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## Women and World Peace

ANYONE who watches the work of women throughout the country to-day must be impressed with their steadily expanding interest in world peace. . . . Women have been concentrating on this war question for the past ten years, for women are particularly interested in war. They who stay at home to work and to mourn their men who have gone out to war have time to think things through. Out of this thinking have come very definite ideas as to the stupidity of war, its enormous cost in life and property, the horrors it leaves behind and the utter uselessness of it.

With minds once made up about the matter, women are likely to break away from tradition and the following of old methods of doing things more readily than men have. Their steadily increasing interest in the peace programme has been one of the great factors in bringing to pass the signing of the peace pact.

Women may expect to have a conspicuous place in building a constructive peace programme for the future as they have had in the renunciation of war. They will, perhaps, lay a new emphasis on the causes of misunderstanding and ill-will between races and nations. . . . As mothers, women are now asking what is being taught their children about right interracial relationships and international relationships; what books are available for them on these subjects in order that future generations may understand, as past ones have not, the worthiness of other races and the complete interdependence of all races and nations. . . .

Past experience has given to them wisdom—bravery they have always had. They know that if a nation will pursue the paths of peace, real peace may be had. By faith they will go out to establish peace on earth by putting into effect the practice of friendship in thought and action toward those of other races and nations.—*Federal Council Bulletin.*

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The World for Christ.

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

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## Commissioned

Voices said, "Stay!"  
But the Voice said, "Come!"  
So I'm off and away  
To my transient home,  
Be it mountains green,  
Or Alaskan snows,  
Or under a tropic sky,  
Who knows?  
Who cares?—if only  
It be a place  
Untouched as yet  
By the Master's grace;

Untaught as yet  
Of that life, that gift  
That spoke God's power  
To redeem and lift.  
Voices said, "Stay!"  
But the Voice said, "Go!"  
Could I hoard the wonderful  
Truths I know?  
O heart, be strong!  
O feet, be swift!  
—Catherine Culnan, in the *S.V.M.*  
*Bulletin.*

## Editorial

### The Home Base

WE PRESENT in this issue the pictures of our new missionaries and an article by Miss Winnifred Thomas regarding them. These young women are all prepared as far as possible for the great adventure, but the qualities of mind and heart necessary for so momentous a task will be acquired only in that school of life which we all attend whether we will or no. Manifold problems await them, and, in these days of insecurity, when old religions have been discarded and western Christianity subjected to so much searching criticism, they will need to call often upon the patience and wisdom which their Master is always eager to give His disciples.

But their problems and responsibilities are not greater than ours who send them. Jesus had no rules to give relating to methods of missionary teaching, but He had a striking word for us at home: *The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest.* The missionary enterprise is simply the forefront of the Church at home. The delegates

at Jerusalem were unanimous in finding that home conditions—the materialism, the sectarianism and the pride of the so-called Christian countries—were the greatest hindrance to the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ in lands which we have labelled heathen. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, speaking at Detroit, said:

"We Christians do many beautiful things. In one of our churches a few miles away we hold two meetings within two weeks' time of each other. One of them is held to send a missionary to Africa in a section where there are about 2,000,000 natives. This one white missionary and his wife are expected by the power of the Spirit of Christ not to be overwhelmed by the savages, but to lift up the whole community.

"Two weeks afterwards we meet again in the same church. Some aspiring colored man has moved into the neighborhood of the congregation. The fear is that the whole congregation is going to be contaminated and ruined in some way by the presence of this individual. This must not be. We sign a petition that he be expelled from the community. We send one white man and his wife to convert 2,000,000 natives in Africa while 600

of us run from one native and his wife in America."

O what tasks await the Church at home and we who represent her! Had we been true to our trust in the days gone by, had Christ had His way with us, there would be more readiness to hear to-day and to obey. The pre-eminent need is a vision to see how every department of life must be diffused by the spirit of Jesus—industry, science, international and inter-racial relationships and all human contacts. If there is one of these functioning without, we have failed. In that wonderful forum at Jerusalem one message was given for those who are sent out and for the folk who send them. And that message was *Jesus Christ*—not what we think of Him or dogmatize about Him, but as we express His Spirit in our own thoughts, and words, and lives.

### The Light in the Window

REV. GEORGE C. F. PRINGLE, of The United Church Marine Mission, has just closed his ministry of nine years in coastal waters. As one reads the chronicle of those years one does not wonder that this young man, called from Edinburgh to the charge of an unseaworthy mission boat, plying the stormy inlets of the British Columbia coast, should have wished a hundred times that he had never left his home. The first two years were the most trying, but in August, 1922, the *Sky Pilot*, a good boat, was put at the disposal of the missionary, and with engineers not only efficient, but interested in his work, he found the sailing smoother in more ways than one.

One is struck by the service women have rendered in this phase of the Church's activity. It was a woman, when the missionary was far away on his dangerous errand on the sea, who inaugurated the Sunday school by post and sent papers to every child in his far-flung parish. Women opened their homes for twenty of Mr. Pringle's boys and girls that these might have more than a public school education. It was the women of the Woman's Missionary Society auxiliaries who supplied clothes, food, medicine and other necessities for needy

families. It was Miss Adelaide Sutherland, our W.M.S. worker, who, in Mr. Pringle's own words, "Stands first in the devoted, unselfish, understanding way in which she arranged to meet all needs and solve all—to me—insoluble problems. The blessings that came from her ministries to my people in settlement, camp, and hospital, to men, women and children, are incalculable. And next to Miss Sutherland I would name Mrs. James Kerr, Supply Secretary of the Society, who has always found ways and means of meeting my constant demands for clothing and other supplies. To these women and many others, known and unknown to me, I offer my gratitude."

Nor is that all. Women helped to sort and send out libraries; they instituted a Cradle Roll for babies. It was the missionary's wife who, assisted by some friends, received for six summers from the ship little groups of lonely women for afternoon tea that they might feel at one with the great sisterhood of the Church. And, in the kitchen window, for six years, from sunset to sunrise, a light, lit by a woman's hand, has burned through the darkness to aid the boats coming up Malaspina Strait at night.

### In the Fulness of Years

NEWS of the death of Mrs. John Morton, Trinidad, came to us too late to do more than note her passing in the August number. In this issue we print a tribute from the pen of Miss Adella Archibald, herself a missionary pioneer, who speaks for all the missionaries in Trinidad regarding the services of the old "Mem-Sahib" to the people of that country.

Mrs. John Morton arrived with her husband on the island over sixty years ago and settled in Iere village, the most unhealthy part of Trinidad, as was afterwards discovered. Indeed, the year spent there laid the foundation for much of that ill-health from which Mrs. Morton later suffered, but her spirit was indomitable. She survived her husband seventeen years and lived to be a true Mother in Israel to the women and girls of the island.



When Dr. Morton died his wife wrote his autobiography, a record of the early life of the missionaries at a time when the roads were cattle tracks and sanitation was unknown. The book was published in 1916, and anyone who wishes to gain some knowledge of conditions as they were in early times, and of the experiences of those who came from Canada to claim this lovely little kingdom for Jesus Christ, should read this interesting book. But it is not only what is recorded that stirs the blood. Mrs. Morton has unconsciously revealed between the lines the courage and wisdom of the pioneer women—herself and Mrs. Kenneth Grant—both of whom shared in the labors and difficulties coincident with a new field and a strange people.

Mrs. Morton is survived by a daughter, the wife of the Rev. A. W. Thompson, M.A., St. Catharines, Ont., and by three sons, Rev. H. H. Morton, now on furlough with his wife in Canada, Dr. Wm. Morton, Leeds, England, and Rev. A. S. Morton, a professor of the University of Saskatchewan. To them we offer our sympathy in the loss which they have sustained.

## On the Sea

MRS. J. MACGILLIVRAY, who has long contemplated a visit to the Orient, sails August 29th, on the *Empress of France*. It is a venture of her own, at her own expense, but we are happy that she goes as the president of our Society and will, in that capacity, visit a number of our mission fields. With her goes Miss J. S. Harvie, Montreal, an old friend, and one as deeply interested as she in the activities of the missionary enterprise. Dr. J. H. Arnup, one of the Foreign Secretaries of The United Church, is also one of the party, which includes a number of missionaries whose names appear on this page.

From time to time we hope to publish informal letters from the president relative to the trip, and the people whom she will meet, and we know that these will be eagerly anticipated by our whole constituency. When the September number

reaches the members Mrs. MacGillivray and her companions will be beginning their journey east on the Pacific.

## Sailings

### From Vancouver

*Empress of Asia:*

August 8th.

Mrs. J. C. Ratcliffe, North Honan.

*Empress of France*

August 29th.

Mrs. J. MacGillivray.

Miss J. S. Harvie.

Miss Minnie Brimstin, West China.

Miss Mary Gormley, West China.

Miss Charlotte Brooks, West China.

Miss Eunice Peters, West China.

Miss Isabel Leslie, North Honan.

Miss Edna McLellan, Korea.

Miss Ethel McEachern, Korea.

Mrs. A. H. Barker, Korea.

Miss Frances Bonwick, Korea.

Miss Ethel Scruton, formerly of Korea.

Miss Katherine Drake, Japan.

Miss Aurelia Meath, Japan.

Miss A. May McLachlan, Japan.

Miss Kaŕa Masuda, Japan.

*Empress of Russia*

September 12th.

Miss Winnifred Harris, West China.

Miss Mary Crawley, West China.

Miss Marion Coon, West China.

Miss Lottie McRae, West China.

*Empress of Canada*

October 17th.

Miss Florence Clearihue, Central India.

Miss Bertha Hodge, North Honan.

### From San Francisco

*President Taft*

August 16th.

Miss Ella Lediard, Japan.

*President Lincoln*

September 13th.

Miss Lois Lehman, Japan.

### From St. John's, Nfld.

*Newfoundland*

August 24th.

Miss Annie Mulley, Portugal.

### From Montreal

*Duchess of Atholl*

September 11th.

Dr. Margaret S. Wallace, India.

*City of Bedford:*

September 18th.

Miss Jessie Weir, India.

Miss Dorothy Pearson, India.

### From Portugal, bound for Africa.

September 20th.

Miss Kate Rutherford.

Miss Marjorie Millar.

Miss Margaret Halliday.

## Our New Missionaries



AURELIA MEATH, A.T.C.M.  
JAPAN



MARY CRAWLEY, R.N.  
WEST CHINA



MARGARET REID  
COMMUNITY MISSIONS WEST



DOROTHY PEARSON, B.A.  
INDIA



MRS. A. H. BARKER, B.A.  
KOREA



FRANCES BONWICK, M.A.  
KOREA



LOIS LEHMAN, B.A., B.E.  
JAPAN



ANNIE MULLEY  
AFRICA



MYRTLE MCGREGOR  
STRANGERS' WORK, MONTREAL

# Our New Missionaries

WINNIFRED THOMAS

NOW THAT there are over three hundred and fifty missionaries representing The Woman's Missionary Society in Canada and in other lands, it is difficult for us to know and to think of each one individually. We do desire, however, to retain this personal interest in our missionaries, and year by year we turn our thoughts particularly to those who are just entering missionary service.

This year the group of new missionaries is a small one, small indeed in the light of the needs of the fields, yet each one will receive a warm welcome as she joins those already at their posts, and each will count for much in the work of the Church as the years pass.

Seven of the candidates of 1929 are going to foreign fields; two are entering service in Canada. They come from different branches: one from Newfoundland, one from the Maritimes, one from Montreal-Ottawa, four from Toronto, one from Hamilton and one from Manitoba. The list includes one nurse, one music teacher, one kindergartner, three public school teachers, and one high school teacher. It may be interesting if each is introduced personally to the readers of *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, who in turn can introduce them to all the members of our Society.

Mary Crawley, R.N., was born in England, and her desire to be a missionary nurse in China was formed while attending a children's missionary organization in the Old Land. She came to Canada when about eleven years of age and has known what it meant to be one of a family who were strangers in a new land. This may be an asset as she faces the new life and work of a missionary in far away West China. Miss Crawley is a graduate of the hospital at Galt, Ont., is a registered nurse and has completed one year of the course offered by the United Church Training School. We know that she will win the love and esteem of her patients.

Dorothy Pearson, B.A., is the daughter of the principal of the high school at

Weston, Ont. Her appointment as a missionary to Central India marks the climax of several years of preparation during which she has kept her missionary purpose ever before her. She is a graduate of Victoria University in Household Science, attended the College of Education, and gained valuable experience as a teacher during four years on the staff of a collegiate. This spring she was graduated from the Training School. Miss Pearson has been an active member of the Canadian Student Volunteer Movement, and her deep and intelligent interest in the whole missionary enterprise will help her as she seeks to take her share in the work being carried on in Central India.

Until a few weeks before the Dominion Board meeting it seemed as though there would be no new missionaries for Korea in 1929, but we were rejoiced to be able to appoint two to this field, Mrs. A. H. Barker, B.A., and Miss Frances Bonwick, M.A. Mrs. Barker and her husband were graduated from the University of New Brunswick and went together to Korea where they won a large place in the hearts of the people whom they served. We sympathized most deeply with Mrs. Barker in the death of her husband a short time ago, and have admired her fine courage in returning to the work at the urgent request of the Korean Church. With her, as she sails this fall, will go Miss Bonwick, who was born in England, but spent her childhood in Seoul, Korea, where her father still labors as Secretary of the Christian Literature Society of Korea. She came to Canada for her education and took a course at the University of Toronto. Later she went to Columbia University, New York, securing her M.A. through the Teachers' College. All through these years Miss Bonwick has looked forward to educational work in Korea and has included in her study, courses in the Bible, Sociology, and Religious Education. Consequently when accepted as a candidate, she was ready for immediate appointment.

It seemed at Christmas as though no one could be sent to Japan this year. Now we are delighted to tell you of two new missionaries for that field. Strangely enough both have come from the United States. Miss Aurelia Meath, A.T.C.M., comes from Buffalo, N.Y., but her parents were Canadian, and she is a graduate of the Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, and of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. She was also for several years a member of the staff of that college at Whitby. Hearing in January of the call for a music teacher for Japan, Miss Meath volunteered, and, as the need was urgent, it was arranged that she attend the summer session of Boston University, taking courses in Old and New Testament and Japanese Buddhism. She also sails in September.

Our second missionary for Japan is Miss Lois Lehman, B.A., B.E., of Edwards, Mississippi, the daughter of Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Lehman. Her father rendered valuable service to the Negroes of the South as principal of the Southern Christian Institute. She herself served for a time in Japan under the Disciples of Christ, devoting herself chiefly to kindergarten work. The reorganization of the mission placed the kindergartens under the national church, and reduced the missionary staff. Miss Lehman was highly recommended by her own Board and goes out to take up the work so greatly needed in our own Japanese mission.

Miss Annie Mulley, Newfoundland, came to Toronto after several years of experience as a teacher in her own country. As a teacher she had also willingly accepted leadership in the church and community. Feeling the need of a thorough preparation for her chosen vocation, Miss Mulley took the full two-year course at the Training School, and was graduated in the spring. She is looking forward eagerly to work in Africa after a year of language study in Portugal, and will carry responsibility in her adopted country similar to that which she had in Newfoundland, though under different circumstances.

There were many vacancies to be filled in the home field, and only two fully qualified new candidates available, Miss Myrtle McGregor and Miss Margaret Reid. Both are experienced teachers and have also had considerable experience in church work. Miss McGregor is a graduate of the two-year course given at the Training School and Miss Reid completed the one year of special missionary preparation required by our Society. Miss McGregor has been appointed to Montreal to have a share in the work of the Strangers' Department; Miss Reid has gone to the community mission at Natal and Michel, B.C. The Board could not but wish that several more young women such as these had been ready to fill positions in the homeland.

We rejoice that these young women have offered for service under our Society and pray that God may give them strength and joy as they seek to be true representatives of Jesus Christ. Yet we cannot but feel sad as we think of the vacancies still to be filled on the foreign fields—the doctors who should have gone to India and West Africa, the calls for nurses in several fields, particularly India, to which no response can be given this year, of the vocational teacher who should have gone to Trinidad, and the social service worker needed in Tokyo, Japan, as well as educational and evangelistic workers for which there is a constant demand. Similarly, while appreciating to the full the contribution of those other than fully qualified missionaries who are filling vacancies in the home field, we believe that our Canadian work can never be as strong as it should be until for every position we have a missionary in full standing, a woman who looks upon this as her life work and has prepared herself for it by meeting all the requirements set by the Board. The roll of candidates entering the Training School in Toronto in the fall is larger than in 1928, but there is still a need for more candidates, especially for nurses, doctors and high school teachers.



