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FOR PEACE

Eternal God, Father of all souls,
Grant unto us such clear vision of sin of war
That we may earnestly seek that co-operation between
 nations
Which alone can make war impossible.
As man by his inventions has made the whole world
Into one neighborhood,
Grant that he may, by his co-operations, make the whole
 world
Into one brotherhood.
Help us to break down all race prejudice.
Stay the greed of those who profit by war, and
The ambitions of those who seek an imperialistic conquest
Drenched in blood.
Guide all statesmen to see a just basis
For international action in the interests of peace.
Arouse in the whole body of the people an adventurous
 willingness;
As they sacrificed greatly for war,
So also, for international good-will;
So dare bravely, think wisely, decide resolutely,
As to achieve triumphantly.

—Harry Emerson Fosdick, from "These Things Shall Be."

(Peace is the study for May)

Editorial

A World Council of Churches

IN the middle of March Dr. Jesse Bader, Secretary of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, was in Toronto, meeting with the committee in charge of arrangements for the world convention of Churches of Christ which will be held in Toronto in 1940. Probably this will be the largest gathering of its kind ever held in Toronto, for it is expected that more than 14,000 delegates will attend from all over the world.

The plans for such a meeting were begun at Oxford in 1937, when the conference there on Church and State decided to establish a World Council of Churches. The Council was authorized for the purpose of establishing a united front in the furtherance of understanding; peace and co-operation among nations, as well as a binding together of the churches themselves.

A meeting will be held in Holland in the spring of 1938 to plan the constitution of the Council. The right Rev. W. B. Broughall, D.D., Lord Bishop of Niagara, and very Rev. Dr. George Pidgeon will be representatives of the Canadian Church at that meeting.

Women in Modern India

WE have just received accounts of the All-India Christian Association held in Calcutta, and of the All-India Woman's Conference which met in Nagpur, India, at the close of the year. We are stirred anew by the thought of these Indian women, many of whom have so recently been released from handicaps, customs and superstition, taking their places worthily in the great sisterhood of those who serve their own country women. At the former conference five hundred women attended. The President, in her opening speech, offered congratulations to the women now occupying positions of trust and responsibility in the new Provincial Congress Governments. The first woman cabinet minister of India, the

Minister of Health and Education, in the United Provinces, was one of the speakers, and received an enthusiastic reception.

Although many resolutions were passed covering many aspects of social conditions in India, conservatism still prevailed on certain topics. A resolution against purdah, for example, although brought forward in the list of evil social customs, was afterwards deleted.

Kunwarani Lady Maharaj Singh is President of the Christian Conference. She said that the greatest challenge is that of the mass movement, and she called upon the women to give regularly and to help in the teaching of a group or individual. "The more efficient we make ourselves in a community," said this Christian Indian woman, "the better shall we be able to serve our country."

At the March Executive

AT the meeting of the March Executive of the Board held at the School of Missions, four guests brought new impetus to various phases of our work, and gave us much food for thought.

Miss Helen Hurd, of Japan, on the eve of her departure for study in England first, and later in Denmark, brought us into sympathetic understanding with her Japanese co-workers. Her brief talk was a most thoughtful presentation of a Christian viewpoint in relation to one of the most difficult situations missionaries have ever faced.

Miss Hurd paid a warm tribute to Mr. Ono, the new principal of Ueda School; how he won, after stormy years, his Christian faith and, when he found it, lived it. He had been challenged by the story of the Good Shepherd and the hireling—he saw himself as a hireling among his boys at the school, denying to them the Bread of Life. Since that time his spiritual power and leadership has been outstanding.

Miss Emily Maxwell, of India, who recently attended the Missionary School at Cornell University, told us something

of the lectures and discussions there, particularly those having to do with Agricultural Missions which is Dr. John H. Reisner's special interest.

Two recent travellers in the persons of Mrs. Robert Laird and Mrs. A. E. Armstrong, gave us word-pictures of other countries. Mrs. Laird has a wide variety of subjects from which to choose—Korea, Japan, China, India—and her brief talk gave us glimpses of our missionaries at work in these countries. Trinidad was Mrs. Armstrong's subject, and we hope to hear more from her through these pages.

The Dominion Board

THE Dominion Board meets this year in Emmanuel College, Toronto, May 25 to June 2. Last year a large number of representative members and officers were present from all over Canada, and added greatly to the interest and inspiration of the meetings. All Conference Branch and Presbyterian officers present are made corresponding members of the Board.

This year provision is being made for dividing those present into commissions for consideration of the major issues before the Board, following a plan somewhat similar to that adopted by the General Council. A colorful evening at the Church of All Nations, introducing the study for 1938-39 will have added interest since the Superintendent, Rev. J. I. Mackay, is the author of the study book, "The World in Canada."

An outstanding woman speaker from the United States will be present and address the Board, and Rev. Robert Laird, D.D., so lately returned from the Orient, will participate in some part of the programme.

A large number of missionaries will also add greatly to the fellowship and interest: from Africa, Misses Elizabeth MacKenzie and Millicent Howse; from India, Misses Jessie and Emily Maxwell, Louisa Scott, Mildred Cates, Ethel Glendinning; from Honan, Misses Leah Dinwoody, Minnie Shipley and Clara Preston; from West China, Miss Annie

Ward; from Japan, Misses Harriet Jost, Gertrude Hamilton, Gertrude Tweedie; and from Trinidad, Miss Irene Thompson.

From the home field it is expected that the following will be present: Misses Mae Laycock, Bessie French, Ida MacKenzie, Hannah Nicholson, Gertu Staples, Aileen Ratz, Miranda Brown, Margaret Armstrong, Pamela Follett and Violet Burt.

We ask the prayers of all the members, near and far, for this gathering. It means much to those who for months before have spent long hours over the many problems of the Society and who seek, in company with their fellow workers, how best to carry on this great work, both in organization and on the fields, to know that even in the smallest Auxiliary, the women are supporting them in prayer.

Mrs. John Somerville

ANOTHER link with the past was broken in the passing, on March 22nd, of Mrs. John Somerville, one of the Honorary Presidents of the Woman's Missionary Society. She had attained the good age of eighty-nine years. For many years Rev. John Somerville held an honored place as minister of Division St. Church, Owen Sound, Ont., and while there Mrs. Somerville took an active part in the missionary work of her church and district. She was the President of the (then) Owen Sound Presbyterian.

In 1906 Dr. Somerville was appointed Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church and the family moved to Toronto. The Women's Missionary Society of that Church functioned through two Boards, Home and Foreign, and Mrs. Somerville had an interest in each of them. With Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, she did much organizing work in the interests of the latter, and in 1909 she was appointed President of the Women's Home Missionary Society, a position she filled with grace and efficiency until the merger of both in 1914, when Mrs. J. J. Steele became President, with Mrs. Somerville one of the Vice-Presidents of the new Society.

Mrs. Somerville also took a deep interest in the Deaconess work of her Church, and was a member of that Board for many years. No one rejoiced more than she did when in 1925 she entered the wider fellowship as one of the Honorary Presidents and, as long as she was able, she was present each year at the Dominion Board.

Our sympathy is with her family, especially Miss Mary, the daughter whose companionship was hers in her later years.

Christian Citizenship

MINISTERS of The United Church throughout the whole Dominion have been expressing their opinion in no uncertain terms regarding the move to legalize sweepstakes in Canada. Every Presbytery received the statement on gambling and lotteries made by the Social Service Council of Canada and no member of our Church can be in any doubt

regarding what the issue implies. It has been presented clearly and unitedly from pulpit and recorded addresses; the Church's official paper, *The New Outlook*, has answered most convincingly these specious arguments which are always brought to light in issues of this kind. It would be well if all our members read carefully the varied aspects of the whole matter presented April 8th in that paper.

Christian Citizenship is one of the departments of our Woman's Missionary Society and our great concern is that the forces destructive to temperance, to peace, to clean and decent living shall not have right of way in Canada. The Christian Church is on the defensive; we have lost many an issue because we have not been clear in thinking and vigorous in action. "Legislators can only crystalize the moral convictions of the people." Have *we* moral convictions regarding this issue?



THE BOARD AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1914, PRESIDENT, MRS. JOHN SOMERVILLE
 Seated: third from left, Mrs. W. Cochrane (mother of Dr. R. B. Cochrane); fourth, Mrs. John Somerville, fifth, Mrs. H. M. Kipp; Mrs. Frank Somerville, second from right.
 Middle row: second from left, Mrs. J. M. West; sixth from left Mrs. J. J. Steele. Many others will be recognized.

To San Wooi by Bus

BESSIE M. CAIRNS, KONG MOON

ON Wednesday of each week, I go to San Wooi by bus—by two buses, first one from here to Kong Moon City, where I change and take another for San Wooi. The word “bus” brings up different pictures to different people’s minds, and if any person thinks that these buses are anything like those that go from Toronto to Guelph, or along Sherbrooke St., Montreal, that person has the wrong picture. These buses are short and narrow, with a hard seat along each side, one across the back, and a minimum of paint everywhere.

When we get to Kong Moon City, we stop first at the bus station and take on water and charcoal. Gasoline is too dear, so charcoal is commonly used, and the buses go just as well. It is true that sometimes the driver puts his foot on everything that he can put a foot on, and nothing happens, but if the conductor goes around and juggles something, or the mechanics come out and lift the hood, in a short time the bus goes. Charcoal has nothing to do with that, however. Charcoal or gasoline, that part would be just the same.

The passengers are good-natured whether they sit or stand, whether the centre of the bus is empty or crowded with strap-hangers, suitcases and baskets,

dunnage-bags, tin boxes, or perhaps a radio being taken in for repairs. The conductor does his best to find a seat for everyone, helps people on and off with their bundles and watches to see that they do not get off before the bus stops.

“Let the older people have a seat,” he will say.

“Sit here,” he often says to me, making a man get up. Sometimes a man gets up of his own accord and offers me his seat, but it is not at all the custom for men to offer their seats to the ladies.

It is not always the same conductor, of course, but they are all good-natured, patient and helpful. Now and then one chats.

“Are you going to San Wooi?”

“Yes.”

“To church?”

“No, to school.”

“Do you live on the hill?” (Taking me for one of the Southern Baptists.)

“No, I live at the hospital.”

“Are you American?”

“No, I am Canadian.”

“The same as Dr. Lind?”

“Yes. You know Dr. Lind?”

“Oh, yes, he is my good friend.”

An interval while a passenger comes on.

“Is Dr. Cheung back yet?”

“Not yet. You know Dr. Cheung, do you?”

“Oh, yes.”



MISS BESSIE CAIRNS

A woman comes in with a live chicken, which she holds by the legs. I do not mind that, but I find it hard to be calm with several live clams on a string dangling by my ear. Once in a while some prisoners are brought in—a woman with a chain about her neck; men with chained ankles; men or women with their arms bound with ropes. These last are commandeered to be coolies for the soldiers, moving them from one place to another, and will be released when the job is done. I look at their faces—sad, suffering, but of necessity resigned. They have undoubtedly small children at home who will soon be crying for their evening rice, crying because their mother does not come home.

Along the road from Kong Moon to San Wooi are tidy fields of vegetables and rice, with here and there a water-buffalo grazing. One day there was a baby buffalo, too, with a baby buffalo coat of brown hair and very wide ears standing out from its head in a horizontal line. The inside of them was a rose-pink, like the pink petals of lotus flowers. It stood by its mother and looked with quiet interest at the bus passing in a cloud of dust.

Farther on are groves of palm trees for the palm-leaf fan industry. Sometimes as you pass by you catch a glimpse of a path leading deep into the grove. It looks mysterious, but probably is not. In some places the trees are only two or three feet high, funny, stunted things, partly denuded of their leaves. Others are not yet trees at all, but mere plants like those we use for their decorative effect in the homeland. Golden sand lies thick on their leaves, and you think of gold paint in old temples—a little tarnished, a little dusty. Nearer the city you may see small plots with leaves spread out to dry like small, neat lawns made of green crepe paper. Girls and women make the dry, bleached and flattened leaves into fans. One sees them through open doorways, needle and thread in hand, putting the edge on the fans. So practised they are that they can almost do it without looking.

Soldiers get on and off the bus, quiet,

well-behaved, better dressed than they were a few years ago. They often used to be rude, but now they are not, and one does not feel uncomfortable in passing them. With them, as with all the people in the buses, I am conscious of a taking-one-for-granted feeling. It may be friendly, it is at least not unfriendly.

In San Wooi city I often have to wait ten or fifteen minutes for a bus to bring me home. Pupils in different kinds of uniforms pass on their way from school, throwing me a casual glance as they go by. Little urchins run past in their play, sometimes stopping, sometimes not. Sometimes two little girls pass, drawing close together and exchanging whispered remarks about the funny foreigner, but it is rare to hear "foreign devil," or the laugh of unrestrained amusement.

A lovely thing happened one day when two little brothers passed on the opposite side of the street hurrying home with something for evening rice. One was about eight and one a little younger, and both wore dark blue sweater coats edged all around with red. The older one carried a dish in his left hand.

"There's a bus coming," he called across to me.

"There's a bus coming," and he pointed backwards with one hand, while with the other he held the dish right side up.

I looked where he pointed. There was a bus approaching in the distance. To make sure that I had heard him, he pointed again, and called out once more: "There's a bus coming." I nodded and smiled, and the two lads disappeared around the corner. I felt warm and happy all the way home.

"What," you may ask, "has all this to do with making the gospel known in South China? Passengers in buses, and conductors, and street urchins, and little boys in blue sweaters, and palm-leaf fans, and baby buffaloes with rose-velvet ears?"

Much. The gospel has a much better chance among people who have so friendly an attitude towards the bearers. There have been times of unfriendliness and of actual hostility; there have been times when street urchins attracted more

street urchins by their cries of "foreign devil," until the missionary was followed by a rough and shouting band; there have been times when stones and mud have been thrown; when there was suspicion as to the motives of the missionary.

The making of palm-leaf fans, being one of the chief industries of San Wooi, is of economic importance, and whatever it is that gives their people a livelihood is of importance to missionaries. As for the baby buffalo, well, that gave me pleasure, and anyone who knows anything about it will not fail to agree that if a missionary can get any joy out of a bus trip to San Wooi, she is entitled to it.

It is interesting to note how often the people pray for the Japanese—for the Japanese citizen at home in Japan, and for the Japanese soldiers over here devastating their beloved China. On Christmas day, the choir sang:

"How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of Him that bringeth good
tidings,
That publisheth peace."

Peace! Even while we remembered the birthday of the Prince of Peace, the alarm sounded and planes went over. Presently, when they were settling down again, the minister said, "Let us pray." In his prayer, he prayed for the Japanese militarists, that their hearts might be changed, and that we might have peace again. And in a tableau with Joseph and Mary and the Babe, the Prince of Peace, in the foreground a band of kindergarten angels robed in white sang:

"Hark, the herald angels sing"

How many people all over the world are praying for peace? It is a subject upon which our minds are dwelling at this time, when an ill-timed action could plunge almost the whole world into war.

The year has ended. When it dawned, I was at Paak Hok Tung, beautiful suburb of Canton. It was pouring rain, and unbelievably cold. But by afternoon, the rain had stopped, the air was clear, and the day closed with a glow of splendor in the western sky, as if in promise of a good year. A believer in

omens might well be disappointed in the way the year turned out, yet some one has said that in any year there is always more of sunshine than of cloud, and if we were to review the days and the weeks one by one, I think we would find it to be true.

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They are all going to miss Dr. Wallace greatly. When she was home two years ago, Dr. Alice Anderson, said, "I just don't see how we can manage without her. When we get hopelessly tangled in our medical commission business a quiet word or two from her just straightens things out."

She has done a great work at Dhar. . . . The state surgeon, after going over the mission hospital recently, said to Dr. Wallace, "I spend Rs. 60,000 a year to make my hospital as popular as yours, and I haven't managed it yet. *It's the heart and not the money that counts.*"—Mrs. J. S. MacKay, late of India.



THREE DOCTORS

Dr. Sundar Gaikwad, Indian, Dr. Margaret Wallace, Canadian, Dr. Victoria Cheung, Chinese. January 1938.

School for Leaders

MARGARET McLELLAN, ALMONTE, ONT.

