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BLOOR STREET UNITED CHURCH—Scene of the Inaugural Service

## The January Number



THE first four issues of *The Missionary Monthly*, which have simply combined, side by side, under one cover the various periodicals of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the three uniting churches, have, we trust, by this preliminary adventure in friendship, paved the way for a closer linking up of our separate interests. With the union of our Woman's Missionary Boards which was consummated with such impressive ceremony on October 26th in Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, the time has come for the disappearance of denominational boundary lines from our magazine, in order that it may stand as a visible evidence of the union which has taken place. Accordingly, beginning with the January issue, the separate papers will be merged into one, which will thus become the expression of that oneness of plan and purpose, that unity of spirit, for which our great church stands.

We ask the prayerful and practical interest of every woman in our far-flung organization, that *The Missionary Monthly* may find a place in every home, making the whole membership conversant with its world-wide missionary task, and stimulating old and young anew to the service of the Master.

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## The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church Takes Form

*To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace;  
And of His Son Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave Himself for us;  
And of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us:*

**This Society of Our Church is Consecrate**



WITH these words and in this Spirit, the Women's Missionary Societies of the three Uniting Churches were welded on the evening of October 26th, 1925, in Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, into the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada. The Day had been eagerly anticipated. Some of our membership were impatient of the delay, as it seemed to them, in the drawing together of the women, and so the meeting of the Dominion Interim Board was hailed with joy, that the womanhood of the Churches might bring their gifts to add to the beauty and glory of the great new Church which has been born to us through the spirit and vision of the leaders, under Divine guidance.

The Inaugural Service was one to be remembered, even in these days of rich and precious memories. As the representatives of the United Church, Dr. Gandier, Dr. W. G. Wallace, Dr. W. T. Gunn and Dr. J. L. Stewart took their places, the organ pealed out the refrain—

"The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord",

which we might almost designate as the Marching Hymn of the United Church. Immediately from the rear doors there began to stream in the representatives of the four uniting Boards, ninety women in all, who constitute the Interim Board. Meeting at the altar the streams mingled and joining forces passed into the seats reserved for them. Mrs. H. A. Lavell, Chairman of the Joint Union Committee presided, and with her on the platform were the other Presidents of the uniting Boards.

The Opening Hymn was that prophetic missionary hymn—"Jesus shall reign", followed by Scripture reading by Miss Effie Jamieson. The passage chosen was the one also used on June 10th, the prayer of Jesus as recorded by John, that all those who believe on Him should be one—"That the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." This was followed by the Psalm of Thanksgiving, the 103rd, repeated in unison.

Then came the hallowing of the Society.

# The Inaugural Service

The Hallowing of the Union (all standing)

**Chairman ;**

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace;  
And of His Son Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us  
And of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us:

**All: This Society of our Church is consecrate.**

**Chairman :**

For the evangelization of the peoples in non-Christian lands;  
For the healing of their suffering bodies;  
For the enlightenment of their minds;

**All: This Society of our Church is consecrate.**

**Chairman :**

To give the Gospel to the strangers within our gates;  
To develop in them the spirit of Christian citizenship;  
To care for the needy in soul and in body;

**All: This Society of our Church is consecrate.**

**Chairman :**

To develop the spiritual life of the womanhood of our Church;  
To enlist them in Christian stewardship;  
To promote the union of those who love the Lord in the service of those who need Him;

**All: This Society of our Church is consecrate.**

**Presbyterian President—(Western and Eastern Divisions)**

Mrs. J. MacGillivray, Mrs. E. E. O'Brien.



**I**N THE name of our united membership from coast to coast and of our beloved missionaries of the Cross at home and abroad we bring to you our heritage of fellowship in prayer and service and unswerving loyalty to Him who gave Himself that we might live, and whose blessed command "Go ye" we have sought to fulfill down through the long years of our history. Believing as we have ever done that the great purpose of His will can be brought nearer consummation by that growing unity of His followers the world around, we to-day recognize as we clasp the hand of sister-Boards, the closing of another link in the world fellowship of those who love the Christ. Receive this, our tribute of loyalty and devotion.

**Congregational President—Mrs. C. R. Crowe.**



**I**N THE name of our united membership from coast to coast, and of our beloved missionaries of the Cross at home and abroad, we bring to you our gift of loyal service, of faith and loving obedience to Him, who, if He be lifted up, will draw all men unto Him. We believe that in loving union and communion in this higher fellowship, we, hand in hand with our older, stronger sisters, shall help to hasten the day when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Receive this, our tribute of loyalty and devotion.

Methodist President—Mrs. A. Lavell.



IN THE name of our united membership from coast to coast, as well as from Newfoundland and Bermuda, and of our beloved missionaries of the Cross at home and abroad, we bring our heritage of faith and works coupled with a rich experimental knowledge of Christ's power to regenerate human life and hallow the smallest service, so that the common duties of every day are sacraments when done in His Spirit. Gladly we join in this broader fellowship and steadfastly turn from the beaten pathways of the past to those of greater opportunity, humbly praying that the heritage we bring may help to enrich this great, new Church and set her aflame with zeal and the evangelization of the world. Receive this, our tribute of loyalty and devotion.

**Prayer Constituting The Women's Missionary Society of The United Church  
of Canada—Dr. Gandier**



GOD, eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself to redeem the world, who being raised from the dead and exalted by the right hand of God, shed forth the Holy Spirit upon His witnesses as they waited for the promised power; we wait before Thee, O God, one in heart, that the same Lord Jesus may be known in the midst of us speaking peace to our waiting hearts and breathing upon us His Holy Spirit that we may know His manifold gifts of grace and truth. As Thou by Thy Spirit hast made us one in the body of Jesus Christ, His Church, grant that our hearts may be melted and flow together into a living unity, joined to our Lord to be a perpetual witness of His redeeming saving power.

*Members of Interim Board (in unison).*



UNITEDLY, as we, the duly appointed representatives of the societies now made one, do reverently with prayer and thanksgiving in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, now constitute the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, let Thy Spirit set seal upon this act and sanctify this society of thy Church. O blessed and eternal God endue this society and all its members with heavenly wisdom, enlighten with true knowledge of Thy Word; inspire with pure zeal for Thy glory, rule each heart in all things that unity and peace may prevail and truth and righteousness triumph. May Thy Gospel everywhere be purely preached and truly followed; Thy Kingdom on earth extended and fully established, and the whole body of Thy people grow up into Him who is Head over all things to the Church, Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers and the praises we severally offer unto Thee in silent devotion. *Here let there be a short pause for silent prayer.* Hear these, our devotions, and let great grace be upon all who love the Lord Jesus Christ; for His sake. AMEN.

*The Lord's Prayer (all joining)*

**Declaration of Union—Dr. Gandier.**

**I now declare this Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada duly constituted.**

O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
 Thy people still are fed;  
 Who through this weary pilgrimage  
 Hast all our fathers led:  
 Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
 Before Thy throne of grace;  
 God of our fathers, be the God  
 Of their succeeding race.

WE then passed at once into the Communion Service, conducted by Dr. Gandier, singing "O God of Bethel", and with the beauty of the message of that great hymn in our hearts, we came to the Lord's table for our first feast of love together, realizing our oneness in Him, the Lord and Master of us all. Dr. J. L. Stewart of West China gave the Communion Address, bringing the realization that while we might go up to the Mount of Transfiguration, we must not remain there, a needy world waits in the valley! The Prayer of Consecration was offered by Dr. Gunn and the service closed with the singing of the Communion Hymn—

"Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love."

THAT the work of the Board on the morrow might go forward without delay, the following committees were appointed:—

*Devotional Committee—*

Mrs. J. T. Daley, Mrs. Frank Rae and  
 Mrs. C. F. Sanford.

*Business Committee—*

Mrs. A. M. Scott, Mrs. W. G. Martin,  
 Mrs. J. H. Rush, Mrs. J. G. McKechnie,  
 Mrs. L. W. Parker and Mrs. Erle Jones.

*Nominating Committee—*

Mrs. C. A. Wickens, Mrs. R. G. Dingman,  
 Mrs. Flewwelling, Mrs. C. W. Gordon,  
 Mrs. A. D. LePan and Mrs. W. T. Brown.

PROMPTLY at 10 o'clock the following morning, the hour fixed, the first Session of the Dominion Board, which is as yet an Interim Board, was opened, with Mrs. MacGillivray presiding. Two of the Honorary

Presidents conducted the devotional service Mrs. John Sommerville reading the Scriptures and Mrs. E. S. Strachan offering prayer. Out of their rich experience of life and service, these women who have reached the resting period, had a message which brought blessing indeed for those upon whom has fallen the heat and burden of the day.

At this Session, greetings were brought by Mrs. Pidgeon, who came in two capacities to wish us well, as wife of the pastor of the Church and as wife of the Moderator of the United Church. An inspiring message had been received and read the previous evening from Dr. Pidgeon.

There was also a message from Dr. R. P. MacKay, veteran Secretary of the Presbyterian Section of the United Church, conveying his congratulations and good wishes.

The appointment of Minute Secretaries, the Roll Call and the report of the Joint Union Committee occupied the morning and the quiet noon hour period, was led by Miss Blackmore of Japan and Miss Jean Macdonald of the Deaconess and Missionary Training School.

The Session, on Wednesday morning, and again the major portion of the afternoon were spent on the discussion of the suggested Constitution. At the close of that Session the members of the Board were the guests of the Victoria Woman's Association at Annesley Hall, the Woman's residence of Victoria College. This was a very delightful social function indeed and the hospitality of Miss Addison, the Dean, Miss Dorothy Kilpatrick, head of the Woman's Union, the Alumni and the students was greatly enjoyed.

Wednesday morning there was a very beautiful and impressive incident, when the Nominating Committee presented its report, almost approximating the Session of the General Council when Dr. Chown made his great renunciation. The Report recommended that Mrs. H. A. Lavell be elected as the first President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church. Mrs. MacGillivray rose and craved the honour of seconding this recommendation, not only as an honour but as a privilege and a joy. "A privilege, for we who have worked with Mrs. Lavell on the Joint Union Committee have found in her the

leadership which we believe our United Society needs; an honour, because we of the erstwhile Presbyterian W.M.S. would pay tribute this day to you of the former Methodist W.M.S., for that beautiful spirit of loyalty, harmony and devotion which you and your whole Church have so unitedly shewn towards this great principle of union; and again, of joy, because we too of the other Uniting Societies have learned to love her as you have loved her. Shall we with gladness rise and acclaim her our unanimous choice." The appointment was thereupon confirmed by a standing vote. Mrs. Lavell replied most feelingly. She had hoped that it might have been her privilege to have retired to the joys of home and family life. She realized the responsibility of the great new task, and asked the support in prayer of the members for she could only take it up strong in the faith that—"Our sufficiency is of God."

To those looking on it was a moving sight; for here again was renunciation, well-loved Presidents of Boards standing aside, willing to renounce the headship of their own particular section, in order that this great new Board might be born with gladness and joy. The spirit exhibited by all that morning is an indication of the love and harmony of the membership.

Owing to the fact that the organization work of the United W.M.S. is yet incomplete and the administration end must be worked out gradually, only seven officers were appointed:

President—Mrs. H. A. Lavell.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. J. MacGillivray.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. C. R. Crowe.

3rd Vice-President—Mrs. O'Brien.

4th Vice-President—Mrs. W. T. Brown.

General Secretary—Miss Effie A. Jamieson.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. Erle Jones.

The prayer of dedication setting apart the Board was offered by Rev. A. E. Armstrong. In this it was hoped that Dr. Endicott would share but he was prevented by illness in his family.

THE meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday evening were in the nature of public gatherings and large and interested audiences assembled to share the inspiration. Tuesday was "Canada Night". Devotional Exercises were conducted by Mrs. A. L. Richards, assisted by Mrs. Patton. Mrs. Richards has served as a Home Missionary in Western Canada. Two very able addresses were de-

livered, one by Mrs. G. E. Forbes on "The New Canadian in Eastern Canada" and the second by Mrs. G. N. Jackson on—"The New Canadian, and the Oriental Problem." Through these messages we saw clearly the great challenge and opportunity which lies at hand in our own land.

The Wednesday evening meeting was "Overseas Night", when we lifted up our eyes to see the World task. In introducing the speakers, Mrs. MacGillivray, who was presiding, spoke of the thrilling picture given through our Church paper, *The United Church Record and Missionary Review*, 'the sun never sets on the Mission Work of our United Church.'

Miss Elizabeth S. Mackenzie of Angola, painted a vivid picture of her missionary activities in Central Africa. She spoke of the conditions there which are so foreign to the ideals of Christianity and told of her work in the Mission schools, of the joy of the little children trained under the direction of Christian teachers, of those who have been redeemed, of the meeting of women with dusky faces, who also gathered in the interests of the Kingdom.

Miss Annie Allan made an eloquent appeal on behalf of Japan, telling of the experiences of the earthquake and the relief work undertaken, of the opportunity for work in the slums and of the change effected by introducing Christianity into the homes.