SMILES OF WELCOME AT UEDA

Mrs. Briggs stands behind. With her is Miss Courtice, Miss Scott, Kobayashi San, Matsui San, Swata San and Arai San.

## Glimpses of Our Mission in Japan

DEMEREDEY F. BRIGGS

IN THE course of a trip around the Pacific this past winter I spent three weeks in Japan during March. Ten days of that time were spent in visiting our mission stations with Miss Courtice, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mission. I regret very much that we could not go to the three stations on the west coast, but it was necessary to return to Tokyo for the school closings. The weather was not too propitious at any time during my stay, and as it is particularly cold and damp on the west coast it was considered an additional reason for not going. Although I was not an official representative of the Board, but merely a casual tourist, it made no difference either to the missionaries or the Japanese friends. I cannot express too strongly my appreciation of the kindness of our missionaries.

Miss Courtice is a delightful companion and I enjoyed talking over the work and learning much about the people and their customs. The Japanese people are fond of traveling, the railway system is excellent, and by traveling second and

third class one comes in contact with the people in more ways than one. The Japanese have a custom of making pilgrimages in large parties to points of historical interest and ancient temples, and although the weather was inclement and it was not yet cherry blossom time, there were hordes of people, men, women and school children, on the move. The scramble for seats and the odd sights and people was all fun for me, but would be rather a tax on a busy missionary.

Miss Courtice came to Kyoto where I had been staying, and we left early on March 14th, arriving at Hammamatsu in time for lunch with Miss Veazey. Miss Veazey is our only worker here and superintends work in a large surrounding district as well as the kindergarten where she lives. This new building is an ideal one for kindergarten work, bright and airy. Miss Veazey lives upstairs in one corner. It is not so comfortable as it might be, as Japanese buildings are rather sketchy, and it is hard to keep warm with gas and charcoal in cold

weather. Another worker is needed here and a missionaries' home, which could conveniently stand in one corner of the lot. In going on to Shizuoka I was surprised to find what an extent of territory is covered by our Biblewomen—or women evangelists as they call them now in Japan—as they go from village to village holding women's and children's meetings themselves, living in different places which form centres from which to work. In this district urgent appeals have come for workers, especially from the large city of Nahoya where the General Board has a mission. There is no lack of opportunity for work in Japan.

The journey right around to Tokyo is a continual delight. For some hours we skirted the base of beautiful Mount Fuji San, seeing it close at hand and in the distance from both sides. I would have felt cheated if I had not seen Fuji San with the sun gleaming on the snow. As it was, in spite of bad weather, I had some satisfying glimpses. I feel that I must go back to Japan to see the cherry blossoms and hear the silk worms eat mulberry leaves, for both of which I was too early.

School was still in session at Shizuoka. I saw the girls, first in the spacious assembly room where they met for prayers, and then in the classrooms. The new school building seems quite perfect and beautifully kept. The tidiness and beauty of all our property in Japan impressed me very much; even where buildings are in bad shape the surroundings are well kept.

It was a great satisfaction to find that at Shizuoka our plant is adequate. The building of the new school has left room in the old building for a comfortable room for evangelistic meetings of all kinds. In other stations the missionaries' sitting rooms are in constant use for this purpose.

Owing to lack of workers Miss Courtice goes to Shizuoka once a month to direct the evangelistic work. This has its advantages, as it throws more responsibility on the Japanese workers, which is what we wish as soon as they are capable of accepting it. They have measured up

in a very satisfactory way. The Japanese women on our Council, four of whom I met, are unusually fine women.

Shizuoka is the capital of the Province and the educational centre, and now is full of schools. There is really a great deal of competition as far as kindergartens are concerned. A new one to accommodate 120 is to be built right next door to ours; the building started the day I was there.

Japanese children are very quaint and interesting with their solemn, round, rosy faces and black eyes. In our kindergartens they dress for the most part in foreign clothing, which does not seem to suit them so well as the native dress, but what they lose in picturesqueness is more than made up in freedom of movement. Kindergartens are much the same the world over. The kindergarten closing in the Azabu school in Tokyo was like others I have attended, except for the language, of course—surprisingly like. The children were absolutely natural, not curbed unduly, but allowed to express themselves. Our teachers receive excellent training in the Froebel system, which gives the children a better training than the combination of Montessori method and free play which is used in some of the schools. It means that we give only twenty children to a teacher while the others have as many as seventy. The teachers visit in the homes in the afternoons and get in close touch with the mothers. The mothers show their interest by providing each year some addition to the equipment which adds much to the comfort and convenience of both pupils and teachers. The kindergartens are supervised by the missionary and the teachers kept up to the mark in their Christian teaching. Sometimes a child is brought to the kindergarten by a nursemaid, with the baby of the family on her back, who stays all morning. In Shizuoka the missionary has a Bible class once a week or so for such girls. Every opportunity of making contacts is seized. I noticed this over and over again.

Shizuoka is situated on two sides of a spur of the mountain, and before leaving we all climbed to the top and had a fine



view of the city and plain spread out before us. Returning down the hill we came on a class of young school children out with their drawing teacher for an afternoon's sketching. They are very adept at drawing. On the train I saw a little girl amusing herself drawing. Suddenly we had a glimpse of Fuji, and like a flash she turned the page and sketched the mountain.

At Kofu are the Cartmell sewing school with kindergarten and dormitory, and the school of 170 pupils in a commanding location on a hill. Except for the newer building containing the fine assembly hall, the school is old and rambling, having been enlarged several times. The floors are very bad and the place a regular maze. There is no adequate provision here for teaching science—neither room nor equipment. The Department of Education requires such, so that before long it will have to be remedied. Some of the school girls sang for us. An alumnae lunch was in progress at the Cartmell school, the graduates having gathered to do honor to a teacher who was leaving. They do look uncomfortable kneeling on the floor to eat and play games. Here again we see the difficulties arising from lack of workers. Miss Hurd divides her time between Tokyo and Kofu where she supervises the evangelistic work. It means that the work among girls and young women in Tokyo has suffered.

All the workers of Kofu and district were gathered to meet me, sixteen in all, counting the missionaries, besides two who could not come. After some persuasion each rose in turn and gave a short account of her connection with the work. Nothing touched me more than to hear these women who are testifying to their own belief among their countrywomen.

In Kofu, too, we went up on the hill-top to survey the country, and then visited one of the silk factories to which one of our Biblewomen has entrée during the noon hour. The manager and his wife were very kind in showing us the processes, and quite disappointed that we had no time to take a cup of tea with

them. Japanese tea, you know, is produced at all hours.

Nagano was the next station visited, a seven-hour journey from Kofu. Here we spent the week-end. A flourishing Sunday school fills the church and surrounding class rooms to overflowing. Later on at the church service, where the men sit on one side and the women on the other, there are no children in evidence as they do not come to church. I was so glad that I happened to be there at that particular time, as there was a baptismal service when five nurses from the hospital and Red Cross and three other young women were received into the Church. The nurses wore their uniform of blue serge, somewhat like our deaconess' costume, with bonnet (which was removed before going up to the altar,



MAIKAWA EI KO  
A Young Japanese Leader

as it is a sign of disrespect to wear a hat in church). One could imagine what far-reaching influence these nurses may have as they go about their work in the future.

In the afternoon Dr. Norman took us for a drive in the surrounding country. The low-lying plain on which Nagano stands is surrounded by hills. The roads are dikes raised to prevent their being washed away in flood time. The workers in the country have some compensation for their isolation in the beauty of their surroundings.

We visited several preaching places and churches, among them the little building where we are asked to open another kindergarten. The pastor's pretty young bride served tea and cakes. I have a good deal of admiration and sympathy for the native pastors working faithfully in face of discouragement to build up the Kingdom. It is a striking fact that many of the invitations for meetings, new kindergartens, etc., come from the young men of the villages. It is hard to believe that only sixty-five years ago a man was executed in this district for suggesting that foreign customs be introduced or that foreigners be allowed in. He had read some Swedish medical books and suggested bringing a doctor here.

In Ueda our two missionaries were the only foreigners in the town at the time I

was there, a condition that did not bother them at all. Here the native workers' quarters are not fit to live in—a very old house right on the ground, dark and damp and actually falling to pieces. The underpinning is full of worms which get into the clothing, and the kitchen is like a cave. A new building is essential here. It is a most unhealthy place to live.

My visit to these stations gave me a good idea of the country places and country people. I think that one gets a truer picture of the real Japan than in the large cities where the influence of western civilization is more evident, for it seemed to me that Japan is rushing to catch up with the west. Sir Rabindranath Tagore, who was in Japan when I was there, expressed regret that Japanese women, whom he believed to be as modest and pure at heart as ever, were aping their western sisters to such an extent.

The week in Tokyo was a busy one with the finish of the school year. Azabu school, the largest of our three girls' schools in Japan, has some 400 pupils. The building is old and inconvenient and has now reached the stage where it is absolutely necessary to build a new school. Ground at the back of the present site has been secured, and the alumnae and their friends are raising money to pay for it. It is quite remarkable to see the interest

## A Letter

*Mrs. Kamo, the writer of this letter, matron of the Azabu School, received from the Emperor a beautiful writing box for her services as an educationalist in Japan.*

Dear Miss Jamieson,—It was very kind of you to write me such a kind greeting which I appreciated so much. I felt I was not worthy enough to receive such an honor from the Emperor last fall, and also many congratulations from my friends of home and abroad. And now again I have received one from your Society. I am simply grateful for God's love and His patience to let me stay here and work with the missionaries. I am thankful for my health and the chance to serve Him.

When I came here, more than thirty years ago, I was not a Christian. I didn't know Him, but while I lived among missionaries I learned to live in Christ's way. And I do think it is the real honor of me to know Him and be known of Him. I believe He will help me while I work for Him in this school.

I hope you will understand my great appreciation of your kind letter and convey my hearty thanks to your Society.

Yours sincerely,

REI KAMO.

which the alumnae show in the school. They have already raised \$25,000 and are undertaking to get \$50,000 more.

This school, as all our schools, is distinctly Christian in character, and while all girls are not baptized, a large number do become Christians before leaving. School meets six days a week, including Sunday when Sunday school and junior church is held in the school and the seniors go to the Azabu Church, which is at one corner of the school property.

The alumnae were good enough to have a party for me where I was entertained with Japanese music. As a member of the Board of The Woman's Missionary Society I had advantages and privileges which would not have come my way as a tourist. The Japanese friends were very kind in entertaining me. I feel now that with another short course, I could graduate in the use of chop sticks, and could even become accustomed to taking my meals kneeling on a cushion on the floor. It would take a good deal of practice for my unaccustomed back to bow as low as courtesy demands. All my shortcomings, however, were very politely overlooked.

It was interesting, too, to be present at the closing of Azabu school. It is a very ceremonious occasion, and all in Japanese except the address to the graduates of the English course, and their reply. The Imperial Edict on education urging earnestness in the pursuit of education was brought in on a tray by one of the graduates dressed in a purple kimono. The scroll was wrapped in purple velvet and was presented to the chairman with exact and ceremonious bowing. After solemnly unwrapping it, he read it in a sonorous voice while the audience stood with bowed heads. The school then sang the Edict Song. A school closing in Japan is such a formal affair that there is no applause even for musical numbers. The graduates of the Kindergarten Training School and the High School looked very demure and attractive in their gayest kimonos. The head girl in each class received the diplomas for her class with set bows and returned to her seat with them held high.

If I had not had the pleasure of being present in the afternoon when the undergraduates entertained the graduates, I would have carried away quite a wrong impression of Japanese girls. They dressed up and did stunts just like any Canadian girls, two of them doing a hoedown with blackened faces and short skirts, all accompanied with much giggling and occasional shrieks of laughter.

The Women's Christian College of Tokyo, the largest woman's college in Asia, is a co-operative venture in which our Society has a share. I was fortunate in being in Tokyo for the Commencement Exercises which were very interesting. A good audience of friends, undergraduates and graduates met in the hall, which is used as a gymnasium. Mr. Watanabe, the students' pastor and head of the religious training, led the devotional exercises. The college song was sung and diplomas presented here as in the school. The head girl received them with ceremonious bows for the whole class. Dr. Yasui, the President and a very fine Christian woman, addressed the graduating class; a congratulatory address by one of the undergraduates was responded to by a graduate in the English course. She gave an address in perfect English with excellent enunciation which would do credit in matter and form to any of our colleges. This was the only part of the proceedings given in English. Dr. Hozumi, Professor of Law in Tokyo University, gave an address, telling of the service for lawyers in Westminster Abbey which he had attended, quoting the prayer for uprightness, discernment and love.

A visit to the buildings followed. The site is beautiful, quite high, with a glimpse on clear days of Mount Fuji in the distance, although some distance from the city. Other schools are moving out to the vicinity, so that it promises to be an educational centre before long. The grounds are well laid out, the teachers', secretary's and president's residence attractive, dormitories and science building well planned and well built. The undergraduates are very actively work-

ing to beautify the grounds and have planted trees. Some beautiful old pines already on the property have been preserved and an avenue of cherries and maples planted. An administration building is imperative, as the college has already, with nearly 500 students, outgrown the present accommodation and is badly hampered for lack of more buildings. The graduates are working hard for an endowment fund.

At Kameido, in an overcrowded factory district on a dirty canal, where Miss Allen's settlement work is carried on, I found how inadequate is the present building for the work. The delays in connection with the new building are very disappointing. I went down to the new site, and as we stepped through the gate, Miss Allen said, "This ground may look exactly like that outside, but it is quite different—it is ours." Where it has been filled in and nicely levelled, little boys from the crowded and narrow streets of

the neighborhood rolled hoops. Work is already being carried on in a little shack about ten feet square where they hold girls' clubs and where fifty children attended the Sunday school entertainment at Christmas time. No opportunity is allowed to pass uncaught.

The Japanese are hard to win. They must be convinced, but they do make good Christians. The work among a people like the Japanese with centuries of history and culture behind them is very different from that among primitive peoples like the Samoans of the South Seas where a whole village will follow their chief into the Church when he has become a Christian.

While Japanese women evangelists are taking a more responsible part in the work, and have representation on our Mission Council, it seems as if the time has not by any means come when we can withdraw our support and leave the Japanese Church to carry on alone.

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## The Old Mem-Sahib

ADELLA ARCHIBALD

IT IS NOT given to many missionaries to have the honor of beginning the work in a field, and to live to see it grow to the size of the Trinidad mission at the present time. Of course this is a comparatively small mission, with a small band of missionaries compared with other fields. The educational work, however, which has seemed so necessary here and has been so fruitful, is not a small one. The "three children on the door step" which formed the first little school, taught by the pioneer missionary himself, has grown to over seventy schools, leading up to two high schools and a Teacher Training School, in which instruction is given to over eighteen thousand children and young people. The one preaching station has grown to over a hundred and the Christian community to over ten thousand.

During these sixty-one years the old Mem-Sahib has watched with keen and sympathetic interest the progress of the

work which was her chief thought in life. Not only did she watch with interest, but no one worked harder to bring about that progress. Over two years ago an illness overtook her which her doctor and friends thought was unto death, but with wonderful recuperative powers of both body and mind she recovered, and lived to see the Diamond Jubilee in January, 1928. This year when the question of Dr. Morton's furlough was considered, knowing that his health required it and that she would have the companionship of Dr. and Mrs. Fraser in the home, Mrs. Morton felt that her son must have his regular furlough. To me she remarked, "For me, the passing over may be early, or it may be the matter of some years, only the Master knoweth."

Four weeks of wonderfully good health followed, meetings with friends, short drives, unimpaired interest in all the mission activities, the East Indian people and the mission families. Sud-

denly a change took place and ten days of illness and weakness; after which the rest which cometh to the people of God. So she passed from our sight, a look of

peace and quiet dignity coming to the face of her who had devoted her exceptional powers to the service of the Master here in Trinidad.