MADAME President and Ladies, 'tis my privilege to-day
To take you all a-travelling on my magic carpet gay;
So close your eyes and listen, while we zoom up in the air,
This trip will end your trouble and banish all your care.

We leave behind the ice and snow, winter has come and gone,
March and April pass beneath you, and your housecleaning is done.
'Tis summer now, the skies are blue, and birds are on the wing;
The flowers are all so beautiful that you should laugh and sing;
But, no, you are too weary, you seek but some cool spot
To hide from city cousins, canning, mending and what-not.
The postman's knock! And with dismay you think, "Another guest!
I dearly like to see them, but I badly need a rest.
No, look, it's Bay of Quinte School for Leaders! Where's my pen?
I went to Summer School last year, and vowed I'd go again.
But now, how can I? No new dress! And who would keep house here?
And Grace will be away that week. I cannot go, I fear."

But now, here comes your husband waving in his hand a cheque,
Your daughter dances around 'til you swear you are a wreck.
They both insist you're going. You get ready in a whirl,
You feel apologetic, but excited as a girl.

Soon the gay green lawns of Whitby have filled your soul with joy.
And the high, cool halls at Whitby bring a peace without alloy.
Dean Smythe's heart-warming welcome makes you glow with love inside,
And friendly glances greet you as you mount the staircase wide.
Your schoolgirl days come back again as you find your small white bed
In a corridor of small, white rooms, where no teacher you will dread;
Then you swing into the programme with a youthful zest and fire,
Happy in the daily contact with the women you admire.
Worship service in the morning seems to start the day just right;
Then the lectures and discussions on your problems throw some light.
You get help with all the study books from specialists in that line,
And missionaries tell you of their work so grand and fine.
You make new friends at meal-times, and invite them to your room.
Or go outdoors a-strolling, to watch the August moon.

But when the course is over, and you open your front door,
Anxious to see the family, and take up the reins once more,
Just stop and think it over. What has it meant to you?
If you're like me, you'll feel that you have ammunition new
Enough to load your missionary guns the whole year through.

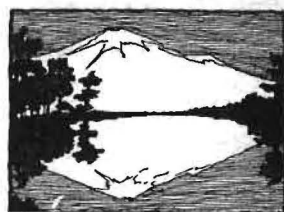
Each woman here should make it her decision firm and strong
That some one from her section be in the happy throng
Which gathers August 22nd, to join in work and play,
In worship and in study of the missionary way.
Each year the School grows larger and the lectures you will get
In 1938 will be the very finest yet.

I'm a booster for the Summer School, now won't you be one, too?
What it has done for other folks, it surely will for you.
It fills us all with courage to hold our banners higher,
Crusaders, marching in His cause, with missionary fire.



A Little Child Shall Lead Them

ELEANOR E. JOST, SHIZUOKA,
JAPAN



THEY had been talking about their trip to the farm the day before. There were crayons and paper for drawing; scissors and paper for cutting; and clay for modelling. There was a moment of silence while the class sat quietly deciding which of the many interesting experiences they wanted to reproduce in one of these three forms.

"Have you decided?" asked the teacher. Thirty-five little heads bobbed assent. "Then let's go quietly to get the materials we need, and come back to our tables to work."

Akiri Chan was the first to spring up. He knew exactly what he wanted to do. He was going to draw the mother pig, and every one of the ten baby pigs, so he had to hurry.

But one of the smaller children dropped her crayons, and hurrying little feet scampered carelessly over them, as they rolled across the floor. A heavy shower seemed brewing. Akiri Chan hesitated three seconds, then, swiftly stooping, he said, "Never mind; I'll help you pick them up." Many hands make light work, and the sun was soon shining again.

But it's thin comfort at five years of age to be told that "virtue is its own reward." Akiri Chan only knew he'd have to hurry now in order to get the complete family of pigs drawn. So he jumped up quickly—too quickly with the result that he bumped into the very little girl he'd been helping, and the rescued crayons clattered to the floor again. For a half-minute he hesitated. Then, "Oh, well, come on, we'll do it over again," he said with a rueful little laugh.

The two littlest pigs didn't have time to get themselves drawn, but the mother

must really have had her hands rather full with the other eight anyway, so perhaps she didn't mind so very much.

The third-year children of the Primary School were hiding a ball, and the fourth-year ones were to find it, gauging their proximity to the hidden ball by the volume of music and clapping. While waiting outside and guessing what color ball would be hidden this time, one little boy who does not yet come to Sunday School wandered slightly away from the rest, and called back in an exalted stage whisper, "Oh, let's peek through this crack!"

"No," said Shigeko San, staunchly. "We play honestly."

The Sunday School lesson two weeks before had been on honesty.

As our special speaker's time was limited, we were having a union meeting of the mothers of the three kindergartens. Each group was responsible for certain parts of the meeting, and as the mother chosen as leader had no one at home with whom to leave the baby, she brought him with her. Generally he converses quietly and happily with himself wherever he is placed, but the strange environment and babble of many voices proved too strenuous for ten-months-old nerves, and when his mother put him down at the back of the room, preparatory to commencing her duties as leader, he expressed himself in red-faced, loud-voiced terms of rebellion. Resolutely he refused any compromise, so his mother led the meeting with him in her arms. Rather a flat come-down for our carefully-planned meeting, I thought in selfish disappointment.

Yet, three times since then, some mother has told how rebuked and

strengthened she was by this very thing which seemed to weaken our meeting.

"I feel I can no longer make the baby an excuse for not helping," they all say. "I'll just have to do whatever is asked of me after this."

Every morning, Megumi Chan, an ardent three-year-old kindergartener, skips out to feed the bunnies as soon as she has arrived. One day she found to her dismay that some child, not a kindergartener, had come in to play, and opened the door of the bunny-house when no one else was there, with the result that the youngest member of the bunny family had fared sumptuously on the precious kindergarten garden. "He was bad, bad!" stormed Megumi Chan. "We've fed him well every day, and now he's eaten all our plants."

"But it really wasn't the bunny's fault," explained the teacher. "God didn't make him so that he can think, as He made you and me. When the door of the house was left open he walked out, and when he saw the delicious green leaves that he likes, he ate them without knowing that he was naughty."

Megumi Chan pondered this without answering, but later on during the worship period in kindergarten, she prayed, "Please God, forgive the baby bunny for eating up the grass. He didn't mean to be naughty."

They turned around to be introduced to the congregation at the close of the baptismal service — the grey-haired, laughing-eyed grandmother; the tall, rather stooped young father; the gentle little mother, and the four-year-old son who had accompanied them to the altar.

"This ought to become a truly Christian home now," I thought. And so it is proving to be. The father, a busy school-teacher, has time to attend service twice a Sunday, help in the Sunday School and come to prayer-meeting where he takes an active part. The young mother is eagerly trying to bring up her children in a truly Christian atmosphere. And the

grandmother? "There will be three Christmases this year," she told me in almost childlike glee, "the mothers' meeting, the kindergarten, and the Sunday School."

"And your own home?" I asked.

"Why, we can have one there, too!" she cried in pleased surprise.

Many young people might think it was not a very desirable way to spend every Sunday afternoon, but the three Christian young men whom a missionary had brought to Christ were of a very different opinion. "I simply had to do something to show my loving gratitude to God," said one of them.

The children of a very needy district of the city, having no yards of their own, were accustomed to play in an open space around a public pump. Here the young men came every Sunday afternoon and, gathering together as many as possible of these children, taught them suitable hymns and Bible verses, and familiarized them with the Bible stories which, to the initiated and uninitiated alike, prove a never-failing source of interest.

Nor were they content with this alone. To be sure, the cleaning of the inside of the platter is of first importance, but no one enjoys looking at a dirty dish, however delectable and wholesome the contents thereof may be. And what is a town pump for, if not to supply water? So, armed with "handkerchief paper," carbolic soap, towels, manicure scissors, combs and barber shears, the young men subjected these lively, dirty little human platters to transformation without as well as within. And scrubbers and be-scrubbed alike rejoiced at the result.

But of course the story does not end there. This last Autumn these same three "young men" were all present to help us rejoice at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of our Futaba kindergarten, which was started as a direct result of this simple but Christlike enterprise of three of His young disciples.



MAUSOLEUM OF DR. SUN YAT SEN, CHINA

A Letter from China

The following letter from Rev. Ma Ko Wen, Moderator of the Honan Synod of the Church of Christ in China, written to the Foreign Mission Executive Secretary of our Society, shows in what a remarkable way the Church in North Honan has been able to continue its work in spite of the disturbed conditions during the last few months. The letter was written from Weihwei before the Japanese troops captured that area. The work Mr. Ma describes has also been carried on in Changte. Up to that date Hwaiking did not have such a serious refugee problem, and there the work was going on quite normally. Since then both Weihwei and Hwaiking have been taken over by the Japanese.

OUR Church here in Honan is the garden which your long efforts have produced from a thorny soil; an enduring inheritance which is the fruit of your labors. We are your spiritual children.

The Scripture says, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also," and though the members of the Board have never been able to visit us in person and see for themselves the church here, still we believe that your heart is in Honan. Thank God that the results which have been achieved here prove that your hopes and prayers have not been altogether in vain.

First, let me respectfully send you greetings, and wish you each one health of body and abundant success in your work. This is our hope and prayer.

During the last few months, since our church came into the war area, you have doubtless been more than ever concerned about us, and I wish to give you a brief account of the present conditions in order to put your minds at rest. Since the 7th of July, 1937, when the incident in the north occurred, North Honan has been greatly affected by the war. During October the fighting entered our church area, and the Middle School in

Changte (Pin Ying) and the Bible School in Weihwei closed. The Girls' School at Weihwei and Hwaiking and the girls' country schools in the south have been able to keep open. Conditions were very alarming, and people from the north of the province were fleeing to other places for safety. Each mission station was left to meet the situation as best it could.

At a special meeting of the mission executive, it was decided to take in women and children refugees. At Chengte and Weihwei such centres for refugees were established, and in each place several hundreds of people have found protection.

In Weihwei we have arranged for classes for refugees as follows: for illiterate women, classes in the phonetic script. Some fifty have graduated. For those with some education, Scripture, home hygiene, general knowledge. There have been special courses for the children, and lantern lectures for all. Every evening there is a meeting for gospel preaching. On Sunday night both Christians and refugees attend a meeting for lectures on various subjects, plays, music or scripture talks. There is a special choir which furnishes some music at these meetings. Hundreds of women and children, taking refuge here in the compound attend these meetings.

On Christmas and New Year's day, there was a good opportunity to teach some of these people about Jesus, and to train them in worship. At that time, too, some of their own numbers made contributions to others in distress. Though they are not members of the Church, still, through this daily influence, they come to understand something of the

real meaning of Christmas. We regard this as a rare opportunity. All of our leaders have determined to make use of this time of anxiety and trouble to do some religious work that is of permanent value to our people and the community. For myself, I realize how ill-fitted I am for this position, but I am most grateful for the help of foreign and Chinese friends. And I am especially thankful to God that he has met my every need, and that I am able to stand up under this work that he has given me.

Because of the state of the country, active work in the outside villages has been very uncertain. We take trips to the near-by places and encourage the Christians. Recently the mission has been using its efforts to give some relief to the people who are in greatest danger of starvation. Outside the small contributions of the local church, the mission has received a small fund for this purpose, and is doing something to relieve some of the poverty in the villages in the district. The method used is organization of simple co-operatives or the loaning of small amounts to men and women to start them in some small business enterprise.

According to the news we have from Changte, the work carried on there among the refugees is very similar to what we are doing here. In Hwaiking, however, because of their distance from the war zone, they have no refugee problem as yet, and their work has gone on quite normally.

We ask you, members of the Board and fellow Christians in Canada, to specially pray for our Honan Church during the coming months when the future is so uncertain.



Lack of Leaders

MARTHA TUTTLE KENNEDY

I HAVE just come back from a Presbyterian meeting and good meetings they were, too, full of interest, information and inspiration. We are emphasizing alliteration this morning because sometimes we get carried away with it. As was the custom of such gatherings there was the same old worn-thread-bare cry, "Lack of Leaders." I have vowed so many times that I would never use it again, but when I got there I fell in line with the rest and say, "Lack of leaders, you know." Down deep in my heart I know it is not true! The only redeeming feature the expression has is its two I's. There is no lack of leaders in our Presbyterian or in yours, in The United Church of Canada or in any other denomination. Canadian women are clever, gracious, resourceful, abounding in executive ability, with a self-reliance born of our pioneer ancestors. No longer are we the timid, shrinking creatures we once were. Every child to-day is trained to be a "president." Even the most isolated school has its Red Cross Junior Group, its club, or a debating society. Our C.G.I.T. and other groups in Sunday School and Mission Band teach our children to "take the chair" and to express themselves in public. I thought of this as I glanced over the group of women a few days ago. You may say a convention is very largely a group of leaders. In Canada a convention is a group representing hundreds of women in the home church who are just as capable and just as clever. For every woman who can be president, there are at least ten others in every group who could be as efficient a leader.

Now all this may seem very boastful when one happens to be a Canadian woman and not an American or an English or a Japanese or a Chinese woman looking on. However, the feeling of

boastfulness is completely hidden by a feeling of shame. Nothing makes us feel so mean and quite so small as to be carrying round a perfectly good talent all wrapped up in a napkin. There is a decided lack of consecration. If the Woman's Missionary Society really has to have alliteration, we might say a "cessation of consecration" but this would be so far from

the alliteration would be spoiled. Everywhere we see women consecrating time, money, all they have for the great work of the Kingdom. The great lack is in the number of them.

And now the big question—Why? Why do we travel through life with these God-given talents wrapped up in a napkin? First, a great many of our young women would be Mission Band leaders, but they are afraid of the expense of buying materials. A great many women would join the Auxiliary if the thought of expense did not rise uppermost whenever they think of any organization. My dear friend, you may depend if you have no money God is not going to ask you for it. What He does want is what *you* have. It may be a voice to sing, it may be the gift to lead little children, it may be a pair of hands that can make things; it may be an original brain that can think up all kinds of novel ideas for programmes. Your interest and consecration may inspire a woman who can give a thousand dollars, and there's your money!

Builders

*I love a little church house
On a lovely little hill;
I love a little schoolhouse
With a flowering window-sill;
I love a little cottage
That stands near by a wood.
I love them all so dearly,
And I'll tell you why I should.*

*Because the little church house
Is a beacon on the hill;
Because the little schoolhouse
Is a guidepost, if you will,
Because the little cottage
That rests upon the sod
Is another of the builders
That keeps building men for God.*

—Selected.

Perhaps it never would have been given, had it not been for you. Sometimes, though it is a bit of a trial, I am glad I am a poor woman, not poverty-stricken you know, but with a large family. I know what it means to wait and to plan, to prepare a programme or a poster or even a "peep-show" from what I have rather than with what I haven't got. The experience has been good for me and has made me more sympathetic with people who think they can't do church work without a substantial bank account.

During the convention I was speaking of, I had the pleasure of attending the Mission Band conference between sessions. I was simply amazed at the ingenious ideas that some of those leaders had worked out for children's programmes which were both interesting and profitable. God does demand a lot of our time, and time is cheap. You may say, "I am so busy." I shall have to pass on to you what a very dear friend says to me when she scolds me for not writing more often: "You always have lots of time for what you *want* to do." Watch yourself and see. You may feel like admitting the rather slang expression—"Ain't it the truth!"

Another reason why so many of us do not consecrate our talents is that we have far too humble an opinion of their worth. Some years ago a few women went into an isolated country community to solve the old problem, "lack of leaders." A very fine enthusiastic meeting was followed by a conference. There was quite a bit of "humming and hawing," "passing the buck" is an expression we use in some circles. It looked for a few minutes as if the meeting were going to be all in vain. Though there was a nice spirit of fellowship and apparent sympathy with the work, nobody seemed willing to assume the burden of leadership. Finally, a tall, stately lady rose near the back, a very president in appearance and said, "I believe I could be president of that society, I'm willing to try, anyway."