The closing address of the evening was delivered by Miss Dorothy Kilpatrick, who first drew for us the picture of India, in glowing colours. It seemed clear from all addresses, that the Missionaries soon love the land and the people among whom they serve, "Mother Africa", said Miss Mackenzie, "Mother India", said Miss Kilpatrick and one felt Miss Allan's affection for "Beloved Japan".

The need of India lived before us, its 60,000,000 untouchables, its pathetic child widows, its more than pathetic little Temple girls, how we saw it all as Miss Kilpatrick took us with her into India's life. She told a remarkable story, clearly demonstrating that God still speaks to men, to those whom He would call, as in the still hours of the night, when a former Indian sorcerer heard his name called and was bidden—"Rise and read."

But the pitiful need of a suffering and waiting world was seen clearly. Miss Kilpatrick voiced our thoughts when she said we could hardly bear it, did we not realize that God Himself suffered, that for Jesus too there was

the way of the Cross, He had shared human woe.

A mighty determination, we are sure, gripped many hearts that night. How are we going to meet all the needs, we women of the Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada? We have a united membership something over 200,000, but there are, it is estimated, 600,000 women in the United Church. We must win that other 400,000 that we may go forward to meet the challenge of the needs of all our Fields.

**T**HERE were many and important decisions made, which will be set in operation as the need arises. One of great importance was the fixing of the date of April 1st, 1926, as the time when we shall come fully into our heritage of work and organization as one great Board of the Church. At this time it is anticipated that all the new machinery of Conference Branches and Presbyterian Societies with a United Treasury and a United Budget. In the meantime, the following resolution makes provision for the administrative needs of our various organizations:—

**"RESOLVED:—**That within this United Board, the four former Boards shall function as Committees to carry on the work of the various departments, until such time as the organization is complete, and the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church is in a position to know what Secretaries will be required to carry on the work effectively."

**"That the Joint Union Committee of fifteen members who have so effectively and harmoniously brought about the fusion of the uniting Societies be retained as the Interim Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church."**

Of outstanding significance was the report of the Organization Committee, containing a suggested Constitution of thirty-two articles. In presenting the report, the Convener, Mrs. I. W. Pierce, pointed out the great similarity in our previous constitutions and lines of work. The new Constitution had been an effort to harmonize the whole, so that the new Board might build upon the fine foundations already laid. But even in the face of this fact, and with these ideals before the Committee, it had been necessary for each Board to sacrifice some things,

as well as to take on some new plans and methods in order that unity may be secured.

The Constitution makes provision for a Dominion Board, Conference Branches, Presbyterian Societies, Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Mission Circles, Mission Bands, Baby Bands, Associate Societies and Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups. This tentative Constitution will be amended as approved by the Interim Board, and will then be presented to the Committee on Permanent Organization of the United Church of Canada. When ratified it will be prepared for sending down to Conference Branches and Presbyterian Societies.

One further recommendation should receive special mention. It was to the effect that plans be formulated for the presentation of the entire work of the Society in every congregation during the coming year. The resolution contained the following recommendations:—

**"That the months of January, February and March, 1926, be devoted to study of the work of the United Society; that literature be prepared and used to put plans into effect; that one meeting, as early in 1926 as possible, be devoted to a study of the work; that speakers be secured in every Provincial and Conference Branch; that the attention of members be drawn to their social influence; that young people be asked to assist with posters and charts, and that all shall culminate in special meetings at Easter."**

The action covering Publications provides for the publication of a monthly magazine to be known as "The Missionary Monthly" which shall combine the five periodicals heretofore issued by the uniting societies. The children's paper, "The Palm Branch", to continue in its present form until such time as the committee on publications is prepared to deal with the whole matter of a children's publication.

In preparation for the undertaking of the new organization, after very considerable discussion, the following members were appointed to act as Conveners for the eleven Conference Branches, in the calling together of a representative Committee to further the organization of Presbyterials within the bounds of the Conference Branch.

Newfoundland—Mrs. Lindsay.  
 Maritime—Mrs. Jamieson.  
 Alberta—Mrs. A. M. Scott.  
 Bay of Quinte—Mrs. J. T. Daley.  
 Montreal—Mrs. S. S. Burns.  
 Toronto—Mrs. Rutherford.  
 Hamilton—Mrs. Bews.



London—Mrs. McEvoy.

Manitoba—Mrs. C. W. Gordon.

Saskatchewan—Mrs. J. G. McKechnie.

British Columbia—Mrs. J. S. Gordon.

**T**HOUGH the representation at this meeting was limited to ninety, it was a truly national gathering, delegates being present from every Province in Canada and from Newfoundland as well; every interest it seemed was conserved, every right preserved. One could not but have faith in an organization, which under God, has enlisted in its ranks so many noble hearted women, with unmistakable gifts, whose delight it is to serve Him. Another matter worthy of mention is the gracious and warm hospitality of the Bloor Street United Church.

A series of Resolutions from the Courtesies Committee was adopted, conveying the great indebtedness of the Board to the Session and Board of Managers, the Woman's Association, the Organist and Choir of Bloor Street Church; to the Committee of arrangements for their thoughtful provision for the comfort of the delegates. The Resolutions embodied also the following:—

"The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, convened in their first meeting in Bloor Street United Church Toronto, October 28th, 1925, express to Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, to the Rev. R. P. MacKay, Foreign Mission Secretary, their thanks for the message of greetings received upon consummation of Union of their uniting Societies:

"To the women of the United Church in British Columbia for their inspiring message.

"To the Rev. Dr. Gandier who performed the marriage ceremony, to Dr. Gunn and Dr. Stewart, who assisted thereat, and to our Missionaries and other speakers, who contributed so largely to the helpfulness and inspiration of our meetings:

"To the President and officers of Victoria College Woman's Association for their kind hospitality:

"To the Joint Union Committee for its able and indefatigable labours, which made possible the adoption of a tentative Constitution with so little discussion, with so much harmony and with no acrimony, we wish to express our very special thanks.

**G**REETINGS were also sent to our beloved missionaries whose faithful and devoted service make possible the work of the Board.

"The Interim Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church in Canada, in Session in Toronto, October 28th, 1925, sends loving greetings to its Missionaries. We are rejoicing in our new unity and feel that you too share in our joy. Our united prayers are going up for you that the Lord of All Grace may strengthen you, uphold you and prosper your labours, and that the larger work on which we, through you, are entering, may be blessed beyond all that we can ask or think."

**T**HERE was one still further source of inspiration and that was our banners. At the front of the Church were the mottos of the United Boards. How wonderfully their message grips our hearts. "*The World for Christ*" has been the motto of the Presbyterian section, a great vision; then the Methodist friends had all these years the secret of the power for getting the task done—"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts"; and yet it is only by personal service that the world will be won, and so the Congregational Motto was there with that note—"Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." It seemed as if God had been giving each of us a task to work out for Him, and that now He has drawn us together, we find that the parts make a perfect whole. Then we looked up and saw that above the banners was a Cross of Gold—"By this sign we conquer". Ah, yes, the centuries have proved the words of Jesus to be true—"I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

# The Missionary Messenger



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The World for Christ

## Thy Kingdom Come

THY Kingdom Come! Yea, bid it come!  
But when Thy Kingdom first began  
On earth, Thy Kingdom was a home,  
A child, a woman, and a man.

The child was in the midst thereof,  
O blessed Jesus, holiest One!  
The centre and the fount of love,  
Mary and Joseph's little Son.

Wherever on the earth shall be  
A child, a woman, and a man  
Imaging that sweet Trinity  
Wherewith Thy Kingdom first began,

Establish there Thy Kingdom! Yea,  
And o'er that trinity of love  
Send down, as in Thy appointed day,  
The brooding spirit of Thy Dove!

—Katherine Tynan Hinkson.

### There was no Room for Him

WE have travelled far afield from the first Christmas, where in the dim and dusty stable, the common miracle of birth took place and the little Christ was born. In the modern Christmas, with its prodigality of expensive presents, its feverish activity and after weariness, there seems not much left of the spiritual significance manifest in God's gift to us of His Son. *Jesus* was the central figure on that memorable night long ago, *His* presence made the stable divine, inspired the gifts of the wise men, and lighted a new star in the sky. Have we crowded Him out of His birthday? Is there any way in which we, unitedly, can help to bring back to ourselves, our children, and our friends the real meaning of the Day?

One of our members in a letter recently makes a strong plea for a unified effort in connection with Christmas cards, and she has expressed her thought in a way that will appeal

to every reader in our great organization.

"Christmas cards are as much used as ever to convey greetings to friends on Christmas day, but it is a rare thing to find a card that reminds us that the day celebrates the birthday of the Prince of Peace. I went down town a few days ago to buy a quantity of cards with a Christmas greeting, and I was told in each business place "We are not asked for such cards as these." Now it is women largely who select Christmas cards, and the publishers are always ready to put out what the people demand. Will our Christian women this Christmas show their allegiance to our dear Lord and Master by buying cards that either by picture or message convey to their friends the Christmas thought? Our splendid magazine goes into 70,000 homes—if 70,000 women this year ask for real Christmas cards, will that not be an overwhelming demand and bring about a result that will do honor to His name?"



THE NEW HOSPITAL AT CHANGTE

### Hospital Work in China

AT last, work at the new hospital in Changte is in full swing, and we are glad to share a picture of it with all interested readers. It had a stormy beginning. Work was retarded by destruction of brick kilns by flood, and the civil war was responsible later for interference with transportation and subsequent shortage of coal. The wing in the foreground of the new building is the chapel, and will be used not only for all Sunday services, but for health lectures and lantern slide talks.

The pictures below are those of Dr. Jessie McBean and Dr. Victoria Chung. The building of the new men's hospital at Kongmoon has left the *Marion Barclay Hospital* free for women, and although all work now is disorganized, and practically at a stand still, the picture shows that the new citizens are still entering China regardless of the disturbed condition of the country, and that loving hands receive them when they arrive.

### Our Library Department

IN a letter of a missionary lately, who had been touring through new places in Korea, she spoke of distributing a few cards among the children in one of the little villages. What she had of them were soon gone, and when other children pressed near to ask for more she had none to give. "Had I had a hundred cards I could have given them all away", she said.



DR. JESSIE McBEAN AND DR. VICTORIA CHUNG

It is an illuminating incident of scarcity where there should be plenty. Surely we have all been struck with the prodigality of fine material, sent out by our Sunday School Publications, and by the waste of discarding those not used or used only for a time; by the hundreds of splendid magazines which find their way to the dust-bin, and by the rows of boys' and girls' books stored away in a dim corner of the attic. What we all need is a little more imagination, something which will visualize for us those Korean children gazing hungrily at the cards which they could not own themselves, and the thousands of folk in the sparsely settled regions of our own Canada with no means of getting Sunday-School papers and good books unless we send them.

All this is the work of the Library Secretary. A new leaflet is being prepared by Mrs. Jessie Munro Johnstone, Library Secretary, dealing with the work and aims of the department, and giving practical suggestions as to ways in which it can be made increasingly useful. The value of the work is being more and more recognized. A letter from Quebec speaks of the activity of the department there, and asks that the *French* side of the work, French books and papers suitable for School Homes in Quebec and Montreal provinces, be given some consideration. We feel that the new leaflet will be a fine vindication of the Library Department, and should find its way into every auxiliary. The slogan of the Secretary is: "A Bible and good literature in every home in Canada, in all institutions, within reach of every man, woman, and child."

### No Room

A PROBLEM of increasing importance in our school homes is the lack of accommodation. Many of them serve large communities, and letters from those in charge dwell with sadness on the necessary refusals that have to be made. One mother whose child had been refused admittance, drove forty miles to make her plea again in person, and asked with tears that a corner be found for her little girl. The parents are becoming increasingly aware that there is a marked difference in the pupils who come from these places, and those who are without the restraining influence of home, and they are anxious to avail themselves of the advantages of these Christian centers for their children during the formative and difficult period of life.

AT the little Indian school at Ahousaht, B.C. one of our farthest outposts of Christian teaching, Rev. J. L. Millar, with the help of his staff is ministering to an increasing circle in the district. The attendance is now forty-five. The school was closed 1924-25 with a good balance, and the surplus has been used to enlarge the school for the steadily growing number of pupils. One boy has successfully passed the entrance—the third to go to High School from Ahousaht. The W.M.S. members congratulate Principal and staff on the enterprise which enabled them to finance the improvement, and on their success in the advancement of the pupils.

THE aim of every true missionary is always to train the folk among whom he labors, so that they in turn may do their appointed work among their own people. Indian girls in the nursing profession has been the dream of those in charge of the hospitals for a long time, and now the happy realization is here. We all rejoiced at the entrance of Esther Redsky to *Ethelbert Hospital*, and Dr. Hunter speaks with much pleasure of Cora Mandimin who is now helping at Teulon. There is now one other—the third from the *Cecilia Jeffery School*—who is leaving for the *Anna Turnbull Hospital* at Wakaw soon. Our prayerful interest follows these young girls in their newly appointed task.