## Nine Happy Days

EDITH P. SPARLING

ON THE morning of the thirteenth of April, Mrs. Ran and I left Chengtu for Chong Ho Chang, a town about ten miles from Chengtu. We went by jinriksha, and the ride through the country

here, she came here last winter. Her husband died several years ago. He was the highest official in Fowchow. Mrs. Ran spent most of her time gambling and feasting, but through the Gospel a won-



FOUR FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN WEST CHINA  
*Left to Right* Miss Li, Teacher; Mrs. Liao, Bible Woman; Mrs. Ran and Mrs. Liu.

was beautiful beyond description. The wheat was just turning a golden color, the fields of beans were being stripped of their pods, and there were still fields of green peas. The sluice gates at Kuanshan had been opened, so the water was rushing through the canals in some places and in other places flowing gently along. The rice fields were being filled with water in preparation for rice planting time the last of May or first of June. The cherries were ripe, and the birds were having a happy time. God's smile seemed over all.

Mrs. Ran was formerly in Fowchow; and, as her son is now attending school

derful change has come into her life, and she is now very earnest in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. When she knew that I was going out to Chong Ho Chang, she asked to come with me and certainly was a great blessing.

Chong Ho Chang is a small town of about 5,000 inhabitants, a very busy place, as it is on the main road from Chungking to Chengtu and in the centre of a very rich farming country. It is a most idolatrous place, there being eleven temples in that small town. Every third day is Market Day, and then the streets are crowded with people from the country. At one time there were a goodly number of

church-members, but during these recent years some of them have moved to other places, and others have grown cold during these days of persecution. Mrs. Liu was very much in earnest and was a great help to us, as she knew everybody in town. We called in the home of another church member and found that they had opened an opium den. Thus one builds up, and another pulls down.

The Biblewoman at Chong Ho Chang is Mrs. Liao, who so bravely held the fort at Fowchow while we were away. She is very earnest and had already made a good many contacts with the women in Chong Ho Chang. Miss Li is the teacher and has twenty-two pupils in the school. There is certainly no lack of Bible teaching there.

During the nine days there were only two days that we did not go on the street and scatter tracts, most of which were on "Forgiveness," "Repentance," "True Happiness," "Brotherhood," "Everlasting Life," and against idolatry. The people were most friendly, and during those nine days nearly ten thousand tracts were scattered. Market day was a wonderful opportunity, as so many people came in from the country. Only once did we meet with anything unpleasant. When I was talking to a group of women sitting outside their door, a man came along riding in a wheelbarrow. He called out to the women in an angry tone, "Don't believe a word she says. She is deceiving you. Arrest her! Arrest her!" As he passed on the women began to apologize for him, telling me that he did not mean what he said. He was evidently a Communist.

Each morning at eight o'clock, Mrs. Liao, Mrs. Ran, Miss Li, and I had prayer together, and a series of talks on "Soul Winning" were given at that time. We

had blessed times together. At twelve o'clock we had a children's meeting with illustrated talks. At the last meeting there were ninety-seven children present, and each was given a copy of "Happy Childhood." It is full of good things, and the Chinese children dearly love it.

At four o'clock we had a meeting for women. Mrs. Liao lead these meetings. The talks given were very simple, as most of the women who attended knew little or nothing about the Gospel. The first talk was "In the Beginning, God," followed by talks on "Sin," "Jesus, the Saviour from Sin," etc., and the final talk was on Heaven. When they were told that there was no sorrow there, they smiled and said aloud, "That sounds good." These talks were always followed by Mrs. Ran's giving a word of personal testimony. Often the women come at three o'clock, and some of them stayed after the meetings until six o'clock. Mrs. Liao and Mrs. Ran did good work among them talking to individuals or groups. God certainly touched hearts.

One woman had formerly been the wife of a military officer, but he says she was not true to him, so he would not have her any longer for his wife, but gave her to his horse coolie for a wife. One night they had a quarrel and her so-called husband gouged out one of her eyes. That was three years ago. She was in the hospital in Chengtu, and is very grateful for the kindly treatment she received there. She reads very well, and during that week at Chong Ho Chang was so interested that she spent most of her time reading the Bible.

In the evenings we had a Bible Study class, taking up Galatians. This class was only for church members, and we had a good time together. The days spent in Chong Ho Chang were busy days of seed sowing, and we pray that the seed sown may bring forth fruit in the lives of many even unto everlasting life.

The days spent at Chong Ho Chang were the nine happiest days of my life in China. I expect to go to another town this Saturday for nine days to conduct a similar series of meetings. Pray that God's name may be glorified.

May the silence of the hills,  
The joy of the winds,  
The peace of the fields,  
The music of the birds,  
The fire of the sun,  
The strength of the trees,  
And the faith of a little child,  
In all of which is God,  
Be in your heart.—*Selected.*



# Was It Worth While?

MRS. BERTHA D. STOVER

ONE LITTLE incident, which has always stood out in my memory, rings the note of change and advance.

On the Saturday afternoon before reaching Bailundo, nearing the end of that first never-to-be-forgotten journey inland late in the year 1882, we camped in a beautiful grove on the side of Mount Humbe. This was our first introduction to village life, for on the crest of the mountain was a large village—picturesque and mysterious from a distance, with its high stockade covered with brilliant flowering vines, its massive old trees and cone shaped huts. But when one entered the narrow gateway, and was met with squalor, filth and poverty, one was disenchanted: almost naked women, children with "birthday suits" only, fowls, pigs, goats, cattle, all of one cast—and the odors—!

From our huts we watched the weary women climbing the steep pathway leading from stream and fields, bearing on their heads burdens we could scarcely have lifted. On their backs, babies, with dangling heads and legs, their features quite obliterated by the swarms of flies which covered them, were insecurely strapped (so it seemed to us) with strips of antelope hide. Cloth was not common in those days, and the little used was appropriated by the superior sex, or used in barter.

There was a funeral in progress in the village, and at sunset we were introduced to that most weird, hopeless and helpless of sounds, women wailing for their dead.

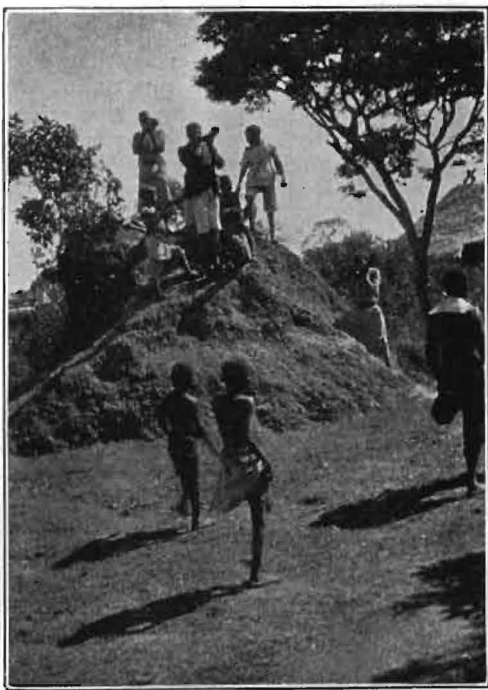
All night long the noises continued: Men shooting off guns. Women wailing. Children crying. Dogs barking. Drums beating. Men and boys dancing, clapping and shouting in rhythmic chorus. Little did we sleep.

Here we spent our first Sunday in Central Africa. From the early morning until sunset the camp was surrounded by a curious throng, which would scatter like partridges the moment we approached them. Never were circus tents more eagerly watched.

On Sunday afternoon a man appeared with a basket of eggs to sell. Mr. Sanders, who already knew the language, told one of the "King's young men," a tipoia carrier, to inform him that we did no buying on Sunday. (From the Portuguese they had names for Saturday and Sunday, all the other days of the week being numbered.) When our man gave the message, the would-be seller, who seemed to consider himself of some importance, gave a reply which our man took as an insult; hot words began, quickly followed by blows.

Mr. Sanders sprang from his hut, getting between the two, while some natives rescued the basket of eggs, much disappointed, evidently, at losing the excitement of a fight.

This "King's young man," our carrier, presented a very warlike figure. He had



AFRICAN CHILDREN HEAR THE CALL  
The Bugle Summons People to Church

been spending the hours of rest in getting up a costume, the like of which we had never before seen. A scanty loin cloth was his only garment, but red, black and white pigments covered large portions of his body and face, while his head was crowned with a huge pompom of chicken feathers. The ever-present *ohunya* was in his belt and a hatchet in his hand. He was scowling with suppressed rage and excitement, and it seemed best to keep away from him.

This man never became a Christian, but—

That night I lay in my cot, sleepless, listening to the discordant noises in the village above us, thinking over the events of the day, and the two previous weeks of travel. I said to myself, "Why did we ever venture? What can we ever do? The wildness of the people. Their utter inability to understand us or we them. How can we ever give them our message? So low, so filthy, so degraded! Was there one ray of hope? Had we made a mistake?"

And this is the way my questions were answered more than twenty years later:

I was passing down this way, and one night we camped on this same mountain side. My boys, not naked savages, pitched my little green tent in the midst of the camp, building their huts all about me for safety's sake. Gone was the

village, scattered were the people, felled were all the beautiful big trees! Lions now infested this region, and travelers must protect themselves.

After camp was made and the evening meal was eaten, we met together for the customary evening worship. Then the tired carriers scattered to their various tasks. Some were up on the mountain side gathering the large bundles of fag-gots with which to keep the fires bright all night; others were more securely fastening their loads, preparing for the next day's journey; some were cooking a little more mush that they might have a small meal in the early morning.

Down on the slope below me, one lad lay in his leafy hut, resting. Just as the sun sank from our sight, he began to sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." One and another joined in with hearty voices till that whole mountain rang with God's praise.

Resting in my little tent, I listened with a glad heart, while my thoughts traveled back to that other night when I questioned, "Had we been wise in coming? Was it of use to try? What would be the result?" and here I had my answer.

The boy who began the singing was no other than the son of the hammock bearer who had wanted to fight.—*The Jubilee Chimes*.

## The Happy Warrior

MARGARET MCHARRIE

*This little article by "Mummie" herself was received after we had published "Broken-Hearted Mohan" in the April number, but we know every one will be glad to know more about this endearing baby.*

MOHAN SINGH came to us when he was two weeks old. He is a Rajput—the warrior caste. He very soon showed us that he was an independent gentleman, and insisted on sitting bolt upright in his cot when he was five months old. Although very healthy, he developed bronchitis three times in the first cold season he was with us, and was very ill with each attack. During the third one when his Mummie was nursing

him she became so devoted to him that she resolved to adopt him if he recovered. Since that time he has never had another attack of bronchitis.

Mohan is a most lovable, winsome boy and deeply in love with his Mummie. For the first fifteen months of his life she was scarcely away from the Babies' Home for one day, but it was necessary for her to attend Council meeting last November. The morning after she left



### A LOAD OF LOVE

Some of the Babies. Mohan has the Doll.

for Rasalpura, Mohan, after he had his bath and was dressed, crawled to her bedroom door and much to his astonishment found it closed. Never had that happened before. He sat down outside the door and called, "Mummie!" She was likely playing hide-and-seek with him, as she had done before. But when Mummie did not appear he began to wail, and refused to be comforted or to leave the door. The nurses thought it might comfort him if he saw that Mummie was not in her room, but alas! when they opened the door, and he found that Mummie had really forsaken him, he was heartbroken and refused all food.

When Mummie returned home, after an absence of ten days, instead of the jolly big baby which she had left, she found a little bundle of skin and bones. Mohan was so overjoyed to see her that he clung like a limpet around her neck and refused to let her go. He was so excited and laughed and talked so much that he used up the little strength he had and for two days after Mummie's return he lay dead to the world.

Mohan is again a laughing, romping boy. But if he sees Mummie with her *topi* (sun hat) on, he nearly goes frantic, and if she sits down near him, he snatches it off, evidently of the opinion that his

Mummie cannot leave him without her *topi*. He has in fact such a thorough dislike for the poor *topi* that every time he gets a chance he drags it around and sits on it, and the other day he stood on the crown of it and invited Mummie to help him up on a low chair. Fortunately the *topi* is very ancient, so the thrifty Scotch Mummie does not object to his using it for a footstool.

Mohan is now one year and eighteen months old, and says *salaam* to every one he sees. He has the jolliest laugh; all who hear him have to laugh with him. We have had many an offer to allow him to be adopted, but refuse them all. How could his Mummie give away a little boy who adores her and believes in her with all his heart? Sometimes, when another offer is made, to tease the nurses she will say, "Well, I suppose we shall have to let Mohan go this time." And the head nurse answers, "Let Mohan go! Never!" His mother echoes in her heart, "Never!" Often, as she looks at him, she silently prays that he may grow up to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and be the means of bringing many of his own proud caste people into the Kingdom of Heaven.

A kind friend, whose family has helped more than one poor but promising child to get a good education, sent a gift of

money at Christmas time for Mohan Singh. That gift is the first money to be put in the bank for him to help him to go to college, if he is spared.

Mohan loves to sing two songs. One is "Jesus loves the little children," and the other is "God save the King!" May he ever be true and loyal to both Kings.

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## The-Pan Presbyterian Alliance

TO THE great City of Boston, with its minimum of Presbyterianism, and its maximum of enthusiasm and hospitality, came a fine gathering of men and women on the 19th of June to hold the Thirteenth General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System throughout the world. The meetings were held in the First Presbyterian Church, whose minister for the past number of years has been Rev. Robert Watson, D.D., brother of our Mrs. Barker, of Korea.

The President of the Council, Dr. Charles Merle d'Aubigne, of France, was one outstanding figure in a galaxy of notable men who contributed in report and discussion much that was valuable and helpful to churchmen.

One more easily understands the scope and value of their discussions and findings when the subjects of even four of their many sessions are considered. A session on Foreign Missions was made remarkable because of thrilling Jewish Mission reports from East and West, and the inspiring addresses of the Very Rev. Robert Laws, D.D., of Livingstonia, whose very presence seemed a benediction, and Dr. Warnshuis, the missionary-statesman, Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference. With the added knowledge came the far-seeing vision that is caught from the living enthusiasm of these leaders in world thought.

Again a Session on Home Missions was provocative of helpful discussion when the subjects reported on were "The Church and the Modern World," "The Social Mission of Christianity," and "Woman's Work in the Alliance."

"Problems of Higher Education" was the theme at another gathering when "The Strength and Weakness of the Youth Movement" formed the subject of two notable addresses by Dr. Daniel

Poling, of New York, and Dr. R. C. Gillie, of England.

Into the midst of such thought came the two afternoon sessions of the International Union of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches at its Ninth Conference. Of more than passing interest to the Canadian women was the fact that this International Union had been born in Toronto in 1892 in a great meeting attended by twelve hundred people in the old Central Presbyterian Church on Grosvenor Street, now demolished. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Ewart, and the ladies moving and seconding the resolution for organization are members of our own Board. At the Boston meeting, thirty-seven years later, it was our own beloved President, Mrs. MacGillivray, who was the presiding officer, and who gave her presidential address, and conducted the entire meetings with her usual grace and efficiency.

The illness and consequent absence of Miss Mathews, of London, the efficient and never-tiring Secretary of the Union, was much regretted by all, and a cablegram of loving sympathy was sent her to which she made an appreciative reply the following day.

Messages of greeting were received from many of the Constituent Societies either by letter or by representative, and one could not but be impressed with the value of this world-girdle of Christian womanhood, as flashes of work accomplished were given in messages from Great Britain and Europe, from South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, from the United States and Canada.

Addresses were given at these women's meetings by Dr. Laws, who had also addressed the first gathering thirty-seven years ago in Toronto, and by Miss Edith Dickie, of the Central China Mission.

Memorable meetings these were, but more memorable are the friendships formed, and the ideas interchanged among the members of this International Union.—*Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes.*

Throughout the sessions of the Alliance the thought had been with us, where does it all lead? True, it meant further fellowship, better understanding between many divisions of Presbyterianism, forty-six in all the world, twenty-four in the United States, four in Boston itself. The themes for discussion and spirit manifest led one to feel that the world need of Christ crowded mere denominationalism out of sight, and so it was it dwelt in the larger fields—the challenge of the younger Protestant churches in Europe for encouragement and help; the turning of many parts of the older world towards inner spiritual needs as against atheism and materialism of the earlier years; the loose hold of the evangelical churches to-day on the great populations of cities and foreign areas; the Youth Movements of Europe and America in revolt against authority and artificiality; the religious situation of the Hebrew peoples; the reunion of Protestant forces. There was admitted into membership with this very alliance the United Church of South India, representing the Anglican, Baptist and Presbyterian bodies of that land—unity with variety in its policy, their main principles of faith identical.