"God bless you," the chairman said, fervently, "I'm sure you could," and *presto*, there arose an organization of the church in that community that soon put itself "on the map" with its splendid

reports of active service. I like that story because it is true, and was not concocted just to suit this article. That woman's act may not have been strictly parliamentary, but it was decidedly Christlike. Talents never develop wrapped up in a napkin. Even though we think they are not quite up to standard, let us get them out and offer them, and it is surprising how the use of them, with God's blessing and help, will change them from rusty old neglected iron into shining silver and gold. And it won't be long before we hear somebody say, "She is a very talented woman," and perhaps there is no lovelier compliment that can be paid to the women of our Church.

Here's another "why." Don't you think we are a bit too timid of the worldly, pleasure-loving women? We have a cowardly idea that we should never mention religious things in their presence, and they don't admire us for it. We assume that they are not interested in the great work of the Kingdom and we let it go at that. It is real fun to watch them develop. First, they give a little money and a little time and interest; then a little more, until finally the tables are changed, and Christian service comes first and pleasure second. Christian workers, and I mean those of us who know and love the work for the clear joy that is in it, ought to be like beautiful silver ploughs going around turning up to the sun the wonderful soil that is available.

We have one more grievance about church conventions that might as well be "aired" now. How much longer are we going to blame that poor old weather-beaten depression for every deficit in our funds? The great extension work of the church has not suffered half so much from the man who was once able to give a thousand dollars and is now only able to give a hundred, or from the women who used to put a dollar on the plate and now can only afford twenty-five cents, as it has from the thousands of people who never give anything, either time or money, and it is very largely because we have not taken the trouble to interest them. There is no lack of leaders, but we have not consecrated ourselves to finding them.

Our Mission in Trinidad

A Letter from a Recent Visitor

DEAR MISSIONARY MONTHLY:

We have said "Good-bye" to Trinidad, and now we are facing homeward after a month of seeing the beauties of that lovely island, getting to know its people and their interests, but above all learning something of the missionary work of our Church.

I have visited, with my husband, almost all the foreign mission fields of our Church, and I have never seen a work so compact, so unique, so encouraging as we found in Trinidad. In the early days Trinidad was a land of sugar and cocoa plantations, negroes worked on these estates, but when the abolition of slavery came, the planters and the country were in a sad plight, for the negroes seemed to think that freedom meant that they did not have to work. Then it was that an arrangement was entered into with the Government of India to bring to Trinidad East Indians who were of the kind suitable for plantation work. They were known as indentured laborers. Many thousands came, leaving behind them their relatives and their customs. They had come to a foreign land where they were among a

strange people. They were friendless and lonely.

Into this pathetic situation came a young man, Rev. John Morton, from Nova Scotia. He had gone to Trinidad in search of health, and saw the appalling conditions of these people. Returning home, he persuaded his Church to send him back to Trinidad as a missionary to the East Indians, for no one on the island could minister to their needs,

since the work among the negroes was being done in a small way by missionaries from Great Britain who could not assume more work.

The Grants soon followed the Mortons, and these two families laid the foundations, wisely and far-seeing, of the work in Trinidad. They were deeply interested in humanity, their hearts went out to the boys and girls and their needs, and to the parents who felt so helpless and so hopeless. The support of the managers of the estates was won, and schools were begun for the children. There was no marked division between woman's work and the general work when the schools were established. They were attended by both boys and girls, and

A Gift from Trinidad

Loving Hearts Woman's Missionary Society,
Caroni, Trinidad,
February 26th, 1938.

DEAR FRIENDS:

At our annual W.M.S. Conference held on the 13th of February, Mrs. A. E. Armstrong spoke of the drought in Western Canada for the past eight years. She also said that you have been very helpful and interested in all church matters. By this we can understand how hard it is for you people. We are deeply touched, and with that feeling of love and sympathy, we wish to send to you this very small gift which we know can do nothing much. Please do not count its value, but the spirit that has prompted us to send it.

How delighted we would be to do more, but our group is a very small one with just an average attendance of eight, and what we send is almost all that we have at present.

We hope and pray that God's richest blessing will rest with you, and that very soon you will have rain and become prosperous again. We cannot understand having drought for so long a period, as we do not have a dry spell for a longer period than three to four months, and yet we do get rain occasionally. Though this is the dry period, our island is very green.

You have been very kind to us in the past, and we sincerely pray again for God's richest blessing to remain with you always.

On behalf of the Loving Hearts W.M.S., I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,
(SGD.) (MRS.) T. S. SUKHU,
Secretary.

it has continued that way until this day.

Then followed a plan by which the government agreed to co-operate, and the Church gladly sponsored the plan, by which the mission builds, equips and repairs the schools; trains and appoints the teachers, and the government pays the salaries of the teachers. There is probably nothing like this in any other mission field of any Church. It is a wonderful system, and it works!

And so through the years our work has been centred around the schoolhouse. There are seventy primary schools scattered all over the island with 23,000 pupils. In San Fernando a high school for boys, one for girls, and a Teacher's Training College are located. These school houses are religious as well as educational institutions. Every morning for the first hour Christian instruction is given, and it is quite evident that the children in Trinidad know their Bibles much better than the children in our schools at home. Lovely children they are, too, with their Aryan features, light-brown skin, big dark eyes and shining black hair. The teachers would be a credit to the teaching profession in any land. They speak beautiful English with soft, cultured voices, and one could not help being impressed with their intelligence and their high purpose of service. They have been specially trained for their work in our Teachers' Training College.

On the walls of the schools are beautifully-prepared charts and striking mot-tos, but the buildings are sadly in need of paint, inside and out. These schools become churches on Sundays, and here gather the Sunday-school groups, with often the school-teachers leading the classes. As the congregation grows a church building, apart from the school-house, becomes possible. Several churches have been erected by voluntary effort of the people.

Come with me to the Tunapuna church to the annual rally of the Trinidad Girls In Training. There were about two hun-

dred and fifty of them—bright, eager, teen-age girls, the same as the world over. How their faces shone with interest as they shared in the programme, or listened to the challenge of the way of life.

The annual "Speech Day" of Naparimi Girls' High School was a most interesting occasion. The building itself is not pretentious. Nestling against the hill in almost a semi-circle, the cream-colored structure is picturesque against the dark-green foliage. On this special day the new wing was opened, with its additional class-rooms and a fine Domestic Science department; the latter is beginning to play a very large part in the education of the East Indian girls. Parents are quite keen to have their girls study Domestic Science, and the value of its training is emphasized by the Director of Education for the island. On the platform sat many distinguished personages. The prizes were distributed by Sir Mark Young, the Governor of the island, who paid high tribute to the school. He was most gracious. First, he gave a handshake and a mark of encouragement, then the prize to each recipient, and finally a holiday to the whole school! They are a charming group of girls, and clever, too, for many received high standing in their senior Cambridge examinations. It was my privilege to convey greetings to the school from our Woman's Missionary Society, and to bring back to our Society the grateful tribute of all those who have shared in the life and education of this fine institution, built up so splendidly through these twenty-five years by our missionaries. The students go out not only stored with knowledge, but prepared to enter upon the fullest kind of life and service.

The Woman's Missionary Society annual meeting seemed to be the climax to all the various types of work among the women. Year by year it has grown until only Susamachar Church can accommodate the gathering. The church seats about six hundred persons, and was filled to capacity, more and more chairs

had to be brought in. All the business was conducted by the East Indian women, and done in a thoroughly capable way. Many of the women attending spoke only Hindi, but they sat throughout the whole day with rapt attention. They must have felt the thrill of sharing in an assembly so representative and interested.

In bringing greetings to the Trinidad Society, I told them about some of our problems in Canada, and in particular about the dried-out area in Saskatchewan. I could see the women were deeply touched, for their faces showed sorrow and concern. A few days later, I met some of these women in the districts, they were eager to ask if it were true, really true that a part of Canada had not had rain for eight years. They would shake their heads and hold up their hands in dismay. Such a thing they could not realize, for Trinidad is so green and luxuriant in growth.

The day before I left the island, I received a letter from an Auxiliary, expressing great sympathy with their sisters in Canada, and enclosed were two \$5.00

Trinidad bills. This meant real sacrifice to them, for the East Indian people are poor—very poor. The letter is published in this issue.

And so we came away from Trinidad filled with a great admiration for our missionary staff, and what a small group of consecrated men and women could accomplish in seventy years. It is a work that is approved and lauded by the government and the community. We were also filled with admiration for the East Indian Church, and humbled by their expressions of gratitude in the many addresses they gave us for the mother Church in Canada. It is a young and growing church, bravely working for the development of human character in accordance with the principles laid down by Jesus Christ, and this work so nobly begun and carried on must continue. We in the home Church must not forget, nor neglect them by withholding our gifts or our prayers.

Sincerely yours,

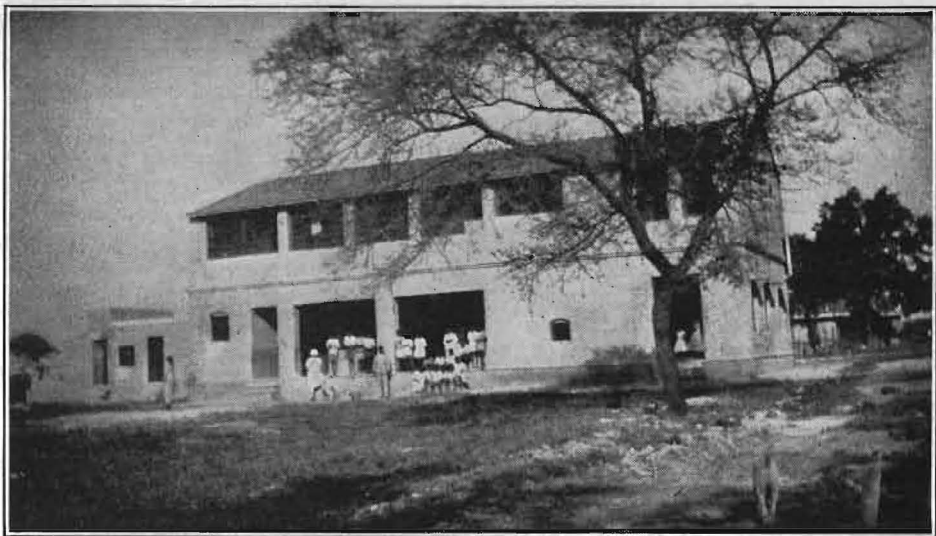
(Mrs. A. E.)

MARY MYRTLE ARMSTRONG.



A GROUP OF VILLAGE WOMEN, TRINIDAD

Note the Indian "saris" which many still wear in country districts. Mrs. A. E. Armstrong, right; Miss Christine McDougall, left.



NEW BOYS' HOSTEL, UJJAIN, INDIA

The Village School in India

Miss Cates, now on furlough, discusses perennial problems in education.

MILDRED CATES, Central India

THE new hostel in Ujjain is completed and in use, and what a relief that thought brings, relief from the fear that the old wall might fall on the boys some night, or that a snake or scorpion might do harm as they slept on the floor with the door open (for windows were practically non-existent in the old building). In addition, there is now a proper school—made over from a bungalow, to be sure, but a good school for all that—in which these boys and other children are studying in increased comfort. Thus, by a happy combination of resources with needs, some serious problems have been solved, and work made easier.

There are, however, perennial problems to challenge one's ingenuity and intelligence. There is the continual struggle to raise the ideals of both pupils and their parents from the purely academic and "exam"-centred idea to something which relates to life; to get them to realize that a child is not necessarily ruined for life if he fails to pass the English examinations, and to help the pupils to the ambition to beat his own best and come as near the perfect mark

as possible, rather than be content with coming "high in the class."

A mother said to me once, in complaint, "You refuse to let my son pass, though he came second in the class."

"Ah," said I, "but the one who led had a hard time making it!"

There has been the question of how to make the connection between our course and that of the government and state schools; these follow fairly closely the same course, but there exists a certain hiatus to be bridged. We hear, however, that the government has again adopted the psychologically correct and experimentally proven course in English which we follow, which will make our course almost identical with theirs. The standard in state schools, especially in certain states, has been lower than ours and yet the sudden transition to English as a medium of instruction, in the seventh class, has almost swamped many an otherwise good student, and caused, I feel, a good many of the numerous failures of boys going from Ujjain School into state institutions. Probably this is the reason why a few of the edu-

cated parents have transferred their sons to state schools early in their career, feeling that the adjustment could be more safely made in earlier grades. It is significant that in almost every such case that has come to my notice, the pupil was at once pushed up one or two grades, another attraction to the parents.

It is valuable, I feel, to train parents to take an interest in the education of their children, even though they may sometimes misunderstand the aims of education; and I have been surprised at how much their interest increased when they were asked to pay fees, no matter how small, for every pupil. Fees have not always been insisted on, until recently, when the economic situation of the majority of Christian people in the community began to show improvement. At the institution of fees in the primary class, four whole cents per month per child, an outspoken, but ignorant mother protested to my colleague, "The Miss Sahib is asking fees for my little boy and he doesn't know a thing yet!" But she was more interested in what was happening at the school, because of her investment and began even to sense some of our difficulties with her son and daughter.

There exists, as in all schools, the question of how to keep the standard of teaching up to the highest, and there is a peculiar condition in Ujjain which makes this question more acute than in most other schools of our mission. True, we have an excellent teachers' training school turning out young women every year who are well fitted for their work, but when there is no accommodation for young single women to live, where they will be protected, there is no possibility of making use of these new teachers. Our staff must be chosen from those teachers who are residents in the community, either with their husbands or, if unmarried, with their parents. It is a matter for gratitude that most of them are very good teachers, some outstanding, but home and family duties many times prevent them assisting in extra-curricular activities and their pre-school age children must be provided with a day nurse to keep them while their mothers teach. Of

course, there is a considerable advantage in having teachers with mature minds and for whose conduct out of school hours no responsibility has to be assumed by the principal.

Occasional difficulties are encountered because of the co-educational nature of the school, especially in the upper grades; but perhaps no more than those met in Canadian schools. Certainly, I feel that the development of Indian youth along the best lines makes it imperative that they learn in childhood, to work and play together, boys and girls. A more serious problem, and one which must be faced soon in a definite way, is that of the education of village children in the district. Up to now, a few village boys, the sons of new Christians, have been brought in to live in the hostel and attend the school on the edge of the city. This expedient is, of course, better than making no attempt to educate them, for the village schools run by the states are few and not very good, but it takes a boy from the village environment and trains him in academic subjects largely in company with children with the city outlook. Is it strange if the boy, after several years of this, does not want to go back to work among his own people and to be the leader there, which his education should fit him to be? And the girls of the villages are entirely neglected by Christian education, for there is no hostel for them in Ujjain, and others are away.

However, all these problems and others serve as a spur to the ingenuity and faith of those responsible for handling them and is it a joy to see evidences of the growth of these children, physically, mentally, and (best of all) spiritually. Big boys learning to take responsibility for younger ones, small boys improving in the ability to keep clean, to be careful of property (their own and other people's) and to pay manfully for their misdeeds; girls developing their abilities for skills, cleanliness, honesty, and disciplined sportsmanship, and numbers of the older ones making their public declaration to follow Christ—these are some of the results for which we strive, and which, when seen, keep us "hoping all things."

From Coast to Coast

Drumheller, Alta.

"Is this kindergarten day?" This is the question which mothers of sixteen children answer every day. If it is kindergarten day there is no sleeping in that morning, for it would never do to miss that class! The children enter eagerly into all the activities.



SOME OF THE CHILDREN OF THE KINDERGARTEN
Drumheller, Alberta

Lately they have been coming prepared to sing or recite so that we usually have a short concert period in which they entertain their playmates with the pieces they have been learning.

At Christmas time each child prepared a gift for his parents—an oilcloth pad for the teapot. These pads, made with many loving little stitches, are very much on display and in use in the homes. The mothers came to the concert, and Santa Claus visited us with a nice bag of gifts, part of which was made possible through the generosity of the worker's home church in Ontario, and part through white gifts and bales from helping friends in churches nearer here. One little lad took his chance to remind Santa Claus that he was expected again on Christmas Eve.

A gaily-covered box for Valentine Day held the valentines the little scholars made for each other. When a pretty "bought" valentine arrived for each child, one little girl said, "I like kindergarten because I am always getting a surprise." Jack Frost's valentine from *World Friends* proved very popular with us, as our windows were nicely festooned in February cold spells.

Even the handwork is looked upon as a gift they are receiving, and the completed articles are wonderful in their eyes. "May we take them home, to-day?"