### A New Hospital

THROUGH the generosity of the Ladies' Society of Westminster Church, Winnipeg, our newest hospital is in process of construction at Eriksdale, Manitoba. It is to be called *The Elizabeth Crowe Memorial*, and will be one more little centre for the radiating influence of Christian service.

### Day of Prayer

AS in other years, plans are being made for the Annual Day of Prayer for Missions, under the auspices of the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America. This Day which has become an institution of the W.M.S. will be observed February 19, 1926. Our January Magazine will contain the Programme and all further information.

### The Last Witness

THERE died recently in Africa an old Arab, the only one left in the interior who actually saw Livingstone's dead body. Dan Crawford speaks of it as follows in the *South African Outlook*: It was out near Ujiji one evening in the wayside village when the sun was setting in blood. It was out beyond the last hut on a flat bed of sweet potatoes. Beyond this was the tell-tale long grass, moving grass, telegraphing the approach of unseen travellers along the trail. They emerge a weary lot of men. Yes, emerge with a dumpy looking bundle on a two-man pole. Emerge with Livingstone en route to Westminster Abbey! The travel-stained men from far-off Ilala are weary of trail etiquette so they place the Bundle, Oh! so gingerly on that patch of potatoes. The Bundle dripping brine from the preservative salt is Livingstone's house of clay. 'Brought by faithful hands over land and sea', says the black slab in the Abbey, and here they come, heading for the far-off slab, faithful but weary."

### Miss Alice Munns

NO field in Central India is more full of interest to us than Neemuch, partly because of the poignant memories of famine days, and the fact that the boys and girls in schools and home now, are largely the children of the little waifs who were gathered into the Babies' Home and nursed back to life. Miss Alice Munns, home on her first furlough, spoke to the Board recently of work in the schools there, more especially of the Boys' Chamar School for low caste boys. Miss Munns calls this "The Bridegroom School" as all the boys save one, although they average only eleven years, are married! Asked as to the

future of these scholars, Miss Munns spoke of the restrictions and limitations of their lot, but it was felt by all that the few but impressionable years at that little centre of Christian influence could not fail to have results. Here is a definite object for prayer for our women, which would strengthen the hands of Miss Munns and of Miss Jessie Maxwell who has charge of the school in her absence.

### The Missionary Monthly

AMONG the many appreciative letters written concerning our new magazine we were requested to print the following because of its apt and beautiful little simile. It is from a member in Vancouver.

"My copy of the *Missionary Monthly* reached me when in retreat during September in a delightful spot three miles from the boundary between B.C. and the United States, where a few years ago a Peace Arch was built to commemorate a hundred years of peace. As one walks through the arch there is nothing to show which is United States territory and which Canadian. The grass, the flowers, the fruits, are the same on both sides of the archway. So it is with the *Missionary Monthly*. As one reads through its pages, the same flowers of God's love, faith in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, and the desire for the extension of His Kingdom, greet one from cover to cover. The same fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, abound in its pages. There is no visible or invisible denominational barrier, we are all one in Jesus Christ! I cannot but be thrilled by the possibilities presented to us by the ever-widening and radiant vision spread out before us in *The Missionary Monthly*."

## A Song

By Marie Hemstreet

The Christmas Angel sang to me  
 (And it was Christmas morn),  
 "If Christ dwells not within thy soul,  
 For thee He is not born;  
 If thou hast not His life in thine,  
 Then must thou go forlorn."

A fear for my imperfectness  
 Upon my spirit lay.  
 "But Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men,  
 O Angel, I can say!"  
 "That is the Song of Songs," he cried,  
 And smiling went his way.

## Through the Windows of the World



SISTERS IN THE WORK IN KOREA

### Korea

IT is a pleasure to introduce the latest graduates of the Senior Department of the Martha Wilson Memorial Bible Training School, Wonsan, Korea. The present roll of the school has reached an hundred, and the graduates number thirty-two. They take the name of Deaconess and have shown enthusiasm and courage in their service for the church in a field which stretches from Wonsan in the South to Manchuria in the North. Who can estimate the influence of these consecrated women in their untiring ministry in the homes of their people?

I WANT to tell you a little about our country trip.....Each day we had a tramp of 35-70 li, as we stayed in each place only overnight, having seven groups to visit. I wish I could go over each day's program with you, but that would take too long. I might say that it rained every day while we tramped, but cleared off for the meeting which cheered us greatly. At one place, Sin Heung, we arrived in pouring rain, and I wish you could have seen the reception we received. No missionary had as yet visited here, so when they saw us coming,

every door swung open and the cry went from hut to hut, "The English Jesus pastor is coming!" Nothing so trifling as rain could keep them away when there was a sight-see to be had! A great crowd gathered round us. We had no place to go as yet, and there were only two young Christians in the village, but when they arrived we were given a hearty welcome.....That night the wives of our two Christians made "the decision to believe" and next morning two others decided, so we were joyful. I had taken some colored post-cards sent to me from Perth Y.W.A., and I could have delighted the hearts of hundreds of children had I taken enough. The children all begged for one but I had soon given them all away. It was here at Sin Heung that a little girl of nine screamed out, and cried with fright the moment she saw me. Her mother told me I was the first Westerner she had ever seen.

The greatest joy we had on this trip was at a place called *So Chyung*. No missionary had ever visited there, and no Christian services had been held. Once again I was an object for curious eyes, so out in the street a song service was held. Before long, a man came and said he used to be a Christian when he lived in Hoiryung, but having come to this town where Jesus was not known, he had grown careless.

If we would only stay there that night and hold services, he would entertain us and a group could be started at once.

But *the* happy event here was, that for the afternoon meeting the house was too small, and what to do? The only place bigger was the Wine and Whiskey Shop, which had been closed for some time as money was scarce, and people were not drinking so much in consequence. Mr. Pak and the young man went out to see what could be done, and in a short time came back with happy faces. The keeper of the whiskey shop had heard of our predicament, and had offered his shop, a clean, large, beautifully decorated place with Japanese mats on the floors. So the whiskey shop was our church that night! Our five new believers, and two Christians from a place ten li away, and the "returned backslider" now form a group there, and have the whiskey shop for a church and Sunday-school. The keeper did not make his decision that night, but he said he would be glad to see a Christian church there, and hoped the next time I came to be ready to join up. It was a happy *me* that went to bed at midnight, even though my bread box was nearly empty!

—Miss Ethel Scruton, Hoiryung.

## Hospital Happenings

THE British officer commanding the 23rd Sikh Pioneers, distressed at the deaths among the wives of his men due to the carelessness of Indian untrained midwives, appealed to Dr. Margaret McKellar for a trained midwife to live among them and do welfare work. He was willing to pay handsomely for the right person. Easier asked for, than secured. None in our area speak their Panjabi language. She scoured hospitals, far and near, in vain. Finally, the C.O. dropping the idea of a resident worker, asked if she would take the women into the hospital to which she readily agreed. Every month an average of four young sepoy's enter the army by way of the Mission Hospital.

It took a little adjusting to arrange for Sikh officers to visit their wives in a zenana hospital, a little persuasion to show that, as in the army, rules must be observed, but it was done and things have settled into a routine. In the case of the rank and file, the C.O. grants leave of absence from military duties to husbands, to permit them to cook and bring food to their

wives, as these cannot have servants in the hospital, and are too far away from their own homes to secure help.

As I passed the verandah to visit a patient, I saw the distressed face of a very fat, gold-jewelry-laden lady. Fifteen years ago she had been at the hospital, and was quite put out that the doctor did not recognize her. She had come to see if something could not be done for her rheumatism which she assures us is the cause of her diffiguring obesity. However, the secret of her corpulence came to us in a tray of ghil-laden sweets, made in her own home and sent for our delectation. Needless to say we distributed them among those who would appreciate them. This lady's whole body was misshapen with flesh, except the face which was pretty, and the shapely hands. The doctor ordered ten pounds of silver anklets removed. Under them, the ankle measured seven and a half inches, and the leg farther up was fifteen! The gold armlets above the elbow she refused to remove, although the two end one were practically buried in overhanging flesh.

Passing through the doctor's office, I noticed some faded garlands hanging on some pictures. A very pretty custom prevails in India, that of giving garlands of flowers as a mark of regard. We usually remove them as they are often made of mogra flowers whose perfume is sweet but very strong. When I asked why she did not throw them away, she brought me the one I thought was made of akra blooms. It was a garland of snake's vertebrae! Preparing a Sikh woman for chloroform, she had noticed a string of this tied very tightly around the patient's neck. It was a charm which the woman assured the doctor had cured her of enlarged glands. The next time this patient's husband called, he brought the doctor the garland of snake's vertebrae which she hung on the picture.

—Catherine Campbell, Neemuch.

## South China

YOU will want to know where we are and what we are doing. Like all the other members of this mission, we are "scattered and strewn" not working, but waiting, apparently on holiday but wishing it would end.

Miss Langrill is in Formosa enjoying the protection of Japan, after some weeks of very strenuous work in Hongkong, helping a friend who had lost her servants and filled her house with missionary refugees. Miss Baty and Miss



CHRISTMAS IN A CHINESE HOSPITAL

Cairns are on the *Empress of Canada* making their second trip to Vancouver in the service of the C.P.O.S. This time they are helping to direct and instruct the new crew.

Dr. Wannop worked his way to Canada on the *Empress of Asia*, and is remaining for his furlough which is now due. Mr. Broadfoot has been working all summer in the Hongkong Post-office, while Mr. Becking was doing special police duty on this island. Dr. McClure served when needed on the volunteer crew of the launch running between the Island and Hongkong. He is now in Kongmoon as some medical work is still possible.

The rest of us have done various kinds of unaccustomed work. Life in Hongkong during the strike is very much as it would be in a besieged city, although of course Hongkong is shut off only on its China side. On the other it is open to the world, which makes the Chinese boycott largely useless and ineffective. A book might be written telling how the people of Hongkong have carried on during the strike. It has been done too with real British cheerfulness. At first, indeed, they left their offices to be "butchers, bakers and candlestick-makers" quite smilingly, but as the long weeks wear away and business still remains at a standstill, there is deep gloom over the colony. . . . This uncertainty has been the hardest part of the strain this summer. We have not suffered any hardships or been in any unusual danger, but we see things wrong and can do so little.

I need not ask you to pray for us. Among the many urgent calls of the united Church we are sure that China will have a large place.

—Mary A. McKay (Mrs. W. R.) Hongkong.

## Canada

MANY a time as I drive up and down the country, I think what a wonderful one it is, one of the best roads in Manitoba, and only four miles from beautiful Lake Manitoba which has a fine bathing beach. If the place could be developed, it would make one of the finest health resorts in Western Canada.

There is much Social Service work to be done, and I find my time taken up with many people coming to me for help especially on train day, when the women bring their children and leave them while they shop. I do anything then, from pulling teeth to serving tea to tired mothers.

I was called out early one morning lately for a twelve mile drive, and found my patient—a prospective mother—very ill. I was quite alone and had an anxious few hours, but finally a baby girl of seven and a half pounds was born. I drew a sigh of relief and began to attend to the wee mite, but imagine my feelings when a second baby appeared, and I had twin girls on my hands! However, all went well and I should like to show you my twins. The mother is Icelandic, and the father an Indian Chief. When told about the babies, he inquired if I had brought *over-coats* for them. Fortunately I had an extra layette in my bag. I felt when I was driving back to town, that I had done a good night's work and earned my breakfast, which I enjoyed in my little shack. I will not likely forget my night in that home, and the wash of old Lake Manitoba on the rocks near the house.

—Isabelle G. Meikle, R.R., Amaranth.



## Canada

TEULON is one of the pioneer missions among the New Canadians. The hospital was built over twenty-one years ago and has had over three thousand in-patients. In addition, there is the Boys' Home twelve years old and the Girls' Home of seven years' standing.

About 250 children so far have been assisted on the educational path as residents of these institutions. Among Ukrainian graduates from our homes, we may count doctors, lawyers, university and college graduates and many teachers.

In connection with the hospital, we hope to develop further a Home-Makers' course in domestic science and practical nursing. The hospital is a little too small to have a regular nurses' training school, but could give a useful and fairly broad training to a good many country girls.

her final year of High School, and with an ambition to take up nursing. Another promising girl, Cora Mandamin, has come to us from the *Cecilia Jeffrey School* on the Lake of the Woods and is acting as probationer nurse in the hospital.

Mary Yakimischak is a very clever young Ukrainian girl who has been helping in the nursing in the hospital for the last year. Her brothers have already distinguished themselves. One is a member of the Manitoba Legislature and another, a former graduate of our Boys' Home is now practising medicine in Southern Manitoba.

Two little Mennonite girls in the Girls' Home add a flavor of the Old Time Religion. One of their favorite hymns is "You can't go to Heaven from the dance-hall floor!"

We have at present quite a number of children from broken homes. Let us describe an instance.