The closing session faced boldly up to these great issues, leading with an address on International Peace, "more and more being realized as the natural state of mankind," and the worth-whileness of

surrendering certain individual rights for the common good.

Dr. d'Aubigne's valedictory address left no doubt as to his future hopes for the Alliance. If it is to hold a place in the sun there must be progress. Might the Alliance not become a court of reconciliation between those Presbyterian bodies still apart, smoothing out differences by appeal to a court of the "Saints on Earth," such as this might be, rather than to any court of justice under the law. Let the future of the Alliance lie, too, in greater usefulness, by leading the way towards drawing the Protestant bodies together in greater evangelical strength, to face those issues of world need to-day which only a united body can accomplish—the bringing in of Christ's kingdom on earth.

So, too, Dr. Geo. W. Richmond, the newly-elected president, warned against the keeping up of divisions if the best interests of Christ were to be served. These had their day in the times of the Reformation when defence had its rightful place in the breaking away from Romanism, and there took form and emphasis the principles which govern later denominations. In these days our divisions may become a vice. Two words live to-day—Alliance and Co-operation. Let our name, Alliance, sound out its message with newer progressive meaning. Like the Alpine stream may it flow onward and outward, gathering strength in its onward course, contributing as it mingles of its own richness, beauty and strength, until at length it merges—one mighty stretch of ocean. Thus may we help in bringing to pass a united Protestantism, even a reunited Christianity.—*Mrs. J. MacGillivray.*

# East and West

## India

**B**ANSWARA has no doctor for most of this summer and none in sight for the fall. There is no one in sight to take over Dhar next spring, when Dr. Mina McKenzie goes on furlough and until Dr. Smith's recovery from illness, Dr. McMaster is alone at Indore.

In regard to nurses we are worse off. Neemuch, Dhar and Hat Piplia have no nursing superintendent at all. There is one nurse available in the fall—Miss McCarrell, now studying the language.

There is one evangelist each at Banswara, Rutlam, Kharua, Ujjain, Hat Piplia and Dhar, of whom the Rutlam lady is lent to Neemuch School. There are no evangelists at Neemuch, Sitamau, Jaora, Indore or Mhow giving their whole time to the work or able to get out to the district. And it is recognized that in such work two ladies should work together always. That is we need twenty-four evangelists for our twelve stations; we have six during this summer and probably eight next winter. Hardly looking after the field, is it?—*The Central India Torch*.

## Japan

It is a little known fact, even within the confines of the Japanese Empire, that the Emperor is an absolute teetotaler. On the Royal banquet tables not a drop of alcoholic beverage is set, and, in addition, His Majesty is also a non-smoker. This good example of the Mikado already has begun to exert a benign influence over the youth of Japan, and many who have been addicted to pay homage at the shrine of Bacchus or to enjoy the fragrant weed have eschewed the practices altogether, these young men reading in the act of His Majesty an example to them all.—*Temperance Advocate*.

## Stewardship

One day a family were discussing a special time of self-denial. Each member of the family had said what he would give up, until it came to little Mary's turn. She looked up in her father's face, with a smile, and said, "Daddy, I think I am willing to give up castor oil." This caused a laugh in the family

circle, for Mary did not like her castor oil any more than does your girl and boy. It was ever so easy for Mary to give up the castor oil. She was like a good many other people when it came to denying herself in order to help some one else. Mary was ready to give up what she didn't like and didn't want to keep. Much giving is of things which can easily be spared and will never be missed. It is the gift which costs some real self-denial that must show our love. This is what David meant when he said, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord, my God, of that which costs me nothing."—*Adapted from Stewardship Stories (Morrill)*.

## West China

From Miss Brethorst, Dean of Women, at Union University, West China: We have just finished Senior week in our College, and we have had a very good time. I am proud of the five women graduates, the first women in all of West China that have had the opportunity to graduate from a school of higher learning in their own Province. The girls are all outstanding in scholarship, and fine in Christian leadership. Two of them have accepted positions as principals of girls' high schools in Mission work, one will be an associate principal, one will join the U. staff as an instructor, and the other one is to teach Chinese literature in high school, as far as I know, the first woman teacher of that subject in high school in all of West China. God has been good to me to let me see these girls finish thus far.

## Temperance

For the first time in her history Japan is trying out prohibition in her army. Some months ago, Lieut. Gen. Ichiji Inouye decided to make his division of the army "dry," and the results have been closely watched both by army officers and the general public. The General decided to test the matter, because he realized that drinking was detrimental to good citizenship, and he held that only good citizens could make good soldiers. He said that practical observation convinced him that drink was the source of many petty crimes, quarrels, offences, wranglings and petty thieving in the army, and



so he determined to wipe out the use of intoxicants.

First he scattered literature among the soldiers, showing the advantages of temperance, and the results were so surprising that the Twelfth Infantry Regiment finally banished all intoxicants from their canteens.

The Second Engineering Battalion followed the example, and the city of Sendai, where this movement began, found conditions so improved that there was organized also a temperance society amongst the police and the newspaper men.—*The New Outlook*.

### North Honan

The old Chinese new year celebrations of February 1st have been forbidden, and there is a nation-wide campaign to instruct the people in the advantages of an international or Christian calendar. The change of a custom which is so hidebound in China is very hard on the common people and on business men, and so the authorities, in January, made great efforts of conciliation, opening theatres where the advantages of the new calendar and many modern attractions were presented.

In North Honan great crowds of Government students came to see the newly returned missionaries, and numbers accepted copies of the Gospels. The recent signing of the Tariff Autonomy Treaty between Great Britain and China has enhanced British prestige in North Honan, but Chinese Christians and missionaries alike realize that there is no certainty yet of abiding peace.—*Dr. Harvey Grant*.

### Peace

A number of representative American Negroes have organized an American Interracial Peace Committee and are working jointly with the American Friends Service Committee to promote the cause of peace among their fellows. The aim is to foster the spirit of good will among the races of America, as the basic principle of the Christ way of life; "to present to the nation and to the world these talents and accomplishments of Negroes that may serve the cause of peace; to make known and to provide facilities for the expression of interracial good will by that increasing body of white citizens who are united in spirit with this cause." The programme, in other words, is to be aggressively peace, especially among the youth of the race. Loyalty to the ideals of the American constitution is stressed and the fundamental equality of all races.

### Korea

We learn with pleasure that Mr. Younghil Kang has been appointed lecturer on comparative literature in New York University. Mr. Kang is one of our Hamheung Academy graduates. He spent some years in Nova Scotia, studying at Dalhousie, where he made many friends, later going to Boston, where he received an M.A. at Harvard. Since graduation he has given much time to literary work.

He is probably the first Korean to receive an appointment in a large American university.—*Korean Echoes*.

## World Friends

*Continuing*

### The Palm Branch

The first number of the Mission Band paper under its new name has just been published. Its purpose is to acquaint the little folk of Canada with the children of other lands, so that when they grow up, as world friends they may help to promote peace and brotherhood on the earth. For supplying these missionaries-in-the-making with junior literature we rely on the support of the members of The Woman's Missionary Society.

In order to increase circulation and promote interest in our magazine, we are promising that all children who obtain ten or more subscriptions for *World Friends* before December 31st, 1929, shall have their names inscribed on an Honor Roll in its columns at the beginning of the new year. Will mothers, friends, and Mission Band leaders give the children their co-operation and help?

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# Auxiliary Interest

**O** LORD GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold Thy Fatherly presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to Thee with the power of Thy love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what Thou hast given us to do, help us, O God our Saviour, to leave the issue to Thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and mistrust. Lift our thoughts up to Thee in Heaven, and make us to know that all things are possible to us, through Thy Son our Redeemer. Amen. *Bishop Westcott.*

## What Is Missionary Education?

JEAN H. WHITE

In the constitution of The Woman's Missionary Society, we find that, "when a C.G.I.T. group takes up regular mission study and contributes to the W.M.S. funds it shall be recognized as an affiliated C.G.I.T. group." In the requirements for recognition prepared by the National Girls' Work Board of the Religious Education Council, one item listed is "Thorough Missionary Education." From this it will be seen that missionary education is an integral part of the C.G.I.T. programme quite independent of affiliation with the Society, and any group wishing recognition must give a proportion of its mid-week meetings to missionary enterprises. Gates says, "Missionary education is an essential and integral part of true Christian education. It must not appear as an extra or a side issue. As long as this is done, so long may we expect to raise up men and women, who will cheerfully claim good standing as Christians and disclaim interest in missions at one and the same time."

While some W.M.S. members understand the purpose of the C.G.I.T. programme, there seems to be in the minds of many a real doubt as to whether the teen-age girls of our Church are getting thorough, or, indeed any missionary education. There is the feeling that the majority of C.G.I.T. leaders cannot teach missions, for they know nothing about them and are not themselves interested. This doubt is quite unfounded as those in closest touch with C.G.I.T. work well know. It has arisen, however, through a difference in what is meant by missionary education. To many W.M.S. members it may mean one thing, while to C.G.I.T. leaders it may mean something else. Under these conditions one can well understand the feelings of leaders and girls under the critical and unappreciative attitude of many W.M.S. members. This attitude is in many places, the great hindrance to affiliation.

The aim of every real leader is to help the girls achieve Christian character. Her constant concern is with the character growth that takes place in the lives of the girls. The worship, the study, the games, the activities, the fellowship, these are all means to this end. To quote from "The Guide to Group Leadership," as to the aim, "The Canadian Girl In Training programme aims to help each girl live life at its highest and best, showing the spirit of Jesus in relation to God and man through her home, school, church and community, thus contributing to the Kingdom of God. Is not 'showing the spirit of Jesus' synonymous with the 'missionary spirit'?" The development of these attitudes of friendliness, good will, helpfulness, co-operation, loyalty to God and His kingdom, is a slow process. Often to the leader, the girls with whom she is living and working, seem hardly to be moving forward at all. How much easier it would be to define "thorough missionary education" as taking a study-book and going through it and letting it go at that without troubling about what was happening in the lives of the girls! But the real leader will be concerned with what attitudes, what likes and dislikes, what habits of thought, what spirit is being developed. She knows that if the girls are to grow, they can only do so through the things they themselves choose and carry out. She will be there to suggest and to help them recognize the most worth-while enterprises, but she will not impose her ideas on the group against its wishes, for she knows that the experiences that are self-chosen, happy and satisfying, are the ones they are likely to repeat and therefore build into their characters.

No C.G.I.T. group exists that has not some interest and enthusiasm outside of itself. The leader will find that interest or readiness and start with that, gradually leading out to wider interests and more worth-while enterprises. If a group shows no desire to undertake an African enterprise, if the girls feel that taking up *Black Treasure*, or preparing for "An

Evening in Africa," would be a bore, nothing—except distaste and boredom—are gained by the leader insisting on it. Perhaps this same group, however, is keen on having a friendship party with a group of Ukrainian girls, or perhaps they want to make a layette for a Home Mission hospital. The leader will start right with that interest, but, realizing that mere service, unrelated to the activities of worship and study, may leave little effect on character, she will lead through research and discussion to an increase in knowledge of the people with whom they are working and will also lead the group to take the enterprise to God in worship. Merely giving a party or making a layette is not enough. If the project has been a real one, the girls' knowledge will have increased and their attitudes will have been modified. Gates says, "The project principle is nothing new, is not a patent method and is not a substitute for study and hard work. It is, on the contrary, a means of getting both done to better effect."

Can we be sure, though, that girls, working on two or three missionary projects during the year, are getting as thorough missionary

education as they would by having a once-a-month missionary meeting? No project can be carried through at a once-a-month meeting. Interest will be entirely lost between meetings. If a group plans for discussion on world problems, it will not very easily take up the thread of a discussion after a four weeks' interval. If a missionary play is being prepared, getting the background, etc., and practising the play has to be done at consecutive meetings or it cannot be done at all. Only more or less unrelated talks or lectures are left for the monthly meeting and these may be valuable if given by some one who understands girls and if followed by group discussion.

A department of eight groups was recently asked by the local Society to put on a programme on Africa for their Easter Thank-offering meeting. The girls were glad to do this and entered heartily into preparing the programme, using five mid-week meetings for it. The regular group meetings were not interfered with, as each group had a particular part in the programme. In addition, a short time was taken each evening in the

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Mrs. J. D. Parks, President, second to left, standing. Dr. Flora Gauld Little in foreground, second to left.

department to talk over different phases of life in Africa, things the group needed as a background for their projects, and two African folk-songs were learned. One group put on tableaux showing the development of Africa based on Basil Mathews' *Black Treasure*; the youngest group demonstrated some African games, and also made posters showing life in Africa; two groups each put on a short play, while another worked out a scene showing Graduation Day at the Means Girls' School, Dondi. An exhibit of articles in common use among us, which come from Africa, was prepared by still another group, who indicated on the map the location where they are found. From a group that had been specially interested in leper work during the year, two girls told of work being done for lepers in Africa. The devotional part of the meeting was also in charge of the girls, who presented as part of it, a beautiful Easter pageant. Whether the members of that local auxiliary got as much information and inspiration as they would from a speaker on Africa, we do not know, but we do know that nearly a hundred girls got some "thorough missionary education."

W.M.S. members and C.G.I.T. leaders will together agree with a declaration of the Jerusalem Conference that, "An important part of our task is to lead the younger generation to such an experience of God in Christ as shall

compel them to a life deeply and truly missionary in spirit and purpose wherever they are and whatever be their specific activity in life." Surely, it is worth while trying to abstain from all kinds of criticism, and to welcome, with whole-hearted sympathy, those efforts that are being put forth.

## Why I Stayed Home from Board

ELIZABETH FORBES TAIT

**M**Y REASONS for biding at home ranged themselves around me, a formidable array. First, I had no housekeeper, reason enough that. Then Presbyterial, Branch and Board all convened in the "merrie month of May," with resulting reports and absence from home. If only Board met in the autumn, as at first, it would be easy. Then there is that bugbear, known as housecleaning, that stalks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Lastly, gardening. Ay, there's the rub, if a man soweth not, neither shall he reap. On this bleak Atlantic shore where spring tarries late because of the icebergs' chilling breath, we must take the current when it serves or lose our ventures in agriculture. Of course a sturdy masculine hand prepares the soil, but the privilege of planning and planting belongs to me. Mine the vision that can discern fragile bloom

through winter storms and green grass under the snow.

How we prove our kinship with the worm of the dust when spring comes! "Back to the land" is the slogan that stirs the blood of every human being in the spring. In obeying it, we also establish our kinship with the great Master Gardener.

Planting a seed is an act of faith in itself, and we look above and beyond the soil to the miracle of production. Sometimes the opened blossom is a bit of the sky for color, or has caught the rose of the sunset, the yellow glare of noonday, or the purple tint of dawn.

Then to descend to the vegetables. No human touch can keep the flavor in these in its full richness after they are plucked for hours. "From plot to pot" is the slogan of the vegetable world.

The suburbs are free and easy, and provide space for hobby riding. One will keep a cow, another a dog, and some even rabbits. So the suburban gardener has his difficulties. Last autumn when my garden had been somewhat wrecked by Jack Frost and the family appetites, it fell a prey to the thief in the night. It was Saturday night, and we had retired late. A delicious unconsciousness was stealing over me, when suddenly I felt a discordant note. The garden was partly beneath my window, and something was tramping about in it and snipping the plants. Of course most of it had been used, but there were still carrots and beets. Could I lie there and have them eaten by that devastating beast? By no means!

Knowing that the adage, "Let sleeping dogs lie," also applies to husbands, I decided to take the bull (in this case, the cow) by the horns, myself. Not waiting to dress, I dashed downstairs, my only thought being to save my vegetables. Finding it chilly, I drew on a pair of masculine nether garments, which had been hung in the kitchen for repairs, selected a coat at random from the hall—my daughter's best one, it turned out to be—and stepped fearfully forth into the night.

Armed with a small wash tub, a flashlight and a broom, I proceeded to do battle with the powers of darkness. It was the dark midnight hour, so it was an eerie job for a timid female, faint but pursuing. The bovine burglar had evidently decided to wade through the whole menu, from soup to toothpicks. She had reached the Swiss chard, when I bore down upon her with a great show of bravery. My

appearance, coupled with a few flourishes from the broom, convinced her that it was time to move.