Our Bible stories are enjoyed and remembered. Weeks after telling a story and using a picture, the children can select the pictures that belong with a certain story.

Our greatest response so far in the work in Newcastle is with the children. Mission Band, Explorers and C.G.I.T. all have a real attraction for them. In our library hour we meet children of several nationalities and religions, many of whom do not come to any other services in our church. We are glad of this opportunity to help the whole community. Often, as many as seventy

books are exchanged in that hour. We have a busy, happy time.

The miners have had a very discouraging year, as the mines have operated so few days in the season. The adults need our friendship and sympathy. It looks as if the children will lead them into the fellowship of the Church. —*Martha J. Coutts, Drumheller, Alta.*

A Hospital Baby

Olga was a year old when her mother brought her to Ethelbert Hospital, Man., with a badly swollen arm. An abscess formed, and had to be lanced. After that Olga felt much better and began to smile and play with her toys. Olga is the youngest in a family of seven, and her parents are very poor. She came to the hospital in clothes borrowed from a neighbour, but she went back at the end of the month, happy, well clothed, and in good health.—*Alice Gordon, R.N.*

Peace River, Man.

During the warm weather when nature is at its best, with singing birds in the trees and beautiful flowers growing by the wayside, one is tempted to believe that pioneer days are

over, but winter comes with a thick white blanket of snow covering all. The trails and highways are submerged and the mothers ask anxiously, "Are the roads open? Can we get through to the hospital?"

A call came just at church time. The roads were heavy with drifted snow so we must arrange for a relay of horses for the seventeen-mile drive out toward the lake. The patient was in an exhausted condition with a local midwife in attendance. The home was too poor to provide sufficient covering to protect the patient from the cold during the long drive to the hospital. Their horses were old, so a kindly neighbour loaned his horses and feather bed. We put plenty of hay in the sleigh then covered it with the horse blankets and tucked the patient in under the feathers. The snow fell thick and fast but soon we were through the rough bush road and out on the highway to change horses for the eleven miles to Pine River. Arriving at 4 a.m. we wakened the man at the garage to get his car for the remaining twenty-two miles to Ethelbert. The patient was transferred to the back seat of the car and we started out with chains and shovel to help us over the bad spots. At last the

patient was in bed with all possible care at hand, so we were free to make the return trip to Pine River.—*Rose A. Bolton, R.N.*



MISS ALICE GORDON, R.N., WITH OLGA
Ethelbert, Man.

Christian Stewardship and Finance

"**I** COVET the opportunity of bringing before our membership the importance of Stewardship and Christ's teaching regarding it. Each of us has a Stewardship, the practice of which would solve the problems of the Church. Possessions are a valuable asset or a dangerous liability." Such expression of high ideal from a Presbyterian Stewardship Secretary, as recorded in one of the Branch reports, assures us of the great possibilities of attainment in this Department. Can there be any doubt as to the deepening interest and broadening outlook of the Stewardship trends, when such leadership exists?

Intensified interest in Stewardship grows out of the conviction that our Society will fail in the achievement of its purpose, unless the Stewardship ideal permeates all its activities, as well as the personal life of its members.

I wonder where Stewardship education, consecration, and action begin and end? I suppose it just about sums up like this: God has made

us what we are. He has given us physical, mental, and spiritual abilities. If we let Him, He will use what He has given into our care, our initiative, our creative thought, our bodily strength, our time, and our material things. While Stewardship necessarily has bearing on every phase of existence, its real test lies in our relationships to material processes, and possessions. Until we are willing to contribute the right proportion of these to His service, we do not practice Stewardship, we just think we do. I must compare my personal expenditure with my gifts to God. I must compare the help and sympathy and skill that I can claim, with the loneliness and need and suffering of others. Stewardship is meaningless, until it expresses itself in that which costs—sacrifice and service. Can we ever doubt the worthwhileness of *Christian Stewardship*?

We must serve. The Christ we will not share, we may not keep. (MRS. H. T.)
BEATRICE M. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

Mostly About People

Dr. Margaret MacKellar, late of India, sends a notice of the death of Mr. Christopher McRae, in Vancouver, B.C., and an interesting little remembrance of the McRae family. Christopher was one of a family of ten which Dr. MacKellar visited before she left for India. Thirty-two years later, Dr. MacKellar, visiting Vancouver, found this man head of the Alberta Lumber Company. His East Indian workmen gathered to hear an informal talk by Dr. MacKellar, in Hindustani, regarding their beloved Punjab.

After the talk, the men, of their own volition, gave a money gift of about forty dollars to which Mr. McRae added ten dollars. This money was used in medical work in Neemuch, and Dr. MacKellar was able to tell the men of Neemuch of their kinsmen in Vancouver and of "Chris" McRae, who was the link in this little service.

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We sympathize with Miss Jennie B. Robb, Korea, W.M.S. missionary, who had the misfortune to fall on an icy road in Heisan and break her leg just above the ankle. Fortunately, Dr. Whoang, a Christian doctor and graduate of Severance Hospital, who is located in that town, had her carried to his small hospital, where she received every care.

Later Miss Cass and Dr. Florence Murray arrived, and Miss Robb was conveyed to Hamheung.

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Miss Jessie B. Ptolemy, formerly of the Central India Mission staff, has been bereaved of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Patterson, of Windsor. Mrs. Patterson was active in Westminster United Church, and a life-member of the Society.

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Deep sympathy is expressed for Miss Elizabeth Hawken, missionary on leave of absence from Radway, Alta., in the loss of her father at Markdale, Ont., on February 27, 1938, in his ninety-first year.

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Mrs. McIntosh, whose husband, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., of London, Ont., passed away at the close of January, has the deep sympathy of a wide circle of friends. Mrs. McIntosh served for some years as President of the London Conference Branch, a member of the

Executive of the Woman's Missionary Society, and her keen mind and her sympathy in all the wider issues for justice and peace made her an invaluable contributor to all discussions.

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A pioneer in home mission work passed away early in the year in the person of Katherine E. McTavish, R.N. Miss McTavish entered the service of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the former Presbyterian Church at Atlin, B.C., 1,700 miles north of Vancouver, their first medical venture in the decade between 1900-1910. After some years of pioneering in this difficult field, Miss McTavish was appointed Superintendent of Canora Hospital in Saskatchewan, where she served faithfully also. She died in Toronto at the advanced age of eighty-three.

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A gift of \$300.00 from the late Mrs. Margaret J. Kerr, Stratford, Ont., given for a girls' school in one of the foreign fields, is to be applied toward the cost of the building of a cottage unit at the Indore Girls' School, Central India, a brass plate in one of the rooms recording the donor's name.

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Mrs. G. D. Atkinson, Secretary for West China, will attend the meeting of the Board of Governors of West China Union University and the other associated Boards for the West China colleges on May 3rd and 4th in New York.

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Dr. Robert Laird was honored at a large representative gathering in Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, upon his election as President of the Alliance of Reformed Churches (Presbyterian). The gathering also took the opportunity of welcoming Dr. and Mrs. Laird home from their extensive visit to the foreign fields of the Church. Representatives of the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches and the Church of England were present to extend congratulations and greetings.

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A delightful function was a tea given by Miss E. A. Preston for her niece, Miss Clara Preston, R.N., of Honan, at the School of Missions, Toronto, March 26th. Miss Preston spoke briefly of her recent experiences in China.

Auxiliaries

TO create bonds of Christian friendship between its members and peoples of other races and other lands;

To enlist the whole membership in united effort for temperance, social welfare and world peace;

To build up a fellowship committed to the doing of God's will, and to the extension of God's kingdom in the home and the community, in Canada and throughout the world.—*Aim and Object.*

The Theme for June

"Temperance"

TEMPERANCE is not merely the concern of the Secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship in the Auxiliary. It is the concern of all Christian men and women. The secretary is asked "To direct the thought and action of the Auxiliary on such national and international issues as temperance, social welfare, racial brotherhood, and world peace." Hence it is fitting that one meeting of the year should be devoted exclusively to furthering the cause of Temperance.

The Literature Committee for each of the summer months is enlarging the monthly devotional leaflet, making it a *Programme Leaflet. (Price, 3 cents.) The Temperance Programme is being prepared by Mrs. Theodore Trickey. With the worship service on "The Church and Temperance," it should be used for the June meeting, or saved and given a central place on the programme of a later meeting.

WINNIFRED THOMAS.

Why Temperance in the Woman's Missionary Society?

THE Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada is a very privileged band of women. Its membership is probably the largest, its publications most widely distributed and its financial budget the highest of the nationally organized bodies of women in Canada. It has Auxiliaries and affiliations in most of its local churches and Presbyteries and strong allies in the Woman's Associations. It has provincial expression in its Conference Branches and national direction from its Dominion Board. All this organization represents an opportunity for wide-spread evangelism, and opportunity always brings responsibility.

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The Dominion Board has assumed certain definite additional responsibility for selecting trained workers to carry the world mission of Christianity to peoples less favorably situated both at home and abroad. These missionaries conform to certain standards of living and thus act as ambassadors for Christ. They represent the Church in action. They live in strange lands, and face unusual conditions as they endeavor to spread health, sanitation, educational and Christian living. They return to Canada and find much that is pagan eating into the social life, existing side by side with the churches. They see drunkenness and poverty and ask what the Church is doing about it at home.

The Church is confronted with the need of many reforms and improvements right in its native land. Its General Council and Conferences are always appointing commissions, passing resolutions and sending out messages. These will be no better than the paper they are written upon, unless they are engraven also upon the tablets of living hearts. Here is an opportunity and a responsibility for church women in organized groups—to know the attitude of The United Church upon such an important issue as Temperance and to live up to it.

The members of The United Church of Canada are recommended to adopt and practice personal abstinence as justified on its own merits and for the sake of others, as the best method of removing the evils of intemperance. They are urged, as heads of families, so to exercise hospitality as to exclude alcoholic beverages from their homes. A vigorous educational Temperance programme must be carried on throughout the whole Church, the women in their organizations are to assist as an integral part of the Church. In co-operation with other socially-minded citizens, the people of The United Church are urged to support those legislative enactments which will most effectively curtail the operations of the

liquor traffic and reduce to a minimum its evils, ever keeping in mind the ultimate objective of the Church—a nation and a world free from the bane of drink.

The above is the programme as drawn up by the Department of Evangelism and Social Service of the great United Church. Sufficient programme, but are there sufficient living members carrying out the task of the Church? The women in the Missionary Society, being members of the Church, wish to assist in this endeavor, so they, too, have a Department of Temperance and Christian Citizenship, striving to stimulate the whole membership to united effort for Temperance.

The evangel has a good message to proclaim—one of freedom from the curse of intemperance, that great blot on a modern civilization, which knows better how to protect and lengthen human life, than by either indulgence or over-indulgence in narcotic beverages. No, the Temperance Secretary is not a nuisance. She is alive to a social problem. She will remove the bulge in the tin, by hitting all around the surface. She will substitute interest in the fine things of life for the low and degrading. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!"

In contrast there is a determined organized movement among brewers' associations to teach thousands to drink who never knew the taste of liquor, to win the women by suggestions of food values and flavors, to taunt the reluctant by calling them kill-joys. All this propaganda is put over in movie scenes, in short stories, in advertising, by radio and by attempts to win the press. While the brewers are striving to build up a demand for beverage alcohol, for private profit at the expense of human life, there is need of eternal vigilance. In old historic days, kings and retainers feasted and drank until they fell insensate under their tables. So the present-day custom of social drinking will appear old-fashioned and degenerate to succeeding generations.

Meanwhile mothers are looking to the Church to save their boys, yes, and their girls,

too. Enough is happening to make them ask questions. Statistics reveal that eight per cent of the young manhood of this age is doomed to addiction to alcoholism. The alcoholics treated in Bellevue Hospital, N.Y., have increased from 6,000 to 12,000 since the repeal of Prohibition, and of these one-fifth are women. In Canada police courts and highway accidents tell the same tale of soaring crime records. There is only one sure remedy—no drunkenness occurs among the total abstainers of Church and temperance organizations, no beverage rooms are patronized and supported by them.

The call is urgent for the whole membership of the Woman's Missionary Society to become keenly interested in Temperance, not just the secretaries. The great statesman or leader is not given to self-indulgence, but to service.

"One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren. . . . But he that is greatest among you, shall be your servant."

"Be ye doers of the word, not hearers only."

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."—(Mrs. G. O.) Mabel L. Fallis, Secretary.

Schools for Leaders, 1938

MARITIME: Camp Grounds, Berwick, N.S. August 1-5.

BAY OF QUINTE: Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, Ontario. August 22-26.

LONDON: Alma College, St. Thomas, Ontario. August 29-September 2.

TORONTO: United Church Training School, Toronto, Ontario. September 19-23.

MANITOBA: Wesley College, Winnipeg, Man. September 5-9.

SASKATCHEWAN: 1. South, Regina College, Regina, Saskatchewan. September 10-14. 2. North, St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. September 13-17.

WHETHER China is defeated or victorious the need for Christianity and for Christian higher education will be greater than ever before. If China shall be victorious, she will have all the greater need for Christianity to use wisely her new position and power. If she should be defeated, she will need Christian courage and wisdom in dealing with the problems that will confront her.—Dr. Francis C. Wei, President of the Central China Christian University.

A Service of Worship

in

Auxiliaries and Mission Circles

JUNE, 1938

Theme for the Year: "The Church in My Life, All Life, All Lands."

Theme for June: "The Church and Temperance."

Purpose: In harmony with the theme for the June Programme, "Temperance," this worship service calls us to dedicate ourselves to those Christian ideals of life and citizenship which are fundamentally opposed to the use of beverage alcohol.

Order of Service: (1) Opening; (2) Business; (3) Service of Worship; (4) Programme, "Temperance;" (5) Closing Hymn and Benediction.

Instead of a devotional leaflet the Literature Committee is publishing for each month, May, June, July and August, a Programme Leaflet (price, 3 cents). The leaflet for June gives a *Temperance Programme.

Hymn: The Hymnary, 513—omitting verses 1 and 3—"Father in heaven, who lovest all."

Prayer: Most merciful Lord, who has taught us that the pure in heart see God, cleanse our hearts from all impurity. Give us such a hatred of all that is evil and such a love for all that is beautiful and strong that we may be delivered from temptation and become a strength to others who are tempted. Amen.

Leader: St. Paul said: "Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit." "Do you not know your body is the temple of the holy Spirit within you—the Spirit you have received from God?" "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Let us resolve to dedicate our hearts and wills to God that we may be filled with God's Spirit and that the fruits of God's Spirit may be seen in our lives.

Let us also resolve to oppose intemperance and all that hinders the coming of God's Spirit into the lives of others.

Prayer:

Teach us to-day, O Master,
That true self-sacrifice,
Which never restrains the rich current of life
With narrow-souled, puritanical barriers,
But guides it, with steadfast purpose,
Into one broad and generous channel—
The channel of that great Will of thine,
Which is, forever, abundant life unto men. Amen.

Leader: Jesus said: "Whoso shall receive one such little one in my name receiveth me. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones . . . for it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. Whoso shall cause to stumble one of these little ones it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

St. Paul said: "Let us stop criticizing one another; rather make up your mind never to put any stumbling-block or hindrance in your brother's way." "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." "We who are strong ought to bear the burdens that the weak make for themselves and us. We are not to please ourselves. . . . Christ certainly did not please himself."

"Whoso loves a child loves not himself but God; whoso delights a child labors with God; whoso helps a child brings the Kingdom of God; whoso saves a child from the fingers of evil sits in the seats with the builders of cities and the procurers of peace." (Norman Duncan.)

Let us resolve to stand against social drinking because it harms children and youth, and indeed many men and women, who are all God's children and our brothers and sisters.

Prayer: Help us, O God, more earnestly than ever before, to pray and labor and plan for a society that shall not place stumbling-blocks before the feet of any man, woman or child, nor burdens too heavy to be borne upon the shoulders of any of Thy children. Amen.

Leader: St. Paul said: Romans 12: 2; 8: 31.

Let us resolve not to conform to opinions or customs that are evil, but to be so transformed by God's Spirit that we may go out with wisdom and courage to transform social customs and conditions.

Let us resolve to use the power of example, of personal influence, of Christian hospitality and of our votes to eradicate from our land the habit of social drinking.