TEULON HOSPITAL

As most Indian schools do not carry their pupils beyond public school rank we are finding a sphere of usefulness here. We have Minnie Oke, a bright Indian girl from Ottawa, now in

A few years ago the Ferley family were living on a bush homestead about seventy miles from here. The father had to be away a good deal to earn money for clothing and other sup-

plies, so the mother had to take care of the family on the lonely homestead. One day in winter when supplies were pretty low, she set out for town with a horse and sleigh, and accompanied by one of her boys. On the return journey a blizzard came on and mother and son were lost and frozen to death.

The father's problem was serious. Who would mother his family of five young children?

He might, as many southern Europeans do, bargain with some other farmer who had a marriageable daughter of sixteen or thereabouts. But this father thought differently. He entrusted his children to the care of our Homes. There they are acquitting themselves admirably, both in the school work, and in the domestic tasks of school, home and garden.

—A. J. Hunter, M.D., D.D.

## The Pan-Presbyterian Council

Mrs. Geo. C. Pidgeon



MY task is indeed a pleasant one for it brings back one of the happiest of memories, and I shall always feel grateful to our General Board for affording me the great honor and privilege of carrying the Greetings of our Canadian women to this great Conference. As my time is limited, let me give my report under a few brief paragraphs:

*I. The Place.* It was in Cardiff, South Wales. The city itself was attractive; more so its surroundings. One has only to mention Tintern Abbey and the Wye Valley to show that we were at the fount of our literature, and Llandaff, Chepstow, Raglan, Caerfillphilly to recall some of the bravest struggles a people ever made to preserve their independence. Add to this the beauty of mountain, and valley, and river, and sea, and you will realize the charm of the setting.

*II. The People.* The hospitality of our Welsh and English hosts was unbounded. Presbyterianism is not strong in that section, but the provision made for our needs was overflowing in its generosity. Welsh music was heard at its best and one Sunday evening Praise Service thrilled the visitors. The way they sang the Hallelujah Chorus was on everybody's lips throughout the rest of the Conference. Song seemed natural there. For the first time some of us heard the sky-lark, but it takes a Wordsworth to describe the loveliness of the song as she soared and sang.

Ethereal minstrel! pilgrim of the sky!  
Dost thou despise the earth where cares abound?  
Or, while the wings aspire, are heart and eye  
Both with thy nest upon the dewy ground?  
Thy nest which thou canst drop into at will,

Those quivering wings composed, that music still!  
Leave to the nightingale her shady wood:  
A privacy of glorious light is thine:  
Whence thou dost pour upon the world a flood  
Of harmony, with instinct more divine:  
Type of the wise who soar, but never roam:  
True to the kindred points of Heaven and Home!

*III. The Occasion.* It was the quadrennial meeting of the Alliance of Presbyterian Churches throughout the world. We had representatives from all English speaking countries, from France, Germany, Hungary, Switzerland and from foreign lands whose Presbyterian Churches have missionaries. Many new churches were admitted into membership—four from central Europe, four from central Africa, and provision was made for the admission of two United Churches of India. Of course the United Church of Canada was cordially welcomed into the Alliance. Among the many impressive delegations, one may mention particularly the one from Buda-Pesth. This little church faces Mohammedanism on the East and is surrounded on other sides by Roman and Greek Catholicism. Its representatives had all the characteristics of our church people—intellectual, resourceful and passionately in earnest. Probably no other delegation so impressed the Alliance with the courage and faith with which it faces a most difficult and dangerous situation.

*IV. The Women's Meeting.* It was a quaint old Church called Pembroke Terrace Church. The pulpit from which we had to speak was much higher than what we are accustomed to and one trembled at the thought of occupying it. At the opening meeting Old Hundred was sung, there was a reading of Scripture and an address was

given by Mrs. Hugh Griffiths which was a challenge to the women of Wales and also to the visitors.

At the business meeting our own Mrs. McGillivray was unanimously elected the President. Her nomination was moved and seconded in a few well chosen words by two Toronto women—Mrs. Alexander MacMillan and Mrs. J. H. Edmison. We Canadians were five in number. Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Edmison, Mrs. Geo. Kilpatrick, Miss Alice Pidgeon and myself. Perhaps I might give you two or three samples of addresses given.

Miss Ramsay of New Zealand spoke of their one and one half millions of people. She emphasized the fact that if the information was given first, the money would follow. They had 6,000 members. Each one had become responsible for £1, and their deficit had been wiped out. As I was gathering these notes together, the appeal from our own Auxiliary came to me suggesting this very thing—that each member try and give as her special Thank-offering, five dollars.

Mrs. Wallace Ratcliffe of the United States thought the greatest problem was leadership. She asked the questions,—“Am I too old to teach?” “Am I too old to learn?” If so, I certainly am too old to teach. She thought the younger people should be given a chance. She told an amusing story of a small boy who was sent out to find some eggs and came back saying, “Didn’t find any eggs, only a lot of old hens settin around!”

She spoke of loyalty, of the disinterested woman, of under activity, of over activity and of perverted activity. They use their energy on other things. The greatest thing is to be able to work without worry. She closed her remarkably fine address by saying,—“Let me thank God for a splendid opportunity to work.”

Mrs. Ogilvie of Scotland gave an interesting tale of the Punjab. She told of the women having a—Matting mending Committee

—Singing Committee

—Committee to settle quarrels.

The care of the lower class women was their great task.

The talented daughter of Dr. Sloane of St. Andrew’s spoke for the Girls’ Auxiliaries of Scotland, and here I think Mrs. Ratcliffe must

have felt her suggestion ratified as this young girl certainly gave one of the best reports, if not the best one, given at the Conference. Their watchwords are:—

Service, Thought, Prayer, Service—useful in congregations; Teach in Sunday School, Arrange flowers. They also have study circles and discussion groups. Their object is to fit themselves for better service for the Master. God needs each one of us. The key note was self dedication.

Mrs. Bell gave the closing address. She said, “The Eighth Conference will soon be only a memory. We think of those who have labored and who rest from their labors, but surely their works do follow them. We are reaping what they sowed.” “The end of the planning is the beginning of the doing.” We are proud of our Presbyterianism but we are all one in Christ. All the barriers of denominationalism are breaking down. We have no need of them. He shall reign forever and ever.

All this enthusiasm will die out unless we catch the vision and keep alive the flame. Work while it is today. Let there be no slacking and no drawing back. It is better never to have awakened a nation than to waken it and then leave it alone. It is for you and me to go back to our farthest post to carry out the will of our great Lord and Leader.”

V. *The enthusiasm* for the Union idea was manifest everywhere. The application of the United Church of Canada for membership in the Alliance was received with loud applause. Similar sympathy was shown for the Union Movements of India. In many of the discussions the Union of the Churches was held up as the only cure for present ills. The reasons are obvious. For instance, in Scotland the struggle is to bring together the two great branches of the Presbyterian Church. In England the struggle is on to bring together the four branches of the Methodist Church. In both countries opposition very like our own in temper and method is arising but the majorities in favor of Union are overwhelming. But see how much farther we in Canada have gone. We have brought together three great historic traditions that are themselves not yet united elsewhere. We have thus shown the way to the wider unity of Evangelical Christians throughout the world.

VI. *The Mottoes for our work.* Our objective is stated in the Presbyterian Motto:—“The

World for Christ." The Congregational motto gives the spirit in which we undertake the task:—"Whatsoever He saith unto you, *do it.*" The principle of obedience and discipline governs us all the way. The resources on which we rely for success are found in the erst while Methodist

motto,—“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts.” A great sermon published in the last generation had this as its title:—"Obligation not limited by ability." Our abilities are unequal to the need but behind us is the Captain of our Salvation.

## The Missionary Monthly

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**A**NOTHER Lamb, O Lamb of God, behold,  
 Within this quiet fold,  
 Among thy Father's sheep  
 I lay to sleep!  
 A heart that never for a night did rest  
 Beyond its mother's breast.  
 Lord, keep it close to Thee,  
 Lest waking, it should bleat and pine for me.

—John Bannister Tabb.

# Suggested Study for Auxiliaries

DECEMBER

## Prayer Topic

**F**OR our *Indians* on the reserves in the West and British Columbia, that those who are already Christian may remain faithful and seek to evangelize their brethren; that the workers under the Social Service Department, on Indian reserves, in Jewish work, among the foreign-born, in hospital and follow-up work, settlement, deaconess and volunteer work, may be carriers of the message of God's love; that those in the isolated stations of our *Home Mission Fields* may see the Lord's work prospering in their hands.

## Prayer

**O** ETERNAL God, Father Almighty, Who at this time didst give Thine only Son to be born of a woman and to be made the Son of Man, that we might be made the sons of God, grant to us that we may indeed be Thy children. Bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, such love and charity as were His, to Whom it was more blessed to give than to receive, and Who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. May the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, while we keep the Festival of His divine humility, consecrating ourselves to the service of all who are in need.

—From *A Chain of Prayer*

We pray Thee to bless our *Indians* on the reserves of the West, that those who are already Christian may remain faithful and seek to evangelize their brethren; the Indian girls training to serve their own folk; all workers in Social Service, who by their ministry among the foreign-born, in Jewish work, in Hospitals, and settlements, seek to advance Thy Kingdom, and all those who on far away Home Mission Fields help to win Canada for Christ. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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*The Lord's Prayer.*

*Scripture Lesson—Matt. VI; 5-13.*

*Sentence Prayer—*

"Grant, our Father, that we may give ourselves in whole-hearted surrender to the task of bringing in Thy Kingdom."

*Text Word—"Peace".*

"Thine own prayer to Thy listening ears"

Ceases not night nor day,

'Christ's Kingdom Come' through all the years  
Men every moment pray."

—*Marianne Farringham.*

*Study IV. Part I.*

**A**S we approach the Christmas season, and celebrate the birth of our Lord, we must, of necessity, as we consider the prayer idea, study, above all else, the Lord's Prayer. As we consider it in regard to Missions, must we not realize that it is all Missionary, and that on it we base all our faith in Missions.

The one who does not believe in Missions must repeat it in the following eliminated form.

"Father who art in Heaven,  
Give me this day my daily bread  
And forgive me my debts  
And lead me not into temptation,  
But deliver me from evil. Amen.

The above admits no brotherhood of man, consequently no fatherhood of God.

Compare this attitude with that of Jesus toward God, the Father. (par. 3, Chap. II, page 53).

Our attitude to prayer depends upon our attitude to God.

(Have some one read the stanzas, page 55).

Is our attitude to God that of a child to a father? (pages 55, 56).

When we pray and petition, (for our prayers are largely petition) do we model our petitioning upon that of our Lord?

Three petitions for the coming of the Kingdom.

Three for individual need.

Why have we been so slow in realizing the full meaning of the Lord's prayer. It is not that the prayer has been forgotten or shoved aside. Is it that we have been on terms of too great familiarity? Is it possible for this to happen?

Consider the following statements of Jesus concerning Missions:

*John IV:35, Matt. IX: 38, Mark XVI:15*

Jesus tells us when we pray to pray "After this manner".

Would it not be in place to consider some of Jesus' prayer habits?

He prayed much.

He prayed to rest Him.

He continued in prayer.

He was transfigured as He prayed.

He overcame as He prayed.

In considering the Lord's prayer, as amended for the person who does not believe in Missions, discuss the following statements.

1. Is there anything that I can ask for in prayer, which concerns no one but myself?
2. When can I really pray the Lord's prayer?

May this study help us in the realization of the truth, that it is only by bringing in His Kingdom that there can come fulfillment of the Angels' Message.

*"Peace on Earth,  
Good-will towards men."*

## PART II

### *The Call of the North, and First H. M. Hospital*

REFERENCE to this call, and the part the women played therein, is made in Chap. VIII.

It takes us back, within the memory of many, to the rush of the men for the Gold Fields.

To how many a man there came "the lure of the little voices", calling him away to the

"lonelinesses" to "the stark and sullen solitudes that sentinel the pole"!

In the breast of many there burned "the lust for gold".

"He wanted the gold and he got it, but *some how* the gold isn't all."

There was a man who stood by watching those lads who took the northern trail during that winter of 1897-98. As he watched them go, he set his jaw, and said, "God helping one, I'll send the Church after them."

He did what he said. The man was Dr. James Robertson. He sent them men such as Dickey and Pringle and Grant and Sinclair.

There was gold, and there was cold. There was famine, and there was filth. Men sickened and died and the others rushed on, caring little. Then there came the cry of the Missionary: "For God's sake send us help and send it soon." The Church awoke. The Atlin Nurses' Committee came into being, and July, 1899, saw two young women go forth at the magnificent salary of \$25 a month. They were Miss Elizabeth Mitchell and Miss Helen Bore.

Picture that first hospital—

A roof of mud;

A floor of sawdust;

Two panes of glass;

Four cots;

And cold, bitter biting cold.

Can you see them? The sick men in their cots, the nurse, wrapped in fur, seated on a stool, and all as close as may be to the little stove in the centre. Dr. Pringle saw it and said, "The work of the nurses for one month has done more to make the people believe we have the Spirit of Christ, than a year's preaching could. I'm going to build a hospital."