Laden with the spoils of carrots and beets, I returned in triumph to my couch, while the household slumbered on, blissfully unconscious of the comedy which had been enacted in the back lot. In the morning the harvest on the back piazza proved conclusively that my adventure had been real and not merely the phantasy of a disordered brain.

How like to a garden is this missionary project! We must be constant in season and out of season if we would secure results.

## Personals

Miss Emily Putnam, who supplied very acceptably at St. John, N.B., during the year 1928, taking the place of Miss Mabel Smith, has been appointed to Scotchtown Mission, New Waterford, to succeed Miss Hilda Baxter who has resigned in order to undertake the duties of home maker. We wish her all happiness.

Miss Ila Brown, formerly of the Italian School, Montreal, is now at All Peoples' Mission, Sault Ste. Marie. Miss Brown is the daughter of the Rev. F. L. Brown, one of the Church's Home Mission Superintendents.

Miss Gertu Staples, Miss Ruth Lanigan and Miss Pearl Spencer, the first two members of the Deaconess order and the latter a deaconess candidate, have been appointed to positions under the Society. All are graduates of the United Church Training School, and have had previous experience in church work. Miss Staples is taking up work at St. Stephens, Queen Street East, and Leaside Mission, Toronto, in place of Miss Ethel Rogers, who is entering the Training School for further study. Miss Spencer has taken a position in the Strangers' Department in Toronto.

Miss Eleanor Graham, formerly of West China, has been appointed to All Peoples' Mission, Windsor, Ont., where she will be associated with Miss Black. This mission has grown so that it has overstepped its bounds and is carrying on a fine work in East Windsor, and large clubs are meeting in McGregor School after four o'clock.

Miss Myrtle McArthur, evangelistic worker at Pine River, leaves for furlough in September.

# Young People

## A Modern Parable

MARY FOOT LORD

ONCE there was a man who bemoaned the lost estate of the heathen and who longed to go to the foreign field as a missionary. The Lord examined his heart and asked, "Have you any special choice as to the country you would like to evangelize?"

The man replied humbly, "No, I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord."

Now, the Lord never sends (though men may go), unless His representatives are filled with His Spirit, so that they may stand in His stead before the heathen.

Hoping to pour His Spirit into this willing vessel, the Lord decided to test the man first, to see what manner of missionary he would make; so He led the man into a church where one of His servants preached. Suddenly the humility left the man and he cried: "That preacher isn't orthodox; he doesn't believe as I do; he doesn't preach a full gospel; he ought to be turned out of so prominent a pulpit; he is perverting the youth!"

The Lord tried to speak to the man and to say, "Let the grain and what you think are weeds grow together until the harvest. Here is your opportunity to show My Spirit toward a brother laborer. You stand in My stead. You must act as I would act."

But the man was so busily engaged talking and working against the preacher that he didn't hear God's voice.

The preacher had a host of friends who thought him orthodox. They really didn't know what "orthodox" meant. They only knew that their pastor was a kindly man who was teaching them how to love God and to follow Christ and to live in peace and charity

with their fellow-men. But the man who wanted to be a missionary went about sowing the seed of discontent, explaining what it meant to be "orthodox," and showing how the preacher failed in orthodoxy according to this standard.

God tried to divert the man by saying, "The fields are white unto harvest: come and learn of Me and I will prepare you to become a reaper." But the man was writing tracts and he distributed them broadcast until the church was unsettled and divided.

God said, "This man wants to be a missionary, but he cannot love and help his brother at home; how can he love and help his brother abroad? But because I love him, I will give him yet another chance. I will not let him go with such a spirit to a foreign land and say that I, the God of love, have sent him. He may not enter into his desired haven, but I will cause him to see it from afar. I will send the foreigner to him at home."

So God sent a Chinaman to open a laun-

dry on one side of the man's house and a Hebrew to open a small dry goods store on the other side. He told a Greek to start a candy shop across the road, and an Italian to open a fruit and vegetable market next door to the Greek. Then, when the ground was all prepared for missionary work, God said, "Now We will see what the man will do with his small opportunity. He that is faithful in that which is least will be faithful also in more."

So God waited to see what the man would do, and listened to hear what the man would say, and behold, the man said, "This is awful! I can't live here any longer. This neighborhood is running down. It isn't a residential section any more!"

### Joan of Arc

"Joan, Joan, tell me;  
When you were a girl like me,  
Did you give up safety, peace  
Easily, easily?  
No, never easily."

"Joan, Joan, comfort me!  
For I must go a pilgrimage;  
And leave home and friends behind.  
Oh, like you, not easily,  
No, never easily."

"What reward when all is done, Joan?"  
None, none.  
No reward of gain or gold  
Nothing for the hand to hold.  
Oh! but in the heart what treasure!  
Heaping, growing past all measure!  
In the heart all battles cease.  
What reward? Peace, peace.

—Mary Caroline Davies.



So the man moved to the other side of the town where his fervor and zeal found vent in removing another unorthodox brother from a devoted flock.

Finally the Lord ceased to strive with this man and closed the door of the foreign field against him forever, and the man grew old and querulous and died, saying he never could understand why a man as anxious as he was to serve the Lord should never be allowed to go where the heathen were, when the need was so great.

He knew not the day of his visitation and wist not when the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him.—*The Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin*.

## The Value of the Girls in Training Organization

AGNES RAMPERSAD

### *Trinidad Girl In Training*

In these modern days the standard of girl life is apt to be lowered because of the conflicting and distracting influences of the time. In some cases modern society assists in lowering this standard, because it does not take the necessary precautions to safeguard the young minds from falling into the way of temptation. Consequently, there is an urgent need of some vital force or powerful organization that will tend to strengthen the character of our girls and so prepare them for the battle of life.

The Church, through the Girls In Training Organization, is endeavoring to accomplish this great work of training and guiding its young ones. The Girls In Training Organization has an important task to do and an equally hard one. Its ideal is Jesus Christ, our Lord, "who grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." Just as our Lord grew, so this organization wishes its members to grow. It aims at a fourfold development, taking into consideration the spiritual, social, intellectual and physical aspects. Is this not one of the best ways of training girls to take their place in life?

The Girls In Training Organization is directly connected with the Church, and assists

in carrying out the Young People's work. The religious exercises of the mid-week meetings of the group create an atmosphere which is both inspiring and uplifting. Serving others is emphatically stressed, and in this way the missionary spirit is fostered.

In the different groups the girls learn to mingle happily with one another and to develop a more sympathetic feeling for others. Working together in groups broadens their views and ideas and makes them more sociable and generous. Loyalty becomes the watchword of each group. This group spirit is not allowed to reach such a pitch that it promotes selfishness towards other groups. Different groups associate and hold joint meetings with the ultimate hope that a spirit of friendliness and good will may be maintained throughout the organization.

Intellectual development is also an essential element of this movement. Suitable literature is chosen by the leaders for the benefit of the girls, and each group possesses a small library. Short talks, impromptu speeches, story-telling and debates form a part of the programme. The leader usually gives instruction in different branches of study, and so enables the girls to get acquainted with current ideas and events.

Every one realizes the importance of a well-built and healthy body. The organization lays great emphasis on the value of health. The girls are taught the simple rules of hygiene, so that they can help others as well as themselves. Physical exercises are regularly taken in order that our girls may possess one of nature's richest gifts, a well-built, healthy body.

The organization has just begun its great work, and it has a wide field in which to function. It is growing larger and is moving onward with a certain amount of optimism and faith. Despite criticisms from without, it is still advancing with the hope of achieving success. The invaluable task it has undertaken cannot be estimated at a glance, and results cannot be seen at the very outset of its career. As time rolls on the movement will acquire strength, and one and all will realize the great contribution it has made to the community in which it has been established.



# Mission Bands

FATHER IN HEAVEN, we thank Thee for the happiness of the past holiday season. As we return to school, give us Thy blessing that we may apply ourselves to all the tasks awaiting us with diligence and cheerfulness. Help us to be kind and thoughtful to all whom we meet, that they may find in us, not only true citizens of a great country, but children of a Heavenly Father who loves all alike. Bless our land from coast to coast and all leaders who rule us. And when the years go by, may we take our places in Canada among those who fear God and honor the king. Amen.

## Our Get-Together

GRACEY GUNDY

*Mission Band Secretary, Dominion Board*

DEAR Mission Band Enthusiasts, we come again to the beginning of our work year—September to June. We are rested after our holidays, the boys and girls are bubbling over with new life and energy, and all we need to do is to announce the day and hour for mission band to open and we will have our audience. We would sing the praise of those leaders who, regardless of the heat, continue through the summer months. They shall surely have their reward.

How wonderful it would be if all mission bands that have been closed for the summer could begin with the week of the 15th September! What an inspiration it would be to a leader to feel that she was one of seventeen hundred and fifty-six leaders beginning the fall work on the above date. "Our Get-Together Week," or "Rally Time"! How many will try? The older boys and girls could be responsible for the advance notices, posters and announcement in church calendar, and an appeal in Sunday school the Sunday before. A telephone committee could get in touch with every member; a courtesy committee would be responsible for arranging the room and distributing the hymn books, thus lightening the burden of the leader. These members could also be doorkeepers or sentinels

to insure quietness during the opening period of worship by keeping all late comers out.

A mite-box committee will be ready with new mite-boxes and will receive the old ones brought in at this meeting. Could we not transform our mite-boxes into "friendship boxes" by cutting from *The National Geographic* or other magazines colored pictures of New Canadians and arranging them side

by side on the friendship box? In this way much interest could be aroused and the box made very beautiful.

The September programme prepared by Mrs. Chant will be a great help to all leaders. The new magazine, *World Friends*, will also be at hand at this opening meeting and the Secretary of the new paper should have sample copies and make an appeal. Each boy and girl will want one.

## Children Will Lead The Way

Come, children, one and all,  
From lands both big and small;  
Join hands in play.  
Then all the earth around,  
Our loud glad song will sound,  
The road to peace is found—  
We'll lead the way.

All children on the earth  
Spring from one common birth—  
Children of God.  
Lord, make all people see  
That men should brothers be—  
And form one family  
O'er all the earth.—Selected.  
Tune—National Anthem.

The committee of four members, appointed by The Woman's Missionary Society to help mother the band, will, of course, be present. The telephone committee will not overlook telephoning them, knowing what an important meeting this is bound to be. There are many offices that the successful band leader will be able to create in order to have a special place for each member. The new study book, *Friendship Trails*, promises to be one of the most interesting and instructive books we have ever had. We are to study the people of our own land. There are many new friends who have come to live in our country, and we

gladly share with them our beautiful surroundings. Our desire is that we may work together as friends and neighbors in this land of golden opportunities.

The study book will also contain ten worship services which I trust the leaders will carry out as directed. This is the first real guide for services of worship which we have had. We have always had devotional periods, hymns, prayer and offering, but never such a guide as will be found in *Friendship Trails*.

Could we not write on our hearts, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all 'children' unto me," and strive above everything else to so interpret these services of worship to the boys and girls that they will be drawn to the Heavenly Father? First, there must be quietness in the room with the doors guarded against possible interruptions. The reverent attitude of the leader will create a worshipful atmosphere. There should be no awkward pauses which might distract the attention, but the whole service proceed as directed. There is no place for minutes or business at a worship service. These should come afterwards. We have "the child in the midst." It is a golden opportunity to give of our best in order that we might help to lead these tender feet along the way of life.

### The Message of a Nickel

ANNIE M. CHARLESON

The church was well filled that summer night and, at the conclusion of a beautiful solo, the eloquent young preacher reverently announced: "*We will now worship God in our offering.*"

I had heard these words many, many times. In childhood they had meant a pleasant break in the long service, for here I was able to take part by dropping my penny among others. Later it meant placing an envelope in the plate. This summer night it meant a time to look about the beautiful church I was visiting. Beside me sat one of our well-known public men of Canada, and, as the plate came and went, it reached my friend. He gave as his contribution—a nickel.

As my collection dropped upon the plate there came to me this question with tremendous force: "Was I worshiping God with *my* offering?" That nickel stood out before my eyes and I asked myself, "Do we not often insult rather than worship God?" A nickel would not admit that man to a place of amusement in the city, and yet he considered it a proper offering to the King of Kings.

Women of our great missionary society, we will soon be preparing our thank-offering meetings. Is your thank-offering to be real worship expressing in a feeble way your gratitude and love? If so, think with reverence of your gift. I have never heard from any pulpit since, "We will now *worship God* with our offering," that something of the awful solemnity of this part of the service does not come over me, and I bless the jingle of that nickel for my awakening.

## Suggestive Programme

For Mission Bands

OCTOBER, 1929

*Information to carry out this programme is found in "Friendship Trails," the new text-book for Bands and other Junior organizations.*

### Preparation for Worship

**Instrumental Prelude**—"Once in Royal David's City."

### Call to Worship

### Response

**Hymn**—"Once in Royal David's City."

**Scripture**—By five boys or girls.

### Memory Verse

**Bible Story**—"The Coming of Jesus."

**Prayer**—Leader.

### Offertory Service

Offertory sentence.

Offertory music and offering.

Response.

### Minutes and Business

**Study**—"Some of the very first Canadians."

**Closing Hymn**—"Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us."

# Financial Statement

For the Quarter, April 1st to June 30th, 1929

GENERAL FUND					
Conference Branches	Income			Japan Scholarship.....	\$ 103.80
Alberta.....	\$ 7,200.00			Japan Woman's Christian	
Bay of Quinte.....	16,342.71			College.....	1,350.00
British Columbia.....	6,500.00			Korea.....	18,557.65
Hamilton.....	18,455.00			Trinidad.....	3,587.50
London.....	20,000.00			Oshawa, Ont., Llewellyn Hall..	250.00
Manitoba.....	14,400.00			Grant to Foreign Mission Board	2,480.00
Maritime.....	16,000.00			Boarding Schools and School	
Montreal & Ottawa	14,400.00			Homes.....	15,237.32
Newfoundland.....	700.00			Community Missions (East).....	9,371.50
Saskatchewan.....	9,200.00			Community Missions (West).....	5,332.42
Toronto.....	25,000.00			Indian Work \$23,962.52; less	
				Government Grant	
					\$19,061.53.....
Donations—		\$148,197.71		Medical Missions in Canada.....	4,900.99
Africa.....	\$162.92			Oriental.....	13,128.76
Central India.....	275.00			Strangers' Work.....	6,295.75
China (West).....	37.50			Home Mission Board.....	4,101.46
Korea.....	50.00			Medical Expenses.....	868.75
Canada.....	2,000.00			Home Organization Depart-	291.25
General purposes..	156.11			ment.....	641.60
		2,681.53		Training of Missionaries and	
Collections and re-				Candidates.....	815.10
ceipts at Board				Literature and Lantern Slides..	5,000.00
Meeting.....		62.17		Periodicals Department.....	2,017.40
Interest—				Conference Expenses.....	325.00
Bank.....	\$4,965.44			Administration.....	7,229.24
General Fund				Pensions.....	1,162.50
Securities.....	12,391.52			Retirement Fund—Capital Ac-	
Africa Bldg. and				count.....	12,500.00
Special Fund				Rest Home—514 Jarvis St., Tor-	
Securities.....	29.72			onto,—(Re grant), Mortgage	
Indian Scholar-				\$6,500.00; Taxes and interest	
ships Securities	168.75			less rent \$265.52.....	6,765.52
Japan Scholar-				Purchase of Securities:	
ships Securities	312.50			General Fund.....	125,830.50
Julia Killam				Julia Killam Hartz Memorial	
Heartz Mem-				orial Fund.....	1,600.00
orial Fund Se-				John Sealy Endowment	
curities.....	11.00			Fund.....	2,500.00
		17,878.93		Grafton Bequest.....	1,000.00
Insurance premiums				Property Account—Interest on	
—Refund of In-				Bequest Securities—Transfer-	
surance.....		70.63		red to Bequest Fund, Prop-	
Sale of Securities,				erty Account.....	1,212.50
General Fund and					\$331,629.14
Specific purposes		16,644.00		BEQUEST FUND	
Bequest: John Sealy				Income	
Estate—Perma n-				Bequest of the late Mrs. Esther	
ent investment....		2,500.00		Taylor.....	\$100.00
Sale of Security,				Bequest of the late Mrs. Thomas	200.00
Grafton Bequest..		1,000.00		Bequest of the late Mrs. Robert	
		\$189,034.97		Little.....	200.00
				Bequest of the late Mrs. J.	
Expenditures				Johnston.....	300.00
Africa.....	\$1,126.36			Interest—	
Africa Building and Special				Bank.....	\$136.70
Fund.....	2,500.00			Bequest Fund Se-	
Central India.....	22,179.71			curities.....	5,043.43
China (Honan).....	1,942.39				5,180.13
China (Shanghai).....	700.00			By sale of Securities.....	20,930.50
China (South).....	3,036.00				\$26,910.63
China (West).....	12,145.00				
Formosa.....	1,000.00				
Japan.....	32,543.17				

<i>Expenditures</i>	
To purchase of Securities.....	\$21,670.00
RETIREMENT FUND—CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
<i>Income</i>	
Assessments.....	\$240.00
Donations.....	155.00
Grant from the General Fund...	12,500.00
Interest—Bank.....	61.80
	<u>\$12,956.80</u>

<i>Expenditures</i>	
To purchase of Securities.....	\$40,740.00
Refund of assessments.....	75.00
	<u>\$40,815.00</u>
RETIREMENT FUND—ANNUITY ACCOUNT	
<i>Income</i>	
Interest—	
Bank.....	\$29.10
Securities.....	1,052.41
	<u>\$1,081.51</u>
ETHEL BENNETT, Assistant Treasurer.	

