, this life don't pay; the wages of sin is death, and there's nothing to do but to face God with it now."

But there is a cheering side, too. One of the new Canadian girls started to kindergarten in

1916 and was graduated from public school, leading her grade every year but one. Since entering high school she had taken prizes every year in English and mathematics. She is now secretary of the Sunday school and a teacher in the daily vocational school.

On my way back from Newfoundland I had a visit to New Aberdeen, where Miss Jane Fullerton is carrying on in a most able way. It was Sunday evening and the service was being conducted by the C.G.I.T. group who all marched in, reverently singing as their processional a hymn composed by Mrs. Burchell, Sydney, who is devoting her time and talents to the Society and Sunday school.

There is a very good Mother's Meeting where the mothers learn to sew and knit, and it is hard to get enough material, as money is scarce and the men are so often laid off. This year the women are reading the New Testament through. A few of the things Miss Fullerton longs for are: some good records for the Victrola, and some large bible pictures. The women are preparing for a sale, half the proceeds of which go to the church and half to the society.

In one of the mines at New Aberdeen, 1,000 feet below the ground and two miles under the sea, some of the miners have a very beautiful flower bed with pansies and other flowers in bloom which seem to grow in artificial light as well as the ones above ground. I wondered if we did our best when we thought we were not in the best surroundings, as the flowers do.

When visiting Scotchtown I found Miss Putnam and Miss McIvor most happy in their work. The children delighted to display their Bible knowledge, feeling that the one who could say his verse most quickly had won the highest honor. At times one feared that the breath would not hold out. In the bungalow where our deaconesses live it could be called spotless town, everything was so clean and daintily arranged. It made me wish that Miss Fullerton and Miss Murphy of Stellarton might be as comfortable, and be nearer the ideal condition than they are at present. The bungalows at Scotchtown and Natal are what we need for all.

Inverness is the most cheerless place I was ever in. The sea and the sunsets were all that were lovely to look at, but the deaconess and the minister are doing all that they can to bring

cheer to the place. Miss Forbes gives all her time to the new Canadians, many of whom are Belgians. A little Belgian boy, who is enraptured with Bible stories, came to Miss Forbes and said, "The stories are not like you tell." However, in searching his scripture he came back again in great glee saying, "Oh, I found the story of the little man who climbed the tree and it's just like the one you told." A Mohammedan comes regularly to church, although he does not call himself Christian. His daughter is a leader in the C.G.I.T. gatherings.

Christmas in a New Land

Miss Aurelia Meath, one of our new 1929 missionaries, writes of her arrival in Japan: At Yokohama, several missionaries were there to give us a warm welcome. But to me everything and every one was so strange. Again, there was a severe tug at the heart strings. However, we passed the customs without trouble and arrived at Azabu about noon. Miss Courtice and Miss Hamilton were among those who met us at the pier. They were so kind.

I am very fond of the other members of the "Family" as we call ourselves and the school is so interesting. I love to hear the little children sing. They do it with such life and enthusiasm and they look so cute with their sailor suits and bobbed hair.

Since September Miss Jost and I have been attending Language School in the mornings. This year I have only four music pupils, which I teach two different afternoons. Then, besides, I try to keep up my practising, usually doing it in the evenings.

We had a very pleasant Christmas and were busy from early morning, when the Japanese girls awakened us with Christmas carols, until late in the evening. Three of us had stockings to open at breakfast time, which afforded the other members of the "Family" as well as ourselves much amusement. Then we received our gifts from the Christmas tree in the drawing room immediately after breakfast, and oh, what excitement reigned. We all were very generously remembered. In the afternoon, following a most delicious dinner, the Japanese came in for afternoon tea and also received their gifts. After tea, we attended the Christmas entertainment in the Azabu church. Thus ended my first Christmas Day away from home, but it was a happy one to remember.

Mostly About People

We extend warm sympathy to the following missionaries who have been bereaved: Miss Margaret Coltart, Neemuch, India, now home on furlough, who has lost her mother; the Misses McIvor, Community Work, whose father died early in May; and to Miss Nellie Forman and Miss Cora Wovil, who have also suffered bereavement in their families.

Good wishes are with Miss Edith Loree, who on May 24th, changed her name and occupation from a West China missionary to a homemaker.

Mrs. C. J. Copp was lately appointed the representative of the Executive on the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa.

The continued illness of Mrs. J. M. West has debarred her from attendance at the monthly executive meetings, and has been a source of concern to all her friends. Few women have such an intelligent grasp of great national problems as she has of immigration. New peoples, their origin, their religions, their spiritual hunger for a freer expression of their lives, all these have been interpreted to a large and interested circle by our Strangers' Secre-

tary. The thoughts of many have been with her as she is laid aside from the active work which she loves, and which she serves so well.

Mrs. J. H. Laird, Moose Jaw, the retiring president of the Saskatchewan Conference Branch, has held many important offices in the Society, over a period of twenty-four years. She has been recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and later president of the Saskatchewan Conference Branch and recording secretary for a year in the Alberta Branch. Mrs. Laird was made the recipient of a beautiful silver flower basket filled with red and white carnations, at the meeting of the branch held in March last at Saskatoon, the presentation being made by Mrs. A. E. York.

Miss Louise McCully represented the Korean Missions at the Annual Council of the Japan Missions of our Church, held at Kamakura, Japan.

The Korean Medical Association held its Annual Conference in Seoul this year, and for the first time a woman was chairman—Dr. Florence Murray.

East and West

Central India

A little blind boy of five years of age, whose father is totally blind, and whose mother is almost blind, was admitted to the Babies' Home, Banswara. He himself lost his sight when about two years of age. Miss McHarrie writes of him: "When admitted he could not walk and was the saddest little boy, but now he is jolly and fat and takes a great interest in life, learning hymns in English and Hindi. I had a special swing made for him on which he is never tired of swinging. It is quite a new thing to admit a blind child, but as he is of poor Christian parents an exception was made in his case. It has been good for the other children to have him, as they take a great interest in him, and always plead that he may be included in any extra little pleasure or trips. The manner in which he has responded to the

love and care showered upon him has amply paid us for the extra work that his coming has entailed. Everything is being done to make him realize that he can play and work like other children, and we hope that later on the way will be opened up for him to go to the Blind School in Bombay."

Formosa

This item is translated from the Formosan Church paper: "To say the name of Mrs. Gauld is to think of music. For in 1892, Mr. and Mrs. Gauld came to Formosa, and from that time till today, in schools and churches, she has without ceasing, given her time to teaching music. In cold or heat, in wind or rain, she has been happy to give unstintingly of her service to this cause. Those who have from her learned to play the organ and piano or to sing, are certainly many.



TEMPERANCE GROUP, ITALIAN MISSION, MONTREAL

"Now, Mrs. Gauld has been working among us for thirty-eight years. Among the missionaries who have been in North Formosa she has given the longest service. This year she goes home on furlough, so a few of us have taken the lead in arranging a meeting to commemorate this term of service. We would like to prepare a small token of our thanks, and also to have a musical entertainment to be a lasting memory from the church.

"For the guidance of those interested we write down a few suggestions:

1. Fee, students 50 yen, others, one yen.
2. Time, April 19th, 9.30 a.m.
3. Place, Daitotei Church.
4. A photo of Mrs. Gauld to all who come.
5. Every one is requested to present a picture of himself to Mrs. Gauld as a remembrance—if in a family group, good.
6. After the meeting there will be a feast.

"Mrs. Gauld once said to a friend, 'It was because of the love of Jesus I came to Formosa.' We hope all those who have been sharers in this love of Christ will come and meet with us on this occasion."

Temperance

I have a day school with children in eight grades, teach night school three nights a week and visit in the homes. Seven of my children tried the temperance examination set by the W.C.T.U., and they all passed with honors. I taught temperance in school and found them very much interested. One little girl, who used to have Coca Cola for her lunch every day, gave up buying it because I told her it had a little alcohol in it. I was rather amused one

day, when I got a new dictionary, to find that the first word they looked up was alcohol.—*Beculah G. Graham, Italian Mission, Montreal, Quebec.*

Supply Work

We come, representing seventeen presbyterial secretaries of supplies . . . Could we take you to our home mission stations in the Maritimes, you would find our deaconesses and superintendents, lifting the fallen, cheering the sick, clothing the needy and training the children. Quilts, clothing for men, women and children, toys, games, dolls and books were in the parcels sent to these stations. One report reads: "The box contained everything from soup to nuts," while into another, "little fruit cakes were tucked."

From Labrador and the outports of Newfoundland we glean stories of men, invalided on account of exposure in open boats, of loss of vessels, entailing suffering of families, of old people entirely dependent upon the good will of others, etc. . . . We read: "The contents of the boxes and barrels were a Godsend in the best sense." "If you could only hear the expressions of gratitude you would be persuaded that your work is a labor of love." "May God bless your cause of mercy!"

We handled carefully some special gifts entrusted to us—the garments of those who have gone before . . . A shawl of "Mother's" is keeping, we trust, another mother warm, while the box of medical supplies, a most generous box, was "highly appreciated and would prove very beneficial during the coming winter." That would be the winter of 1929.

At the annual meeting of the Maritime Branch in 1929, Mrs. H. H. Morton of Trinidad was present and gave much practical information to our Supply secretaries. . . . The patterns of shirt and dresses are invaluable. As some have resembled Noah's dove, others have been cut out to replace them and so they travel about. Needles and thread have been busy, and Christian Stewardship of time, talents, and ability, demonstrated by the goods forwarded to our island to the south. Writes one in acknowledgment: "If you could see us carrying off our parcels from the mission boxes, sorting and counting the contents, you would hear such exclamations as: 'What pretty garments! These will help us out with our ten schools, and so on.' In our field there are many children running about naked. They may have one shirt or dress, but as you can imagine, wash day does not come here as it comes in Canada. On re-opening of schools, when we usually give out the majority of the

garments, we give in one day, to the most needy children, anywhere from fifteen to thirty garments. Having ten schools in our section, you can imagine what looks like a heap of clothes disappear. We are grateful for the garments, paper cards, and dolls, and hope that the home auxiliaries may continue in this good work."—*Miss M. M. Bell, Secretary of Supplies, Maritime Conference Branch.*

School Homes

Perhaps you remember that we had chicken-pox and whooping cough here last fall and winter. The thermometer had to be used frequently, and this accounts for the following incident of two of our four-year-old girls. Charlotte had a huge lead pencil with about an inch of it in Helen's mouth while she held the other end. When I appeared she said, "I'm taking her temperature." Then she took the pencil out and added, "You'll have to go to bed."—*Elizabeth Hawken, Wahstao, Alta.*

Auxiliary Interest

ONCE MORE a new day lies before us, our Father. As we go out among men to do our work touching the hands and lives of our fellows, make us, we pray Thee, friends of all the world. Saves us from blighting the fresh flower of any heart by the flare of sudden anger or secret hate. May we not bruise the rightful self-respect of any by contempt or malice. Help us to cheer the suffering by our sympathy, to freshen the drooping by our hopefulness, and to strengthen in all the wholesome sense of worth and the joy of life. Grant that we may look all men in the face with the eyes of a brother. If any one needs us, make us ready to yield our help ungrudgingly, unless higher duties claim us, and may we rejoice that we have it in us to be helpful to our fellow men.—*Walter Rauschenbusch.*

A Missionary Atmosphere

ATMOSPHERE is one of the most effective assets or liabilities of a nation, a state, a home or a church. It is that something that cannot be touched, pictured or described. It can be sensed. It is that illusive thing within four walls, which you cannot pin down, but which influences every one who enters. It adheres to folks; to things. It is that which made the blind perceive that Christ was passing by.

What stands out most vividly to-day in your memory of home? Candidly, with me it is the "Thou shalt nots" of my capable, sensible mother. The discerningly selected books and pictures placed intriguingly at psychological moments and in strategic places; the Bible stories that were told so naturally and interpreted in terms of present required behavior;

the nature stories revealing God's mastery of form and love of beauty, the horizon-lifting history stories which impressed upon the seven fascinated young listeners that history is not a Topsy, that it is the result of persons in action, the buckwheat-crock with its sweet, sleepy music as the wooden spoon struck its glazed sides, after we had all been "tucked in"—O home, that is what it all spells! This is the possession to which every child born into the world has a right. Ninety-nine per cent. of the world's childhood knows nothing of this nurturing care. How about our own children?