They all worked, ministers, doctors, lawyers, and the first Presbyterian hospital in Canada became a fact. It was called "St. Andrew's".

"He took the suffering human race,  
He read each word, each weakness clear,  
He laid his hand upon the place—"

—Matthew Arnold.

# Suggested Study for Auxiliaries

JANUARY

## Prayer Topic



**T**HAT the Holy Spirit may be poured out on our beloved Canada; that righteousness, purity, total abstinence, and godliness prevail in our land; that our Churches and Auxiliaries, as well as all Sister Societies, may grow in numbers and in the grace of God; that the Gospel may be preached even more faithfully; and that the Spirit of liberality and zeal for the winning of souls to Christ may characterize our people.

## Prayer



**L**ORD our God, who callest us to seek the peace and righteousness of the land in which we dwell, have mercy on our beloved Canada in these days of division and unrest and draw us all together in a true community of good-will in our common love for Thee. Help us through Thy Holy Spirit, to cleanse our country more and more from all that is displeasing to Thee, and break down the barriers of selfishness and ignorance which keep men from Thee.

We thank Thee for this great task to which Thou hast called us in our missionary societies, and in the drawing together of plans and purposes the better to do Thy will, may we each have a new vision of the World for Christ. Hear us on behalf of all who preach the gospel, for all who in other ways are seeking to build up Thy kingdom that their labor may not be in vain. We ask all in His name. Amen.

*Studies arranged by Ethel M. H. Smith, based on 1925-26 Study Books, "Prayer and Missions" and "The Presbyterian Church in Canada."*

*Study V., Part I.*

*The Prayer of New Beginning.*

*Scripture Lesson—Philippians III; 13-17.*

“ IV; 1-9.

*Sentence Prayer.*

“Help us, O God, to find in each new day's work and opportunity the secret of growth in grace.”

*Text Word—“Begin”.*

“God takes our yesterdays, worn and old  
And marred by sorrow and sinning.”

Then He gives “The New Beginning”.

“I have not seen. I may not see,  
But God will give the victory  
In due time; in this faith I act.”

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

**I**N the ceaseless calendar of our years let us humbly thank God that there are new beginnings. He takes the yesterdays of personal life, of national life, of church life, with all their mistakes and failures, with their

successes too, and with the things which it may be we sometimes wrongly term “Success”. He locks them in his great store house of “Things Past” and gives us a fresh start.

Thus we go forth upon the new years, the new work, the new journey confidently and unafraid.

It is our privilege to do this, if we do it in the assurance of His presence.

Let us follow the example of the Master as found on page 25 with sentence beginning “In his perfect humanity”.

Follow on and note His practice of prayer with regard to His work. (Give examples).

Then think where we stand, facing a new year, and a new opportunity; 250,000 Canadian women with access to every Continent, and the assurance of the promise that “He shall have Dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth”. (Note pages 70, 71, 72 in Chap. II).

As we face our *Big Task* does it bring to our minds the words of Jesus:

“The Harvest truly is great”

“Therefore pray”.

But work as you pray. Jesus says "My Father is working, and I work too". Thus the work of Jesus sprang out of his perfect fellowship with the Father.

"Expect great things from God;  
Attempt great things for God!"

(Page 100)

Consider the constant breaking forth into prayer of Nehemiah (page 18). Is not the true Christian life all prayer, expressed now in words, and now in deeds, but always with the connecting line switched on.

Let our prayer line hold as we the members of the W.M.S. of the United Church of Canada face the *Big Task* which 1926 brings us, then shall He rejoice "that battle calls our marshalled ranks, that work awaits our hands and feet."

## PART II

### *The New Canadians*

(National Missions page 110)

**P**OSSIBLY we should term this study "The *Newer Canadians*" for we by no means stand for much in history. It is just that the Red man and the French settler have yielded place to the Anglo-Saxon that allows us to assume the title of Host in His Dominion.

It is in the ceaseless tide of immigration that we find those whom we term "New Canadians". They are many and they come constantly. They are due to far outnumber us. They bring with them their ideals and their habits, their language and their ignorance, their religions and their customs, and we know at once, that the task before us is huge, is urgent and almost terrifying.

The newcomers may be placed in four classes.

1. Settlers from British Isles and U.S.A.
2. Peoples from Central Europe.
3. Jews.
4. Asiatics.

As a Church we have met them at the post of entry. Seeking thus to give immediate assistance to lonely souls, and later to follow them on to the new homes to which they travel on the lonely prairie or in the great city.

The most romantic among these New Comers are those coming from the Ukraine. Among them one finds many that are highly educated. The Church has done special work among these people in trying to bring them into touch with others of a like intelligence and training.

For the children of New Canadians in the West, we have supplied School Homes, realizing that the three Rs. of education, given them by the government, must be supplemented by a home training in Christian citizenship.

Work among the Jews has been carried on in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. In the matter of Asiatics, we have Chinese, Japanese and Hindus. We have worked among all but it is among the Chinese that the most satisfactory work has been done. There is organized work in Montreal, Toronto and Victoria but there is the chance and challenge for the individual in almost every city and town in the land.

"The New Canadian" is our real challenge. A great nation is in the making, and true Nation Builders must have world-vision — no man, no nation lives alone. Once again it is God's Fatherhood and Man's brotherhood.

"Men, my brothers, men the workers  
Ever reaping something new:  
That which they have done, but earnest  
Of the things that they shall do."

—Tennyson

## Saskatchewan Provincial Society

*Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Davidson, Sask., Press Secretary.*

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the lists of officers published in Annual Report:

Hon. President—Mrs. J. N. Douglass, Tantallon.  
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Fifth " Mrs. J. Smith, Moose Jaw.  
Sixth " Mrs. W. J. Innes, Rosetown.  
Seventh " Mrs. R. McCaul, Swift Current.



# The Y.W.A. and C.G.I.T.

*Study Book for 1925-26, "Nation Builders", by Dr. J. Lovell Murray.*

*"How to Use Nation Builders", by Ethel M. H. Smith.*

*Chapter for December 5, Topic; "Applying the Four-Fold Life."*

*Chapter for January 6, Topic; "The Responsibility of Talent and Opportunity."*

## A CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Girls:



**T**HIS is the first time that you have heard from me but it will not be the last because I am the new National Secretary whose appointment was announced in the last issue of the Missionary Monthly. I am, as you know, to give special attention to the missionary affiliation and missionary activities of our C.G.I.T. groups, so you will be hearing from me from time to time through this page, and then I shall learn to know many of you personally as I journey from Province to Province.

For the past three weeks I have been travelling through Alberta and British Columbia meeting with girls and leaders and members of the various W.M.S. and C.G.I.T. Boards.

We, of course, discussed the different means by which high standards of group work and personal conduct may be maintained, you have probably been talking about these very things yourselves as you begin this new season—the value and requirements of Recognition and Standard Groups; the code; (the British Columbia girls love the Code because they think it a test of their sincerity as Canadian Girls in Training); the best methods of planning the programme; difficulties of leadership; and the whole question of the place of Missions in our C.G.I.T. Programme.

Everywhere leaders and girls alike seemed more interested than ever before in missionary education. Leaders particularly asked over and over again, "What is our aim in all our Missionary work?" "How shall we make our Mission-

ary activities a means of developing within the girls and ourselves a true missionary attitude or spirit? "What kinds of service shall we undertake?" "What about money?"

How would you answer such questions? I wish you could have heard the different groups I was with discussing them in detail. One thing is sure. We seem to be getting away from the feeling that Missions is something outside the regular C.G.I.T. programme. As one young leader said, "How can one be a Canadian Girl in Training and not be concerned with the whole question of world friendship and mutual respect and service between nations, and an older girl added, "Why, our whole programme is missionary. Aren't we being trained now so that we shall be able to serve wherever we are in later years."

The majority of the groups are planning to study "Nation Builders". All seemed anxious to undertake at least one missionary project. You will find one described in 1925-26 Programme Suggestions. Many are looking forward to doing Supply Work, (information and suggestions will be given by your Presbyterial Y.W. Secretary) and it was encouraging to find that the girls themselves preferred a system of voluntary missionary giving.

I wish I could go over all these matters with each separate group. I hope you will feel free to write me about your work. I shall be only too glad to give every possible assistance through correspondence, and not only I but every Y.W. Presbyterial and Provincial Secretary and each Provincial Girls' Work Secretary is ready to help you at any time.

I am so glad to have an opportunity to write you at this season of the year. My Christmas wish for each one of you is contained in these lines of Phillips Brooks:

"Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,  
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred of sin;  
Christ's care of the weakest; Christ's courage  
for right,

Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of  
the light.

—Bona Mills, National Girls' Secretary.

S.S. Board and W.M.S.

# Giving

*From a Girl's Viewpoint.*



WHEN this subject was assigned to me, I had no convictions regarding it nor any ideas, and I was ashamed to find that I, Helen Carter, almost seventeen years old must begin at the very beginning.

A few days after our last meeting, I was in the city, and going along one of the main streets, I saw two small girls standing on the sidewalk, the older one holding a baby in her arms. Just as I reached them, a lady passed them with a beautiful bunch of lilacs in her hand. Both children gazed in admiration, then the "Little Mother" said to the girl beside her, "If that lady had given those flowers to me, I would have given half of them to you."

Wasn't that beautiful? That poor child had nothing to give her friend except a generous thought, and I, with a yard full of lilacs, had never thought of giving a cluster of them away. How small and unworthy I felt beside that little girl.

When I got home I went out to the yard and stood beside our lilac bushes, and they never looked so beautiful to me before. I picked a cluster of them and took them next morning to Martha Holt. Her mother does our washing. You know Martha has hip disease. Well, she was so pleased that again I felt ashamed that I had never thought of such a small service before. When she limped out of the room to get some water, I noticed a missionary mite-box on the little table beside her crotchet work. "Martha Holt, a poor crippled girl, whose mother takes in washing to support herself, has a mite-box!" I said to myself, "Helen Carter, get out your pocket-book quick before she comes back, and put every dime and nickel you possess into it." I wished for the moment that it was a thousand dollars, but it was all that I had left of my month's allowance. There was another little box beside the other, with just Malachi 3:10 on the cover, and when Martha came back I said, regardless of politeness, "Martha, what have you in that little box?"

Martha blushed a bit and said, "Oh! that's my tithing box. When I get any pay for my crotchet, I put a tenth of it in that box."

When I reached home that morning I did some thinking. I got my Bible and read Malachi 3:10.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, said the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Then I got a box and wrote that whole verse on the cover. There is nothing in it yet, because I haven't a penny to my name, but there *will* be some soon. I wondered why I had not thought of it before.

Two weeks later, I received a letter from my cousin Adele. Every sentence spoke happiness, and I knew that something good had come to her. At the close of the letter, she wrote simply, "Dear Helen, I have given myself to the service of Jesus Christ."

A panorama of all that might involve flashed before my vision. Then suddenly a new light dawned upon me. I not only saw Adele with that motto but I felt it was the right one for everyone. I was a professing Christian. Why should I not give myself to the Master for service?

"Giving: from a Girl's Viewpoint!" I have evolved three viewpoints.

*First*—To give thought for the good and happiness of others.

*Second*—To give one tenth of all my money to the Lord.

*Third*—To give myself for service."

No discussion came after Helen's paper, but a hush fell upon the little company, and in the prayer that followed, the leader thanked God for the experience that had come to Helen Carter, and besought Him that as rich an experience might come into the lives of all the girls who had listened to her words of consecration.

When the roll call gave opportunity for each to respond, the first girl who spoke, moved that giving from the standpoint of Helen Carter be recommended for every member of the "Learn To Do Well Society", and the motion was unanimously adopted.

—Adapted from "Giving" by Janette Hill Knox

## A Message to Auxiliaries

WE are nearing the close of our financial year, December 31st. Although a Survey shows a falling off in the receipts of some \$28,000 from June to November 1st, 1925, a condition anticipated during the transition period, we trust and feel sure that the thank-offering returns, which have not yet come in, will do much to offset this amount.

In this connection may we ask all our Auxiliaries to make it a point to check up immediately after the thank-offering meeting to see where they stand in relation to their allocation for 1925, and also to plan for a further Budget which will be necessary for the first quarter of 1926.

As has been announced, *April 1st, 1926*, marks the date of the *United Budget*—until then we, the Presbyterian section of the United W.M.S., must carry on and finance our own work. We have, therefore, double responsibility facing us:—

- (1) To meet the allocation for 1925 in such a way that we shall be able to close our books December 31st without a deficit.
- (2) To meet the allocation for the first three months of 1926, by April 1st.

For the last three years we have closed our books with a substantial credit balance. What a calamity it would be if on April 1st, 1926, we carried into the United Society a deficit!

Before December 1st, Provincial-Presidents and Provincial-Conveners of Finance will have in their hands a definite allocation of the first quarter's Budget for 1926.