## Comparative Statement of Conference Branch Returns

For the first quarter of 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929

	1926	1927	1928	1929	Increase over 1928
Alberta .....	\$2,900.00	\$5,400.00	\$6,200.00	\$7,200.00	16.1%
Bay of Quinte .....	4,625.00	7,413.16	11,503.98	16,342.71	42%
British Columbia .....	3,000.00	4,550.00	5,500.00	6,500.00	18.1%
Hamilton .....	6,470.00	12,058.14	14,975.28	18,455.00	23.2%
London .....	6,507.27	14,229.96	19,199.74	20,000.00	4.1%
Manitoba .....	7,038.69	9,436.03	12,870.00	14,400.00	11.9%
Maritime .....	4,438.50	8,784.00	12,500.00	16,000.00	28%
Montreal-Ottawa .....	6,000.00	7,800.00	12,300.00	14,400.00	17.07%
Newfoundland .....	.....	.....	.....	\$700.00	\$700.00
Saskatchewan .....	4,000.00	6,100.00	7,710.00	9,200.00	19.1%
Toronto .....	7,997.28	15,000.00	21,000.00	25,000.00	19.4%
	<u>\$52,977.36</u>	<u>\$90,771.29</u>	<u>\$123,759.00</u>	<u>\$148,197.71</u>	<u>19.6%</u>

How interesting the above survey is! If at times we fear we are not going forward fast enough, let us stop to consider what this first quarter's statement, covering a period of four years, really means.

It indicates, surely, a growing realization of stewardship, which naturally reflects itself in increased giving each consecutive year. It would indicate, too, a growing realization of responsibility on the part of Secretaries of Christian Stewardship and Finance, resulting in a systematic, organized effort in branch, presbyterial and auxiliary. It is an evidence, too, that intelligent, proportionate, systematic giving is gradually being established, and that our *million-dollar objective*, for 1929, is quite within our reach.

The above comparative statement shows an increase of \$24,338.71 (19.6%) over 1928, and \$95,220.35 (179%) over 1926.

## Conference Branch Allocations for 1930

Alberta .....	\$38,000.00	Maritime .....	\$110,000.00
Bay of Quinte .....	100,000.00	Montreal-Ottawa .....	115,000.00
British Columbia .....	43,000.00	Newfoundland .....	9,000.00
Hamilton .....	120,000.00	Saskatchewan .....	62,000.00
London .....	149,000.00	Toronto .....	170,000.00
Manitoba .....	84,000.00		
			<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>

HENRIETTA BUNDY,  
Secretary Christian Stewardship and Finance.

# News from the Conference Branches

## Alberta

*Press Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Brandow, 944  
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*Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. White, 1626 Thirteenth  
Ave. W., Calgary, Alta.*

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL.—To celebrate the Twenty-First Anniversary of the Ruthenian Home and School, Edmonton, the women of Edmonton Presbyterial, under the leadership of Mrs. A. D. Miller and her capable executive, held a reception on the afternoon and evening of March 22nd, 1929.

The comfortable home which is in charge of Miss Gray and Miss Halpenny was attractively decorated with ferns and daffodils, and was thrown open for inspection. In the study-rooms and girls' sitting-room a splendid display of Ukrainian handicraft was on exhibition. Some of this was work direct from the Old Lands of Central Europe, while some represented the efforts of the Handicraft Guild to adapt this beautifully artistic work to Canadian taste. There was also an exhibition of the school work—art, sewing, cooking, and collections of plants and flowers, done by the girls who are in residence in the home this year. An art book, the work of a grade ten pupil, Helen Zacharuk, created much interest. Many felt that real genius was shown.

In the bright dining-room refreshments were served, and the large candle-lit table was centred by a large birthday cake decorated with twenty-one tiny candles.

A programme of music and addresses entertained and informed the guests during the day. Miss Nancy Maxine, A.T.C.M., a former pupil of the home, and now on the staff of the school home at Smoky Lake, delighted her listeners with her sweet singing. The twenty-eight girls of the home also gave much pleasure by their rendering of the Easter story in recitation and song.

Mayor Bury, accompanied by his wife, brought greetings from the city. Rev. George Pringle, of the Pacific Coast Marine Mission, gave an interesting outline of his work among the men of the camps of the Coast. Interesting addresses dealing with the early beginnings of W.M.S. work in Edmonton were given by Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Magrath, who

had much to do with the inception of the work. Mrs. P. G. Sutton, a former missionary in this home and other centres, also related some of her experiences. Miss Gray gave an illuminating sketch of the cultural and historical background of the Ukrainian people, stressing the contribution in art, music and painstaking industry, which they have to make to our national life. Rev. J. K. Smith told of some tangible results of the work among the Ukrainian people. He told the story of girls who had stood the test of difficulty and persecution for the faith, and of the mutual understanding that is developing among the various racial groups of this great province of Alberta.

More than two hundred interested friends and visitors of the school home called during the day and extended their congratulations and expressed their good wishes for the future welfare of the school home. Altogether the day was full of inspiration for the staff and girls, and gave an intelligent insight into the W.M.S. work for girls in this city.

The Fort Saskatchewan Auxiliary celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 16th, and turned it to financial advantage. The home of Mrs. Kelterborn was beautifully decorated in green and white, centring around the green Irish hat with its overhanging shamrocks, and the green aprons and caps of those serving added pleasing color to the scene. The afternoon tea, the sale of home-baking, and the supper added the sum of \$50 to the missionary fund on hand. This encourages the workers in undertaking the year's allocation.

HANNA PRESBYTERIAL.—In Knox United Church at Drumbeller, March 12th, 1929, the second annual meeting of this presbyterial was held, with the President, Mrs. E. M. Bigelow, Delia, presiding. Exceptionally enthusiastic and helpful sessions continued throughout the morning, afternoon and evening, with eleven officers, six official delegates, and thirty-eight visitors attending, and all giving splendid reports of progress during the past nine months, which was our actual working time, as we have only been organized since June 7th, 1928. We all felt that our meeting was more than fortunate in that we were able to have Miss Evelyn Mitchell, Toronto, present, and give us a most inspiring lecture. Mrs. A. M. Scott,



President of Alberta Conference Branch, was with us and gave a very splendid message. The evening meeting was taken by Miss Casey, missionary-at-large, and one of her C.G.I.T. groups, followed by Miss Mitchell's address to the girls, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

The following list of officers were returned for the coming year: President, Mrs. E. M. Bigelow, Delia; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. R. McKee, Delia; and Treasurer, Mrs. J. V. Howey, Hanna.

**MEDICINE HAT PRESBYTERIAL.**—The third annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Fifth Avenue United Church, March 6th and 7th, with delegates from Brooks, Eyre, Redcliff, and Walsh. Great enthusiasm was shown, especially by the women from the smaller auxiliaries, who, regardless of numbers, have raised their allocations, and shouldered really more than their share of supply work. Miss Mitchell, traveling secretary, brought much instruction and help to all the sessions. Mrs. R. MacGowan gave an outstanding address on stewardship. Mrs. J. McAmmond, President, reviewed the year's work, and held high ideals for the coming year. The convention was opened by each officer offering a sentence prayer as they stood in a semi-circle at the communion rail. Each session was preceded by a devotional period conducted by the auxiliaries.

Each president of a local auxiliary gave a story of the past year, which proved very helpful. Five sessions were held, and interest and attendance were maintained throughout. The allocation of \$1,775 for 1929 was accepted as against the \$1,600 of last year. The women showed great willingness to assume the larger amount.

The officers for 1929 are: President, Mrs. R. MacGowan, and Mrs. E. J. Hunt, Corresponding Secretary.

### Bay of Quinte

*Press Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Revelle, College Street, Kingston, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. William Campbell, 78 Clergy Street W., Kingston, Ont.*

**OSHAWA PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of the Eastern Section of this Presbyterial was held in Hampton on May 16th, the Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Stirling, Orono,

presiding. The devotional exercises of the morning were taken by Mrs. J. E. Matchett, Newcastle, and Mrs. J. C. Hancock, Newcastle. The Quiet Half Hour was led by Mrs. Stirling, Orono, and Mrs. Trumpour, Tyrone. The devotional exercises of the afternoon session were taken by Mrs. Fallis and Mrs. Stinson, Blackstock. The special speaker, Miss Garrett, gave a most inspiring and delightful word picture of a trip down the White Nile and up the coast from Capetown to Lobilo Bay, also a description of the mission field at Chissamba. The reports given were very encouraging—one auxiliary only, Bowmanville Trinity, was reported as being completely organized, which bespeaks much for this organization.

**COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL.**—A conference of mission band workers and prospective workers was held in Trinity Church, Cobourg, recently. Mrs. Chant, Dominion Board Band Secretary, gave a very helpful and inspiring address on "Training and Educating Leaders for Bands." At a Round Table Conference in the afternoon many problems were discussed and solved. A committee was appointed to arrange for a similar conference in this presbyterial next year, and it is hoped that throughout the whole Bay of Quinte Conference Branch some method may be adopted to educate leaders and interest those who may become leaders. At the noon hour about fifty sat down to a luncheon prepared by the Cobourg Auxiliary.

The sectional meeting for East Northumberland met in Carmen Church, June 17th. Mrs. Terrill, Wooler, occupied the chair during the two sessions. Devotional exercises for the afternoon session were conducted by Mrs. Flindall and Mrs. Bedal, Smithfield. Mrs. Rose Maitland, Brighton, acted as secretary. A very eloquent address of welcome was given by Mrs. Stanley Maybee, and suitably replied to by Mrs. Keith Montgomery.

The president made a concise and practical address.

Mrs. Street, Stockdale, gave an excellent paper on "Christian Stewardship." Mrs. Neal, Wooler, reported only four circles in the Section, at Brighton, Campbellford, Seymour and Wooler. Mrs. Davey of Hilton read a paper on mission band work. Mrs. Maitland, Brighton, gave a financial statement of the first quarter's returns; \$2,058.74 had been received, which was \$103.60 ahead of last year. The

presbyterial officers were introduced by Mrs. Terrill, after which a quiet half hour was conducted by Mrs. Falconer, of Colborne.

In the afternoon Miss Garrett, missionary to China, who has just returned from a trip across Africa, Cairo to the Cape, then addressed us. Mrs. W. H. Ashton addressed the convention on what she said might be termed the unpopular subject, Temperance. Mrs. Hammond, Literature Secretary, gave a report of her work and emphasized the fact that if we would be interested in missions we must become educated. Mrs. Mears, President of the Cobourg Presbyterial, brought greetings from the presbyterial and explained some items of business regarding the allocation and financing of two young ladies who will attend Whitby Summer School. Fourteen auxiliaries, four circles, and nine bands answered the roll call. Mrs. D. R. Clare brought in the report of the Courtesy Committee, after which Mr. Glover brought the meeting to a close with prayer.

**RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL.**—Mrs. H. H. Hillis, Pakenham, was chosen president of Renfrew Presbyterial at the annual meeting. At the same time it was decided to hold the 1930 convention in Renfrew. Mrs. W. L. Smyth, retiring president, was presented with a traveling-bag as a token of appreciation of her untiring efforts in behalf of the work. At the opening meeting Mrs. W. L. Smyth presided. The session opened with a hymn followed by Scripture reading by Mrs. R. N. Frizell, and prayer by Rev. J. H. Osterhout, Memorial Park Church. Rev. Thomas McNaught, White Lake, Chairman of Renfrew Presbyterial, conveyed greetings from the presbytery, and Mrs. Edwin Smith, Carleton Place, extended a cordial welcome to all visiting delegates. Mrs. James Semple, Smith's Falls, in replying, expressed, on behalf of the delegates, their deep appreciation for the very kind and sincere hospitality shown them. Mrs. G. A. McNabb, Douglas, was absent owing to illness, but forwarded a short address, which was read by Mrs. J. S. Gillies, Braeside. Reports were presented by Mrs. J. R. McCrimmon, Spence, Recording Secretary; Miss J. B. Ellis, Treasurer, and Mrs. H. H. Hillis, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, all of which were satisfactory and showed the society to be in good financial condition. A dedicatory prayer was offered by Mrs. J. H. Osterhout, and was followed by an address by

the President, Mrs. W. L. Smyth, who stated this would be her last official visit as president of Renfrew Presbyterial. Her address was largely inspirational. Communion Service was observed at Memorial Park Church, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Osterhout and the Rev. Edwin Smith with about two hundred delegates participating. Miss Sutherland, British Columbia, was the principal speaker in the evening at an open meeting in Memorial Park Church.

The officers for the year are: Mrs. H. H. Hillis, Pakenham, President; Mrs. J. S. Gillies, Braeside, Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Jessie Ellis, Arnprior, Treasurer.

**OSHAWA PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of the Western Section of this presbyterial was held in Claremont United Church on May 15th, with Mrs. Crozier, Oshawa, presiding, and a representative number of delegates from all auxiliaries present. The devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. Irvine and Mrs. Gee. Many encouraging reports from the auxiliaries were given, showing increased interest in every line of work. Whitby Mission Band raised the largest amount of money in the Bay of Quinte Branch; Kinsale Band received the banner given in Oshawa Presbyterial, while the honor of getting the most new members went to St. Andrew's Band, Oshawa.

The afternoon session opened with worship taken by Mrs. Jull Clugstin. Regret was expressed that Mrs. J. U. Robbins, President, was unable to be present through illness. In her absence Mrs. Stirling, Orono, gave an address, speaking on Peter's dedication. Mrs. Gay, Oshawa, brought echoes from the Conference Branch at Kingston. Mrs. Garrett, a missionary in Africa for many years, gave a very inspiring address. It was decided to send one of our girls as a representative to the Summer School at Whitby. The convention closed with prayer offered by Mrs. Craig.

### Hamilton

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

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

Hamilton Conference Branch and presbyterial officers to the number of twenty-three met at the call of the President, Mrs. Arnott,

at her beautiful home, Shoreacres Road, on June 26th. The meeting was convened to discuss changes in presbyterial boundaries consequent upon Conference decision to have seven instead of nine presbyteries. It was decided that presbyterial changes be effected as soon as possible, the presbyterials requiring new organization to meet at earliest feasible date. It was decided, also, that for 1929 semi-annual reports be submitted; the one for January-June, inclusive, to be forwarded by September 1st. In this way it was hoped to avoid confusion resulting from re-organization in the middle of the year.

**BRANT PRESBYTERIAL.**—The funeral of the late Mrs. E. E. Kitchen was held on Saturday afternoon, May 4th, from her late residence, "Sunnyside," St. George. Services, brief by the expressed wish of the deceased, at the home and grave were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. L. Small, St. George, assisted by Rev. J. Y. Mackinnon, Zion United Church, Brantford. The large number of friends and relatives in attendance testified to the respect and esteem earned by her long life of useful and effective service rendered, not only to the local community, but even extending nationally. This general esteem was further evidenced by floral tributes from Toronto, Edmonton, Alta.; Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, California, as well as from local friends and organizations.