As the home should have its tactfully creative atmosphere, so should the public schools, colleges and universities. Especially should this be true of all educational institutions supported by the Church of the Living Christ. Our plans and methods for developing strong

Christian youth should be the result of more exacting study than is put on the building chart of a great highway or into the blueprints of a stately building. The cultivation of corn, potatoes, cabbage, wheat; of trees, flowers, shrubs, has more scientific thought given to it than has the spiritual nurturing of childhood and youth. The millions of Christian men and women throughout the world are to blame for this neglect.

Thought should be given by programme committees to creating the correct atmosphere in which to present a missionary programme. Appropriate pictures drawn on blackboards, bristols uponboard, missionary trophies or curios, together with carefully selected music, give a setting which will help make the programme live.

You cannot find artists? That is what they told us in a certain church, where within one hour after this statement, the owner and manager of a large hotel was found to be a sufficiently fine and willing crayon artist to have the

work which he did for his own church displayed in the Northfield and Chautauqua Institutes of Missions. All of us are walking over acres of art talent every day. Let us capture it for Christ. In another place the artist was found making coffee in a hotel. Later she received twenty-five dollars for a cover design for one of the finest children's magazines in the United States. Another artist was teaching the new wax art in a department store and was said to be too busy to think of giving time to missionary drawing. She was "delighted" to do the work even though one morning she had to get up at four-thirty in order to put the picture on the board for an early morning class. Make the challenge big, and big people will respond "bigly."

By suggestion, encourage the children to copy the pictures, then let the father and mother take turns in telling them these essentially educative stories. They make fine bed-time stories. The children probably will of themselves pray for the little strangers who are beginning to be a part of their world. What would even a small part of one generation so instructed produce for World Friendship? Try it.

A good slogan in this connection:

The parenthood of every nation
For the childhood of the world.

Learn it and practise it.—*From The Missionary Review of the World.*

Auxiliary Notes

The auxiliary of Grace Church, St. Thomas, put on a pageant, "The Light of the World," in December. It was such a success that it was repeated at the Sunday evening service four times. Every time the church was crowded and numbers turned away. The beautiful reverent representation of the coming of the Christ child carries a heartfelt message to all.

The women of Trinity United Church, North Bay, Ontario, had a Fee Day in February whereby they reported having seventy-five per cent. of their fees already paid. They then made a special effort to have all fees paid up by the end of the first quarter. The Y.W. and the W.M.S. auxiliaries staged a short play, "Serving Two Masters," which proved to be a great success financially.

Suggestive Programme

For Auxiliaries, Young Women's
Auxiliaries and Mission Circles

AUGUST, 1930

Study—An Hour With Our Hymns.

Leader—To-day our thought is to be directed to some of our well-known hymns with the hope that a greater knowledge of the writers and the conditions in which they were written may enable us to more truly pray, praise and worship as we sing.

Hymn—(Worship) "O Worship the King."

Minutes and Business.

Hymn—(Prayer) "Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare."

***Devotional Leaflet**—Be Of Good Cheer.

Short Prayer: That we may indeed sing with the Spirit.

Hymn (Praise) "For the Beauty of the Earth."

†Our Hymns.

Closing Prayer and Benediction.

*Price 3 cents †Price 5 cents.

Order from

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Room 410, Wesley Buildings, Toronto
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Young People

C.G.I.T. Activities

AT CHRISTMAS time through the interest of one of the teachers in the Church school, a box of wooden hand-made toys were received from the Grenfell Mission, Labrador. These were for sale. They were so well made and artistically colored, that they aroused interest in a group of teen-age girls. After Christmas, the teacher who had secured the toys, was asked to talk on Labrador. She had spent some time there, and so could make the talk very real. There were illustrations with slides, and these showed the lives of the people, and also showed how, on account of their dangerous work, the men often perished and left their families unprovided for.

The girls were particularly interested in one bright looking girl who had been left an orphan. When they found that she was in a mission school, they inquired if their missionary giving might go to pay for her expenses. With this idea the girls became intensely interested in Labrador. A letter was written to the girl, sending her greetings from the group along with some snapshots. In due time an answer came, and so friendly contacts were set up as the correspondence continued.

At the holiday seasons—Christmas and Easter—greeting cards were sent. The girls set as their objective, \$50.00 for their giving, each group promising a certain amount. This gave a *concrete reason* for their givings and made it easier to give money. At a play given in connection with the church, they sold ice-cream and candy which also helped.

The following Christmas it was decided to send a simple remembrance from each girl. Every one had a share and they were all pleased with the Christmas letter they received. This is the sort of project which may continue indefinitely, and from the interest aroused there might grow a desire to work as a nurse or teacher in the Labrador or other needy place.
—Lyla E. McNally, Ottawa, Ontario.

A member of a group in a port city was asked if she would like to accompany a worker to the wharf and help New Canadian mothers and their children ashore from the steamer to their respective trains. She helped all one day, carrying babies, luggage, etc., from the steamer to the Immigration Building, and then to the trains.

Greatly excited over her experience, she told the girls of her C.G.I.T. group all about it. They decided they'd love to help too, so they had the worker come to the group, tell them how they could be of use, and finally received permission for a certain number of them to go down each Saturday or

holiday to help in this fine work.

At subsequent meetings they decided on more ways by which they could be of service. They made envelopes containing soap, towels, crayons, paper, and picture books, and, most important of all, they secured a New Testament in the particular language of each family from the Bible Society, and distributed it free. After a few Saturdays, the girls found they sadly needed training on the care of infants, for they often had sole charge of the babies for a couple of hours while the parents were busy at the Immigration Office. So they had a nurse at

Two Girls

Wise, economical Abigail Jane
Leaned from her snug limousine to explain,
"Help a Chinese orphan, give ten cents a day?
I couldn't afford it, it's too much to pay.
My boots cost ten-fifty and my gloves, six a pair,
Five dollars a bottle the scent for my hair.
I love little children and yet it is plain
I can't feed an orphan," sighed Abigail Jane.

Silly, extravagant Ellen O'May,
Works in a restaurant down on Broadway—
"I could walk to me job; what's a car-fare to me
If 'twill help a poor Chinaman over the sea?
Ten cents a day! 'Tis a paper of pins,
I'll pay for the kid and wish he was twins!"
Silly, extravagant Ellen O'May!
—Selected.

some of their meetings to teach them some simple facts.

They became very interested in the different nationalities and devoted a meeting to learning about the customs, dress, etc., of the special nationality with which each member had come in contact. Later they felt that the folk songs, dances and literature of these countries would make fine studies.

They took turns all summer at this service, and often said that they received more than they gave. One girl heard afterward from a Scottish lady whom she had helped and was thrilled when she was told that the baby was called after her!—*Thora Dobson, Ottawa, Ont.*

Twelve hundred Canadian Girls In Training, in Calgary and Edmonton churches, have assisted in distributing used Sunday School papers of The United Church from these cities to unserved rural areas. W. S. Douglas, the layman who originated this mission, has added a loaning library and is also sending out New Testament portions. The work began six years ago and is growing steadily. There is no profit or charge involved.

An Appeal

This is the season of the year when our students are graduating from college and our nurses from hospitals. Their thoughts are

centred on the future, and on what is to be their life work. No nobler call than that which comes, loud and insistent, from our mission fields could be heard. Missionaries of the highest type of character and education are needed for our own Canada and for the lands beyond the seas.

The Student Volunteer Movement has issued a number containing statements from all the non-Christian lands, and from the leading Christians of these countries, and all of these make an impassioned appeal for missionaries, whose special work will be to train the native Christians that they may be able to give the Gospel of Love to their own people. Our Mission Councils are desperately in need of workers to save our now overburdened missionaries from complete breakdown, as they attempt to do the work of two. Young women, if you aspire for work that is satisfying and soul-enriching, give this call your earnest thought. "He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.—(Mrs. H. R.) *Helen Inksater.*

Live Christ, and all thy life shall be
A sweet uplifting ministry,
A showing of the fair white seeds
That fruit through all eternity!

—*John Oxenham*

From Sea to Sea

CANADA'S birthday comes on the first of July, and *World Friends* is going to celebrate it by having an all-Canadian number for July, in which our young readers will learn some interesting things about the Dominion that stretches from sea to sea. Dr. Gunn, the Moderator of The United Church of Canada, has written an article especially for the girls and boys who read *World Friends*; the history of the Canadian Coat of Arms will be told; and there will be stories illustrating the way in which young Canadians are helping to build the beautiful structure which we call the Dominion of Canada.

In August the majority of subscriptions to *World Friends* expire, and we would like to remind those Auxiliaries who have so generously paid the Mission Band subscriptions, that now is the best time for renewal, before the Bands disperse for the summer.

The Honor Roll is to be continued under slightly different conditions. Five subscriptions entitle a boy or girl to a place on the Honor Roll, but the subscriptions must be new; renewals do not count.

Subscription price payable in advance: individual mailing, 25 cents; in parcels of ten or more, 15 cents. Make all money orders and cheques payable at par to *World Friends*, 415 Wesley Buildings, Toronto 2.

Mission Bands

The Year's Work

GRACEY GUNDY

Baby Bands.—It has been interesting to watch the steady growth of this department. It is, of course, far from being ideal when we consider that the ratio, last year, was one Baby Band to ten auxiliaries. Co-operation with the Sunday school has been sought and, in many cases, the two departments—Cradle Roll and Baby Band—work hand in hand. The aim of the department is twofold: first, to interest the mother in the great cause of World Friendship, and second, to enroll the children up to five years. A mother's sympathy can be so enlarged that she can feel for the misguided mother in a distant land, who leaves her twin babies in the forest to die because twins are thought to bring bad luck. She will also sympathize with the mother who half-heartedly consents to the father selling the baby because it is a girl. If she can catch this larger vision of being able to share Christ with these mothers who have not heard the Gospel story, she will not only be interested herself, but will want her children to have a share in this World Friendship. By visiting once a quarter, or, better still, by delivering *World Friends* once a month, the superintendent establishes friendly relationships with the mother, and interests her in the children of other lands. Teaching the little ones to share their pennies will be a natural outcome of the mother's growing interest, so a mite box is left in the home.

We have 334 Baby Bands—an increase of fifty-five. The total membership is 7,933; and the total amount raised through fees, life-memberships, and mite boxes, is \$1,740.94.

There was some confusion over the new method of reporting directly to the presbyterial treasurer instead of through the auxiliary, as we have formerly done. The new method is much more business like, and we hope will make for more accurate reports in this department. All superintendents of Mission Bands are urged to report to the presbyterial treasurer twice a year—the end of June and the end of December.

We now have a promotion certificate for members graduating at five years of age. A great many presbyterial mission band secretaries have expressed the desire for an assistant who will take over the Baby Band work. Your secretary believes that the work would progress much more rapidly if this were done, as the presbyterial Mission Band secretaries are now overburdened.

One presbyterial secretary, who is an enthusiast in Baby Band work, makes this comment, "No

matter how small the membership, every auxiliary should be mothering a Baby Band—even if it is only one baby."

Mission Bands.—It is a great satisfaction to know that our numbers are steadily increasing. One hundred and thirty new bands have been organized this year. Our report deals only with active bands; if we had tabulated those who were late in sending in their financial report (and, therefore, cannot be counted until next year) our membership would have been much larger. The number of annual members has, in many cases, been at variance with the amount tabulated for fees. Thus, in most of these cases, the membership had to be cut down. The total membership amounts to 44,190. The number of new life-members is 1,021, contributing \$5,105. The total amount of

A Prayer

Lord Jesus, Thou who lovest
Each little child like me,
Oh, take my life and use it,
And let me shine for Thee;
Oh, give me bits of work to do
To show how much I love Thee too.