*We would ask Auxiliaries to prepare for its coming by making plans now—*

To increase the interest, the membership and systematic giving generally.

To secure Life and Junior Memberships.

To secure smaller contributions on a graded scale.

To have an Easter (March) Thank-offering meeting at which the aim would be to raise at least 50% of the allocation.

To secure the co-operation of Y.W. and C.G.I.T. groups.

To hold drawing-room meetings in different localities to stimulate interest and enlist new members.

To close your Treasurer's books on March 31st.

(MRS. J. W.) HENRIETTA BUNDY,  
*Convener of Finance.*

## Increase

### ONTARIO

- Orangeton P.S.*—"The Golden Rule", M.  
B. Rosemont United Church.  
*Maitland P.S.*—"Lucknow Unionists", M.  
B. Lucknow United Church.  
*Lanark and Renfrew P.S.*—"Maple Leaf"  
M.B., Calvin Church, Bathurst Tp.; "Eureka"  
M.B., Calvin Church, Pembroke.

### QUEBEC

- Quebec P.S.*—Inverness Auxiliary; Grand'  
Mere Auxiliary.

### SASKATCHEWAN

- Abernethy P.S.*—Duval Auxiliary.  
*Assiniboia P.S.*—Hazenmore Auxiliary; Mel-  
aval Auxiliary; Union W.M.S., United Church,  
Assiniboia.  
*Swift Current P.S.*—Sceptre Auxiliary;  
Braddock Auxiliary; Gull Lake M.B.  
*Yorkton P.S.*—Wynward Auxiliary; Rokeby  
Y.W. Mission Circle.

## Mission Bands



### THE LITTLE BROWN LAMB'S GIFT

By Ruth L. Scudder

**T**HE white lady with the loving blue eyes smiled at little Gopal as he sat on the floor in the very front row o the Sunday-School. And, indeed, if you had seen him sitting there so solemnly, with his round little face, and round gilt cap, and round little tummy like a kewpie's, you too would have smiled.

It was Gopal's first visit to the Sunday-School. His big brother hearing the singing on the verandah, had brought him over and left him there. They were singing songs to "Jesus." Was He a new god and did they have an image of Him and put butter and garlands on it? Listen, the white lady was speaking.

"You know when we love someone, we want to give something to show our love, don't we?"

Gopal considered. Yes, it was true. Only this morning he had picked a scarlet Flame-of-the-forest flower and tucked it in his mother's black hair, and she had said, "Thank you, wee Prince of my heart."

"And so", went on the lady, "we want to give something to Jesus too. Next Sunday is

His birthday-Christmas. . . . The only way we can give Him anything is to bring something that we can sell and help the poor. Every one who loves Jesus may bring it next Sunday."

After that the teacher told them a story about a little lost lamb and a shepherd. Gopal understood this. Was not his big brother Rama a shepherd? And the teacher said that he, Gopal, was one of Jesus' lambs.

"If I fell and hurt my leg, would he carry me home as my brother does his sheep?" he asked.

"He would send someone to help you, for He loves all His lambs."

Rama came soon afterwards to take him home, and all the while that Gopal's little bare brown feet trotted over the hot, dusty road, he was wondering what he could give the shepherd god Jesus. Mother was late that evening. It was nearly seven before she came in very tired and worn from the rice-fields where she had been carrying bundles of cut plants on her head all day. . . . After they had eaten, she felt a little hand pull the folds of her sari.

"Mother, can I have a pie (one sixth of a cent) for myself?"

"Why do you ask, foolish little son of mine? You know that since your father died, Rama must herd goats all day and I must work from morning to night."

"Can I have a handful of rice?" he asked.

"See," she tipped the pot. "Not a grain left. Why do you want it, son of my heart?"

"I—it is for a new swami-god called Jesus. He loves me and I wanted to give him something."

His mother frowned. "Only yesterday the priest came and said if I did not give him something, the smallpox goddess would send the plague on us! So I gave. If this Jesus wishes to punish us, let him."

She looked so tired and angry that Gopal crept away to sleep.

Next day he went with Rama and the goats and sheep. Suddenly Rama took something from his coat. It was a cocoa nut shell over which he had fashioned threads of skin so that when they were scraped they made a tune.

"Oh, Rama! How fine that is. Give it to me."

"Why should I?" asked Rama lazily.

"I—I—" Gopal hoped Rama wouldn't laugh. "I want to give it to the Jesus shepherd."

"Silly one! He is a god for white people. He doesn't care for you."

"Oh, but he does! You like the brown lambs as much as the white, don't you?"

"What will you give me for it?" asked Rama teasingly.

"I, what have I? Oh! please, Rama! The next time I find a mango fruit I will bring it to you without biting it."

"What do I care for mangoes? Listen, will you take the goats home alone and let me go swimming?"

"Oh! but Rama," (the little boy shivered) "it will be dark, and I will have to go past the margossa tree where the priest says a devil lives."

"Why should you fear?" scornfully, "if you give this fiddle-thing to your Jesus, will he not protect you?"

The little boy hesitated, then held out his hand resolutely for the shell. It was quite true. Had not the shepherd gone far out into the

wilderness to find His lamb, and was he, Gopal not one of his lambs even though he were brown?

The next Sunday, Gopal was there before all the others, clasping something in his hand. And as the children went singing, one by one, to place their gifts in the box that represented the manger, they began to laugh. For, there, midst the piles of fruit, and rice and money, lay a hollow cocoanut shell with strings across it. They could not see the terror of the long walk in the dark. They did not know the torture of leading the sheep and goats past the devil-tree, or the gasping little prayer, "Oh! Shepherd, I am your lamb," that the little boy made in the darkness.

Then the Lady-of-the-Loving-Eyes held up her hand for quiet, and lifted up the shell to see what was scratched on it. And as she read her eyes were misty, and she held little Gopal close to her for a minute saying, "Children, I think Jesus will love this gift best of all." For, in sprawling Tamil letters, the inscription ran: "To the Shepherd Jesus from His brown lamb Gopal."

## Little Jack Horner

Little Jack Horner sat in his corner  
Eating his Christmas pie.  
He put in his thumb and pulled out a plum,  
And said what a good boy am I!

Little Jack Horner, get out of your corner,  
You can find if you only try,  
A poor little chum, with never a plum,  
To share your Christmas pie.

## Life Members

### British Columbia Provincial—

Mrs. James Hood, St. George's Aux. Cumberland; Mrs. J. S. Muldrew, St. Andrew's Aux. N. Vancouver; Mrs. J. A. Murray, St. Andrew's Aux., Nanaimo; Mrs. Geo. Miller, Mt. Pleasant Aux., Vancouver; Mrs. R. Barclay, First Church Aux., Vancouver; Miss Grace M. Atkey, First Church Aux., Vancouver; Mrs. John P. Boyd, Kitsilano Aux., Vancouver.

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Helen Evelyn Garrett, Mary Evelyn McKenzie, Willing Hearts M.B. Marpole.

### Entered Into Rest

Mrs. Hornby, Mrs. Way, and Mrs. Tucker, all of Wellington St. United Church, London, Ontario.

# Treasurer's Statement, September 1925

## RECEIPTS

### DONATIONS:

Saskatoon, Sask., Knox Ch. "Blue Bird" C.G.I.T., Formosa . . . . .	\$ 30.00
Branchton, Ont., Miss E. Peregrine, Ruthenian Child . . . . .	25.00
Woodville, Ont., Aux., per Mrs. J. Campbell, Cot, Hearst Hospital . . . . .	25.00
Ontario Provincial, "Happy Childhood", . . . . .	25.00

### SPECIAL FOR MISSIONARIES' SALARIES:

Toronto, Ont., Queen St. E. S.S., Miss G. Gauld . . . . .	325.00
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### PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:

Alberta . . . . .	\$ 45.00
British Columbia . . . . .	300.00
Ontario . . . . .	4,074.22
Quebec . . . . .	700.00

### GOVERNMENT GRANT:

Indian . . . . .	\$ 50.00
School Homes . . . . .	108.45

### REFUNDS:

School Homes, Teulon, Board . . . . .	\$ 100.00
Assiniboia, Travel . . . . .	8.00
New Liskeard Travel . . . . .	13.47
Vegreville, Rent . . . . .	40.00
Indians, Ahousaht, Salary . . . . .	90.00
Hospitals, Ethelbert, Salary . . . . .	75.00
Matheson, Travel . . . . .	12.05
Administration, Annual Reports . . . . .	3.05

### SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:

"Eddy Bond" New Liskeard School Home . . . . .	\$ 1,000.00
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\$7,049.24

## DISBURSEMENTS

### SALARIES & MAINTENANCE:

Indians in Canada . . . . .	\$1,959.65
Hospitals . . . . .	3,454.80
School Homes . . . . .	3,456.19
French . . . . .	144.15
Chinese . . . . .	215.95
Pensions . . . . .	118.35
Matron, Llewellyn Hall . . . . .	83.35
Administration . . . . .	2,795.14
Publication . . . . .	368.35
Organization . . . . .	316.65
Social Service . . . . .	1,897.00
Strangers . . . . .	791.45
General Interests . . . . .	30.00
Government Grant, Indian . . . . .	160.00
Renewals & Furnishings, Assiniboia School Home . . . . .	328.00
Special Equipment, "Eddy Bond" New Liskeard School Home . . . . .	1,000.00
Medical Examinations . . . . .	9.00
Transmission, Legacies Account—	
Estate late Miss Conroy . . . . .	25.00
"    Mrs. H. Campbell . . . . .	500.00
Miss Cameron, India . . . . .	100.00

\$17,753.03

### FINANCIAL SURVEY

Credit Balance, September 1, 1925 . . . . .	\$4,578.48	
Receipts, September, 1925 . . . . .	7,049.24	
Disbursements, September, 1925 . . . . .		\$17,753.03
Debit Balance . . . . .	6,125.31	
	\$17,753.03	\$17,753.03

O/Draft for Foreign Expenditures . . . . .	\$25,435.81
Loans, Reserve Funds . . . . .	55,000.00
Debit Balance . . . . .	6,125.31

Total Indebtedness . . . . . \$86,561.12

(Mrs. J. Erle) LILLIAN E. W. JONES, I.D.

Treasurer.

# List of Papers in the Exchange

All requests for papers should be sent to the Exchange Secretary of your own Province.  
 Alta.—Mrs. R. A. Gordon, 753 Spencer St., Medicine Hat.  
 B. C.—Mrs. John McKee, Ladner.  
 Man.—Mrs. I. H. Davidson, Manitow.  
 Ont.—Miss Haslitt, 25 Isabella St., Toronto.  
 Que.—Mrs. Wm. Ross, Richmond.  
 Sask.—Mrs. M. F. Munro, 314—32nd St., Saskatoon.

## ON THE WORK IN CANADA

Missionary Hospitals, by Mrs. H. M. Kipp.  
 The Call of Home Missions, by Mrs. Wm. Simons, Edmonton.  
 Wakaw Hospital, by Miss Mabel Taylor.  
 Teulon Hospital, by Mrs. Geo. Walker, Weyburn, Sask.  
 The Vegreville Home, by Miss Stewart, Vegreville.  
 The Stranger Within Our Gates, by Mrs. J. Reed, Red Deer, Alta.  
 Our Emigrant Neighbor.  
 Notes on the Indians of the North-West, by Rev. J. A. Donaghy.  
 The Work of the Strangers' Department, by Miss E. S. McDougall, Toronto.  
 Work Among the American Indians, by Miss MacGregor, Toronto.  
 Home Mission Work in B. C.  
 1. Our Field in B. C.  
 2. Hospital Work.  
 3. Work Among East Indians and North American Indians.  
 Our New Canadians, by Rev. C. G. Young.  
 Missions in New Ontario, by Mrs. MacKenzie, Kingston.  
 Jewish Work in Toronto, 1921, by Mrs. Hood.  
 The Incoming Tide, by Mrs. A. McLeod, Morden, Man.  
 Home Mission Hospitals, by Mrs. B. Duffield Anderson.  
 The Indian, Mrs. J. S. Dingle, Westmount, Que.  
 School Homes at Vegreville, Rev. G. R. Young.  
 Our Incoming Peoples, Mrs. C. S. Brennan, Keliber, Sask.  
 Our Educational Work in Canada, Miss G. E. Revelle.