As we stand beside the ballot box to cast our vote, let us remember:

"It took a thousand years to shape this box. Only by centuries of struggle was that lock fastened upon it to preserve my ballot in honor.

"One generation of men after another beat themselves against the door to this room, and died upon its threshold, before it opened to let me enter and choose my government.

"Dreamers and poets of liberty; martyrs and prophets of truth; soldiers and seamen; statesmen and philosophers; all who have labored and suffered in the costly human march toward freedom—these are all my unseen companions beside this ballot box to-day." (Percy Hayward.)

Let us remember also that beside the ballot box stand the men and women and children of our land whose welfare is determined by the way we cast our votes.

Hymn: Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round, The Hymnary, 370. (67 is a familiar tune.)

Prayer: O Son of God, Who wast manifested to destroy the works of evil, and to establish the Kingdom of Love in the hearts of men, grant to our country, and to all the peoples of the earth, deliverance from the thralldom of drink, we beseech Thee; and so strengthen and direct us that in this generation we may be instruments of Thy redeeming purpose. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Almighty Father, who dost give. The Hymnary, 389.

Benediction: O Lord our God, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, send us forth in the power of Thy Spirit that we may serve Thee with fidelity in this warfare for Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Theme: "The Church and Temperance."

First Day: 1 Corinthians 6: 19, 20; Ephesians 5: 15-20. The use of alcohol is out of harmony with the achievement of one's best. To be "drunk with wine" stands in marked contrast to Paul's great view of a personality in which the very Spirit of God finds expression.

Second Day: Philippians 4: 8. Christian teaching presents a positive ideal of the good life. A modern parent, writing of the reasons why his children do not use alcohol, says: "We have tried to say to them 'do' rather than 'don't'—'go' rather than 'stay.' They have found life decidedly interesting. To them getting one's fun 'out of a bottle' would seem utterly stupid. They have discovered richer stores of inspiration."

Third Day: Galatians 5: 16-25. The Spirit of God in the life of a Christian is a creative force, thrusting out the evil and producing the fruits of the Spirit. Our part is to decide that God shall be in control of our lives.

Fourth Day: Matthew 18: 1-14. "The Church has had every weapon furnished it by modern science which it could desire for its battle against alcohol. But this battle cannot be carried on by resolutions of religious conventions and ministers' associations. It must become a part, and a very vital part of the Church's programme of Christian education."

Fifth Day: Romans 14: 10 to 15; 3. Moffatt translates Romans 14: 15 thus: "If your brother is being injured because you eat a certain food, then you are no longer living by the rule of love." The issue of eating meat offered to idols is not one we have to face, but the same principle applies in the matter of social drinking, as a result of which at least a considerable proportion of those who drink are seriously injured.

Sixth Day: Romans 12: 1-5, 13. Where should Christians look for their standards of conduct, to social custom or to the teaching of Jesus as interpreted by the Living Spirit of God? Are we "conformers" or "transformers"? Paul's appeal to "make a practice of hospitality" is much needed to-day. United Church women have the power in their hands to transform social customs in many communities in Canada.

Seventh Day: Ephesians 6: 10-18; Romans 8: 31.

"For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."—*Faber.*

WINNIFRED THOMAS.

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Mission Circles



Enlisting the Circles

"To enlist the whole membership in united effort for temperance, social welfare and world peace."

THE above is part of the Aim and Object of the Woman's Missionary Society, and some times during the year a meeting on the topics suggested should prove very interesting and enlightening. Programmes are being prepared for May, June, July and August, 1938, on the themes, World Peace, Temperance, Racial Brotherhood and Social Welfare. These are available in leaflet form (price 3 cents), and with the worship services on the same themes which appear in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY might well be used by Mission Circles either this summer or sometime next year. In order to help you in preparing for such a meeting, here are a few suggestions, which might be used separately if a few minutes at several meetings is preferable.

What is your group doing in actively campaigning against beverage alcohol? I still firmly believe that Circle members could be a great force for Temperance if we banded ourselves together, seven thousand strong—not weak! In this connection the Ontario Temperance Federation is sponsoring a "Youth Temperance Federation," whereby your own Circle could become a "post," its objective being that each member should commit herself to "total abstinence from beverage alcohol, recognizing that true Temperance is moderation in the use of things that are good and total abstinence from things harmful." Do you notice that I said "objective"? Your Circle might be a "post" with only four members declaring their purpose, but with the aim of encouraging the rest of the membership to join. This idea is not only for Ontario Circles, nor do you need to have a "post," as long as the principle of the Youth Temperance Federation becomes your own. For further information on the above, write to me or direct to the Ontario Temperance Federation, 30 Bloor Street, West, Toronto.

The second phrase of our leading sentence is "united effort for social welfare." This goes hand in hand with the first phrase. Where there is a need for social welfare, alcohol is often a contributing cause. I am very earnest in requesting the members of the Mission Circles to do all in their power to aid in any reform suggested in their community. Open your meetings to all young women of the church: social barriers have no place in our group, and you may do a great deal to help a social problem by invitations to become members of your Circle. The above-mentioned Federation has, as one of the planks in its platform, "We recommend that it be the duty of the 'post' to initiate and promote wholesome social entertainment, and in doing so to enlist the assistance of homes in the community." Wholesome is a beautiful word, is it not? What it implies! Cleanliness, health, beauty. Social welfare brings a different picture to our eyes, different for each one of us, according to our abode, in this country of ours. Aid to a needy family is superficial; we must go deeper than that, and learn of the problems of others not as fortunate as we are, and then "do something about it."

World peace is a world-sized problem. What can we do to help bring about this ideal of the ages? First of all, become conversant with the subject, in other words, know what you are talking about. Find out what other women are doing. Every paper, magazine and periodical has something written about peace or war. Try to develop the Christian attitude towards war. For example, our Oriental brothers and sisters in Christ have shown a marvellous spirit during the recent Sino-Japanese conflict. Above all pray sincerely and often for the cause of peace. "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire." I do not mean at Circle meetings, during the worship period, only, but in our private devotions or whenever the impulse to prayer moves us, even if we merely say, "Give peace, O God, give peace again."

EVELYN G. FOLLETT, *Secretary.*



Canadian Girls In Training



*Up from this earth of Thine
Spring lovely flowers,
After the winter's sleep,
Wakened by showers.
Patter, the raindrops fall,
Warmer shines the sun;
And every bud that blooms
Is glad winter's done.*

—Selected.

Two Interesting Letters

100 Blank St.,
Sometown,
Canada.

DEAR AUNT RUTH:

Thanks awfully for the box of birthday cookies. They were delicious and they soon disappeared at the little party the girls in this house had for me on my birthday after the evening study period was over. Everyone voted you a "swell" cook.

We got to talking about boys and good times, and I've been thinking a lot about some of the things the older girls said about drinking. Mother and Dad would be shocked "stiff" if they knew that so many girls consider they have to drink a little if they are to be popular—and no one wants to be a wall-flower! Liquor is served in some of the homes these girls come from, and I know that a few of these homes having occasional cocktail parties are "church homes," as Dad would say. I know that in our home we have always stood for total abstinence as the right stand for a Christian—but I am beginning to wonder! I have to live my own life, and really, Auntie, our generation looks at a lot of things differently from the older generation.

Several of the girls claimed that the Temperance "cranks" had exaggerated and distorted facts in order to scare young people from drinking. I didn't agree with the general drift of the conversation, but I was confused and couldn't think of anything to say when there was an opportunity. I'm not a

coward—but it is hard to stand up to a crowd and differ with them, and I wasn't sure just where I stood on the Temperance issue that night.

You are so understanding, and clear-headed about things that I thought, as I couldn't have a chat with you, I would write to you and ask you what you think about all this.

Your loving niece,
JUNE BROWN.

Centre Square,
Anothertown,

DEAR JUNE: Canada.

So the cookies disappeared all right! I remember a chocolate cake I baked shortly after I was married, which vanished so slowly that I fed the last of it to the sparrows!

I was glad to see by your letter that you want to stand on your own feet, and do your own thinking about the drinking question. Now that you have passed your "middle teens" you don't want to accept your parents' or older people's views on life without examining them carefully. In all fairness, you will want to cast the same critical glance over your friends' ideas about Temperance.

So a girl can't be "popular with the crowd" unless she drinks a little! There has been so much in the air about winning friends and influencing people that popularity has been set up as one of the great goals in life. I think that too great value has been placed on being "a good fellow," and one with the crowd. It seems much more important to me to have your own self-respect and the respect of the boys and girls who are your own particular friends, and by the way, I may be wrong, but I suspect that many a boy is secretly disappointed when "the girl of his dreams" drinks. Last week I overheard seventeen-year old Ross, who lives next door, say to his chum, "It is too bad that pretty little MacKay girl hasn't

the stuff in her to say "No" to a cocktail, although she evidently doesn't like it." And his chum replied, "Well, she has the sense to call a halt, while Helen Smith drinks so much that she soon acts cheap and loud. I wouldn't run the risk of taking her to a dance on a bet!" In a few years Ross and his friend will be puzzling over, not whom they will take to a party, but they will be choosing the girl they want to marry. They are attractive, average fellows, and, here again I may be wrong, but I expect that among other things they will want a girl who hasn't the reputation for either drinking or "petting"—and you know, likely, far more than I do, that those two habits often go together. Many a girl would never have allowed a boy to be familiar with her if her self-control had not been lowered by cocktails or a few drinks from a flask, and how bitterly countless girls have regretted their indiscretion while under the influence of liquor.

Your Mother and Dad have taken the stand of total abstinence because they believe that drinking is one of our greatest social evils, bringing misery to thousands of homes in Canada, and that they can have no part in something which causes so many "weaker brothers to stumble." They have viewed with alarm the increased liquor sales and the growing number of accidents on the highways caused by drunken drivers. You read the daily papers, and you can remember the dreadful toll of lives and maimed bodies in drunken motor accidents last Christmas and New Year's. You say you "must live your own life"—that is true, but every life is related to other lives. "No man liveth unto himself," and your Mother and Dad have sacrificed to send you away to school, and while you are financially dependent on them, surely you must respect their wishes about as important a matter as drinking. It wouldn't be like you to do it behind their backs, hoping they wouldn't find out, and if you told them you had decided to drink occasionally it would grieve and worry them. Don't forget that "occasionally" is a fairly elastic term, and that once your step out of the ranks of the non-drinkers it is extremely difficult to step back again. Not that I think it is courteous or necessary for a young girl to enter into a tirade against drinking or mumble apologetically a lot of reasons why she doesn't drink when she is offered a cocktail. She can say, "No, thank you," politely but firmly, and if necessary, add, "I don't drink,"

and pass on to other topics of conversation. Her example, rather than her arguments, will be a help to the temperance cause.

I was interested in your remarks about temperance "cranks." There are "cranks" in every cause—peace, social justice, slum clearance, vegetarianism, etc. You've met all kinds of queer folk. But there are a great many people, even moderate drinkers, who are agreed on the fact that drinking and driving a motor-car don't mix, and you have a right to insist, for your own and other people's safety, that you don't care to go home from a party in a car driven by a boy who has been drinking even a little.

Recently eleven insurance companies in Toronto sponsored a Christmas advertisement in the press covering a quarter page, in large heavy type.

"If you drink, don't drive.

If you drive, don't drink."

"Big business," as represented by these insurance companies, can hardly be called "cranks," and their warning is desperately needed.

Well, my dear niece, this letter is getting to be an epistle, and so I must close. I would be interested to hear what you think of my point of view, and you do know that you are often in my thoughts, and I realize that it is hard to differ from the crowd. It might be a help to you to know that last year in the Alberta C.G.I.T. Secretary's report she mentioned a Ukrainian girl, a graduate of a C.G.I.T. group, who was the first girl in her community who refused to have liquor served at her wedding festivities.

My love to you,

YOUR AUNT RUTH.

These letters are contributed by Evelyn Craw Mathews.

Leader's Questions and Answers

Question—The Presbyterial secretary has written asking me to see that the W.M.S. report form be returned to her. I have no report form. And already I have to send reports to the Provincial Girls' Work secretary. Why should I bother with another report?

Answer—If you were more familiar with the W.M.S. system of reporting, you would probably not consider this a bother. You should have received the report form referred to from the Girls' Work secretary of The

United Church shortly after your registration was sent to this secretary. On the form are a few questions concerning your missionary project and money-gift to the Woman's Missionary Society. This should be filled out by the secretary of the group in consultation with the members, immediately on completion of the missionary project and sent, with the donation to the Woman's Missionary Society, to the Presbyterian secretary whose name is on the report form. If you have not received, or have lost, the report form, you may secure another from the Presbyterian secretary.

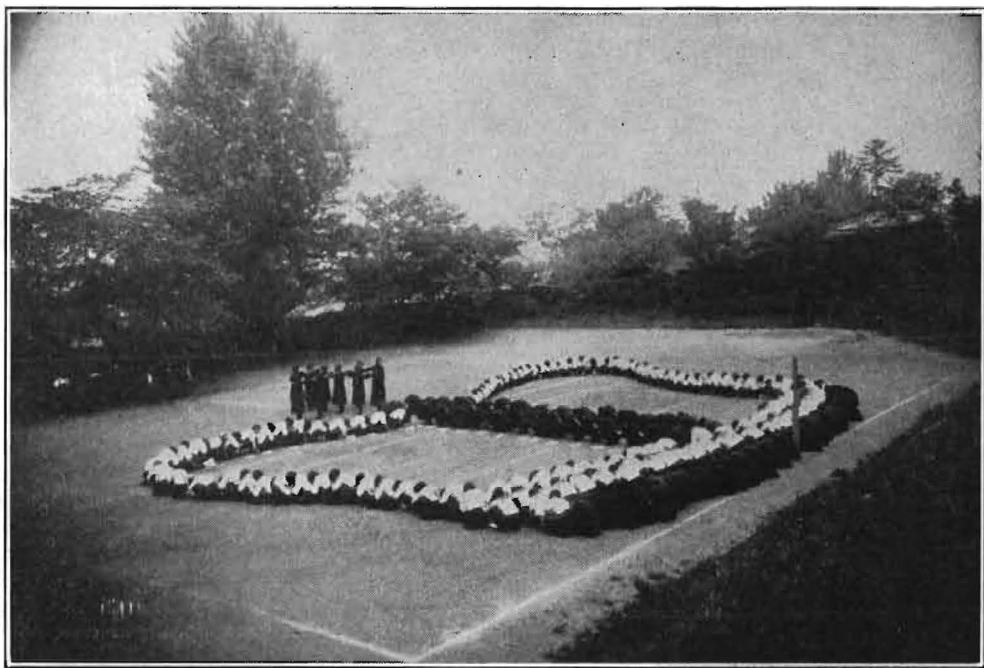
The report reminds the members of what is expected of an Affiliated Group, then helps them appraise their missionary programme. It helps the Presbyterian secretary know the group and provide needed help. The report is passed on to Conference Branch and Dominion Board secretaries, and forms part of the Society's record in its annual reports. Borrow a copy of this Annual Report from the president of the Auxiliary in your church. You and your group will be interested in the information about the many organizations of this great Society to which we belong.—(Mrs. R. G.) *Wenonah S. Dingman, Secretary.*

Here is a lovely little ministry done by a group of eight girls of eleven to fifteen years of Lungching School, Korea. One Sunday each month they conduct afternoon worship in the wards of St Andrew's Hospital, sing hymns, read a chapter of the Bible, recite the Apostles' Creed and lead in prayer, one girl acting as leader. The patients were all much impressed. Could Canadian girls do as much?—*Korean Echoes.*

Wilderness Wind

The wind blew out from the wilderness;
The brown earth waiting lay.
"Who goes? Who goes?
Who plows? Who sows?
"Lord, I cannot go there to-day,
My hand is not always sure and strong;
My row not always straight."
"Nevertheless,
None else says 'yes.'"
"Lord, I go—ere it be too late."
The wind blows into the wilderness;
The morning rosy grows.
"We sow! We sow!"
Wilderness? No!
It has blossomed forth like a rose.

—*Mary Nicholl.*



THE CROWN

Coronation Day, May 12, 1937, at Yamanashi Girls' High School, Japan.