I know, in distant countries
Beyond the deep blue sea,
Are many little children
Thou lovest, just like me.
But they have never heard Thy name
And do not know that Jesus came.

Lord, let me send Thy message
Across the deep blue sea,
To tell those little children
What Thou hast done for me;
Oh, show me, Lord, what I can do,
That they may know and love Thee
too.

Amen.—Selected.

money sent to the branch is \$63,518.32. The average giving per member is \$1.43, almost \$1.44. Total number of active Mission Bands is 1,703.

Study Book.—From all branches come enthusiastic comments on *Friendship Trails*, with its delightful worship services and stories of new Canadians. Tracing the trails on the map of Canada, which was provided, has been a source of delight to both boys and girls.

The Friendship Book.—This book, with its ten beautiful pictures on the Life of Christ, made an interesting and delightful project, not soon to be forgotten by band members. These books will go far and wide, not only across Canada, but to the lands overseas, and will be the means of linking our boys and girls more closely with other world children. We owe the authors of this book, Mrs. Mary Ritchie and Miss NeTannis Semmens, a true debt of gratitude.

Worship.—Leaders have expressed deep satisfaction in having a connected Bible Study so beautifully arranged. In endeavoring to make worship a vital part of our meeting we are but giving it its rightful place. We recall the words of the Master when He said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Only as we draw near to Him and practice His presence through worship, will our children learn to know and love Him. Many books have been written on worship in recent years, and we, as children's leaders, need to seek these out, and study them in order to be better able to "feed His lambs."

Mite Boxes or Our Friendship Fund.—This method of training the children in systematic giving, is practised in all presbyterials. Children are ready to respond, especially if there is a definite objective. The "cent-a-day plan" is recommended for city children, who, as a rule, have more money to spend on candy, or cones, than is good for them, and therefore, could spare this sum. To add more interest, tiny calendars have been pasted on the top of the box, and the days struck out as deposits are made. Boys and girls have contributed through mite boxes this year, \$7,964.36.

World Friends.—Our new paper, with its pretty cover of children joining hands around the world, has made a tremendous appeal to our boys and girls. Subscriptions have exceeded all expectations. Our beloved editor, Mrs. E. J. Pratt, is making an immense contribution to mission band work through this

wonderful little paper. Auxiliaries are reported in many cases to be supplying the paper for band members. The number of subscriptions is 10,657.

To be continued.

Notes

A mite-box tea was the somewhat novel idea of the Mission Band of Chesterfield, Ont., when the members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary were invited as guests. A varied and interesting programme had been prepared by the young folk, under the leadership of Miss Annie Waldie, who presided over the meeting. A dialogue entitled, "If I were you," was given, in which one of the children impersonated a Chinese girl. Mother Goose, with her modern family, was introduced by the President, the old familiar rhymes taking a new trend in missionary thought and desire, ten children taking part. The mite-box collection helped materially with the funds.

Here is a fine idea for a Rally service sent by Mrs. Mabel Tyler, Secretary of Mission Bands and Baby Bands in Toronto West Presbyterian: "A very successful rally was held at Wesley Church in March on a Saturday afternoon when a large attendance of happy children met. Mrs. Fitzpatrick extended the welcome from the auxiliary. Twenty members of Humbercrest Mission Band read the scripture lesson followed by prayer from members of Silverthorne and West bands. Ten children of the Wesley band sang the mite box song.

Messages came from Mrs. A. J. Thomas, Secretary of bands for the conference branch, who made special reference to the immigrants coming to our shores. Rev. H. Hull brought greetings from Toronto West Presbytery, giving the little hearers some beautiful thoughts to carry home.

From Mrs. Oliver, President of the Toronto Conference Branch, came congratulations to bands and leaders, and Mrs. Aubrey gave a splendid talk on "The Measuring Rod"—Jesus Christ, the only perfect measure of our lives.

When the roll call came, 469 boys and girls answered. The closing hymn, "Sound the Battle Cry," was sung with fine spirit, and Rev. G. Burry, Downsview, pronounced the benediction. Ice cream and cake was served at the close to the boys and girls.

News from the Conference Branches

Alberta

Press Secretary, Mrs. T. H. Lonsdale, Banff, Alberta.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. White, 1626 Thirteenth Street South, Lethbridge. Alberta.

LETHBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAL.—The fifth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Lethbridge, on February 27-28. The President, Mrs. C. E. Brandow, was in the chair. The convention was opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Bevan, Coleman, and Mrs. Knight, MacLeod. Reports were read showing the splendid progress of the various auxiliaries. The presbyterial allocation was surpassed by \$175. Mrs. (Commissioner) Haggard of the Salvation Army was warmly welcomed as she came forward to bring her message. In her bright, inspiring way she gave a vivid, sympathetic and sometimes humorous picture of her eight years spent in pioneer Salvation Army work in Korea. Mrs. Geiger gave a musical number. The Knox Mission Band presented a thanksgiving pageant. Mrs. Knight, Macleod, gave a thought-inspiring paper on Temperance. Mrs. Knight closed her address by throwing out the picture of the eastern non-Christian lands looking in upon Christian Canada tolerating this condition.

The banquet was attended by over two hundred, with Mrs. Horspool as hostess. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Follis, Wesley, and Mrs. Ross, First United, and replied to by Mrs. Villett, Pincher Creek. Dr. Melvin brought greetings from the presbytery. The evening session was in the hands of the C.G.I.T. of Wesley Church, following an organ prelude by Mr. Williams. Miss Davidson led the devotional exercises, after which a beautiful play of four acts, entitled, "Color Blind," was presented. Mrs. Stewart presented slides on the work of the Society in Canada, showing how great and varied are the labors of this wonderful organization. The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Pritchard of Knox Church.

The following morning session was held in Knox Church, with the second vice-President, Mrs. Horspool, in the chair. Mrs. Norton, Coaldale, had charge of the devotional exercises and from her own experiences as a mis-

sionary drew spiritual lessons of God's divine using of His followers. Reports were read by the various secretaries of departments, each bringing a fund of information and inspiration. Mrs. Galbraith spoke of the splendid results of the affiliation of the C.G.I.T. groups with The Woman's Missionary Society, and stressed the necessity of a sympathetic relationship between the two societies. Mrs. Marshall, Lethbridge, brought a gospel message in song which was a much enjoyed break in a strenuous business period. This was followed by an address on the "Stewardship of Life," by Mrs. Lovering. A bright and lively discussion filled in the remaining period of the morning session which adjourned after a brief prayer by Rev. G. H. Villet, Pincher Creek.

The afternoon session was opened with the President, Mrs. Brandow, in the chair. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Munroe, Taber; Mrs. McIlvena, Lethbridge, assisting. Business reports again were heard and discussed, followed by reports of the various committees. Several resolutions were brought in and passed by the presbyterial; these are to be sent for confirmation to the conference branch to be held in May. Rev. Roy Taylor, First United Church, Lethbridge, was present and installed the new officers. The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Brandow. This brought to a close the most inspiring and successful convention yet held by this presbyterial.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Brandow; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Moe; Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Kress; all of Lethbridge.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL.—This presbyterial held a successful annual meeting in Metropolitan Church, Edmonton. There was a large attendance at all the sessions both of country and city delegates, who were welcomed by Mrs. H. G. Rice. Mrs. J. E. Duclos responded for the delegates. The devotional exercises of all the sessions were in charge of the country auxiliaries. Mrs. A. D. Miller, President, occupied the chair. Mrs. Colwill, Corresponding Secretary, reported 888 auxiliary members, 357 being life members, with \$7,878.11 raised. There was a large average giving per member throughout the presbyterial, Leduc leading with

\$16.28 per member. Mrs. McFarlane reported for Y.W.A.'s and mission circles, stating that there were 174 members whose givings amounted to \$1,523.36. Mrs. D. N. Kellner, Secretary for Mission and Baby Bands, stated that there are nine baby bands and twenty-one mission bands with 621 members and \$926.68 givings. Mrs. Kellner reported progress and steady growth in this department. Mrs. Ingram, Associate Helpers' Secretary, reported 338 members who have contributed \$527.87. Mrs. Watson, Strangers' Secretary, reported that the twenty secretaries had looked after 3,944 persons which included strangers, patients in hospitals and others who came to their attention. Mrs. Gaety, Secretary for Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups, stated there are 258 members with givings amounting to \$99.40. Mrs. A. E. Ottewell, Literature Secretary, gave a most encouraging report. There is a marked increase in number of members who are using envelopes. The study book is popular. Mrs. Rowe, Temperance and Peace Secretary, stated that while this is a new department the prospects are encouraging. Many auxiliaries report giving time to these subjects at their regular meetings.

Mrs. Slack, Supply Secretary, reported a most successful year in her department. The total value of supplies was \$688.74. Mrs. Elliot, MISSIONARY MONTHLY Secretary, reported 547 subscribers to the monthly paper and urged the importance of every member subscribing to it. The Treasurer, Mrs. Riach, reported \$10,291.48 raised in all departments. Mrs. Wm. Connolly, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, stated 1930's allocation as being 11,345. Miss Cork, missionary at the Congo Balolo African mission, spoke to the meeting and gave an insight into the difficulties confronting the workers, when they attempt work in a settlement on the equator and amongst a very degraded type of people with no written language. The British and Foreign Society is now working on a translation of the Bible for these people. Beautiful solos were rendered by Mrs. W. P. McDonald, Mrs. Till, Mrs. Wm. Townsend and Mr. Nichol. Splendid dialogues were presented by Metropolitan Mission Band and Garneau Mission Band. Mrs. A. D. Richards presented the work of C.G.I.T. at the evening meeting and gave a fine insight into the plan of preparing the girls for the fourfold life. Rev.

Mr. Hollingsworth gave an address on Peace. Mrs. Geo. Sievwright conducted a memorial service for those of the members who had Entered Into Higher Service during the year.

Mrs. Miller in the president's address impressed all with our responsibility as members of the Society. Mrs. Jas. McArthur brought some outstanding gleanings from the Board meeting of last summer. Resolutions were brought in by the Resolution Committee dealing with different aspects of Christian work, viz., peace, goodwill and temperance. Mrs. Geo. Duncan closed the meeting with prayer.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. A. D. Miller; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. Colwell; Treasurer, Mrs. Evans; all of Edmonton.

Bay of Quinte

Press Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Revelle, College Street, Kingston, Ontario.

Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, 78 Clergy Street West, Kingston, Ontario.

COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL.—The annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in St. John's Church, Campbellford, January 22-23, with a large attendance of delegates. The opening exercises were taken by the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Terrill, Mrs. Wooler, and Mrs. Forde, Camborne, after which the President, Mrs. Mears, Port Hope, took the chair. Mrs. Smale, Warkworth, was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem*. A very cordial welcome was extended to the visitors by Mrs. A. D. Bennett, which was replied to by Mrs. Roberts, Grafton, former President of this Presbyterial. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Newman, Castleton, followed with a report of the year's work. A new society has been formed at Elizabethville. There are 696 annual members and 271 life members. The group system is the most endorsed system among the auxiliaries and the study class is growing in favor. Mrs. Street, Stockdale, in reporting for the department of Christian Stewardship and Finance, said: "Our giving is the proper adjustment of our lives to Jesus' teaching." She stressed systematic giving by envelope. Twenty-seven of the forty auxiliaries are doing so; twenty have adopted a missionary in prayer; sixteen use the budget plan.

The financial statement by the Treasurer, Mrs. Maitland, showed that in 1929 \$442.57 more had been raised than in 1928. There had been bequests of \$432.08. Total amount raised was \$12,108.94. Mrs. Smyth, Pembroke, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference Branch, and Miss E. Mitchell, Travelling Secretary for the Society, were introduced and made corresponding members of the presbyterial. A mission band chorus, under the leadership of Mrs. R. C. Tait and Miss E. Meiklejohn, was heard with much pleasure. Mrs. Neale, Wooler, gave a survey of the work of the young people during the year, which was most encouraging. Cobourg Mission Circle, with fifty-nine annual members and thirty-nine life members, sent \$461. The next highest was Campbellford, sending \$150. A new circle on the Seymour district has done good work, and also Wooler. Three new C.G.I.T. groups have been organized. A World Friendship Convention held at Brighton this year was full of enthusiasm, and afforded a rare opportunity to lead girls in Christian service.