## IN FOREIGN LAND

India, by Dr. MacKellar.  
 India, by Mrs. L. D. S. Coxson, Rasalpara.  
 The Foreign Work of the Church and its Outlook, Mrs. J. S. MacKay.  
 Mission Work in Banskara, 1921, by Dr. Chone Oliver.  
 Women's Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, India.  
 Medical Work in India, by Mrs. Buckley, Columbia, Ont.  
 Home Life in India, by Mrs. Haddow, Brantford.  
 The Evangel in China, by Mrs. L. W. Watson, Weyburn, Sask.  
 Honan, by Miss MacLennan, China.  
 Industrial Conditions Among Women and Children in China and Japan.  
 Korea, by Mrs. Rhind, Montreal.  
 Korea, by Mrs. Lillie, Wallaceburg.  
 Korea and Formosa.  
 Interdenominational Missionary Work, Severance Medical College.  
 Korea, by Mrs. John A. Bryson, Kingston, Ont.  
 The Women of the Orient.  
 No. 1. In the Homes. No. 2. As Wage Earners.  
 No. 3. A New Day for the Women.  
 God's Ancient People. The Scattered Nation. A People without a Home, by Mrs. C. L. Todd, Montreal.  
 Missionaries at Work.  
 The Women Behind the Work.  
 The Influence of the Bible on non-Christian Nations.  
 Jonah and Japan, Mrs. Todd, Montreal.  
 China an Example to Canada, Rev. John Griffiths, Honan, China.  
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For the might in them;  
For the urge in them  
And the surge in them;  
For the souls they wake  
And the paths they break;  
For the gong in them  
And the song in them;  
For the throngs of people they bring to us,  
And the songs of hope they sing to us!

Books! Books! Books!  
And we thank Thee, God,  
For the deep in them;  
For the rhythmic swing  
And sweep of them;  
For the croon in them,  
And the boon in them;  
For the prayers they pray  
And the doubts they slay;  
For the *do* in them  
And the true in them;  
For the blue skies they show us  
And the new stars that they strew us.

—Wm. L. Stidger.



**O**NLY a few weeks till Christmas! And however timely may be the gift of a pair of skates, woolly sweaters and cap, and all the paraphernalia of winter sports, we all feel that no Christmas is quite complete without books. What books can we secure without that last nerve-wracking and unsatisfactory call at the bookstore, books that will not only stir the admiration of our children but awaken their loyalty to Jesus Christ?

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One of the most delightful of gift books for the Juniors is *The Martigold Horse*. Mrs. Seebach has been telling missionary stories to children for years in her own inimitable way,

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And when we speak of teachers and scholars—what about a good magazine for both? For example, that splendid children's magazine *Everyland* can be secured for six months—January to June, 1926—for fifty cents. Those who cannot afford to give their scholars an expensive present, but wish to give something really worth while, could not choose anything more desirable. It is acknowledged to be one of the finest little magazines on the continent. How often too in the case of a gift to the teacher, do the difficulties of choosing the right one seem insurmountable. Why not "chip in" together and send *The Missionary Review of the World*, filled as it is with so much first class matter and information. No teacher will fail to be pleased with a gift of this kind.

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"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach \* \* to every nation, and kindred and people."—Rev. 14 : 6.

## The Angel's Song

**H**AS Love no power to right the wrongs  
That selfish sin can weave?  
Nay, hearken to the Song of Songs  
The Song of Christmas Eve!  
The Song of heavenly Love and Peace  
For shepherd or for king,  
The Song that never more shall cease,  
That still the Angels sing.

To sin-tossed souls and nations, torn  
With wounds fierce passions leave,  
Its message round the world is borne.  
To bless the Christmas Eve!  
The message they so gladly bore—  
That Love Divine is strong  
Each vanished blessing to restore—  
Rings through the Angels' Song.

Then let us calmly onward go  
To meet the coming years;  
No good can fail us, well we know,  
While such a promise cheers!  
And ye who watch through starless night,  
Hail each pure golden ray  
That heralds in the glorious light  
Of earth's long Christmas Day!

—Fidelis.

## Editorial Notes

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
 Their old familiar carols play,  
 And wild and sweet,  
 The words repeat  
 Of peace on earth—good-will to men.

THE ceaseless march of Time brings round the same old festival, the same old message. Nor would we have a new one. Nations have their exclusive red-letter days, but this is the only day—the only message—which is universal. Many have never yet heard it, but it is for them just the same. Jesus Christ is the only person who merits this undying remembrance from all. Looking around this troubled world, can anything be more suitable than the Christmas message? Peace on earth, how much it is needed! Let us redouble our efforts to bring back the Angel of Peace who has "wandered too long."

THIS is the first time we have had the opportunity of broadcasting our Christmas greetings across the continent. Joyfully do we sound the message, this first Christmas since the Union. Until this year our hands could not be joined, because they were full of insignificant trifles; but we have dropped these and the divided hands have met in joyful and

loving fellowship. "Forgetting the things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things that are before let us press toward our mark"—the evangelizing of the world.

St. James Auxiliary, Antigonish, has received a series of staggering blows in the death of seven earnest workers, whose names are to be found in our *In Memoriam* column. May those bereaved experience the assurance that "God buries the worker but carries on the work."

Another earnest member called hence, Mrs. Margaret Dawson of Upper Stewiacke, left that Society \$25 as a parting gift. Mrs. Dawson was always interested in Missions and the Secretary writes, "We miss her helpful ways and kindly deeds. But, "Thanks be to God that such have been, Although they are no more."

THE W.M.S. members, who raised a certain fund in the train, will be glad to know it finally amounted to \$18.25, and that it was most joyfully and thankfully received.

WE publish a few echoes from the Annual Meeting, and wish we had space for more of the Reports. Sorry to have to omit Miss McCully's excellent and readable story.

## Messages

TO THE P.E.I. SISTERS



T gives me much pleasure to write a note of congratulation to you on this the hundredth anniversary of your Society. The work that has been accomplished by your prayers and your gifts is immeasurable, but the Father knows and may He bestow upon you His richest blessing! The work has surely grown since it was begun in 1825 and may it see as big, if not a bigger growth in the years to come! We cannot express how much it means to us to know that at home we have such a band of workers strengthening us by their prayers.

May the years to come bring very rich blessings to all.

A. M. ROSE, *Sungjin, Korea*

Dear Mrs. Bruce:

You asked if I had any message for the annual meeting. Yes, I have one. Please tell the women how much it helps to know there are so many who are praying for the work and the workers here. At times when things go wrong, and the load seems heavy, and one is almost tempted to ask if, after all, it is worth while, at such times to remember that many at home are praying, and that our Father answers prayer, gives one fresh strength and courage to go on and often to accomplish what before seemed difficult or impossible.

FLORENCE J. MURRAY, *Ham Heung Hospital.*

# C.G.I.T. Work and its Relation to Missions

By Mrs. H. B. MacDonald



WHEN asked by our President to give some information to the Presbyterial concerning C.G.I.T. and its relation to missions, I felt at first that I must refuse. Giving an "address", as I notice this most informal talk is called, is certainly not in my sphere of work. However, I am intensely interested in the C.G.I.T. movement, and believe in its mission in our church and in the nation; and if because of my interest, I can help in any way to interest others, I am glad of the opportunity presented at this time.

There has been more or less feeling we know among our W.M.S. members, both in our own Church and our sister Churches as well, that the C.G.I.T. has supplanted the Mission Band, and that Missions have consequently suffered a loss. Let me answer you all that such an idea is an erroneous one. The C.G.I.T., as its leaders see it, is a glorified Mission Band, with a programme all directed toward bringing the Teen-age girls to realize that service is the great thing in Life! Thus in learning where the life of service leads, the girls must inevitably get a vision of the missionary fields both at home and abroad. When we find girls in C.G.I.T. expressing a desire to become Social Welfare Workers because of just a glimpse they have received, through their community work, of the distress that is prevalent in the world, others hoping that the way may be opened for them to become medical missionaries, just because a chance talk on missions in the C.G.I.T. group made its telling appeal, and these no childish whims, but expressions made by girls graduating from High School, about to choose their life's vocation, can we afford to say then that C.G.I.T. is not missionary?

Possibly the C.G.I.T. has not been able to make large money contributions to missions, but the time has come, we are glad to say, when values are not rated by dollars and cents. If the girls of to-day can be led to think of themselves as world citizens, sisters all, members of God's family, which is red, yellow, black, brown, and white, if they can be roused to the responsibilities of this world sisterhood, surely much has been accomplished. For we believe it is world sisterhood and brotherhood that shall bring in the kingdom.

The C.G.I.T. programme has been arranged to appeal to girls in a way, a programme seeking

to meet one need alone, would never appeal. The four-fold life Programme, embodying all the different phases of a girl's life, having them come to their church, as the song says, for their "worth while things and fine"—surely is ideal. A daily code of living is with a C.G.I.T. girl continuously if she approaches the standard, a code the aim of which is to help the girl pass through "strong, and pure, and good, the gate which leads to womanhood." Many who know the programme arranged for the Teen-age girls and boys of our churches in Canada think it the greatest achievement of the church of to-day, and in these troubled times the greatest hope for the church of to-morrow. So highly has our C.G.I.T. programme been thought of in other lands that it is now being adopted in many Countries across the seas, with very few changes. It surely gives us a thrill to know that the girls in Japan are singing our own songs, only over there they sing, "If she has a sunny smile, she's J.G.I.T." From Trinidad too comes word of a group of native Trinidad girls in Training, and I suppose they are singing, "If she has a sunny smile she's T.G.I.T.—and so the story could go on about many lands. Can we do otherwise than admit C.G.I.T. a great missionary movement?

We have our regular monthly missionary meetings which we feature specially. A wise leader will always have a good programme for these nights. In our own meetings we have the co-operation of our W.M.S. and we are indebted to them for several splendid talks on missions. Then following in our group work we take a special missionary study. We have finished that most interesting book—"Heroes of Other Lands"—and in our Senior group we have just started "The Clash of Colours". This is an especially fine study book in which great emphasis is laid on World Citizenship and World Team Play. In fact it teaches us that without this world team play in the years to come our whole civilization will be destroyed by war. Team play is our only hope. Where can you find a place to have these principles taught more effectively than in our C.G.I.T. and C.S.E.T.? It was a wise mind that included the play part in our programme.

We would be truly glad to make larger contributions to missions, but we consider we should pay our own expenses as far as possible, and it's

imperative that we have good trained leaders and material with which to work. So our larger contributions go to the M.R.E.C. which directs our work. Then we like to have our girls attend camp, and every year we send girls who could never otherwise have a taste of camp life. And just here I should like to say a word of appreciation for the leaders and friends in Campbellton who this year have undertaken a North Shore Camp, making it possible for more of our girls to attend. This has been a long felt need, and we wish the new Camp every success in the first year. I wish I had the power to tell you what a C.G.I.T. Camp has meant to many girls, not just ten days of good times, but ten days spent under the guidance of splendid Christian leaders, bringing out the very best in our girls, and very often changing their whole outlook on life, returning them to their homes true missionaries for the C.G.I.T. movement and an added strength to their church. Surely we admit this is money well invested.

To find group leaders in our churches is our great problem. As representatives of our churches, will you not each one endeavour on your return to interest your church in sending one or more bright young women to the Leaders' Camp at Wallace? It meets this year August 3rd to 14th. Here an intensive ten days' training is given prospective leaders, so that they may go back to their churches with a degree of confidence to take up the work. I'll admit only a degree, for leaders need ever to be taught. Speaking personally, after five years' experience as a leader I feel I know very little about it. But I have found the Leadership Camp the very best help possible. This is another investment which I feel sure will bring big returns, not only to the C.G.I.T. and the Church, but to the missionary society as well.

You may tell any prospective leader that it is not a case of all giving to the girls, but more of getting. For I know of nothing that so enriches a leader's life as does this work with the girls. As each year closes I say to my group "If you have gotten half as much out of the year's work as I have, I shall feel satisfied." To lend a hand in moulding a girl's life, to help give her a start upon the open road with a strong body, a well-trained mind, a pure heart, "heeding the call to meet the world's great need", surely such is a privilege any might covet.

There are so many arguments for our loyal and sympathetic support of this phase of our

church work that one might go on indefinitely. Let me just tell you the story of a C.G.I.T. girl whom I know, her story being about the strongest argument possible:

We shall call her Mary—a sweet, lovable girl, with a voice that won me even before I saw her in the life of camp, always doing something for someone. She seemed rather reticent about telling her age, for she had already confessed that she was only finishing High this year. One day she came into my tent, and being in a confidential mood, confessed to me why she was so far behind, for she was in her 20th year. She said she had dropped her school when fourteen. I judged that as she was an only child her own wishes were allowed largely to rule her life. Three years later she joined the C.G.I.T. There she came to realize the great mistake she had made, and the poor equipment that was hers with which to meet life. So she resolved after three years' absence to go back to school and take up the work where she had left off, with the result that this year Mary enters the Sophomore year at the University, and with her marked ability for leadership, combined with a fine personality, and a determination to give her life in service to her God and her fellow-men. What a contrast her contribution to society will be compared with what she would have given had not the C.G.I.T. come into her life to change her vision and help her make a wise choice!

How true it is—

"To every girl there openeth a way, and ways,  
and a way—"

And the High Soul climbs the High Way,  
And the low soul gropes the low,  
And in between on the misty flats  
The rest drift to and fro.

But to every girl there openeth a High Way  
and a Low—

And every girl decideth the way her soul shall go."

Let us hereafter try to think of the M.R.E.C. the C.S.E.T. and the C.G.I.T. not merely as groupings of letters of whose meaning we are not just sure, but as letters standing for a great work in our churches, our nation, our world, and in Christ's kingdom, a work aiming to give to every boy and girl a right perspective of life's values, teaching them to put "Beauty, truth, and honour first, to ring in the Kingdom of the Christ."