Mission Bands

Sound the flute!
Now 'tis mute!
Birds delight
Day and night
Nightingale,
In the dale,
Lark in sky—
Merrily,
Merrily, merrily to
Welcome in the year.

Little boy,
Full of joy;
Little girl,
Sweet and small;
Cock does crow,
So do you;
Merry voice.
Infant noise;
Merrily, merrily to
Welcome in the year.

—William Blake.

Temperance in the Mission Band

The April magazine stressed Peace. This issue gives much material upon Temperance.

The reports for 1937 show a deepened interest in this very important subject. These suggestions, tried successfully, may be helpful to you in planning for Temperance in your Mission Band:

1. Temperance instruction should be stressed once a month. Just one illustration. The leader read a description of a community with beverage rooms. As she read, a boy set up "cut outs" of a community—dilapidated, untidy homes, an unpainted church, a disreputable school, inferior stores, poorly-clad, unhappy girls and boys. Then the leader gave a description of a community where temperance was in force. Another boy built a "cut-out" town of tidy, well-kept houses, a new school, a freshly-painted church, prosperous-looking stores and well-dressed, happy, healthy children. An excellent object lesson.

2. Many Mission Band members studied the National Temperance Course. One Band, as a Band, studied the course and wrote the examinations.

3. Some Mission Bands gave Temperance exercises in their Sunday School.

MARION SCOTT SMALL.

PROGRAMME

MATERIAL REQUIRED: (1) Cardboard or construction paper for poster; pictures showing health rules; (2) Picture of Jesus at twelve years.

THEME: "Keeping our bodies clean and strong."

PRE-SESSION: Have older children make poster with pictures, the verse being printed on the poster before the meeting.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: Story—"The Four Chums" (Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, taken from the first chapter of Daniel). After telling the story, and using the chart, discuss health rules; guide the boys and girls in discussion on *things which harm the body* and *why we need to have strong bodies*. Study pictures of Jesus at twelve years and draw the boys and girls out as to what they think Jesus would do about using harmful things. Teach verse on poster.

"My body is a temple, which God has given to me;

I must keep it clean and healthy, and strong, if I would be

A follower of Jesus, and live as He would live,

In happiness and purity; my best to always give.

To keep this temple holy, some lessons I must learn,

To choose the right things always, the wrong alone to spurn,

Avoid the things which harm me, bad temper always fight.

Strong drink will make me act unseemly in God's sight."

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Together in God's house we meet,
To help the world grow strong and sweet,
May we, His children, walk His way,
And grow in grace from day to day."

RESPONSE:

"O come, and let us worship,
O come, and let us worship,
O come and let us worship, Christ the King."

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4: 8.

HYMN: No. 341, "I would be true."

PRAYER: Asking God's help to make us strong and clean and pure.

OFFERING SENTENCE: Let us bring now our gifts that others may learn the Jesus' way of living. . . .

OFFERING RESPONSE:

"We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

NEWS FROM HERALDS: (Linked with the study for the day).

SENTENCE PRAYERS: (Two or more of the boys and girls, simple and in own words).

STUDY PERIOD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CLOSING RITUAL.

(MRS. J. A.) VIOLA MURRAY.

MISSIONARY MONTHLY AND WORLD FRIENDS

Auxiliary Secretaries! Do you know where you stand regarding your subscriptions for 1938?

Is your Presbyterian one of those here listed as having increases in *MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, or in the list of *World Friends*, or, better still, among those marked "x" with increases to both of our magazines?

MISSIONARY MONTHLY

xHigh River	xBermuda
Lacombe	Cumberland
Red Deer	xFredericton
xVermilion	Halifax
xPrince Rupert	Lunenburg
xVancouver	xMiramichi
Victoria	Pictou
Westminster	Windsor
xBruce	Woodstock
xHaldimand-Norfolk	xYarmouth
xHalton	Sherbrooke
xLambton	xCarbonear
Middlesex	xNorthern
xOxford	xSt. John's
xPerth	Battleford
xBirtle	Kamsack
Brandon	xDuff-Peel
Dauphin	xMuskoka
xPortage la Prairie	North Bay
Rock Lake	Simcoe
Winnipeg.	xSudbury.

WORLD FRIENDS

Calgary	Truro
Lethbridge	Glengarry
St. Paul	Montreal
Stettler	Ottawa
Wainwright	Abernethy
Belleville	Arcola
Kingston	Prince Albert
Kamloops	Qu'Appelle
Kootenay	Regina
Brantford	Saskatoon
Hamilton	Welburn
Niagara	Yorkton
Essex	Algoma
Huron	Cochrane
Carman	Temiskaming
Superior	Toronto W.
Annapolis	
Halifax	
Inverness	
Moncton	
St. Stephen	

SUBSCRIPTIONS are still coming in, though slowly, but we are still considerably short of the 1937. Read page 175 of the April *MISSIONARY MONTHLY*.

Congratulations to the secretaries who have increases! Now, what are the others going to do about it!

Baby Bands

The Adventures of Some Gift Boxes

IT has been customary in cities, towns and country places throughout our Dominion to distribute and collect the gift boxes at Baby Band parties in the church. Sometimes storms prevent the little guests attending, or some miserable germ is around and the children are not allowed to gather together. This was the case in many places last year.

The superintendents were disappointed, but overcame the difficulty by making more visits than usual. An Ottawa Superintendent, Mrs. F. L. Seddon, was one who seized this opportunity. Last year she saw "the boxes returning from victory like battle-scarred warriors," and felt that each one could tell a story if it were asked. This year she had the opportunity of going from home to home and collecting the little boxes.

She writes: "One bright winter day I called one of our enthusiastic Baby Band helpers and invited her to come with me. It was a disappointment to us both that she was unable to come, but to compensate she lent me her nice husband and their car, so off we set on our rounds, beginning with our more distant calls.

"Our first visit was a bit discouraging, for the mother said they had moved during the year and lost the box. They would try and do better next year.

"The next call brought us to No. 18 — St. Mother was out, so Father answered the door. 'I have called for the gift box for the Baby Band,' I said, with an encouraging smile.

"Now, let me see," said Father, scratching his head, 'I did see it somewhere, if you don't mind waiting, I'll look for it.' I waited. Presently he came to the door with the box in his hand, rather out of breath, saying he had

had to climb up to the top of the kitchen dresser to get it. Considering he weighed about two hundred and fifty pounds, I thought it was an heroic act!

Mrs. W— was the next call. She apologized

for the condition of the box, saying they had used it to prop up the window with, and it had been drenched with rain! But there was a cheerful sound of pennies rattling inside all the same. One little Scotch mother, with her two bonny active lassies, was almost in tears as she related how Gwen had taken the box out and enjoyed it so with her play-

mates that there was no box left. Anyhow, Mother made up the deficiency. By this time my host was quite interested in the calls, and enjoyed a laugh over some of the experiences I related.

"Off we went again to call on three-year-old Billy, whose mother always makes us so welcome, and smilingly handed me the box, saying that when Billy had money to buy candy, he always ran to put some in the box first, saying, 'There, that is for candy for black Danny.' Needless to say, this box was very heavy. Then there was Bobby, who watched for a moment when his mother's back was turned and got a knife and cut his box open, and Kenneth, who had a silver dollar given him, and promptly forced it into the mouth of the little box, which was not used to such large donations, thereby bursting it open. Shall I ever forget that afternoon, and the stories I heard!"

How can we, as secretaries, make givings through the gift boxes more truly love-gifts? The box loses the purpose for which it was



—Sent by Mrs. Orpha Houston.

AT THE BABY BAND PARTY
Chinese Mission, Toronto

made if it is used in some of the ways indicated above. Surely it should be used to give spiritual training to the child. Let us teach the children to look at the box as a receptacle for their gifts for their unseen friends. Perhaps if the box were placed near the Bible-story-book it might create that intangible sort of thing, a respect, would we say? Your secretary was glad to know that the children love the box and want to play with it, but suppose the mother suggests that the box in good condition could build a better tower, steeple or boat at the Baby Band party, when the other boys and girls bring their boxes. In this way the children would be encouraged to take care of their own.

The new Guide for the Baby Band Superintendent, which is wet with ink in the presses at this very moment, has something to say regarding all these things. It will be ready for sale this month, price ten cents.

"The gift boxes are the chief way through which the members can give, and they should be encouraged to give regularly. Even a tiny sum given often makes giving more valuable educationally than a larger one given at longer intervals. (Bedtime, before grace, thanksgiving at birthdays.)

"The gift boxes should be kept in a conspicuous place and low enough to be within the children's reach, though they should be discouraged from handling them roughly.

"I got out free," shouted one small child holding up a penny as she bounded into the house after Mission Band. 'Oh, both pennies for my box,' said another child. Wherein lay the difference? The first child had evidently been given money for collection, but no one had thought to explain the use to which that money would be put. The child paid money to go to the movies, and in childish innocence he thought of Mission Band in the same way. The other, though younger, had been allowed to give something to pictured friends whom the parents had made so real that the child loved them."

As the reports come in, year by year, they show how necessary it is that with the boxes we distribute the booklet, "True Stories for Little Folk." The box and booklet were designed to go hand in hand, the latter to create the interest and the former to provide the means for expression. Contributions are meagre—even where missionary papers are read—if the booklet is not used. But where

the booklet is used the boxes are filled to the top with the child's own bright pennies. This last year contributions doubled in many unexpected places when the booklet was used for the first time.—(Mrs. E. D.) *Lillian M. Eddy, Secretary.*

The Bookshelf

Goforth of China. Rosalind Goforth. McClelland and Stewart, Ltd. \$2.50.

The day Jonathan Goforth sailed for China, his name should have been changed to Wentforth but it would not be, for among all the names of Canadian missionaries, Goforth holds an honored place of its own. The book has the advantage of having been written by his wife, his constant companion in his thrilling experiences in China, where their lives were threatened several times; it does not lend itself to a review of two or three hundred words. It must be read from cover to cover in order to appreciate the inestimable work of this Spirit-filled man of God. Although the half has not been told, the memoirs will be cherished by those who loved this great hero of faith. The book came to me at ten o'clock in the morning, and I began reading it; except for untimely interruptions I did not lay it down until two o'clock in the morning, when I had finished it!

As the story is unfolded, we learn that the secret of Goforth's life was obedience to God's guidance, and as he fulfilled conditions required by God in His word, the blessings promised followed as a natural result. He found his joy and satisfaction in saving souls, and hungered more and more for more inspiration, which is essential, as the spirit of the life in which God can enter to do His work. God graciously gave him in abundance the gift of the Holy Spirit, for God works for those who obey Him. The Holy Spirit had absolute control of his whole life, so that in joy or sorrow or in physical inability he had that "peace that passeth understanding."

I have seldom seen a man with so passionate a desire to make Christ known at home and abroad. His consecrated life made its appeal to those who heard him. This great hero of the faith died serving, with no sadness of farewell—he passed away in his sleep after a busy day's preaching, to receive his Master's commendation. — *Margaret MacKellar, M.D.*



Heralding The New Annual Report



The Annual Report will be printed in somewhat different form this year. There will be **two books**:

1. **THE ANNUAL REPORT** ("The Blue Book") which might be described as the "business book" necessary for Officers of the Society. It will contain only the Directory, the Constitution and By-Laws, Financial Statements, Estimates and the Reports of the Dominion Board. One copy of this will be sent **FREE** (direct from Headquarters) to each W.M.S. organization: Auxiliary, Evening Auxiliary, Mission Circle, Mission Band, Baby Band, and to all Conference Branch and Presbyterial Officers. Additional copies may be purchased for 25c. (Ready in August).

2. **THROUGH MISSIONARY WINDOWS**—An attractive, illustrated narrative story of the work of The Woman's Missionary Society on our mission fields, and at the home base during 1937, presenting in story form the reports from our home and foreign missionaries, formerly found in the Blue Book. This will include also a full list of our missionaries, with their stations and types of work. It is a book which will be of great interest to every member of our Society and to all men and women of our church. Twenty-five cents will purchase **Through Missionary Windows** (Ready in June).

While one copy of the Annual Report (The Blue Book) should be sufficient for each organization, **many members** should own a copy of **Through Missionary Windows**. Use the 25 cents that you have been accustomed to pay for the Blue Book to purchase it.

Order through your Auxiliary Literature Secretary. Be sure to state clearly whether you want **Through Missionary Windows** or the Blue Book.

Cash must accompany all orders.

FOR THE MAY MEETING—WORLD PEACE

World Peace Programme, prepared by Mrs. G. J. Blewett, on the essentials of peace to-day. Three cents.

THE JUNE PROGRAMME—TEMPERANCE

Temperance is the theme for June, and the Programme Leaflet is by Mrs. Theodore Trickey. A presentation of modern viewpoints given in dialogue form. Three cents.

SUMMER PROGRAMMES—MAY TO AUGUST

During the summer, the Programme Leaflet (3c.) and **THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY** provide the material formerly supplied through the Devotional Leaflet and the Summer Programme Leaflet. Subscribers to the Devotional Leaflet will receive this Programme Leaflet instead. There will be no separate Devotional Leaflet.

The Literature Department, Room 410, Wesley Buildings, Toronto

News from the Conference Branches

Alberta

Press Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Carscadden, Red Deer, Alta.

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

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. Frances M. Perry, a life-member of McDougall Auxiliary, aged ninety-four years, passed away in Edmonton, March 8th. Rev. T. P. Perry, Toronto, is a son.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Innisfail, February 4th, twenty-five out-of-town visitors and delegates attending. Addresses were given by Mrs. Gaetz, who conducted the memorial service, and Rev. S. Pike. Mr. Pike also conducted the installation of the new slate of officers. Last year's allocation was fully met, and the new allocation of \$750 was left to the Finance Committee, who reported that if every Auxiliary member would give an extra fifty cents, it would be made.

ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Radway, February 1st and 2nd. Each year the dates selected have brought cold weather and bad roads, thus cutting the attendance considerably, so the Presbyterial decided upon a later date for its next annual meeting. Those present found the sessions not only interesting but inspiring, and the Treasurer reported an increase of more than \$100 in the year's givings. Miss A. G. Mulley was present, and gave an address on mission work in Africa, and had a number of African curios on display.

HIGH RIVER PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Nanton, February 1st. The special speakers of the day were: Mrs. Thos. Powell, Calgary, who gave an interesting address on "China" and the work of our missionaries there, and Rev. H. D. Leitch, Wetaskiwin, President of the Alberta Conference, who gave a message on "Missions." Rev. A. Rowe, High River, conducted the worship services, taking as his theme, "The Church."

One Auxiliary went over the top with their allocation, some reached their allocation, while a few were unable to do so owing mostly to crop conditions. Following her report, Mrs. Frogge gave a brief but lovely message of encouragement to the Auxiliaries. Mrs. N.

Dorsey, Okotoks, and Mrs. C. S. Pinder, Nanton, were the soloists.

CAMROSE PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting. Reports for the year were encouraging, and the theme for the day was "Consecration." The special speakers were Rev. Thos. Powell, and Mrs. A. D. Miller, Edmonton. Mrs. Miller gave a review of the practical work of the Woman's Missionary Society during the past year, including the building of the Battle River Hospital, the sale of the Ruthenian Home in Edmonton to the Y.W.C.A. of that city, and the changing of school homes at Wahstao and Kolokreeka to community centres.

Bay of Quinte

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

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

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL—On January 27th Mrs. A. Willows, a charter and life-member of Philipsville Auxiliary, passed away in her eighty-second year. For more than twenty-five years she acted as President of this Auxiliary. The society met with her in their December meeting for the last time.

Queen Street Auxiliary, Kingston, commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization on February 4th by a guest tea. During the programme, over which Rev. B. W. Thompson presided, Mrs. H. A. Lavell gave a short history of the Auxiliary, since its organization, tracing its growth in members and work accomplished.

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. Andrew Wilson, Appleton, some years ago President of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial, passed away January 12th in Honolulu. Mrs. Wilson was eighty-five years of age.

Mrs. A. M. MacKinnon, Braeside, a life-member of the Auxiliary, passed away on February 27th. For many years she had been leader of the Mission Band at Braeside.

Miss Nellie Brown, a devoted life-member of Forester's Falls Auxiliary, passed away in Toronto on February 16th.