A paper by Mrs. Clare, Norham, on "Mission Bands," showed the responsibilities of auxiliary members, mothers and leaders in co-operating in the work of training the children for future missionary work. Mrs. McKee, Mission Band Secretary, reported a membership of 578, an increase of eleven with contributions of \$1,139.95. But there are twelve auxiliaries still without mission bands. Three things only are essential, "A love for Christ, a love for little children, and a willingness to be spent for Him."

Mrs. Mears, in her presidential address, said, "The joy we experience in co-operating with God in this work is worth more than all the sacrifice we put into it." Mrs. J. T. Daley, Port Hope, Past-President of the Conference Branch, conducted the Quiet Half-Hour, her theme being "Personal Consecration." Mrs. J. T. Field, Cobourg, read a thoughtful paper on "Fellowship."

The evening session was presided over by Rev. R. C. Tait, who also brought greetings from the presbytery. A quartette, "The Old Rugged Cross," was rendered by Misses Nettie Forde, Ruth Taylor, Nellie Hoover and Velma Runnells, Mr. Hazel accompanying. Then followed an eloquent address by Miss E. Mitchell, which revealed much of the tragic side of life from the Atlantic to the Pacific of the new-comers to our country. She made a

gripping appeal for the human touch—the touch that the Master spent His life in giving. Mrs. W. L. Smyth, the next speaker, made a strong appeal for rededication of ourselves to Christ. Mrs. Geo. Hammond, Campbellford, as Literature Secretary, stressed the need of knowledge as a source of inspiration and interest. Twenty-eight auxiliaries use the study book, seven have study groups, twenty-seven use the suggested programme literature and one auxiliary has a reading club and library.

Mrs. J. George, Millbrook, Associate Helpers' Secretary, gave a most encouraging report of this part of the work. Seventeen of the seventy-nine members had joined the auxiliary in the last year. There were thirty subscribers to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. The report of the Strangers' Secretary, Miss F. E. Hall, showed a wonderful work done among strangers, patients in hospitals and shut-ins; 113 strangers and 350 others had been cared for. Patients—163 of them have been visited in hospitals; forty-one on return from hospitals, and letters sent asking other strangers' secretaries to visit patients. One New Canadian is being taught English. An In Memoriam service was conducted by Mrs. Garland, Cobourg, and Mrs. A. McLeaglin, Grafton. Mrs. Geo. Kingston, Press Secretary, reported excellent work done in publicity during 1929. Mrs. Roberts, Grafton, as Temperance Secretary, said that the remedy for the present situation in Canada is education. Keep before the boys and girls the ideals of Christian citizenship.

A resolution was passed commending our government with regard to its policy in refusing clearance of liquor to the United States, and also for the efforts put forth to forward world peace. It was decided that a prize be awarded to the Banner Band of this presbyterial. A motion was carried that the time of the presbyterial meeting be changed from January to May.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. H. Mears, Port Hope; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Newman, Castleton; Treasurer, Mrs. Rose Maitland, Brighton.

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL.—Mrs. Peter Redner of Rednerville, Ontario, who died April 18th, 1930, left one hundred dollars to The Woman's Missionary Society.

British Columbia

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Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Higginbotham, 3156
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The fourth annual meeting of this conference branch was held in Chown United Church, Vancouver, March 25-28. The key-note of the opening address given by Rev. Andrew Roddan of First Church, a newcomer to Vancouver, was, "One Fold and one Shepherd." The speaker showed that Christianity was the only religion that could give this challenge and was adequate to the task of meeting it.

The Communion service, conducted by Rev. O. M. Sanford, and the devotional services taken by the branch executive, the five presbyterials and Mrs. J. C. Spencer, were vital parts of the programme and aided the spirit of earnestness which marked all the meetings.

The President, Mrs. C. A. Wickens, in her address, outlined the place of woman in relation to the life of Christ and down through the growth of Christianity, their vision ever growing as they engage in the great missionary crusade of love.

The treasurer's statement showed that three of the five presbyterials, Victoria, Kootenay, and Kamloops-Okanagan, had exceeded their allocation, and that the total sent to Toronto was \$38,700, which was ninety per cent. of the allocation of \$43,000. The treasurer reported for the Bequest Fund, Mrs. Lillias Scoular, \$250, and Dr. Thomas Crosby, \$905. One hundred and eighty life memberships were given during the year. The C.G.I.T. groups contributed \$369.98.

Mrs. Cousland, who has given twenty-four years of service in Japan and Korea, twenty of which were given as principal of a girls' school in Japan, was the speaker on Young Women's night, taking as her subject, "But We Press On." On this evening members of the Y.W. auxiliary led the devotional service and eighteen young women of Trinity Church, under Mrs. A. E. Roberts, put on the pageant by Margaret Applegarth, "Yes—But—Ers."

Some interesting items gleaned from the report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. MacPherson, were, that a number of auxiliaries report having a small circulating library; that one auxiliary has its own publication, *The Chimes*, which is distributed on the Sunday

previous to the W.M.S. meeting; and that the practice of a senior auxiliary entertaining a Y.W. auxiliary or a junior organization, or one auxiliary entertaining a neighboring auxiliary, had proved very helpful to the work.

The Supply Secretary, Mrs. James Kerr, had a tale to tell of a good work in applied Christianity, a tale of the joy of doing and giving on the one hand, and of lives cheered and helped on the other. One secretary has well named this department "The Friendly Beat." Through the generosity of a few business men, and a W.M.S. member, a new portable organ was donated for Mr. Smeeton's work on the *Sky Pilot*, one of the mission boats. An interested member of the Richmond auxiliary donated a second-hand organ, which was shipped to a needy Sunday school. There were supplies for hospitals, schools, community work, home mission fields and the marine mission. The tale continues—dolls for Trinidad, dolls for China, babies' outfits for Miss MacHarrie's babies in Neemuch, India, mittens knitted by a Swiss woman, near Vernon, for a leper colony in the Himalaya mountains—truly this department awakens our imagination, as we follow its gifts.

Often the work of the Library Department goes hand in hand with the Supply Department in its efforts to help the lonely and isolated. Mrs. J. A. Forin stated that besides books, magazines, periodicals, hymn books and Sunday-school supplies, flower seeds, bulbs and patterns were often included. In answer to a personal appeal from Miss C. E. Brodie, 170 books were collected and sent to the Ahousaht Indian School. The secretary suggested that each church have a library day, when all may contribute.

The splendid work of the Strangers' Department was summarized by Mrs. J. W. Saunby, who said that this is the foundation of a Christian Canada. Friendliness is the keynote; for example, Westminster cared for a miner's family of nine, and played Santa Claus to this family at Christmas time. One hundred and eighteen removals were reported, and 117 new Canadians under instruction in the English language.

Vancouver had a warm welcome for Miss Adelaide Sutherland, Strangers' Secretary, on her return in July, and Miss Sutherland has been gladly sharing the blessings she received in her "year off," having given messages, since

her return, on thirty occasions, to auxiliaries, and at church services. No one could summarize or adequately tell of the work of this quiet, prayerful woman as she goes about in hospital or home, bringing cheer, encouragement, hope, comfort, or a new outlook on life to those to whom she ministers.

The Associate Helpers' Secretary, Miss Janet Sinclair, recommended the use of membership cards, and especially that the associate helper read our magazine. Only about one-quarter of their number are at present subscribers to *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*.

Some encouraging features from the mission band department, as given by Mrs. C. S. Maharg, were, that auxiliary interest in bands, is on the increase; voluntary and sacrificial giving is on the increase; members are getting definite training in Christian stewardship; that there is more continuity of study, and life-membership is more popular. The banner for general proficiency was awarded to the Armstrong Band, who held it last year. The banner for highest average giving went to Kimberley, whose givings were \$4.75.

Miss Archibald, missionary from Trinidad, in her address on "Education in Missions," stated that the day schools in Trinidad have been a strong arm of the church. The T.G.I.T. has its place, and the girls have summer camps like their Canadian Girls-In-Training sisters. An auxiliary was organized in 1928, which held its first annual meeting in February, 1930. This year they are going to support a girl in West China; a bit of foreign mission work.

The outstanding speaker of the evening meetings was Dr. Duncan MacRae, who was returning after furlough, to Korea, where he has been a missionary for thirty-two years. He drew a vivid picture of the business and political contacts of the Occident with the Orient; at its ports, and farther inland; a picture of the growing demands of the Orient for western clothes and food, and the economic situation in the Orient, which has made for Bolshevism and Communism.

Following Mrs. A. D. Archibald's report for the C.G.I.T. groups, Miss A. Fountain, Girls' Work Secretary, spoke of the necessity of co-operation between the religious Educational Council and The Woman's Missionary Society to give religious instruction to teen-age girls.

The meetings concluded with a drive for the delegates, arranged by Mrs. G. O. Fallis, when

the three Oriental missions of the city and First Church were visited. Tea was served in the kindergarten room of the new Chinese mission building.

The officers for 1930 are: President, Mrs. C. A. Wickens; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. Macpherson; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Day Washington, all of Vancouver.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL.—The annual meeting, held in Henderson United Church, West Burnaby, February 11-12, was voted the most successful since Union. A deep spiritual note was sounded in all reports and by the various speakers. The delegation was large and the discussion of problems was very free and helpful. Reports showed progress in almost every department. Eighteen out of twenty-seven auxiliaries reached or exceeded their allocation. A roll of honor for *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY* subscribers showed Port Moody in the lead with thirteen members and fifty-three subscribers.

The Finance Committee held several conferences during the sessions, and resolutions were passed to the effect:

That the full amount designated by the conference branch be allocated,

That our presbyterial fall in line with the other presbyterials within our branch by allocating a definite sum to each auxiliary to cover local charges, and that the auxiliary allocate in turn to its junior groups within its congregation, the auxiliary being responsible for the whole allocation.

Splendid addresses were given, including one by Mrs. Rex Eaton, Vancouver, on temperance lines. Quoting from Stanley Jones' latest book, one secretary asked, "Is God more *with* us than *in* us?" Surely this is a very searching question. When God is not only *with* us but *in* us, then our work will surely grow.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. W. H. Orr, 410 4th Ave.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, Burnaby Lake; both New Westminster.

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Into his nest' again,
I shall not live in vain.

—Emily Dickinson.

Hamilton

*Press Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Marshall,
321 Hunter St. E., Hamilton, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Davey, 17 Paisley
Ave. S., Hamilton, Ont.*

HALTON PRESBYTERIAL.—The first annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in St. Paul's United Church, Milton, February 7, when eighteen out of the twenty-five auxiliaries composing the presbyterial, were represented by delegates. Affiliated with the twenty-five auxiliaries are: one associate auxiliary; seven mission circles; two C.G.I.T. groups; one young woman's auxiliary; fourteen mission bands and three baby bands. The address of welcome to the delegates was given by Mrs. Bews, Milton, and acknowledged by Mrs. H. Caldwell, Limehouse. The devotional period was in charge of the Milton Auxiliary. Reports of the various secretaries were presented: Mrs. Tunis, Burlington, Corresponding Secretary, announced the allocations for 1930; Mrs. H. Ashbury, Oakville, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance; Mrs. Earl Wilson, Georgetown, Supply Secretary, announced the allocation of supplies for each auxiliary, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Dales consenting to receive bales and repack them for shipping to destination; the Strangers' Secretary's report was presented by Mrs. Tunis, substituting for Miss E. Hopkins, Burlington; Associate Helpers' report given by Mrs. J. Atkinson, Appleby; Mrs. W. H. Tuck, Oakville, Missionary Monthly and Literature Secretary, stressed the need of "knowing facts" and suggested the slogan "Every member a subscriber"; Mrs. G. Knighton, Waterdown, reported on mission bands and baby bands; Mrs. (Rev.) Aikins reported for Y.W. auxiliaries and mission circles.