A fitting tribute of appreciation of a lifetime of active service in the interest of missions, was the memorial service held for Mrs. Kitchen in the St. George United Church on Sunday morning, May 5th. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Small, presided. Tribute by Mrs. D. W. Miller, Glenmorris, First Vice-President of Brant Presbyterial, was paid Mrs. Kitchen, a member of the advisory board of this presbyterial, for her active interest and untiring zeal for W.M.S. work in this section of Ontario. More than twenty-five years of her life had been spent as an executive member of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterial of Paris, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. At the time of the amalgamation of the foreign and home mission boards of the Presbyterian Church in 1913, Mrs. Kitchen was the president of Paris Presbyterial, being the one and only president to hold this office, which she held until 1925, when Union was consummated. From 1925 until her passing

she was first honorary vice-president of Brant Presbyterial. Desiring to be active, not passive, later she was one of three members of the advisory board.

Tribute was also paid by Mrs. H. G. Arnott, President of Hamilton Conference Branch, to her value and worth in missionary activities in a wider sphere of labor, as a member of the former General Council of the Women's Missionary Society of the former Presbyterian Church, as a vice-president of the former Provincial Board of Ontario; as a present vice-president of Hamilton Conference Branch.

In speaking of the valuable assistance she was able and willing to give at all times Mrs. Arnott said that by virtue of her splendid leadership, wise counsel, intimate knowledge of mission fields, acquaintance with missionaries, good judgment, keen insight, very splendid and dependable service was always rendered. These qualities, coupled with her peculiar sense of humor, enabled her to reconcile conflicting opinions and so, as it were, smooth out ruffled situations that sometimes occurred at Dominion-wide gatherings.

A Good Friday luncheon was the unique way in which the St. George Auxiliary, Brantford, celebrated their Easter thankoffering meeting. Mrs. Craw, Lucknow, was the official speaker for the occasion, and a generous thank-offering was received.

Wellington Street Church Auxiliary, Brantford, celebrated the birthday of Miss Marie Staples, Japan, at their March meeting. Miss Staples went to Japan from Wellington Street Church. Mrs. Staples read extracts from her daughter's letters, and told of the great need of extending the kindergarten work there.

A special summer conference of this presbyterial, held in Scotland United Church, proved to be both inspirational and practical. The financial and secretarial work of the various departments of the presbyterial was reviewed, with all departments showing progress. It was decided to hold the annual branch meeting in Colborne Street Church, Brantford, in March, 1930, and the Brant Presbyterial in Paris in January, 1930, and a Rally of all young woman's auxiliaries, circles, and affiliated C.G.I.T. groups in the early autumn. Mrs. W. J. Haddow, Brantford, presided throughout and a box lunch was enjoyed by all.

**HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL.**—The Auxiliary of Central United, Hamilton, has suffered a very heavy loss in the sudden death of Mrs. C. E. Baxter. Coming about ten years ago to Hamilton from Drumbo (where her family had been reared) she gave unstintingly of her time and interest to the church of her choice, first St. Andrews, later Central. In 1925 her daughter, Christine, commenced her work at Dhar, India, a tribute to the home atmosphere and a mother's interest and prayers. While India came first, all missionary effort was dear to Mrs. Baxter's heart, and the preparing of the annual bale rejoiced her practical turn of mind. Her passing has left a vacancy in Central Church that will be very hard to fill.

**OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL.**—A very successful mission band rally was held in Knox Church, Embro, May 25th, and was largely attended. Mrs. W. Youngs presided. Twelve out of fourteen bands reported, and one hundred band members answered the roll-call. Reports from secretaries of all mission bands showed splendid work done throughout the year. Mrs. Gall, Ingersoll, gave an address on "Others." An exercise by the McKay Mission Band, entitled "How Does Your Mission Band Grow?" was much appreciated, as was also "The King's Messengers," given by the Ingersoll Band. The Oxford Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Bright, was present, and gave a short talk on mission band work. This programme, interspersed with appropriate songs, readings and recitations, and with light refreshments served at the close made the rally a notable success.

**PERTH PRESBYTERIAL.**—A largely attended presidents' conference was held in Milverton United Church on June 27th, when auxiliary, young women's auxiliary and mission circle presidents and baby band and mission band superintendents met together to discuss such questions as: (1) How would you meet the statement "I believe in home missions, but not in foreign," in a convincing way? (2) How would you meet the objection, raised chiefly by men, that The Woman's Missionary Society is taking too much money out of the congregation? (3) What should be the real motive behind all our work, especially our giving? (4) What are some of the rural problems? (5) Have you overcome them? (6) How? (7) What are the greatest difficulties in young

people's work? (8) Why have we not more organizations? (9) How would you approach the uninterested woman? (10) Suggest ways and means to secure her co-operation.

Mrs. R. McAlpine, St. Marys, conducted the devotional period and presided at the forenoon and afternoon sessions. Discussions led by Mrs. Zurbrig, Mrs. A. E. Lloyd Granton, Mrs. Kepkay, Stratford, Mrs. John Hotson, Avonbank, and the president brought forth many helpful suggestions and made the meeting thoroughly profitable.

**OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL.**—The summer conference of this presbyterial was held in the United Church, Burgessville, on June 21st, with twenty-four auxiliaries represented. Addresses of great inspirational value were given by the President, Mrs. J. G. Archibald, and by Miss M. Weir, an Oxford County missionary, at present home on furlough.

## Manitoba

*Press Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Kilgour, 298 Kingsway, Winnipeg, Man.*

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

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAL.**—In the unexpected passing of Mrs. S. C. Murray the Society in Manitoba sustained a great loss. Mrs. Murray always threw herself wholeheartedly into the activities of the Church, counting it all joy to share in the self-denial of pioneer days. Wherever she served, her home was the centre of the social and spiritual life of the community. She lived to serve; the greater the individual's need of comfort, the greater was Mrs. Murray's joy in ministering. She had the saving grace of humor, and her ready wit saved many a situation. The work of the Society was specially dear to her. For some time she was president of the Portage la Prairie Presbyterial, and was a valued member of the Conference Executive. When the news of her passing was spread abroad, many were the marks of the high esteem and genuine love received from all parts of the province, and deep were the expressions of sympathy to Dr. Murray, the beloved pastor and missionary superintendent of over forty years. In addition to Dr. Murray, there survive their

only daughter, Mrs. W. M. Malyon, Olds, Alberta; and five sons: Rev. P. N. Murray, B.A., B.D., Glenboro; Geo. W. Murray, B.A., B.S.A., Inspector of Schools, Moose Jaw; Heber L. and Sidney Murray, Kelwood; and Wilfred C. Murray, B.A., Edmonton. The pall-bearers were her five sons and a nephew, of Neepawa.

The fourth annual mission band rally of the west end of this presbyterial was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph White. In spite of the intense heat, about 150 attended the rally. Leaders, friends and band members were present from Kelwood, Arden, Eden, Springhill, Neepawa and Franklin. Mr. Hanley gave words of greeting and spoke about its being "Magna Charta Day." Mrs. Yerex, Presbyterial President, gave a short address on the work of the Church among the boys and girls of Canada. The main theme of the rally was "A bird's eye view of the various nationalities that form our Canadian population." Neepawa Band contributed items about Indians of Canada—one member being in Indian costume. Eden Band gave an item on Ukrainians by a member in costume; Kelwood Band had Hebrews; Springhill, Italians; Arden Band, Japanese and Chinese. Items about other peoples had to be omitted, and the gathering closed with a tableau, "Canada and the Immigrant Mother and Son," by Franklin Band. This programme was interspersed with choruses, recitations and other items. Florence Wiley was presented with a mission band life membership certificate and pin. A picnic supper was served outside, and those who remained had games.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL.—On June 6th the auxiliary of South Plympton held their fortieth anniversary. This auxiliary, though small in numbers, has a wonderful record of missionary service. In the forty years there have been five presidents, all of whom are still living. Four of the charter members were present, one of whom sang a solo. After the meeting, which was addressed by several of the officers of the Winnipeg Presbyterial, a social hour was spent, a feature of the refreshments being a beautifully decorated birthday cake a-light with forty candles. Under the able leadership of the President, Mrs. Bray, this auxiliary is

looking forward to further years of increasing missionary effort in this pioneer district of Manitoba.

## Maritime

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

*Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Ryan, 7 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax, N.S.*

SYDNEY PRESBYTERIAL.—This presbyterial met in the First United Church, with the President, Mrs. E. R. Gillmore, Sydney Mines, in the chair. Rev. A. H. Campbell conveyed the greetings of Sydney Presbytery. Mrs. John McIntosh spoke warm words of welcome on behalf of the Sydney churches and the entertaining auxiliary. These were responded to by Mrs. Sutherland, North Sydney.

Annual reports were submitted by the secretaries; all were of an encouraging nature. Interesting accounts of the work carried on at the United Mission, Sydney, and the Scotch-town Mission, New Waterford, were given by the workers, Miss Wagg and Miss Baxter. An outline of the new work undertaken at New Aberdeen was given in a letter from Rev. J. G. Stones, as the new deaconess, Miss Fullerton, has been called home on account of the serious illness of her mother. Miss Elizabeth McIvor was welcomed back to her work at the United Mission after her year of furlough.

The election of officers resulted in the re-appointment of all officers and secretaries of the previous year. Mrs. John McIntosh and Mrs. M. D. McLeod were appointed delegates to the Maritime Branch meeting in Halifax; Mrs. McMillan, Louisburg, and Mrs. McQueen, Leitches' Creek, were alternates.

A Round Table discussion of problems connected with the work, led by Mrs. James T. Burchell, proved helpful and interesting. It was decided to hold a gathering of workers in the summer, which would be of an inspirational character.

While there was a large local enrolment, one hundred being present, yet the fact that twelve districts were not represented at all probably influenced the resolution committee to present the following resolution which was endorsed by the presbyterial: Resolved, That this presbyterial place itself on record as ob-

jecting to the holding of the annual meeting in January, and suggest that the executive meeting in January should pass the reports, and that the regular meeting be held when delegates from all parts of the presbyterial would be able to attend.

**INVERNESS-GUYSBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAL.**—This presbyterial met in West Bay, June 19th, with Mrs. J. J. Fraser, President, in the chair, and opened with devotional exercises and silent prayer. The president spoke with pleasure of meeting in West Bay and of the first meeting there in 1894 when the total offering for the year was \$375.32. Now the offerings are nearly four thousand, and the membership has increased accordingly. The minutes were read by the secretary, followed by the reports of the secretaries. Mrs. Forbes reported for *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, Miss Hart, Guysboro, gave a splendid report on mission band work. Hawkesbury Band won the banner with gold star. Baddeck and Canso Bands were next. Mrs. Dan Martin, Orangedale, reported on literature, suggesting a mission field for each month, and gave helpful prescriptions for auxiliaries lacking in missionary knowledge. Mrs. McBain, Inverness, gave an excellent report on Christian Stewardship, showing ten auxiliaries exceeding their allocation, ten reaching it, and six who did not reach the standard. The allocation for next year is \$4,139. Mrs. Mills, Hawkesbury, reported on Associate Helpers, and warned the secretaries to answer all letters. Mrs. Dan Martin also gave a report on a number of boxes sent, mostly to Trinidad. Mrs. Henderson, Inverness, sent her report as Strangers' Secretary. Mrs. Robert Murray, delegate to the Conference Branch, gave a very interesting report of the large gathering in Halifax. Mrs. Hammett, Hawkesbury, closed the morning session with the Quiet Hour.

The afternoon session opened with devotions. Mrs. McLeod, West Bay, welcomed the guests. As Cleveland, Princeville, Black River and West Bay Auxiliaries all took part in the entertaining, the presbyterial was really the guest of the four auxiliaries. Mrs. Whitman, Canso, replied to the address of welcome. The next thing on the programme was mission band hour, led by Mrs. Philot and her band from Hawkesbury. The programme was very interesting, and each number worthy of mention.

We then had the memorial service led by Mrs. Dan Ross and Miss Katherine McLeod, River Denys. A short address was given by Dr. McCrae, Korea, speaking on the memorial theme. Mrs. McCrae could not be present on account of her mother's illness. A message of sympathy was sent to her from the presbyterial, also to Mrs. McKinnon, Baddeck, who could not be present either.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Murray, Mabou, gave her report; total amount raised for the year \$3,979.56. The prayer for dedication was given by Mrs. Whitman, Canso. The roll call showed 116 delegates present, and the large number of visitors made a crowded house. The chairman of the evening service was Mr. McLeod, West Bay, who conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Coffin, Hawkesbury, brought greetings from presbytery and led in prayer. Mrs. A. D. McLean, Strathlorne, read the resolution against Government Control, and gave a stirring address on Temperance. Dr. McCrae then gave his address of the evening.

The election of officers resulted in the old officers being re-elected with the exception of the President, Mrs. J. J. Fraser, Whycomagh. She has been president for a number of years and felt that she must retire. Mrs. N. K. Hammett, Hawkesbury, was elected president.

A memorial service was conducted for the members who died during the year.

### Montreal-Ottawa

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

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

**QUEBEC-SHERBROOKE PRESBYTERIAL.**—The third annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Wesley and Chalmers Church, Quebec City, May 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1929. The first session was held Tuesday evening, with Mrs. E. C. James, President, in the chair. Mrs. Elkins, Chalmers Church, gave the delegates a very gracious welcome. The President, in her address, spoke especially of the need of a revival of prayer and urged greater self-denial in the Master's service. Miss Ella Ledard, on furlough from Japan, was listened to with much interest. The addresses were helpful and inspiring and the reports most encouraging. At the close of the solemn dedicatory service Thurs-



day morning, the new President, Mrs. F. A. Johnston, of Ayer's Cliff, took the chair. She pointed out the necessity of our getting a wider vision of our work, and suggested that this year we take for our slogan, "We will raise our allocation." The invitation for the next annual meeting was given by Mrs. MacRea, Richmond, and heartily accepted.

**MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL.**—A conference for officers and members of auxiliaries of this presbyterial will be held September 27th, 1929, in the American United Church at 10.30 a.m.—2.30 p.m. The Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, minister of the American United Church, will conduct the devotional period with a short inspirational talk. Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes of the Dominion Board will give the address. The special love offering raised by auxiliaries, over and above their allocations, will be received at this meeting.

At Lacolle, Quebec, on June 27th, a most helpful and interesting open meeting took place under the auspices of the Society. The programme of music and readings was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. R. S. Logan, President of the Montreal Presbyterial, spoke very encouragingly of the work being done generally, of the needs of the work the world over and of our local W.M.S. work. She also introduced Miss A. E. Christie, North Honan, China, who is home on furlough. Her message and wonderful personality will be lasting in their effects upon everyone who heard her. She also brought with her and exhibited quite a collection of curios, to which she referred in her splendid address.

Mrs. G. J. Van Vliet conducted the devotional period, and Mrs. J. O. Baron occupied the chair for the evening.

A new baby band has been recently organized under the superintendency of Mrs. W. Young. We are encouraged and expect at least a dozen to be members of this baby band.

**MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL.**—This presbyterial reports an interesting combined meeting of Erskine and Leslie Auxiliaries on the evening of June 4th. Mrs. J. S. Mowatt gave an interesting address on the work in Japan. A regrettable fact, Mrs. Mowatt stated, is that although the Japanese worship beauty in every form they are manufacturing for the western market articles of inferior workmanship, as they believe cheapness is desired above beauty.

**COCHRANE PRESBYTERIAL.**—On May the 21st, at Matheson, Ontario, the third annual meeting of this presbyterial was held, when representatives were present from Timmins, Schumacher, Connaught, Porquis Junction, Hearst, Cochrane, Monteith, and Matheson. Many interesting reports were heard of the work among auxiliaries and mission bands. The secretaries of the departments all presented reports showing much accomplished. Mrs. Lundy and Mrs. Woodward were present from Hearst where the mission has an attendance of forty-eight; some of the members are as young as two or three, and none are over ten. The missionary address on Africa was given by Mrs. A. W. Banfield, and all were delighted with her presentation of the work of the pioneer missionaries. Rev. J. E. Kennedy, Schumacher, was present, and following the report of the nominating committee conducted a very impressive dedication service.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. D. Parks, Timmins; and Mrs. Wm. Farmer, Connaught, Treasurer.