OSHAWA PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Claremont Church, January 20th. In the absence of the President, Mrs. N. J. White, Mrs. W. W. Gee, First Vice-President, was in the chair. Members from the recently Affiliated Society of Northminster Church, Oshawa, and also members from the new junior Mission Circle of Northminster, were cordially welcomed. All the Evening Auxiliaries reached their financial objectives, and the treasurer remitted over \$9,000 to the Branch Treasurer, from all organizations. Other items of interest from the reports were an increase of eighteen subscriptions to *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*; seventy-nine bales of supplies were shipped from Brooklin; the Mission Band banner was awarded to Kinsale Mission Band and Maple Grove, honors being equally divided; Brooklin Auxiliary reported the greatest number of books read.

The special speakers were Miss Violet Burt, of Robertson House, Winnipeg, and Miss Helen G. Day, Secretary-Treasurer of the Literature Department, Toronto, who also gave some helpful suggestions on the "Basis of Membership." At the conclusion of the in memoriam service, Mrs. J. E. Glover rendered an appropriate solo. During the day a trio of C.G.I.T. girls sang a few numbers.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. N. J. White; Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. Hutchison; Treasurer, Mrs. M. S. Chapman.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Cambridge St. Church, Lindsay, January 25th, Mrs. F. Myers, Cannington, presiding. Devotional periods were conducted at the three sessions by ladies from Cambridge St. Evening Auxiliary, Greenbank Auxiliary and Beaverton Auxiliary. Reports from the vice-presidents showed a greater co-operation between the different organizations of the Society, greater interest in the meetings with increased attendance, and givings increased by nearly \$400 over last year. Bales weighing 1,600 pounds, and valued at more than \$2,000, were sent out. A splendid message of encouragement from Mrs. R. O. Jolliffe, Branch President, was read, as she was unable to attend. The Mission Band banner for proficiency was won by two Bands, Omamee and Beaverton, each to hold the banner for a period of six months.

The guest speaker for the afternoon and evening sessions was Miss Jessie Maxwell,

home on furlough from twenty-three years' service in India. Musical numbers were provided by ladies' quartette, Cambridge St. Church, Murray Wright, cornet soloist, and Cambridge St. Mission Band. Beaverton Auxiliary won the reading contest, Mrs. Minorgan, Beaverton, receiving the prize for having read the largest number of books. Miss Noreen Till, of Blackwater, was winner of prize for Mission Band Temperance poster.

During the past year the services of Mrs. Grierson, Sunderland, have been greatly appreciated. She, with her husband, Dr. Grierson, Sunderland, spent thirty years in mission work in Korea. To Auxiliaries at Wilfrid and Pefterlaw, Cannington, Manilla, Oakwood, Beaverton, and many other places, she has given a splendid talk, showing curios, and explaining customs and the great need of the people. In these she has been assisted by her little five-year-old daughter, Doris, very acceptably.

British Columbia

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

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

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

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL—An item of interest at the March meeting was the presentation of life-membership pins to Jean Knowles and Audrey Vant, who are faithful members of the Mission Band.

Trail Auxiliary exceeded its allocation by \$230.00 during the year 1937. The Mission Band and C.G.I.T. contributed \$12.50, and the Woman's Association assisted very materially.

The removal of Mrs. A. W. Parker from Nelson was a source of regret to Trinity and St. Paul's Auxiliary. Mrs. Parker was President of the Auxiliary, and under her leadership the spiritual life of the society was greatly enhanced.

KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—Owing to the death of one member of the Presbyterian Executive and the resignation of another, Miss Marcia Lundy, of Salmon Arm, has been appointed Strangers' Secretary, and Mrs.

G. A. Moffatt, Vernon, as Associate Helpers' Secretary.

Expressions of great appreciation still continue to come from Auxiliaries privileged to hear Miss Helen Hurd speak on Japan.

Mrs. F. Lundell was made a life-member of the Society at the December meeting of Revelstoke Auxiliary.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, First Church, Victoria, President, Mrs. George Guy. The financial statement showed \$6,555.24 had been remitted to the Branch Treasurer. The givings of the Associate Helpers were increased by ten per cent. over the givings of 1936, and calls made by the Strangers' Secretaries were increased by 321. New Auxiliaries have been organized at Chemainus and St. Aidan's during the year. Mrs. E. Day Washington, Branch President, gave a fine address on "Pioneering In 1938." Presented with a simplicity and reverence which appealed to the audience, a little pageant, "Jesus Shall Reign," was given by girls of the Chinese Mission Circle, assisted by the C.G.I.T.

Greetings from other denominations were conveyed to the Presbyterial at the banquet. Mrs. F. C. Nivin, of the Anglican Church; Mrs. William Russell, the Baptist Church; Mrs. Snider, representing the Victoria City Temple. Mrs. A. A. McKinnon, who was to have represented the Presbyterian Church, was unable to be present. Greetings were also presented by Mrs. E. Day Washington, Branch President, and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Past President, Rev. Thomas Keyworth, representing the Victoria Presbytery, and Rev. Bryce Wallace, Chairman of the Home Missions Board.

Miss Helen Kirkwood, General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., gave an interesting resume of the National Students' Conference held in Winnipeg recently.

Hamilton

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

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

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

BRANTFORD PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, St. Paul's Church, Preston, February 16th and 17th. Miss Jessie Maxwell, of the Girls' School at Neemuch, India, was the guest

speaker. Mrs. James Laughland, Branch President in the absence of Mrs. Jewitt, brought a message urging the need of more missionaries. Mrs. John Taylor, Galt, conducted a most impressive memorial service for forty-two members who had passed away during the year.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Chalmers Church, Guelph, March 8th. Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes, Dominion Board President, told of her recent trip to the Orient. Miss Winnifred Thomas, General Secretary of the Board, gave an address on "Aim, Object and Methods," and Mrs. John Taylor, Galt, described "The Perfect Presbyterial." The secretary's report showed an increase of twenty-six members, bringing the total to 1,853. Some of the encouraging items in reports were: a great increase in the reading of missionary literature and in the purchase of the Annual Report and study books; three new Mission Circles organized; increase in systematic giving; four new Mission Bands, two of which are boys' bands; increase in contributions from Associate Helpers; two new Baby Bands, and an increase in givings from Bands.

Mrs. H. E. Walker, Arthur, who has been returned as President, was presented with flowers in appreciation of her valuable services.

The reorganized Auxiliary of Eden Mills celebrated its first anniversary in the form of a birthday tea in February. The guests included members from the surrounding United and Presbyterian churches. Mrs. Fred J. Reid, Dundas, on furlough from China, was the guest speaker.

The Arthur Auxiliaries have had two meetings recently which proved most interesting. The Evening Auxiliary presented a play, entitled, "The Pill Bottle," which was well received. The play was preceded by lantern slides on India, and a lecture by Mrs. James Tucker. The proceeds from this meeting were \$50.00. Another meeting of the afternoon Auxiliary took the form of a radio broadcast from the various mission fields of our Church. The broadcasts were prepared from the Annual Report and THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, as well as from other sources. At the same meeting young women dressed in costumes of the various nations presented a pageant, "Canada and the Nations."

HALTON PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Trinity Church, Burlington, March 10th, 125 delegates present; President, Mrs. H. Inglehart. Miss Helen Day, Literature Secretary of the Dominion Board, gave an address, and also conducted the installation of officers. Mrs. Charles Jolliffe, Limehouse, formerly of China, and Rev. William Scott, Korea, gave addresses, illustrated by lantern slides. Mrs. H. Caldwell urged the teaching of temperance in Sunday Schools, and Mrs. R. M. Clements made an appeal for Auxiliary members to take a deeper spiritual interest in junior organizations. Mrs. A. Speight presented the banner to Burlington Mission Band. The Treasurer reported \$5,447.97 raised by the Presbyterial.

London

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

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

Life Membership Secretary, Miss Alice B. Stone, 63 Metcalfe St., St. Thomas, Ont.

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL—A supper meeting was held in Wesley Church, March 1st, when all the Executive members of all the Auxiliaries and Evening Auxiliaries in London met for rally and discussion. The Metropolitan Evening Auxiliary took charge of the devotional service. Proper filling in and returning of annual reports was discussed, and Mrs. A. J. Elson spoke on behalf of the Associate Helpers' Department. The thought of the evening was based on the question, "What should we as members of the W.M.S. expect of a missionary meeting?" Four different phases of this subject were presented by members of four Evening Auxiliaries.

LAMBTON PRESBYTERIAL—Parker St. Auxiliary, Sarnia, have started this year, a new and hopeful venture in Community Friendship. Within the constituency are a number of splendid Czecho-Slovakian families, who are separated from their neighbours by a barrier of language and custom. Parker Street folk have shown a friendly spirit before by lending the church for their use and in other neighbourly ways. This year Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Sims, at the request of the Czech women, organized a class where they could learn English and practice Canadian cooking. The nine

women who attend regularly find immense satisfaction in these social contacts. They are acquiring some English and have covered a good deal of the Gospel of Luke in their worship periods.

Some Sunday evening services have been held for the Czecho-Slovakian community, and on several occasions Rev. Theodore Bay, of Friendship House, London, has brought them a Gospel message.

ELGIN PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Grace Church, St. Thomas, President, Mrs. J. Jones. The reports were very encouraging, showing an increase of \$152.00 over last year, Yarmouth Centre giving the highest average per member, \$12.00. A new Evening Auxiliary was organized in Grace Church. All Evening Auxiliaries show an increase in membership, givings and average attendance. Central Auxiliary owned twelve study books, and aimed to have every member read it through. Grace Auxiliary, with forty-six members, takes fifty copies of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. The only donation to "Special Objects" reported was \$30.00 given towards the support of a cot in Chengtu Hospital by the teachers and students of Alma College.

In the afternoon Miss Winnifred Thomas gave a most challenging message. A masterly address by Prof. Hartley Thomas, of the Department of History at Western University, closed the evening session. His subject was "Japan and China."

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. G. C. Ramer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. T. Kennedy; Treasurer, Miss W. Graham, all of St. Thomas.

KENT PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Thamesville Church, February 2nd. Five-minute reports were given by the various secretaries, and Mrs. S. J. Jefferies led a discussion period immediately afterwards. Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor, Foreign Missions Executive Secretary, gave a stirring address on the Church Universal in the afternoon, and in the evening she gave an illustrated lecture on China. Music was rendered by the choir of the local church.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Harold Bolingbroke, Turnerville; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lillie McDonald, Dresden; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Illman, Chatham.

ESSEX PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Westminster Church, Windsor, February 3rd. Reports of the year's work brought in by the various secretaries of departments showed a general improvement in the work of the organization throughout the county. The Supply Secretary reported having shipped over ten thousand pounds of clothing to needy areas in the West, and to Northern Ontario. Other supplies were sent to All Peoples' Mission. Special mention was made of over one hundred quilts sent to Saskatchewan. The Treasurer reported an increase of \$500.00 over last year.

Miss Ila Brown, the new missionary at All Peoples' Mission, Windsor, expressed much joy in her work among the children there.

Members of the Amherstburg Auxiliary conducted a very impressive memorial service. As the names of the departed members were called, a flower was placed in a basket, and members of that particular Auxiliary rose in silent tribute. Mrs. W. Carson and Mrs. H. C. Heaton sang a beautiful duet. Two resolutions were passed, one denouncing trade in war materials, the other in support of the fund for relief of war sufferers in China.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. F. McGill, Windsor; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. F. Purdy, Walkerville; Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Batchelor, Kingsville.

Manitoba

Press Secretary, Mrs. Wesley Nelson, Chater, Man.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Emerson, 235 Elm St., Winnipeg, Man.

Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. G. R. Severson, 1031 McMillan St., Winnipeg.

CARMAN PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. Robert Shelton, of Manitou, a valued life-member of the Society, passed away on January 18th, aged seventy-two years.

BIRTLE PRESBYTERIAL—The Vista Auxiliary mourns the loss of a beloved member, Mrs. George Cormack, who passed away on February 13th after a long illness.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL—Dr. Gladys Cunningham, Chengtu, West China, was a welcome visitor to Winnipeg in February. She took the morning service at Young United Church on Sunday, February 20th, met with several

groups, and addressed an afternoon mass meeting in Young Church during her short stay in the city. It was announced that the offering at the mass meeting would be used for a Special Object at the Chengtu Hospital.

At the February meeting the members of the Presbyterian Executive presented an address of appreciation and a silver cake-plate to the retiring President, Mrs. A. W. Robinson, who has given many years of faithful service on the Executive.

The Auxiliary at Dugald has been reorganized. Owing to the illness of the President and Secretary, this Auxiliary ceased to function some time ago, but the girls of the Mission Circle decided to change matters. They invited the missionary-minded women of the district to a gathering at the home of a Circle member, when a short programme was given. The enthusiasm of the girls proved contagious, and before the meeting closed Auxiliary officers for 1938 were elected, and a collection taken to start a fund for a life-membership, which was later given to the past-President, Mrs. McCallum, who has been in the hospital for many months.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL—The Executive of this Presbyterian met on January 20th at the home of the President, Mrs. J. Hellyar, Brandon. Splendid reports were heard from all departments, and the group was quite encouraged by the increased study and givings shown in the majority of reports. The Executive indicated its wish to return to the fifty-cent fee as the basis of membership. It also passed a resolution to return to the direct allocation.

SUPERIOR PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. D. McIvor was elected President of the Presbyterian at its annual meeting held in Trinity Church, Port Arthur, February 4th. Mrs. T. Love, the retiring President, had attended twenty meetings throughout the Presbyterian during the year. Miss Marjory Gregg, missionary-at-large, was guest speaker, and told interesting stories of her work, part of which includes establishing Sunday Schools at seven points, holding church services in schools, and making contacts for leaders. The year's reports were all very encouraging, and a fine spirit prevailed throughout the conference.

BIRTLE PRESBYTERIAL—The C.G.I.T. group of Newdale, as one of its projects, has dressed and sent a doll "Patricia Anne" to Ethelbert Hospital. It is hoped that the children being cared for in the hospital will receive a great deal of pleasure playing with this little messenger of good wishes.

Maritime

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

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

HALIFAX PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, St. John's Church, Halifax, January 26th and 27th, President, Miss Margaret Grant. The theme, "The Church in My Life, All Life, All Lands," was especially dwelt upon in the devotional periods, conducted by Miss Florence Crawford, Miss E. F. Blackwood, Mrs. M. H. MacIntosh and Miss Grant.

The total income for the year was \$9,232.00, an increase of \$127.00 over last year. Twenty-five societies reached or exceeded their allocation. Supplies sent to Newfoundland, Labrador, Trinidad, and the community centres in the Maritimes were estimated at \$1,407.80. An exercise, showing the little ones of the Baby Band passing through a gate into the Mission Band, was effectively arranged by Mrs. H. Kennedy. Rev. R. C. Chalmers, of Brunswick St. Church, addressed the Presbyterian on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. George King, missionary from Honan, China, gave an inspiring address in the evening.

The public meeting on the second evening was opened with a worship service by the C.G.I.T. girls of St. John's Church. Rev. R. B. Cochrane, D.D., Superintendent of Home Missions, gave an address. The special message for young people was given by Mrs. George King, of Honan, who gave an interesting account of work among the girls and women of China.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Margaret Grant; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jean Forrest; Treasurer, Mrs. G. B. Pickering.

Musquodoboit Harbor Auxiliary lost a faithful member when Mrs. George Landells passed away on March 4th. She has held the office of President of the Auxiliary, as well as being active in other church work.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAL — Trinity Auxiliary has suffered a double loss in the passing of Mrs. Seldon Dixon on February 17th, and Mrs. C. O. Black, February 25th.

Mrs. Stewart Chapman, well-known resident of Fort Lawrence, passed away on February 5th. She was for fifteen years Treasurer of the Auxiliary.

PICTOU PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Trenton Church, large attendance present. Miss Harriet Jost, retired missionary from Japan, took as her subject "Peace" in the quiet half-hour. Thirty-eight boxes of supplies valued at \$600.90 were sent to Labrador, Trinidad, Newfoundland, and the Maritimes. Thirty-five Auxiliaries and five Evening Auxiliaries have a total membership of one thousand and six members. A dramatization of the life of John Geddie was presented by Mrs. T. J. Humphreys, assisted by the ladies of the New Glasgow Auxiliary.