During the afternoon session two fine addresses were given by Mrs. H. G. Arnott, President of Hamilton Conference Branch, and Miss K. Morgan, President of the presbyterial, while Miss Evelyn Mitchell, Traveling Secretary, took charge of a Question Drawer and imparted valuable information and instruction. Very pleasing variety was provided by an exercise put on by the Milton Mission Band, and a vocal solo, "Beautiful Japan," by Mrs. A. E. Pickard, Bronte. The local pastor, Rev. J. W. Aikins, conducted the opening devotional exercises and closed the evening session, which included an inspirational address by Miss

Mitchell. The Milton Choir led in the singing of the evening, and Mrs. Kirkland contributed the beautiful, "He Was Despised."

The finances for the six months of existence of the new presbyterial showed the following: total receipts of presbyterial, \$4,102.22; expenses, \$12.89; total remitted to conference branch, \$4,089.33. The request of border auxiliaries to be transferred to another presbyterial was received, but could not be legally dealt with by the assembly.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss K. Morgan, Bronte; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Tunis, Burlington; Treasurer, Miss V. Easton, Palermo.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL.—The annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Trinity Church, Kitchener, with Miss H. Little, Guelph, presiding. There was a good attendance of delegates. Rev. W. D. Spence, pastor of the church, welcomed them to Trinity Church and Kitchener. Mrs. Tucker, Arthur, responded on behalf of the delegates. Routine business included reports of the various secretaries of departments. From the report of the Supply Secretary, Mrs. Fruere, it was shown that the value of bales sent from the presbyterial in the past year was \$785. Reporting for the Christian stewardship department, Mrs. H. J. B. Leadley, Guelph, urged that W.M.S. women give more time to prayer. The report of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY Secretary, Mrs. Stewart, Guelph, showed that 1,157 of the members are subscribers, or 64.5 per cent. of the membership.

An interesting address on the subject, "Through Our Allocation Windows," was delivered by Mrs. Rae, a member of the Dominion Board. Miss Dick, a new Canadian, Waterloo, spoke on the persecution of Russian Christians in progress at the present time, and Miss Blanche Van Emery, Waterloo, outlined the programme for the summer school of the Church, held at Whitby Ladies' College each summer. Miss Steep gave an address on "New Canadians." In her address, Miss H. Little, President, urged the membership to rise to second place in the branch in their givings, instead of third place as last year. If every W.M.S. member in our whole Society gave two cents extra, every week, our objective of a million dollars would be reached.

The budget of \$20,000, for 1931, was unanimously accepted.

Appropriate musical numbers were interspersed throughout the convention. A strong temperance resolution was passed heartily and impressive devotional periods conducted. The Quiet Half Hour was led by Miss M. Bell, Hamilton. A most comprehensive review of the political and missionary situation in India was given in a thrilling address by Dr. Margaret MacKellar, Neemuch, India, who has spent forty years of her life there.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss H. Little; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. Laughland; Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Gallagher, all of Guelph.

London

*Press Secretary, Mrs. N. M. Leckie,
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Windsor, Ont.*

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL.—With sessions extending over two days, and with a large representation from auxiliaries in attendance, the fourth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Colborne Street United Church, London, on January 29-30. At the opening session, Mrs. Herbert Childs, in a brief inspirational address, spoke of the opportunities for Christian expression in present-day life, referring to peace and temperance work and industrial life, emphasizing the privileges of the Woman's Missionary Society in taking part in this work. Invocation during the devotional period was made by Mrs. D. L. McCrae. Greetings from the presbytery were extended by Rev. M. C. Tait, Glencoe.

The treasurer's report, given by Mrs. K. A. Murray, London, showed a substantial increase over last year's givings of \$1,207.00. Mrs. W. R. McIntosh gave the dedicatory prayer.

At a very largely attended evening session, the speaker was Rev. J. C. Cochrane, North Bay, Superintendent of Home Missions in Northern Ontario, who told a rugged story of the hardships of the north, of the courage necessary to face them, and of the great need for preachers and teachers of the Gospel.

Miss N. Forman, W.M.S. missionary in Regina, gave an address at the afternoon session. In a city of 60,000 people, of which 7,000 are from southern Europe, Miss Forman's work touches a large and important proportion

of the population. Increased interest in the work, though at times failure to reach the allocation, was the gist of the reports presented by the district vice-presidents. Mrs. John Gemmell, London, reported that there were 1,100 members in the city auxiliaries, the total amount contributed was \$14,602.38, an average of \$13.23 per member. Mrs. Norman Anderson, Wilton Grove, reported that ninety-six per cent. of the allocation had been raised in her district. Mrs. W. C. Smith, Crumlin, reported givings of eighty-two per cent. of allocation in her district. Mrs. Sutcliffe, Strathroy, reported an increase over last year. Mrs. Kernohan and Mrs. J. A. Strachan gave interesting reports of their districts. Mrs. G. L. Shipley stated that in one auxiliary \$20.00 per member had been raised. A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. W. G. Young and Mrs. McMechan. Mrs. Ed. Wyatt was the soloist of the afternoon.

With the endorsement of resolutions concerning temperance and peace, the presbyterial placed itself on record as pledged to carry on a broader programme in connection with each of these departments recommended by the board. In the temperance resolution the Government was congratulated on the constructive work started in the province in asking The United Church for the loan of Dr. Ernest Thomas for the department of education, who is to spend a week in each normal school, instructing teachers in the art of teaching temperance in the schools. The resolution also expressed the opposition of the presbyterial to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and the alarm felt at its increasing consumption, and urged the members to work and pray for its elimination. Hearty endorsement was given the educational campaign being carried on at the present time by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. A resolution asking for a broader programme, including an intensive study of the cause of the friction between nations, suggested special prayer for the naval conference and the assistance of leaders in creating public opinion in support of these questions.

The presbyterial also endorsed the suggestion of Premier King that a copy of the pact of Paris be placed in every day school and Sunday school, and Lady Annesley's suggestion that pictures glorifying war be replaced in the schools by pictures glorifying peace. It was further suggested that the Watch Tower pro-

gramme include Geneva. Mrs. W. R. McIntosh presented the report of the resolutions committee and said that international affairs had become so interwoven with missionary work that they could not be neglected.

Guests of honor of the session were Mrs. Yorke Miller and Miss E. J. Ardiel, of Friendship House. Miss Ardiel spoke briefly of the work of the mission and its influence in the community. Mrs. Gordon Wright, Dominion President of the W.C.T.U., was a special speaker, coming at the request of the Temperance Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Uren, to represent the work of the organization.

Presbyterial reports from secretaries were given. Mrs. S. J. Martin told of the work of the Strangers' Department, an increase of 398 visits over last year. Mrs. B. S. Scott reported for the C.G.I.T. work that there are nineteen affiliated groups with a membership of 235, and that three new groups have been formed. Mrs. James Lotan, Appin, reported 1,057 members in mission bands with givings of \$1,660.30 and twenty-one bales sent out. Mrs. J. D. Omond reported thirty-one baby bands with 449 members. Mrs. J. M. Rice reported for the Literature, and Mrs. Geo. Gilmore for the Library work, while Mrs. Galbraith, Strathroy, reported a membership of 229 in Associate Helpers' Department. The subscriptions to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY have increased to 1,872, as reported by Miss E. Tapscott.

An appealing presentation of the needs of the missionary field was made by Miss Lillian McVicar at the concluding evening service. Miss McVicar was a teacher in India, and in costume of a Christian girl of India, spoke particularly to the young people, telling them of the privileges and qualifications of a missionary. This session was devoted to the presentation of young people's work, Mrs. B. S. Scott, retiring Secretary of C.G.I.T. Work, presiding. The report of the Student Christian Movement, given by Miss Beulah Ashton, was an interesting feature. Another number in keeping with the evening's programme was a pageant, entitled "Voices of Women," by girls of the Delaware Auxiliary.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL.—Dungannon Auxiliary sent a hearty letter of congratulation to their oldest member, Mrs. D. Girvin, on the occasion of her eighty-eighth birthday, February 5. We like the phrase at the close, "Show us all how to grow old gracefully!"

On February 24, at Dungannon parsonage, was the scene of a happy event, celebrating the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pentland. Mrs. Pentland, the second oldest member of the auxiliary, was presented with a life-membership certificate.

Duff's Auxiliary lost one of its ablest members in the death, on January 27, of Mrs. J. E. Daley. Mrs. Daley was the last charter member of Duff's Auxiliary, having joined when a young woman. She was appointed secretary at that time, and held the position almost continuously ever since. For several years she taught in Sunday school. In the auxiliary she is greatly missed, but it is in the home where the loss is most keenly felt.—Mrs. Wm. J. Shannon.

KENT PRESBYTERIAL.—An interested group of women, coming from all parts of Kent county, gathered in Wheatley United Church, Wheatley, to attend the fourth annual meeting of this presbyterial, with Mrs. Robt. Hicks, Wallaceburg, presiding. The reports given by the various secretaries and vice-presidents showed progress in many departments of the work. Miss McKerrall, Treasurer, reported that \$12,344 had been raised during the year. Throughout the sessions the devotional periods were taken by Mrs. Jas. McCrae, Mrs. Joseph Jones, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Saddington, Mrs. A. G. Atkinson and Mrs. Champion. Mrs. Geo. Henderson, Mrs. Saddington, and Mrs. Livingstone were elected delegates to attend the conference branch meeting. The presbyterial was privileged in having as their speaker, afternoon and evening, Miss E. A. Jamieson, Toronto. In the afternoon she spoke on missionary work in Canada in its different departments. In the evening a Young People's Conference was conducted by Mrs. Arthur Page, Thamesville, at which methods of conducting mission circle and C.G.I.T. work were discussed. Miss Jamieson spoke of some very fine books on this work that were being edited now, and would soon be ready for circulation. She also recommended the training school to be held at Whitby College, July 7 to 14. During the evening Miss Jamieson gave a very interesting talk on our work in foreign fields.

A vote of thanks was given the ladies of Wheatley Church, who had served dinner and

supper, and to the choir who had supplied inspirational music. This successful meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Rev. E. J. Roulston, Wheatley.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Robt. Hicks, Wallaceburg; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Douglas, Chatham; Treasurer, Miss Sarah McKerrall, Chatham.

Manitoba

*Press Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Osborne,
Killarney, Man.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. E. E. Bayne, 84 Chestnut St.,
Winnipeg, Man.*

A splendid representation of all the presbyterials gathered in St. Stephen's-Broadway Church, Winnipeg, for the conference branch meeting, on March 12-14. In her opening address Mrs. C. W. Gordon welcomed the delegates, and congratulated the presbyterials on their loyalty and the fact that, although we had not reached our allocation, we stood second in the percentage raised.

The afternoon sessions were opened with a twenty-minute devotional period on Christian Stewardship. Personality, Possessions and Prayer were the three divisions for the three days. These were taken by Mrs. J. F. Kilgour. Miss Evelyn Mitchell touched the hearts of her hearers with her story of what she had seen in some outlying auxiliaries. Miss Megaffin interested every one in the challenging opportunities of social conditions in Japan.

At the evening session Dr. John MacKay told a vivid story of what he saw in China and Japan; of the part Christian missions have taken in the awakening Orient. There will be no great advance until we have a deeper sense of religion at home. Dr. A. B. Baird brought greetings from the conference, and said that the Society watered the roots of Christian life, deep down at their source.

The reports were encouraging on the whole. Special interest was attached to the report of our Literature Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Creighton, who, this year, gave her twenty-first report. When the depot was opened, under the Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church, during the first year Mrs. Creighton received \$90. This year \$743 was received. As a token of the love and

appreciation of her services, Mrs. Creighton was presented with flowers. The presentation was made by Mrs. D. D. McDonald, Dauphin. This year the sum of \$83,108.80 was raised, and 95.3 of the allocation was forwarded to Toronto. Two presbyterials, Brandon and Superior, reached their allocations. The Strangers' Department is making a stronger appeal than ever before, and eighty-eight per cent. of our auxiliaries have strangers' secretaries. Over three thousand strangers were visited, and 14,491 calls made on the sick. In reporting for supply work Mrs. Wm. Turnbull said no year has seen such a large demand on the Supply Department. Aside from the regular allocation there were many special demands for clothing, bedding and Christmas gifts for mission fields.