## Newfoundland

*Press Secretary, Mrs. G. B. Pickering, Harbour Grace, Newfoundland.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Parkins, 107 Gower Street, St. John's, Newfoundland.*

The third annual meeting of the Newfoundland Conference Branch, was held at George Street Church, St. John's, May 7th, 8th, 9th, 1929. In addition to the branch officers, presbyterial presidents, and delegates, many visitors and members of the city auxiliaries were present at the first session, which opened with the singing of the branch hymn, "Thou Source of Being, from Whose Heart." Devotional periods were conducted by branch delegates, presbyterial presidents, and the branch president.

In reviewing the year's work, the presidents of the four presbyterials had much to tell that was of great interest and very encouraging. The Western and St. John's Presbyterials take the lead in subscriptions to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, Carbonear and Northern being not far behind, which goes to prove that the members are seeking for real definite missionary information. Mrs. Howse, Missionary Monthly Secretary, urges every woman who is a member of the Society to be a subscriber to this

magazine, as there is no other so full of knowledge and rich material, and it should therefore find a place in every home. Total number of subscribers 584.

The Day of Prayer was observed and proved to be of great spiritual uplift to all. The Branch President, Mrs. Lindsay, in her opening address gave us many beautiful thoughts of the last incident of "Jesus at the Sea of Tiberius," which was a fitting introduction to the solemn Communion Service which followed and was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Johnson, assisted by Dr. Darby.

The afternoon session was mostly occupied in receiving reports of the different departments. Greetings were received and read by the corresponding secretary from Mrs. MacGillivray, Dominion President; Miss Darby, China; Miss Wagg, Sydney; Miss Howse, West Africa; along with many others that were much appreciated.

Mrs. Parkins, Branch Treasurer, in her report showed that \$7,100 had been remitted to the board treasurer, which meant a decrease of \$2,900 on our allocation of \$10,000. Many auxiliaries reported loss in membership through removals.

Mrs. Peters, Branch Corresponding Secretary, compared the work of the Society in the early days with the work of the present. Membership of auxiliaries 1,228, 125 of whom are life members. Total membership for auxiliaries, circles and bands 3,359. Cochrane St. has the largest thankoffering; Grand Bank is highest in mite-box givings; \$138.80 was sent for Hamheung School, Korea. Three of the city auxiliaries still contribute towards the maintenance of Biblewomen and cots in China and Japan.

Reference was made to our missionaries who represent us on the foreign field and are as follows: Mrs. Pinsent, Japan; Miss Darby, China; Miss Howse, Angola, West Africa; Miss Harris, at present on furlough, but returning to China in the fall; Miss Mulley under appointment to West Africa; Miss Wagg in the home field at Sydney; and Miss Bishop, Hamilton.

The Christian Stewardship Secretary reported this department as receiving more interest each year. Many auxiliaries now use systematic giving; four auxiliaries, two circles and eight bands exceeded their allocation, and four auxiliaries reaching their objective. Four auxiliaries and six circles report the question of Stewardship presented regularly, twelve adopted a

missionary in special prayer, fifteen made quarterly surveys, and seventy-one per cent. of the allocation was reached. Other auxiliaries are hoping to adopt systematic giving this year. An exercise, "New Eyes For Old," was presented by members of Cochrane St. Auxiliary. After the close of the session visitors and friends were entertained at a social hour. Mrs. C. H. Johnston, on behalf of George St. Auxiliary, welcomed the branch, and Mrs. Maddock replied.

The Tuesday evening session was presided over by the Rev. C. H. Johnson. The address of the evening was given by the Rev. R. J. Power of the Kirk, on "Caravans and Cannibals." The Branch felt greatly indebted to Mesdames Mews and Barbour, also Mr. F. Wylie for their solos and reading.

Wednesday devotionals were led by branch delegates and presbyterial secretaries. Report from the literature secretary, strangers' secretary, and supply showed much activity and faithful performance of duty in each department. The strangers' secretary reports many acts of sympathy and love shown to patients in hospital and visits to shut-ins and sick folk. The number of sick visits was 1,749; hospital visits, 3,048. Thirty Chinese are being taught English in Wesley Sunday School. Rev. Dr. Clarke spoke to us on the very live Temperance question, which is a new department of our work this year. Mrs. Robert Joyce, St. John's, is the secretary of this department, and good work is expected to be done during the year.

Miss Howell, Band and Circle Secretary; Miss M. Thompson, Circle Secretary; Mrs. Chas. Garland, Band Secretary; all tell of the good work being done by the young people. One N.G.I.T. working at Carmanville is affiliated with the Society. Other groups are hoped for during the year. Total membership is 2,131, and amount raised \$3,128.81. Banners for best reports were awarded to (1) Pouch Cove, (2) Winterton, and (3) Heart's Content. An address on service and springtime by Miss Staples gave us much food for thought. A letter from Miss Millicent Howse, Angola, West Africa, depicted the life and habits of the African very vividly.

A special feature of Wednesday evening's session was a lecturette by Miss Horwood, "Thirty Years of Missionary Work in West Africa," illustrated by lantern slides.

Messages in reading and song were given us by Mesdames Curtis, Vatcher, Peters.

Misses Mews, Marshall, Darby, Moore and Burt. Rev. A. W. Howitt of St. Thomas's Church and Rev. C. H. Johnson led us in the quiet half hour periods with very appropriate messages.

Branch was pleased to welcome Miss MacDonald, Secretary, of Y.W.C.A., St. John's. Consecration Service was conducted by the President, Mrs. Lindsay, who spoke to us from St. Luke's Gospel, revealing to us the many blessings we receive from the great Comforter of life.

Presbyterials are making arrangements for a visit from Miss Mitchell, Travelling Secretary, who is expected to be present at their gathering in the early autumn.

### Toronto

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

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

ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL.—This presbyterial held its annual meeting in Central United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., May 29th, with Mrs. E. I. Scott, President, occupying the chair. After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. William Rossiter. Splendid reports were given by the presbyterial officers, senior auxiliaries, young woman's auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. groups and mission bands, showing good progress with the work in all branches. Mrs. J. A. Furse, Presbyterial Treasurer, gave a most satisfactory and gratifying report of finances. The allocation, \$3,200, was exceeded by \$50.74. Miss A. Follett, Mission Band Secretary, presented the banner to the Richard's Landing Mission, who had obtained the highest standard. Mrs. G. A. Smith, Corresponding Secretary, with a representative from Bruce Mines Auxiliary, were appointed delegates to the Toronto Conference. Mrs. Scott, President, addressed the meeting, paying warm tribute to the officers for the past year.

The afternoon session closed with a hymn, and prayer by Mrs. R. H. Knight, after which the delegates and visitors adjourned to the church parlors where supper was served to ninety.

At the evening session an illustrated talk on Africa, given by Mrs. A. W. Banfield, returned missionary from Africa, was the inter-

esting feature. She described the life and customs of the tribes, and the missionary work among them. Mrs. Orr, Convener of the Courtesy Committee, moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Banfield and all who helped to make the meeting a success.

Delegates were present from Nar River, Blind River, Bruce Mines, Hilton Beach, Thessalon, McLennan, and from Central, St. Andrew's and John St. United Churches, Sault Ste. Marie.

The officers are: Mrs. E. I. Scott, President; Mrs. A. G. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. J. A. Furse, Treasurer.

SIMCOE PRESBYTERIAL.—The four divisional meetings of this presbyterial were held at Guthrie, Bond Head, Victoria Harbor and Edenvale, May 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd, respectively. Mrs. McEwan, Presbyterial President, attended each division and ably answered the questions from the question drawer. Mrs. Corrigan, Cookstown, in a concise way presented the work of the Christian Stewardship and Finance Committee at each meeting. Reports from auxiliaries, circles, and bands showed a great interest in the work, and a willingness and hopefulness to obtain the objective. A splendid report of the conference branch, recently held in Deer Park United Church, was given by Mrs. Peters, Allandale, at each meeting. Presbyterial secretaries reported at each afternoon session.

At Guthrie Mrs. James H. Robertson, Barrie, presided. Miss Latimer, File Hill Indian Colony, gave an interesting talk on her work there. Mrs. McEwan, Churchill, gave an address full of inspiration and optimism. At Bond Head Mrs. B. T. Bateman, Belle Ewart, presided. Here, also, Miss Latimer gave a splendid address on her work. Miss Sutherland, Strangers' Secretary, Vancouver, gave a delightful account of her recent trip abroad, and especially of her visit to the Holy Land.

At Victoria Harbor Mrs. Atton presided. Miss Garret, West China, in the afternoon gave a devotional talk on "Life Overcoming and Overflowing." In the evening she spoke on Africa. Mrs. Wiseman presided at Edenvale, where Miss Garrett very acceptably spoke on Africa and Gardens.

This closed Simcoe's series of divisional meetings, and those who had the privilege of

attending all meetings were very greatly helped by them. The minister at each divisional point kindly presided at each evening session, and also gave an instructive address.

**TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL.**—The third rural sectional gathering of this presbyterial was held in the beautiful flower-bedecked church at Locust Hill with a large attendance of both rural and urban members. Mrs. J. S. Honey, Milliken, presided over the morning session and Mrs. Sam Sharp, Uxbridge, presided over the afternoon session. Mrs. Dinima, Cedar Grove, warmly welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. A. Smith, Sanford, responded to the greetings. In answer to the roll call the different auxiliaries responded to the following questions: (1) What plan, if any, are you using to increase your membership this year? (2) How many of your members are subscribing for this year's Blue Book, and what use do you make of it throughout the year? (3) Do you feel that the past year has been a profitable one for your auxiliary spiritually, educationally and financially? The replies showed that though we have

seasons of discouragement still we feel that God is over all and all is well.

Miss Jean Shaw, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, spoke of Christian stewardship as the great principle of life. The afternoon session was opened with prayer for foreign missions by Mrs. Ed. Hastings, for home missions by Stouffville Auxiliary, and for the presbyterial by Sunderland Auxiliary. The secretary's report and the minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. William Jackson, Presbyterial Recording Secretary, in a manner so comprehensive that the day's proceedings were indelibly impressed on the mind and heart of those who had heard. Miss Ethel McEachern, Principal of Hamheung School, Korea, told of her work in that interesting land. Mrs. Shiell, Presbyterial President, based her remarks on Proverbs 29: 18. Where there is no vision the people perish. A round table conference was conducted by Mrs. G. D. Atkinson. The musical programme was provided for by congregational singing. The quiet half-hour was conducted by Mrs. Crawford, Unionville.

## New Organizations

### Auxiliaries

#### HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

**HALDIMAND PRESBYTERIAL.**—Cayuga, Wesley, Miss Eve Lymburner, R.R. 1, Cayuga, Ont.

#### LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

**OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL.**—Bright, Mrs. A. R. Francis, R.R. 2, Bright, Ont.

#### MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAL.**—West Tatamagouche, Mrs. M. T. Coulter, West Tatamagouche, N.S.

### Mission Bands

**BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL.**—Pettapiece, Miss Vera H. Pettapiece, Pettapiece, Man.

## Entered into Higher Service

Mrs. Edward Adams, Hulbert, Ont., June 28, 1929.

Mrs. William Sydney Beaver, Port Arthur, Ont., June 13, 1929.

Mrs. Alexander Hunter, Ottawa, Ont., June 11, 1929.

Mrs. William Jardine, St. Catharines, Ont., July 1, 1929.

Mrs. John Law, Ottawa, Ont., June 15, 1929.

Mrs. S. Palmer, London, Ont., July 18, 1929.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, Lucknow, Ont., June 23, 1929.

*Names for this list must be reported promptly with address and date of death. Otherwise they cannot be published. Lack of space makes this rule necessary.*

## A Message From Our President

WHEN this issue of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY reaches the members of the Society our President, Mrs. MacGillivray, will be on the high seas on her way to China to visit immediate friends and our mission stations.

Although, as has been noted in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY of August, 1929, this journey is not taken at the expense of the Dominion Board, Mrs. MacGillivray has graciously consented to act as the representative of the Society whenever occasion arises. In her absence we feel that it will not be amiss to recall her message of last year to the membership:

Because The Woman's Missionary Society is responsible for the support of the work for women and children in all the foreign fields under the care of The United Church, and for similar work of our Church in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we would like to have every woman of the Church eager to know all about it, to become a member of the Society and to subscribe for THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, which tells the story of this work. When is the time to subscribe? Now. To whom should the subscription be given? To the Auxiliary Missionary Monthly Secretary.

### Suggestions for Missionary Monthly Week

Every woman in the Church should be urged to become a subscriber to the official organ of The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church, and to read it in order that she may be informed as to the women's share of the Church's missionary undertaking.

Arrange with the President of your Auxiliary for a place on the programme of your September or October meeting. Distribute samples of the magazine and call the attention of those present to the proposed plan for Missionary Monthly Week in October.

The date of the week decided upon should be the one most convenient locally. Ask each member to co-operate by offering her services as canvasser, or by having her subscription fee ready when the canvasser calls.

Ask your pastor to announce from the pulpit your plan for Missionary Monthly Week, and to call attention to the valuable missionary information in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY.

In large city churches, ask the young people to take over the canvass. Have a meeting and divide them into teams; rivalry among the groups will add much to the interest. Supply the canvassers with a list of the families in your church and samples of the magazine, and impress upon them the importance of placing THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY in every home. Close the campaign with a dinner, when the name of the winning team may be announced.

Small churches often cover a large territory, especially in the rural districts. Divide the work among leaders, assigning to each the canvass of her immediate neighborhood.

The story, "A Re-Creative Holiday," written by Mrs. Rush to promote interest in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, has been published in leaflet form. Sample copies of the magazine and of the story, please state number required, may be secured by writing to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, 415 Wesley Bldgs., Toronto 2.

## Friendship Trails

Is the name of the 1929-30 text book for Mission Bands and other Junior organizations. In it is found most attractive programme material for ten lessons.

Love for the boys and girls has impelled two specialists to give much thought, time and prayer to the preparation of this book. Miss Ne Tannis Semmens, Secretary of Children's Work in the Religious Education Department of The United Church, has prepared the Worship Services, the Lesson stories of the life of Jesus, and the hymn interpretations.

A few years ago the Mission Bands enjoyed a study book, "Talks on the Maple Leaf in Many Lands," written by Mary I. Houston. While she has changed her name to Mary I. Ritchie, her interest in, and love for, the boys and girls is as intense as ever, and out of a busy life she has taken time to outline games, activities, projects, pageants, and has written character sketches in story form of children of other nationalities who live in Canada, that through these stories, Canadian boys and girls may learn to know these new-comers and become real chums in every sense of the word.

For each meeting there will be a suitable worship service, a story from the life of Jesus, and occasionally a hymn interpretation. There will be definite study of a national group, presented in story form, so that the Band may come to know these groups well enough to understand, appreciate and respect them and to recognize their contributions to the world. Suggestions are also made for games, activities, projects and pageants.

The topics for the year will be as follows:

### October

*Worship Service and Story*—The Coming of Jesus.

*Group Study*—Some of the very first Canadians.

### November

*Worship Service and Story*—The Boy Jesus in his home.

*Group Study*—Our French Neighbors.

### December

*Worship Service and Story*—A Boy's Journey.

*Group Study*—Canadian Consins (Eskimos).

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#### January

*Worship Service and Story*—Jesus Calls His Helpers.

*Group Study*—Oriental Chums.

#### February

*Worship Service and Story*—A Busy Day in the Life of Jesus.

*Group Study*—Happy Friends from Holland.

### March

*Worship Service and Story*—Jesus and the children.

*Group Study*—Learning from Little Italy.

### April

*Worship Service and Story*—A Traveling School.

*Group Study*—Friends from Finland.

### May

*Worship Service and Story*—Jesus the Hero.

*Group Study*—Keeping up with the Ukrainians.

### June

*Worship Service and Story*—The Last Supper.

*Group Study*—Smiling across at Sweden.

### July

*Worship Service and Story*—Not Here, but Risen.

*Group Study*—Coming Canadians (Doukhobors, Ruthenians).

### August

*Review*—The Worship Service, Story and Group Study I enjoyed most. Why?

### September

*Rally.*

In addition to this Manual, in which worship services and stories of Jesus, hymn interpretations, national character sketches, activities, games, handwork, and pageants are found, material is provided for the Band to make a Friendship Book. There are ten sheets of white paper with perforations, to be bound with yellow cord in a green cover, and ten beautiful pictures to paste on the sheets. There is also a map of Canada, on which the names of the provinces and boundaries are marked, also the main waterways, and a color legend assigning a color to each nationality.

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