The evening session opened with the C.G.I.T. groups of Trenton in charge, with Miss Nellie MacKillop, leading. Mrs. Herbert Gunn gave a very interesting report and talk on the work of the Canadian Girls in Training. A solo by Mrs. D. M. Wylie, and a splendid address by Miss Jost were both heard with much pleasure.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Annie Graham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. MacMillan.

ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, St. Paul's Church, McAdam, January 18th and 19th, President, Mrs. B. D. Earle. Six Auxiliaries met their allocations this year, and eight increased their givings; membership

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showed an increase of thirteen, and givings, \$69.72. More envelopes have been used in systematic giving, and five members of the Associate Helpers' Department have become active members. Two new Mission Bands were organized during the year. Clothing was sent to Trinidad, Labrador, Newfoundland, Coverdale, and St. John to the value of \$229.90, besides boxes to Western Relief and Newfoundland.

The evening session began with a devotional service, led by the Young People's Society of St. Paul's Church. Seven small boys of the Mission Band, and seven girls assisted with the programme. The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. J. W. Bartlett, Recording Secretary of the Branch.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. B. D. Earle; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Stanley Rogers; Treasurer, Mrs. Phillip Trecarten.

ANNAPOLIS PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, St. George's Church, Annapolis Royal, January 20th, President, Mrs. W. R. Turner. Reports of the officers showed progress in their various departments. The report of the Mission Circle and C.G.I.T. secretary made mention of the visit to the Presbyterian of Miss Isabel Griffiths, when she spoke at several gatherings. The special speaker of the evening was Miss Harriet Jost, who spoke very interestingly of her work among the people in Japan, with whom she spent thirty-nine years.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. A. Kirker, Middleton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Norman Ritcey, Middleton; Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Sanders, Berwick.

Montreal-Ottawa

*Press Secretary, Miss L. E. Maude Reynolds,
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*Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Roberts, 26 Fifth St. E.,
Cornwall, Ont.*

The Branch Executive met in Montreal, March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. As guests of St. Andrew-MacGillivray Auxiliary, Westmount, they had the privilege of hearing Miss Clara Preston, R.N., Changte, Honan, just arrived in Montreal. Mrs. R. G. Gilbride, her sister, President of the Auxiliary, was in the chair, and called on Mrs. Sutherland to introduce each of the members of the Conference Branch

Executive to the large gathering. Several of the Executive led in the devotional service.

Evening sessions of the Executive held in the same church, were devoted to committee work, reports of the five Presbyterian presidents and discussions of several phases of the work. All other sessions were held in St. James, Montreal, Mrs. W. H. Sutherland presiding. The Literature secretary had a comprehensive exhibit of available literature and helps. Letters were read from the Dominion Board President, Mrs. G. E. Forbes, and from the Conference Branch Past-President, Mrs. W. I. Murdock, who was absent through illness. Every one enjoyed a supper party in honor of the city missionaries, which preceded the vivid reports presented by them. The President introduced Rev. H. B. Campbell, B.D., and Rev. J. G. Joyce, D.D., of Verdun, who described a marvellous adventure in self-help under their guidance, and asked that the Executive support their request sent to the Dominion Board for a W.M.S. deaconess to assist in the work of the two United Churches serving a changing population of 66,000 people.

QUEBEC-SHERBROOKE PRESBYTERIAL — Scotstown Auxiliary, with a membership of nineteen, has nineteen subscribers for THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. They respond to the roll call with an item from the magazine. They raised \$2.13 over their allocation, sent two bales and presented a life-membership certificate and pin to the retiring President, Mrs. Payson Sherman. Their Mission Band has won the banner for four years in succession.

To Chalmers-Wesley Auxiliary, Quebec City, Miss Estella Amaron, General Secretary of Rangoon, Burma, Y.W.C.A., home on furlough, gave an interesting account of her work among Burmese girls.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Erskine American Church, February 23rd and 24th, President, Mrs. Walter J. Scott. The theme of the worship service preceding each session was "Service." Mrs. C. M. Loveys, Executive Home Mission Secretary, gave two very interesting addresses, and also conducted a "Forum." Mrs. A. R. Ross and Miss J. Ross, both of Korea, were also guest speakers. The reports of officers and department secretaries were interspersed throughout the programme. Some of the interesting features were—amount sent to Branch Treasurer,

\$28,975.00; seventeen Mission Circles; forty-three Mission Bands; seven new Baby Bands; sixty-six Canadian Girls in Training Groups, each with very good increases both in membership and contributions. A resolution was adopted at the close of the session opposing the giving of free liquor to students, and advertising of same by flagrant billboard, press and magazines. A beautiful and impressive in-memoriam service was conducted by Mrs. Colin Morgan. Several solos were rendered during the four sessions, and a very fine presentation of the "Sign of the Cross" was given by Miss Betty Burke Taylor.

Mrs. Walter J. Scott was re-elected President.

GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL — Moose Creek Auxiliary suffered the loss of a devoted life-member, Mrs. John M. McLenna, on February 15th, in her seventy-second year.

Mrs. Nichol, of Ottawa, was the guest speaker at a luncheon at Knox Church, Cornwall, the last week in January.

QUEBEC-SHERBROOKE PRESBYTERIAL — Coaticook Auxiliary deeply regrets the passing, on February 2nd, of Mrs. W. W. Peirce, an active member since her coming from Beauharnois, Que.

Saskatchewan

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

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

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Knox Church, Regina, January 25th-27th, general theme being "To-day's Challenge to the Church." Tuesday evening was given over to the C.G.I.T. groups, Miss Sharpe presiding.

Rev. W. E. McNiven, Metropolitan Church, led two of the worship periods. He gave an inspiring talk on "The Church of My Dreams." Mrs. J. H. Mitchell and Mrs. J. A. Menzies led panel discussions with the different secretaries. This was an experiment, and some of the delegates preferred each secretary giving their own report. The President, Mrs. K. C. Crook, shared the honor of presiding with Mrs. F. W. Whitworth, Miss Eva Sharp and Rev. John Mutch. Mrs. W. R. Morrison brought to the gathering highlights of the Dominion

and International W.C.T.U. conventions. Rev. J. F. Stewart, Carmichael Church, brought greetings from Regina Presbytery.

Owing to illness Mrs. John Kitchen, missionary from West China, was unable to address the meeting, but she sent an excellent substitute in the person of her husband. Mrs. R. J. McDonald conducted the installation of officers' ceremony, and Mrs. F. D. Munroe's closing words were very impressive.

Mrs. W. J. Orchard, Past President of Regina Presbyterial, passed away at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. N. T. Selby, Regina, February 2nd.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL—The annual Presbyterial meeting will be held in Prince Albert on May 26th and 27th. Two new Mission Bands, three Associate Societies and two Mission Circles have been organized during the year.

KAMSACK PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. J. H. Lawson, President of the Presbyterial, has made an official visit to each of the Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial, outlining the work of the School for Leaders which she attended in Regina last Fall.

QU'APPELLE PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. George King, a life member and for several years Strangers' Secretary of Fleming Auxiliary, passed away on March 8, aged seventy-nine years.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Grace Church, Saskatoon, February 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Rev. Nelson T. Chappell, of Westminster Church, Saskatoon, was the guest speaker at the youth session. Another guest speaker was Dr. E. N. Meuser, recently re-

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turned from West China Union University. This year the delegates, numbering eighty-three, enjoyed some added treats in a special showing of unusual screen pictures of British Columbia, a delightful organ recital and outstanding solos.

Interesting items from the secretarial reports were as follows: fifty Affiliated C.G.I.T. groups a gain of five; one new Mission Circle, making a total of eleven, increase of thirty-six in total membership; Treasurer reported \$4,100.00 raised; Mission Band banner presented by Mrs. M. J. Sexsmith to Third Ave. Band; one new Band at Perdue and one near Sovereign; only fifty per cent. of all Auxiliaries showed an active interest in Temperance.

Mrs. J. L. Nicol conducted the memorial service in honor of those members who had passed away during the year. Mrs. G. H. Bennee, Branch President, brought greetings from Branch, and Mrs. T. W. Fawcett closed the meeting with a timely message.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. J. Young; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Bates; Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Thompson.

Toronto

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

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

Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. D. F. Baird, 18 Dawlish Ave., Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. S. S. Sharpe, a valued member of Uxbridge Auxiliary, passed away at her home on February 25th.

COCHRANE PRESBYTERIAL — The Affiliated C.G.I.T. groups of Timmins had charge of a very interesting Sunday-morning service when

the girls themselves sang, ushered and took up the offering. Their president told of the aim and purpose of the C.G.I.T. and another officer read the lesson. The sermon given by Rev. W. M. Mustard was also on C.G.I.T. work.

Timmins Auxiliary lost its loved and valued Honorary President in the death of Mrs. Margaret Alexander, aged eighty-eight years. She was a member of the Woman's Missionary Society for fifty years.

GREY PRESBYTERIAL—A joint meeting of Heathcote and Victoria Auxiliaries was held on February 17th at the home of Mrs. E. Graham. Heathcote Auxiliary, by request, again presented chapter two of "A New Church Faces a New World" in a dramatized form, with Mrs. T. R. White taking the leading parts throughout. A poster parade showing the opening of missionary work before and since Union was presented by ten members.

DUFFERIN-PEEL PRESBYTERIAL — Four new Auxiliaries have been organized during the year—Whittington, Orton, Reddickville and Terra Nova. The treasurer reported \$6,872.27 raised during 1937.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL — A well-attended rally of Evening Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial was held in Howard Park Church, under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Staples and Mrs. O. E. Stiedholme. The meeting took the form of a supper party with an address by Miss Winnifred Thomas, the central idea being to "Grow."

Following C.G.I.T. week, which was observed throughout the Dominion, Bonar, Westmoreland, Windermere and Centennial organizations were guests of Carmen C.G.I.T. recently. Miss Agnes Roy, guest speaker from Windermere, spoke on "What C.G.I.T. Means to the Church." Miss L. Lowe and Miss M. Morton, of Carmen Church, also spoke.

About one hundred members of the Canadian Girls In Training held a very successful supper meeting in High Park Church on February 15th. Miss Eunice Tyhurst, Ontario Girls' Work Secretary, addressed the gathering, and Mrs. Baker also spoke.

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TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Eglinton Church, January 25th. Right Rev. Dr. Peter Bryce was one of the speakers at this gathering, and Miss Isabel Griffiths, Secretary of Work for Younger Groups, gave an illustrated address.

The Treasurer reported \$45,000 sent to the Conference Branch during the year. This meeting represented 147 organizations, with a membership totalling 5,335. Departmental reports were printed, and the secretaries gave highlights of the year's work, and plans for the future were discussed.

Luncheon and supper were served by the Eglinton Auxiliary, and at the latter missionaries retired and on furlough were guests.

Officers installed were: President, Mrs. A. R. Self; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. L. McCartney; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Harold Young.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, St. Enoch's Church, Toronto, February 1st, President, Mrs. Theodore Trickey. Conferences by departments and panel discussions proved very interesting and helpful. Receipts amounting to \$26,350 had been remitted to the Branch Treasurer. An increase in both membership and givings was reported for the Even-

ing Auxiliaries, Mission Circles and Associate Helpers. Ten bales of clothing were sent to Northern Ontario and Western Canada. There was an increase of fifty-six in subscriptions to *World Friends*, and a greater use made of material published in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, as well as an increased interest and use of the study book. Community Friendship secretary reported 1,536 visits made. Two new Mission Bands were organized at Goodwood and Scarboro Junction.

Resolutions recommending the Ontario Government should take measures to remedy the present liquor legislation in the interests of the people, and that the Dominion Government should show its opposition to war by refusing to supply belligerent nations with war materials, were duly passed by the Presbyterian.

Inspiring addresses were given by Dr. Jesse Arnup and Rev. Kenneth Beaton.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. McDougall, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. J. Pennington; Treasurer, Mrs. T. W. Neal.

Locust Hill Auxiliary, at their February meeting presented Mrs. D. Ramer with a life-membership in recognition of her many faithful years of service in the society.

New Organizations

Auxiliaries

ALBERTA CONFERENCE BRANCH

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL—Didsbury—Mrs. J. Boorman, Didsbury.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BRANCH

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—Aldergrove—Mrs. Watson, Aldergrove.

MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

FREDERICTON PRESBYTERIAL—Stanley—Mrs. Allan Thomas, Stanley, N.B.

Evening Auxiliaries

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Tweed—(former Mission Circle)—Miss H. Grindell, Tweed.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL—New Liskeard—Miss Mable Willows, New Liskeard. To-

RONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL—Toronto, Glebe Road—Mrs. G. R. Cragg, 116 Belsize Drive, Toronto.

Baby Bands

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ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAL—Bonnyville—Miss Henrietta Shipley, Bonnyville.



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HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL—Hamilton, Olivet—Mrs. F. E. Pepper, 21 Brucedale Ave. W., Hamilton.

MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAL — Leamington—Southampton—Mrs. F. B. Hunter, R.R. 2, Springhill, N.S. HALIFAX PRESBYTERIAL—Sambro—Miss Una Gray, Sambro, Halifax Co., N.S. INVERNESS-GUYSBORO—Orangedale—Miss Lizzie MacAskill, Orangedale, N.S. LUNENBURG - QUEEN'S PRESBYTERIAL — West Dublin, La Have—Mrs. J. L. Lund, La Have, N.S.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL — Glentworth — Mrs. E. D. Linnell, Glentworth. ELROSE PRESBYTERIAL—Lacadena—Mrs. Ferguson, Lacadena.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

SUDBURY PRESBYTERIAL—Coniston, St. Andrew's—Mrs. W. McKee, Coniston. TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL — Sutton West — Mrs. Emerson Sheppard, Sutton West. TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL—Islington—Mrs. J. A. McVicar, Islington.

Mission Bands

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Bay (Hay Bay and Bethany)—Mrs. Wm. Dillenbeck, R.R. 3, Napanee, Ont.; Hazzard's Corner—Mrs. Mabel Kincaid, R.R. 2, Madoc. COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL—Hilton, Wade's Corners—Mrs. T. B. Turney, R.R. 2, Brighton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BRANCH

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL — Rosedale — Mrs. Cheetham, R.R. 1, Chilliwack.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

HALDIMAND-NORFOLK PRESBYTERIAL—Unity—Mrs. W. Beverage, R.R. 1, Caledonia.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH

BIRTLE PRESBYTERIAL—McConnell—Mrs. S. Brown, McConnell.

MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

INVERNESS-GUYSBORO — Port Hawkesbury—Mrs. G. B. Ladd, Port Hawkesbury, N.S.; River Denys—Mrs. Chas. Kennedy, River

Denys, N.S. PICTOU PRESBYTERIAL—Hillside Trenton, First—Miss Katherine MacKean, Hillside Trenton, N.S. PRINCE EDWARD PRESBYTERIAL—Malpeque—Mrs. Ralph Beaufort (and Mrs. C. Taylor), Malpeque, P.E.I. SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERIAL—Norton—Mrs. Harold V. Colpitts, N.B. WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAL — Kingsport—Canard—Mrs. R. C. Woodburn, Kingsport, N.S.

MONTREAL-OTTAWA CONFERENCE BRANCH

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SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

ABERNETHY PRESBYTERIAL—Balcarres—Mrs. R. J. Davidson, Balcarres; File Hills—Miss Margaret Bentley, File Hills School, Balcarres. ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL — Eastend, Lowell School District—Miss Isabel McIvor, Eastend. ESTEVAN PRESBYTERIAL — Auburnton — Miss Nellie Lumley, Auburnton. MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL—Central Butte—Mrs. Ida Wilson, Central Butte. QU'APPELLE PRESBYTERIAL—Moffat—Mrs. E. Turnbull, Moffat.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL — Toronto, Glebe Road—Mrs. J. C. Campbell, 23 Tuller Drive, Toronto.

Mission Circles

ALBERTA CONFERENCE BRANCH

ST. PAUL PRESBYTERY—Smoky Lake—Miss Doris Deebetz, Smoky Lake.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—Pembroke, Wesley—Miss Muriel Hunt, 460 Isabella St., Pembroke.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

ESSEX PRESBYTERIAL — Ruthven, Trinity — Mrs. Glen Rogers, R.R. 1, Kingsville.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

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