At the session for young people's work all the departments showed progress; especially was this seen in the mission bands, with sixteen new bands and increase in giving and members. Better co-operation was reported between auxiliaries and mission bands, also with the C.G.I.T. work. In this work Mrs. G. L. Lennox told of the character-building value of the C.G.I.T. camp held last summer at Boundary Park. From the young woman's department to the baby bands it would seem as if our women are more alive to the opportunity to train and develop our youth. A most interesting demonstration of a band meeting was given by the mission band of Home St. Church, and all the delegates felt as if they had been privileged to share in a delightful meeting.

Associate helpers were reported to show an increase of 401, and THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY to show an increase of 207 subscribers. The Temperance Department was reported to be well supplied with literature. In her closing words Mrs. John Dolmage sent the delegates home with a message of consecration. During the luncheon hour Miss Coltart spoke to the delegates, and told something of the work of the National Christian Council in India. A communion service, conducted by Rev. G. A. Woodside, D.D., was a most helpful part of the conference.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL.—Delegates were present from every auxiliary at the annual meeting of this presbyterial in Knox Church, Port Arthur. Mrs. D. Rattray and Mrs. J. H.

Garner took the devotional period, with Mrs. J. Miller taking the prayer for home missions, and Mrs. D. R. Patterson for foreign missions. The treasurer's report showed that the allocation had been reached, with the mission bands contributing \$350 of the amount. Fifty-two delegates lunched together and heard words of welcome from Miss Gordon, and a talk by Mrs. Thompson Ferrier. In her address the retiring President, Mrs. W. T. McGorman said, that the success of the past ten years had been due to the splendid co-operation of all the auxiliaries. The devotional part of this session was taken by Mrs. J. L. Brown, Mrs. W. S. Pickup, Mrs. N. Hurdon, with a memorial service taken by Mrs. A. MacDonald. Rev. E. G. D. Freeman, Port Arthur, gave an inspiring address on "Home Missions," drawing vivid illustrations from the life of Rev. James Robertson. Knox Mission Band, Port Arthur, received the banner for the highest percentage of attendance, and St. Paul's, Port Arthur, for the best average giving. Mrs. S. McMullin, Fort William, and Miss Jean Miller, Port Arthur, contributed solos.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAL.—The fifth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Grace Church, Portage la Prairie, on February 4-5. The President, Mrs. Yerex, opened the meeting, assisted in the devotional service by one of the Honorary Presidents, Mrs. F. McRae. We were greatly honored by having five honorary presidents with us helping in the devotionals as well as taking part in the discussions. Mrs. Clarke, President of Grace Auxiliary, gave such a warm and hearty welcome to the ninety-eight delegates that all felt the bond of Christian womanhood in this great work. The president's address on "True Service" emphasized the need of self-giving which governs the giving of all time, talents and money. She also stressed the need of prayer and a new consecration that we may be better fitted to set our ship of Christianity a-sail.

The reports and addresses from the different officers gave a splendid mark of encouragement with increase in almost every department of the work. Associate Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. W. Gunn, reported the work done behind the scenes was much to be admired, and did not always show in a given report. Temperance Secretary, Mrs. Ida Potter, spoke

of the beauties of "Our Country," East and West. The convention was privileged in having with them Miss Jean Holt, missionary from China, who gave a splendid address on "The Abundant Life As It Is Being Found in China." Mrs. H. Pillar, Supply Secretary, told us of the splendid work done in her department with bales weighing 1,320 lbs. sent out to needy people, also 993 lbs. of literature to camps. Mrs. L. Cook, Treasurer, reported \$8,845.00 raised by the forty auxiliaries, an increase over last year. Strangers' Secretary, Mrs. J. Broadfoot, showed that in carrying on this department we were following our Lord and Master's example in ministering to others. There were 388 visits made. Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, Mrs. Muir, reported more of the systematic giving envelopes being used, which is helping to finance our work as we go along. The young women's auxiliaries, under Mrs. Manson, reported an increase in members and funds. Mrs. C. W. Gordon, Conference Branch President, lead a discussion on our work. The music by the Portage la Prairie choir, the male choir and the solos were very much appreciated.

The reports from the mission bands and C.G.I.T. groups showed an increase in members and funds. There are eight new mission bands and five affiliated C.G.I.T. groups. A playette, "A Missionary Reunion," put on by the Portage la Prairie Y.W.A., was well given and was a plea for our missions at home and abroad. The closing address by our Conference Branch President, Mrs. (Rev.) C. W. Gordon, was a fitting ending to such a splendid meeting. She told about the problems that are being confronted in every land, owing to the great changes that are taking place. At the tea hour, greetings were brought to the presbyterial from the Anglican and Baptist organizations. Rev. R. A. Maunders brought greetings from the presbytery when he commended the work done by the Society and the example set by going out and helping others. Resolutions were presented by Mrs. R. S. Horne and endorsed by the presbyterial.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL.—There were many more than the ninety-four registered delegates' attended the sessions of this presbyterial in St. Paul's United Church, Brandon. The key-note of the whole was the need of co-operation. The reports of the various departments were given, and showed inspired interest. The allocation

was reached and the presbyterial accepted an increased amount for this year. Mrs. M. Adams gave a very enlightening address on mission bands, containing many valuable points; among them were: let the Auxiliary subscribe for the mission band paper; let the Auxiliary choose a finance committee to assist with the raising of band allocations. Mrs. L. J. Reyecraft, Winnipeg, spoke on missionary attitudes to society, industry and peace. Rev. Philip Duncan presided at the evening session and spoke of the attitude of The Woman's Missionary Society to those in need or down and out, as being Jesus' attitude. Prof. J. N. Anderson gave an address on "Christ in Africa," and spoke of Aggrey as being the finest interpreter of black to white. Dr. John Doyle spoke on the home mission work. Our greatest asset is the rising generation. A new world appeal must be made to our young people to consecrate their lives to the missionary task.

Maritime

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PICTOU PRESBYTERIAL.—The fourth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in St. John's Church, Stellarton, on January 23rd. The morning devotions were in charge of Trinity Church, New Glasgow, and Mrs. N. W. Mason led the service, after which, Mrs. J. A. MacKenzie, Alma, President of the presbyterial, took the chair, Mrs. M. Oulton extended greetings of St. John's Church to the visitors, and Mrs. R. P. P. Fraser responded. The president, in her address, summarized the activities of the year, and urged greater interest and enthusiasm for the coming year. Reports were heard from the different departments of activity, which showed a most satisfactory and prosperous year, while the future of the work was bright with promise of better things. The recording secretary and the corresponding secretary reported thirty-seven auxiliaries and a membership of 1,150, while the treasurer revealed an allocation fully met, the total givings being \$10,081.27, an increase of \$1,000 over last year. Mrs. P. C. Lewis, Trenton, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The mission and baby band secretary reported a membership of 481, an increase of

thirty-five, and total offering of \$682. The reports from the Young Woman's auxiliaries and affiliated C.G.I.T. groups were given by Mrs. Turnbull and Miss Bertha Robertson respectively, and showed encouraging progress. The secretaries of Supply, Strangers', Christian Stewardship, Literature and Associate Helpers were all received, and showed that general progress is being made along every line. Dr. G. M. Young, St. John's Church, Stellarton, brought greetings from the presbytery, and Miss C. Carmichael gave a glowing account of the work being done by Miss Strothard and her helpers from the girls in the Maritime Home, Truro, and asked for the co-operation and prayers of the Society.

The devotional period of the afternoon was conducted by the Pictou Auxiliary, after which the Question Box yielded material for interesting and profitable discussion. Mrs. R. A. Jamieson, President of the Conference Branch, a native of Pictou county, now of St. John, N.B., was present, and gave an excellent address on what is being done by the Society, in Canada and foreign lands.

The evening session opened with a devotional period led by a group of C.G.I.T. girls, under the capable leadership of Miss Bertha Robertson. Rev. David and Mrs. Marshall, and Rev. Theodore and Mrs. Cumming were introduced by Mrs. Jamieson. Mr. Marshall gave the address of the evening, in which he vividly described the characteristics and customs of the people of Formosa, and the progress of Christianity in that land. Mrs. Arkwright sang sweetly, "Just As I Am," with organ accompaniment by Mrs. MacLean, and violin by Mrs. Benvie. Dr. H. R. Grant closed this interesting meeting with the benediction.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. G. M. Young, Stellarton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Annie Graham, New Glasgow; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. C. MacDonald, New Glasgow.

WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAL.—This presbyterial met in annual session at Trinity Church, Windsor, with Mrs. Rufus Curry, President, in the chair. Mrs. R. A. Jamieson, Saint John, President of the Maritime Conference Branch, and Mrs. A. A. McLeod, Kentville, first Vice-President, were the convention speakers. After a few words of greeting from the president, the morning session was largely given over to

the consideration of reports which in many cases showed marked progress. While the reports of the Treasurer, Associate Helpers' Secretary and Missionary Monthly Secretary were less encouraging than last year, that of the Supply Secretary was much more encouraging than previously. In spite of an increase in envelope givings there had been a decrease in both annual and life membership fees, making a shortage of \$28.25 in the presbyterial allocation for the year. The auxiliaries contributed \$2,697.20, and the various affiliated societies, \$449.24.

The Hantsport Auxiliary led the devotional period at the morning session. Rev. J. W. Bartlett, minister of Trinity United Church, led the Quiet Half Hour devotions, giving a most helpful and inspiring address.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. Bigelow, Canning. The convener of the Nominating Committee, Miss Forbes, Windsor, read the report of the committee. The chief features of the afternoon session were a duet rendered by Miss Brown and Mrs. Anslow, accompanied by Mr. W. Allister Crandall, and an address, "A Bird's Eye View of the W.M.S.," by Mrs. A. A. McLeod, Kentville, who had attended the Dominion Board meeting in Toronto last summer. A Round Table discussion, conducted by Mrs. G. W. Whitman and Mrs. J. W. Bartlett, proved very interesting and instructive.

An interesting feature of the evening session was the exercises connected with the affiliation of a C.G.I.T. group of Trinity girls and another of St. John's, with the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. A. A. McLeod reported for the Courtesies Committee, extending the thanks of the meeting to the ladies of Trinity Church and to one and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Mrs. G. W. Whitman, Convener of the Resolution Committee, read several resolutions. The programme included a short service of song furnished by the choir of Trinity Church, and an interesting and instructive address by Mrs. Jamieson, St. John, President of the Maritime Conference Branch. Her message was on "The Meaning of the W.M.S."

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. W. Bartlett, Windsor; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Whitman, Windsor; Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Whitman, Hantsport.

Montreal-Ottawa

*Press Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Binks,
211 Holmwood Ave., Ottawa, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Miss Lillian Connell,
Spencerville, Ont.*

Imbued with the spirit of consecration on this, the nineteen hundredth anniversary of Pentecost, the members of this conference branch, 101 in number, met in session at their annual meeting in Winchester, Ont., May 13, 14. From the opening session, on May 13, to the closing one, a spiritual note seemed to permeate every meeting. The President, Mrs. E. C. James, in her brief opening address, spoke of the good year we had had financially, but greater still was the evident increase of loyalty of our members to our organizations and to our Master.

While we realize the spirit of the work cannot be tabulated; we are convinced our increase in givings indicates a deepening of interest in missionary activities. The treasurer reported total receipts, \$92,166.87, an increase over the previous year of \$2,550; also 369 Life Membership certificates issued. The secretary of Christian Stewardship stated, that while this amount was still a long way from our objective, the fact that each presbyterial cheerfully accepted its allocation, was an indication that, as a conference branch, we could look forward with confidence to a realization of our \$115,000 allocation. The Associate Helpers' work is becoming better known and better appreciated; 108 of the members having graduated to active membership. The subscriptions to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY have increased from 57 per cent. to 76 per cent. One presbyterial has attained 102 per cent. of its auxiliary membership subscribers. In the press department emphasis was placed on the far-reaching results of our work being reported in the press.

That our literature and publications are filling a very definite need was the statement of the literature secretary. Lantern slides, also, have been in very great demand. The temperance secretary urged that more time be spent in our auxiliary meetings in temperance education. To facilitate the work and lessen the expense in the Supply Department, auxiliaries are now asked to send supplies to their nearest stations. The strangers' secretary reported 2,159 strangers visited, 1,229 patients in hospitals called upon and ministered to.

The secretaries of young women's and children's work reported inspirational rallies, which resulted in increased givings and membership. On Tuesday evening the devotional exercises were capably conducted by Winchester Mizpah Mission Circle.

The corresponding secretary, in her summary of the year's work, stated that gratifying results were coming from a more general adoption of systematic giving. The membership of the conference branch now stands at 13,390. Greetings were brought to the meeting by members of sister organizations, and Mr. J. H. Ross, reeve of the town. Mrs. McLellan replying to these greetings, expressed appreciation of their good wishes and joy at being co-workers in this world task. Rev. C. H. Brown brought greetings from presbytery, voicing thanks for all that had been done, and was being done, by our Society. Rev. J. H. Miller, President of Conference, also presented greetings.

Throughout the meetings great stress was placed on the devotional periods. The Quiet Hour, at the close of two sessions, conducted by Mrs. Harris, brought vividly before the members that gathering of one hundred and fifty consecrated souls, 1900 years ago, in the Upper Room, and their baptism of unlimited power. A memorial service for "those who have borne the heat of the day and now have passed to their reward," was conducted by Miss Tweedie, Past President of the conference branch, while Miss McGregor, Glengarry, former Field Secretary, was fittingly chosen to conduct the installation service.

The addresses which were given at the various sessions were both inspiring and educational. Mrs. F. A. Johnston, President of Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbyterial, in vivid word pictures, aided by W.M.S. lantern slides, presented striking contrasts between the Africa of fifty years ago and the Africa of to-day. Mrs. C. R. Crowe, Second Vice-President of our Dominion Board, thrilled her audience with a forceful address, entitled, "Through Our Allocation Window." With the aid of a beautifully painted poster, representing our allocation window, Mrs. Crowe gave us a true perspective of our work. Miss MacIntosh, Strangers' Secretary, from Montreal, in a stirring address, enriched by stories of her own personal experience, emphasized the need of keeping ever before us the neces-

sity of turning to good account the aspirations and ideals of the peoples coming to our shores. The address of Rev. H. B. Campbell, Arvida, Que., was a revelation to the majority of his audience, as he graphically described a part of our own country which is so little known, the region about Lake St. John, Que. A practical talk on "A Worth-While Auxiliary Meeting," by Mrs. T. A. Wilson, President of Montreal Presbyterial, emphasized the importance of preparation for our meetings.

A feature of the meetings which conveyed as great a missionary message as any presented, was a pageant entitled, "The God of the Pill Bottle," excellently put on by the Morrisburg Y.W. Auxiliary.

To the members of the choir, soloists, and to Mrs. Dennis, the organist, the conference branch is especially indebted. Their beautiful musical selections added greatly to the enjoyment and spiritual tone of the meetings.

There passed away, May 7th, one well known in many spheres of activity in Montreal, Miss Helen Masters Wright. Miss Wright was an accomplished pianist, and held the position of organist in Calvary Congregational Church for many years. But her love for the missionary cause was the outstanding interest of her life. To her own W.M.S. auxiliary she gave unstinted service, first as secretary and later as beloved president. Miss Wright was the first woman member of the Montreal Presbytery of The United Church.

Saskatchewan

*Press Secretary, Mrs. A. Pollard,
Raymore, Sask.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Gundry,
Regina, Sask.*

ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL. — Seventy-three delegates registered at Centre St. United Church, Shaunavon, February 4, 5, when the fifth annual meeting was held. Following a most enjoyable banquet, served by the ladies of the local auxiliary, a splendid programme of toasts and musical numbers was given. The delegates, friends and members of the presbyterial met in the main auditorium for the evening session. Mrs. W. A. Enticknap, Kincaid, President of the presbyterial, presided over the gathering. The C.G.I.T. girls had charge of the devotional service which was very suitable for the occasion, and well con-

ducted. The mission band also gave quite a novel treat in juvenile songs, which were splendidly rendered, and reflected creditably on their leader. Very encouraging reports were given by the Secretary of Mission Bands, Mrs. R. L. Broad, Assiniboia, and Secretary for Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups, Mrs. E. G. Emery, Readlyn. Both these secretaries reported progress, both in membership and in work accomplished. Mrs. R. D. Coutts, Moose Jaw, chief speaker for the evening, praised the work of the C.G.I.T., and went into the details of the work of the Society, showing what could be done in this organization, and what was done.

The decision was made to change the annual meeting to June, and to accept the invitation to gather at the Meyronne in 1931. Temperance education and junior organization will be points especially stressed during the year, which promises to be, from all indications, a very prosperous one for the Society spiritually. A splendidly condensed report of the presbyterial meeting, held in Limerick last January, was given by Mrs. W. Johnson, Melaval, Recording Secretary, who announced that the allocation for last year was \$3,250, and stated all but \$375 of this amount had been raised. Mrs. Geo. Curliss, Assiniboia, Treasurer, in giving her report announced that there were twenty-three auxiliaries in the presbyterial. Kincaid Auxiliary exceeded their allocation by \$32. Ten other groups had reached their respective quotas, while seven others raised 70 per cent. of the amounts required by them. There was also a distinct increase in envelope offerings. The report of the branch delegate, Mrs. B. Shaw, Limerick, contained a graphic account of what went on at the convention. Mrs. F. K. Malcolm, Aneroid, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, announced the allocation for this year to be \$3,350, \$100 higher than last year. This was accepted. There were obtained, in the past year, 411 subscriptions to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, official organ of the Society, Mrs. Fred Porteous, Verwood, Missionary Monthly Secretary, announced in her report, an increase of 110 over 1928.

The morning session was concluded with a very beautiful and impressive memorial service in honor of the members who, during the last year, were called to "Higher Service." Rev. A. Boyd, Admiral, presided over the com-

munion service. Mrs. Enticknap, in her presidential address, said that the work this year had never been surpassed in many ways, and expressed her appreciation of the work done during the past year, and the splendid co-operation existing. Mrs. F. W. Therrien, Woodrow, Supply Secretary, gave a very satisfactory report of the year's relief work, stating the total amount of clothing and donations contributed and given out amounted to \$943.40. Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, Recording Secretary of the conference branch, gave a short address in which she spoke of the extension of God's Kingdom to foreign lands. Mrs. F. Power, Shaunavon, followed with a talk on Temperance. Mrs. R. D. Coutts, Secretary of Affiliated C.G.I.T. groups for the Saskatchewan Conference Branch, gave an excellently compiled history of the Assiniboia Presbyterial, tracing the life of this organization up to the present date. On the conclusion of her address Mrs. Coutts was presented with a silver cake tray by Mrs. Enticknap, on behalf of the presbyterial, as a slight token of appreciation for the contribution she had made to this organization.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. W. A. Enticknap, Kincaid; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Harper, Kincaid; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Porteous, Verwood.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL.—The fifth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held at Regina, January 29-30, in St. Andrew's Church, Mrs. G. W. Sahlmark presiding over an assemblage of about seventy accredited delegates, in addition to an excellent gathering of city women. Mrs. A. J. Tufts, Metropolitan Auxiliary, led the opening devotional exercises. Mrs. Moore, Literature Secretary, detailed the figures showing the number of study books, monthly leaflets and annual blue-book reports used by auxiliaries. Mrs. Stice made a plea that at least five minutes at every meeting be spent for a brief account of her work from the Strangers' Secretary, quoting at some length from Mrs. West's inspiring and suggestive circular letters. A drive for MISSIONARY MONTHLY subscriptions in October, was recommended strongly by Mrs. Purcell, Missionary Monthly Secretary, who regretfully announced a decrease in readers of the magazine in 1929. Under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Menzies, nineteen bales of warm clothing and forty quilts were sent to Indian

schools as well as to some needy families. Moose Mountain Hospital for women was remembered also, and Craik Auxiliary presented a baby layette to the value of \$38.50 to Wakaw Hospital. The Press Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Wagg, expressed the thanks of all to the kind consideration always accorded by the provincial press to W.M.S. news. Mrs. Fred Wilson, Secretary of Work for Young Women, reported that the young woman's auxiliaries had been very active, subscribing in all, \$859.50. Mrs. W. T. Cleave, Secretary of Affiliated C.G.I.T. groups, offered to supply particulars regarding affiliation and copies of the new affiliation service. Suitable plays for groups may be obtained on application to Miss Harper, deaconess, Metropolitan Church. Mrs. G. E. Brown reported the sum of \$405.18 received from mission bands and \$1.75 from a baby band. Mission band costumes with written descriptions accompanying them, may be obtained from Mrs. J. N. Dill, of the Exchange Department, the sole outlay in this connection being postage or express. An account of the year's correspondence was given by Mrs. Hugh McGillivray, Corresponding Secretary, who had written over one hundred letters. A special gift of \$35.00 had been raised by Davidson Auxiliary and presented to Miss Chieta Eipe, a Hindu student at Toronto, as she was returning to missionary agricultural work in India. Mrs. J. C. Sibley gave an able presentation of the Department of Christian Stewardship, explaining the policy of this committee, the need for adjustments to suit cases, the value of systematic giving and the generosity of the larger organizations in shouldering the bulk of the allocation.

The treasurer's report, submitted by Mrs. W. J. Ruston, showed total receipts of \$8,696.25 of which the sum of \$8,625.00 was remitted to the conference branch treasurer, this falling short of the allocation by \$275.00. Mrs. Sahlmark, in her presidential address, reviewed the growth and development of the Society since Church Union, noting the additions in auxiliaries and membership. She referred feelingly to the loss sustained by the resignation of Miss Forman, from Settlement House, and she hoped that Miss Forman would, after her rest, have many years of useful W.M.S. work elsewhere. Miss M. M. Mitchell, a visitor from Niagara Falls, brought a message of encouragement to the meeting.

A very comprehensive survey of foreign mission work was presented by Mrs. K. C. Crook, Regina, who took her audience on an aeroplane trip to all the great mission fields in which we are interested. Other addresses were given by Rev. Harry Joyce, who conveyed the greetings of the presbytery; Mrs. J. G. Bompas, Settlement House, who gave a word-picture of people in Honan; Rev. McElroy Thompson, who spoke on Temperance. Mrs. McMillan, Keddleston, spoke enthusiastically on Mission Bands, and the encouragement they need and enjoy. Mrs. F. B. Reilly took the subject of "Our Educational Work" for an address. Mrs. S. B. Sanders told of her experiences at the Board Meeting in Toronto, and Mrs. E. Smith gave an encouraging account of the associate helpers.

Many delightful musical numbers were interspersed through the programmes. The election of officers was conducted by Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, Mrs. Jas. Smith offering the installation prayer.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Thacker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Eva Sharpe.

Toronto

Press Secretary, Miss Mary Russell, 112 Evelyn Crescent, Toronto, Ont.

Treasurer, Miss Edith Rea, 16 Barton Ave., Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL.—The fourth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in St. Enoch's United Church, Toronto, on February 4 and 5. The President, Mrs. R. T. Shiell, presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. C. F. Fell, Don Mills Church, and Mrs. Carnaghan, Agincourt. Mrs. Robert Pogue, representing the ladies of the church, warmly welcomed the delegates and visitors. Mrs. W. M. Jackson, Recording Secretary, read the annual report of the Presbyterial which showed growth numerically, financially and spiritually. The report showed too, that two young women have gone out from this presbyterial to the foreign mission field, Miss Aurelia Meath, A.T.C.M., to Japan, and Miss Francis Bonwick, M.A., to Korea. Regrets were expressed for the burning of St. John's Church, Milliken. This presbyterial has gained one auxiliary through the coming in of Whitevale Auxiliary from the Bay of Quinte Conference Branch.

Mrs. Isabel Clearihue read the annual report of the treasurer. This showed that \$35,060 has been remitted to the branch treasurer. This means that we have this year met our allocation. According to a survey of the results of the financial statement for the year, Miss Jean Shaw, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, reports that seventy-five per cent. of auxiliaries, ninety-one per cent. of Y.W.A.'s, and sixty-seven per cent. of circles have reached or exceeded their allocations. Mrs. A. W. Murdock, Corresponding Secretary, reported an annual membership of 1,680 with 984 life members making a total of 2,664. The Strangers' Secretary, Mrs. T. H. Watson, told of efficient work done by auxiliary secretaries, 1,489 strangers having been called on during the year. Mrs. Magee reported 1,811 subscribers to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. Miss Mihell, Supply Secretary, reported having sent bales estimated at \$1,552.09 to Northern Manitoba in June, also quantities of clothing to Fred Victor Mission, and bales were sent to the Indian Reserve and The Chinese Mission, Toronto. Mrs. Geo. Patterson reported that the Associate Helpers' Department was most effective in rural districts and amongst the shut-ins. Mrs. D. E. Jones, Secretary for Literature, reported that two-thirds of the auxiliaries were using the literature suggested in programmes provided in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, and three-quarters using the study book. The Press Secretary, Mrs. Robert Worth, reported having been given space in the morning papers for the reporting of our monthly executive meetings without any curtailing of the material submitted for publication. Mrs. J. A. Powell explained the stand taken by the Society on the temperance question.

The rendering of sacred solos by Jean Davis, Ken Beach Church, and Joy Fawcett, Bellefair Avenue Church, was much appreciated and enjoyed. Mrs. R. T. Shiell, President, gave the president's address. This presbyterial has been greatly favored in having at its monthly executive meetings, Mrs. G. M. Ross, who has spent many years in China, and whose husband is now in Korea.

Mrs. R. McDougall reported for the young woman's auxiliaries and mission circles. There are in the presbyterial eleven Y.W.A.'s and circles with 571 members, and they have raised \$5,998.22. Miss J. D. Relyea reported for the mission bands and baby bands. There are in the presbyterial thirty-five mission bands and

eight baby bands. The programme for the bands last year was based on the slogans, Study, Pray and Give. An interesting feature of the meeting was a travel sketch presented by the mission band of Woodgreen Church directed by Mrs. Frank Colello. Another feature was a mission band meeting presided over by a little girl twelve years old. Miss Lena McCracken reported for C.G.I.T. work. Correspondence is being carried on between the Canadian Girls In Training and Trinidad Girls in Training. One group reports its decision to join The Youth Section of the League of Nations. Miss Mitchell, Traveling Secretary, told of her work and the great need of new workers.

The devotional exercises at the morning session on February 5th were conducted by Mrs. W. H. Lapp, Locust Hill, and Mrs. R. C. Burton, Glenmount Church. Mrs. G. M. Ross reported for the vice-presidents of the city districts, and Mrs. Houey and Mrs. Sam Sharpe for the rural districts. Mrs. E. B. Lanceley brought greetings to the presbyterial from the conference branch and the Dominion Board in the absence of Mrs. Rutherford, acting President of the Dominion Board. Mr. D. G. Ridout, with the aid of lantern slides, depicted the home life and environment of our New Canadians. Rev. Robert Pogue brought greetings from St. Enoch's Church. The In Memoriam service for the forty-eight members who had been called to higher service during the year was conducted by Mrs. Shiell. Mr. Henry Noller contributed a very beautiful basket of flowers in memory of his wife, Annie Nollen, who had been at the last annual meeting, and who a few weeks later was called home. An impressive communion service was conducted by Rev. W. E. Wilson, Chairman of the Presbytery, and Rev. R. Pogue. A very instructive and interesting Round Table Conference was conducted by Mrs. A. N. Burns of the Dominion Board. This included questions and findings from the sectional meetings. Prayer by Mrs. G. D. Atkinson brought the meeting to a close.

COCHRANE PRESBYTERIAL.—The fourth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Timmins United Church, February 22, with twenty-one delegates present, representing four auxiliaries. The Vice-President, Mrs. Monck, presided, and had charge of both morning and afternoon sessions. The secretary's and

treasurer's reports deepened the interest of all, while reports from the delegates, of work accomplished, spread optimism and enthusiasm among the members. In the afternoon, Rev. T. W. Mills, South Porcupine, installed the officers for the ensuing year after which he

gave a very fine address, devotional in nature. At this session, also, Miss Andrews, Cochrane, gave a most interesting talk on the Labrador Mission. Suitable vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. P. Carson, Mrs. Cliffe, Mrs. DeMille and Rev. Bruce Millar.

The Bookshelf

Une Famille Du Refuge. Jean-Henri Merle D'Aubigne; ses origines, ses parents, ses frères. Madame Charles Bieler.

Enthusiastic praise is being given to the first biography of the historian of the reformation, J. H. Merle d'Aubigne. His daughter, who writes it, is the wife of Prof. Charles Bieler, D.D. of McGill University, and a devoted W.M.S. worker. She has been without intermission, except for a few months spent in Europe, President of the United French Auxiliary, Montreal, and later of some of the branches formed from it as soon as the auxiliary became important enough to be divided up.

The book gives a delightful story of five generations of a famous Swiss Protestant family. In order to make the history of her distinguished father vital, Madame Bieler transports the readers to the seventeenth century and, with real skill and sympathetic insight, makes alive again the characters in her biography. These passed their days, some in several European countries, linked up with great movements at their beginning—such as Christian unity and the Red Cross Society—and some of the later characters in the United States of the constructive period. The volume is dedicated, in a moving paragraph, to the two sons of

Dr. and Madame Bieler, both of whom were cut off at the beginning of brilliant careers—one in the Great War.

It is hoped that an English translation of a really fine story will soon be forthcoming.

On the Edge of the Primeval Forest. Albert Scheitzer. A. & C. Black, Limited, Soho Square, London, W.I. \$1.75.

Dr. Scheitzer, theologian, philosopher, musician and doctor of medicine, went out to Equatorial Africa as a missionary in 1913. With him went his wife, who was a qualified nurse, and they began active work in a hospital which they founded near the River Ogowe. He lived there for four and a half years in the centre of a sleeping sickness area, supporting the work himself with the assistance of his friends. In this book he gives a wonderful picture of the life of the Tropics from the standpoint, not alone of the doctor and missionary, but from that of a social worker, and a scientist. He urges European people to send out more physicians to help the natives in tropical colonies. The book is translated by C. T. Campion, Oxford.

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New Organizations

Young Women's Auxiliaries

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL.—Denton Park, Miss Hazel Wixson, 86 Balfour Ave., Toronto.

Associate Societies

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

QU'APPELLE PRESBYTERIAL.—Manson, Mrs. Chas. Blackwell.

Mission Bands

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL.—Blakeney, Miss Myrtle McDougall.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL.—Georgetown, Mrs. C. J. Buck. HALTON PRESBYTERIAL.—Hornby, Miss Marion May.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL.—Denfield, Miss Jean Shipley.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAL.—Brookdale, Miss Elsie Lawrie.

MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

BERMUDA PRESBYTERIAL.—Devonshire West, Mrs. Joseph Talbot; St. George's, Mrs. R. Jost, Warwick East. FREDERICKTON PRESBYTERIAL.—Nashwook Bridge, Mrs. A. B. Steward; Marysville, Miss Beth Arnold; Taymouth, Miss Pearle Young. MONCTON PRESBYTERIAL.—Moncton, Mrs. R. Smart, 154 Queen Street. SYDNEY PRESBYTERIAL.—New Aberdeen, Miss E. Jane Fullerton. TRURO PRESBYTERIAL.—South Maitland, Miss Leith McKenzie. YARMOUTH PRESBYTERIAL.—Baccaro, Mrs. D. McL. Clark, Upper Port La Tour.

MONTREAL-OTTAWA CONFERENCE BRANCH

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL.—Britannia Heights, Mrs. M. A. Honeywell.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL.—Craven, Mrs. Leonard Clark. SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL.—Young, Mrs. Geo. Marshall.

Baby Bands

MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

FREDERICTON PRESBYTERIAL.—Fredericton, Mrs. P. S. Watson, Devon, York Co. LUNENBURG PRESBYTERIAL.—Lunenburg, Miss Lorinda Schnare.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

QU'APPELLE PRESBYTERIAL.—Sintaluta, Mrs. R. J. Thompson.

Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups

MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

ST. JOHNS PRESBYTERIAL.—St. John West, Miss Pearl Fraser, 108 King St.; East St. John, Mrs. Elisba Burney.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL.—Tugaske, Mrs. D. Border.

Entered Into Higher Service

- Mrs. Basil Beaton, Westville, N.S., April 20, 1930.
 Mrs. (Dr.) T. I. Bowie, Streetsville, Ont., May 1, 1930.
 Mrs. Douglas Brown, Bright, Ont., April 11, 1930.
 Mrs. Thos. Buchanan, aged 75, Rosburn, Man., April 16, 1930.
 Mrs. R. T. Carlill, Tara, Ont., April 5, 1930.
 Mrs. Esther E. Carson, Regina, Sask., May 1, 1930.
 Mrs. Wm. Cathcart, Peterboro, Ont., May 3, 1930.
 Mrs. John C. Chisolm, New Carlisle, Que., April 21, 1930.
 Mrs. John D. Clark, Alma, P.E.I., April 24, 1930.
 Mrs. F. M. Clarke, Belleville, Ont., April 17, 1930.
 Mrs. H. Collett, Souris, Man., April 30, 1930.
 Mrs. George Conklin, Prescott, Ont., April 17, 1930.
 Mrs. John Cotton, Killam, Alta., April 7, 1930.
 Mrs. J. E. Daley, Seaforth, Ont., Jan. 27, 1930.
 Mrs. W. C. Dorland, Wooler, Ont., May 13, 1930.
 Mrs. A. J. Eaton, Peterboro, Ont., April 22, 1930.
 Miss Maude Fairbairn, Brockville, Ont., April 29, 1930.
 Mrs. Laura Falconbridge, Guelph, Ont., February 4, 1930.
 Mrs. Mary Finlayson, Point Prim, P.E.I., April 12, 1930.
 Mrs. Robert Fitzsimons, Clinton, Ont., April 26, 1930.
 Mrs. Geo. D. Fortune, Wingham, Ont., May 8, 1930.
 Mrs. J. Herbert Gaudin, Escuminac, Que., January 31, 1930.
 Mrs. Helen Gerard, aged 87, Campbellton, N.B., April 28, 1930.
 Mrs. Martin German, Picton, Ont., April 23, 1930.
 Mrs. Ruth Graham, Clinton, Ont., February 19, 1930.
 Mrs. John Gunn, Bright, Ont., April 7, 1930.
 Mrs. Charles Hammett, Sarnia, Ont., May 6, 1930.

- Mrs. J. P. Henry, New Richmond, Que., April 10, 1930.
- Mrs. Margaret C. Howatson, Belleville, Ont., April 28, 1930.
- Mrs. Margaret Huggins, Birtle, Man., May 1, 1930.
- Mrs. Geo. Kilbanks, Wooler, Ont., April 29, 1930.
- Miss Jane Lowry, Darlingford, Man., April 24, 1930.
- Mrs. C. R. Mason, Amherst, N.S., April 14, 1930.
- Mrs. Margaret Maynard, Guelph, Ont., February 26, 1930.
- Mrs. (Rev.) F. J. McCurdy, Braeside, Ont., May 14, 1930.
- Mrs. David McFarlane, Lachute, Que., May 2, 1930.
- Mrs. Delmar McFeetors, Rosburn, Man., February 22, 1930.
- Mrs. Aleck McNeill, Calgary, Alta., February 2, 1930.
- Mrs. Margaret Merritt, Westville, N.S., May 1, 1930.
- Mrs. (Rev.) W. A. Outerbridge, aged 70, Hantsport, N.S., April 2, 1930.
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