In closing, lest some here should not know the purpose of the Canadian Girls in Training, let me repeat it—  
 "To guard my health, and keep my body fair,  
 That I may stronger be to do and dare.  
 To keep my mind unsullied, pure, and free,

That truth and beauty may abide in me.  
 To be a friend, and prove from day to day  
 Sincere and kind at home, at work, at play.  
 To follow ever upward Life's high quest,  
 And find through knowing God my very best."



## A Pioneer Missionary Group

Standing, commencing at the left:

Rev. J. G. Paton.  
 Dr. Geddie.  
 Rev. John Inglis.  
 Mrs. Cash.  
 Mrs. Goodfellow.  
 Rev. Wm. Walt.

Sitting, commencing at the left:

Mrs. (Capt.) Fraser.  
 Mrs. Neilson.  
 Mrs. Watt.  
 Mrs. Inglis.  
 Mrs. Geddie.  
 Mrs. McNair.  
 Mrs. Paton.

We are delighted to present this old and most interesting photograph to our readers. It is a real Union group of missionaries, taken in the New Hebrides, representing several well-known societies in different countries. Dr. and Mrs. Geddie were the first foreign missionaries sent out by the Canadian Presbyterian Church, and followed in the steps of John Williams who met a martyr's death at Erromanga. Rev. John Inglis, seated at his left hand, was his fellow labourer. A summary of Dr. Geddie's work is inscribed on a tablet in the church at Anelcauhat which closes with the significant words: "When he landed in 1848 there were no Christians there, when he left in 1872 there were no heathen."



## Programme, W.M.S.

DECEMBER

*Hymn:* 164 "Hark the glad sound".

*Scripture:* Matt. 2, 1-11.

*Prayer:* That God would open all hearts to give of prayers, self, time and money for the advancement of His cause in our Canada.

*Minutes and Business.*

*Hymn:* 168. "While shepherds watched their flocks by night."

*Study:* Book or read Assembly's Blue Book, pages 45-46, (Appendices).

*Hymn:* 382. "From the Eastern Mountains"

### Little Cradles

ALL over the earth they are swaying,  
The nests where the little ones lie.  
And the faces, black, brown, white, or  
yellow,  
Are watched by the Father's kind eye.

Because, long ago, in a manger,  
The Dearest of little ones lay,  
Our hearts turn with prayer to the Father  
To bless every baby to-day.

—*The Missionary Helper.*

### Young People's Work

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT AND OURS

**I**N just a little now it will be Christmas, the day that every Christian boy and girl loves better than any other day in all the year.

Margaret Applegarth says, "The angels and the stars can never forget what they saw that first Christmas night. I think the babies help them to remember! White babies in your home and my home; yellow babies in China. . . . ; brown babies in India. . . . ; red Indian babies laced in tree cradles; Eskimo babies in furry bags; little black babies in Africa,—the stars and the angels can't see one bit of difference between any of them!

But it makes me feel a little sorry to remember that, when I shall be having a merry Christmas in my home, and you will be having a merry Christmas in your homes, there will be homes and homes all over God's world, where His Family won't even know it is Christmas at all, because they never so much as heard about Jesus.

God made Jesus His first Christmas gift to His Family, so everybody in the Family could know the way to live. But it is not easy to live like Jesus! A great many people never even try at all; a great many others try, but they don't get along very well. But I think that our missionaries are really and truly living like

Jesus; for they spend all their time and their strength in helping people, and telling them about Jesus, and teaching them the things they need to know. It is never easy work, but they keep right at it, all the time!

I dare say that this very minute we each have some little Christmas present all ready for mother, and one for father, perhaps one for grandmother, and brother and sister, but surely we oughtn't to leave God out, when He just gives us *everything* we have!

Now what do you suppose He would rather have? I think He would just love to hear you say to Him: "Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for all your beautiful Christmas presents to me! The only present I have to give you is myself. If you can use a little boy, or a little girl, like me this year, I want you to please use me. Amen."

Don't you think that is a beautiful idea? And won't you all try, dear Mission Band members, to carry it out? Our Heavenly Father has been so good to us, that we should love Him with all our hearts, and surely there never was a Christmas gift like Jesus! So let us all give ourselves to God, and try all through the year to do all we can to help His black, and brown, and yellow children to know about Him, and then they, too, can have a Merry Christmas.

## Mission Bands

### PROGRAMME

*Hymn:* 798. "We have heard a joyful sound."

*Prayer.*

*Scripture:* 1 Sam. 3: 1-10. How Samuel listened.

*Minutes.*

*Roll-Call and Offering.*

*Hymn:* 729. "Away in a Manger."

*Story:* "Brave Adventurers," Chap. IV.

*Class Text:* "Thy word have I hid in my heart." Ps. 119: 11.

*Hymn:* 727 "Once in Royal David's City."

*Closing Prayer.*

### SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDY

1. Speak of radio and "listening in."
2. Ask the children to name Egede's Ship and show them on the map how it sailed from Norway to Greenland.
3. Ask the name of the first Canadian foreign missionary (John Geddie), also the name of the islands (New Hebrides) to which he went.
4. Have one of the children tell, in his or her own words, the story of the little boy in the Bible, who listened to God's voice. (Samuel, see *Scripture lesson*.)

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## The Little Christ Child

(By Mary Nelson Talbot)

THERE was cheer at the inn, with windows  
alight,  
But no room to offer a child that night,—

The little Christ-child, so tender and small:  
They made Him a couch in the cow's rough  
stall.

They covered Him there in the manger's straw;  
Only the humble cattle saw.

Warmth in the village, cheer at the inn,  
And the straw in the manger scant and thin;

But angels sang in a hill near by:  
And a gold star rose in the winter sky;

His mother pillowed Him on her arm,  
And the little sleeper was glad and warm.

Hundreds and hundreds of years have gone,  
And still the angels are singing on;

Still the light of that lowly star  
Over the world-hills shines afar;

Still into the hearts where love is bright  
The Christ-child enters on Christmas night!

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# Monthly Leaflet

OF THE

## Canada Congregational Women's Board of Missions

Our Motto "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it".

*Topic for Bible Study.*—Jesus, the Saviour of the World. Matthew 1, 21; Luke 19; 10; John 3, 16-17; John 12, 46-47; Acts 4, 12.

### PRAYER

**T**HOU Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, we lift our voices in praise unto Thee at this blessed anniversary of His coming into the world. We praise Thee jubilantly for so rich and costly a gift, and we praise Thee also, with deepest gratitude. It seemeth so wonderful to us, the lowly birth, the shepherds, the angel chorus, the shining star, and the wise men. The mystery and glory of it all holds us as by a spell. May Christmas never grow old, or commonplace, nor lose its glory and beauty for Thy grown-up children, Father. May Thy great gift to the world move us to the giving of ourselves for others' sake in lowly and loving ministry. May our homes and family circles be brought nearer unto Thee by a wise and reverent use of this season on the part of parents. May commerce not crowd Christ's spirit out of this time of celebration nor much merchandising dull our sense of Thee at this time of good cheer.

Father of Mercy, we pray for those who are in rebellion against Thee, that Thy love, as revealed in Christ, may break down every barrier and room shall be made in every heart for the Great Guest. Inspire within us a hunger and thirst after righteousness and a passion for peace, both with Thee our Heavenly Father, and with Thy children, our brothers all. Amen.

(Edgar DeWitt Jones.)

### PRAISE AND PRAYER FOR THE MONTH.

*Let us give thanks that—*

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3, 16.

*Let us pray—*

That the day may be hastened when all the people of the earth may know the love of God and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

For the children of all lands, particularly those who are still in ignorance of the story of Jesus and His love.

For the girls and boys of our various Mission Schools in Angola Africa, and for our little missionary children.

For the members of our Mission Circles and Mission Bands and for the little ones of the Baby Band; for those who are helping to prepare these young lives for their part in winning the world for Christ.

For our missionaries in Africa, those studying in Portugal and those on furlough, that the Christmas season may bring to each and all a fresh sense of the presence and power of Christ.

For our Portuguese Workers, Senhor and Senhora Eurico Figueiredo at Dondi, on our prayer list this month.

## What is the Solution?

**T**HE churches in the homelands who send forth their messengers into lands where the True Light is unknown are confronted with problems peculiarly their own. Of course these problems vary in town and country and in individual churches of the same city or district. One problem is—how can we attract

people to church? In the Angola Mission Field, West Central Africa, we are face to face with another problem—how can we keep people away from church? Here we are at Currie Institute, Dondi. From small beginnings, perhaps 15 to 20 people on Sunday mornings, we have come to congregations of 700, constantly

going beyond that mark. A special service for Communion to which Christians from far away outstations could be invited cannot be arranged as no accommodations are available in the school building used as a church and no sleeping accommodations can be provided.

There are the 200 Institute students; flanking them in the church service are the preparatory school boys numbering 100; another section holds those who come to the afternoon school from their villages on week days numbering another hundred. Villagers come in to swell the total and with workers and elders and foremen resident here fill the men's side of the building to overflowing, filling also a class room 30 feet by 30 feet connected with the large hall. Looking down the women's side we find the solid row of Means School girls with their glad faces and the girls in the preparatory department of that notable school. Behind them come village girls and women and further to the rear the married women. Looking through the door back of the women one sees that another class room equal in size to that mentioned above is full with village girls and women packed in in a most unceremonious manner.

Any preacher facing such a crowd is moved by a solemn sense of responsibility for the message he has to deliver. Here is raw material, as raw as you can get it: here is material in the process of moulding, here is material which might be called 'finished'. To all these people the message of life comes with peculiar urgency. Who is sufficient for these things? The service of worship begins. The responsive readings are effective and impressive. The prayers in which all join audibly. The prayer of an elder or a senior student leading us all to the throne of grace. Then comes the sermon. Everything has led up to it, the prayers and the responses, the hymns and the beautiful singing of the choir; the scripture from the New Testament and the Psalm. The preacher today is one of our native leaders, Cilulu, who gives an inspiring message on Elijah at Mount Horeb calling on us to listen for, to understand, and to obey the word of God in our souls. A great hush was upon us all and we closed with the hymn:

Master, speak; thy servant heareth,  
Listening for thy gracious word.  
Let me know it is to me thou speakest,  
Speak and let thy voice be heard. . . .

Then comes Sunday School. Mrs. Currie is the general superintendent with Cipa, one of our teachers, as assistant. The school is graded, one section is under the care of Miss Rawlings, meeting in the Hay School. Another department, the primary, meets in the Trades Building in the room set apart for weaving. Mrs. Tucker leads this department. Native leaders take classes in the open air under the glorious trees now arrayed in spring beauty; others may prefer the veranda of a missionary home. But wherever the class meets the work goes on: the weaving of spiritual characters is revealed in changed lives.

The afternoon carries forward the work of the morning. Mr. Raposo takes the Institute students in a service conducted entirely in Portuguese. Mrs. Currie will be in the weaving room of the Trades Building again with the preparatory boys, not leading, however, this being in the hands of the pupils and an elder. A fine women's meeting is held always with a native woman leader. Some women, however, may be seen going to villages to preach, taking with them a missionary lady. Students have gone out over Saturday to conduct services in villages or outstations walking forty or fifty miles. Some students will go to nearer villages on the Sunday afternoon with a missionary and a service is held. The evening comes with a student service conducted by Mr. Figueiredo, and various sectional gatherings in different parts of the concession, four or five such being held regularly every evening.

The people come and we are unable to accommodate them! Over-extension may be dangerous but is it a solution of such a difficulty to close down? Is the solution of an abundant wheat harvest to stay in the house? The natives here when harvest is abundant call in their neighbours who all help and great is the joy and festivity. Will not our friends form a "bee"? Come along quickly.

Some solution has to be found. It is impossible to continue indefinitely, human strength being limited.

What is *your* solution of the matter?

JOHN T. TUCKER.

Sunday afternoon, August 30th, 1925.

*Dondi.*

# Margaret Walker Melville

*Missionary, Teacher, Servant of God.*

IT would come as a shock to many of our friends and a deep sorrow to all, to learn of the passing of our beloved missionary, Miss Maggie Melville, who labored for almost thirty years on our behalf in Angola. Although she returned to Canada last year, very ill and at that time we entertained grave fears for her recovery, she improved so much after her return to the homeland, that we had come quite to hope for her restoration to health. She was with us at our Board meeting in Ottawa, when we took opportunity to pay tribute to the work of the Melville sisters, and this will always greatly enrich the memory of that wonderful meeting. But her trouble was pernicious anaemia and when the cycle of the disease came around again, there was no staying its ravages; she collapsed a couple of days after returning from Old Orchard, where she and her sister had spent the summer. She passed to her reward on Saturday, October 17th, at eventide, at the home of Miss Miatt.

The funeral service was held from Olivet Church, (the church from which she went forth as a missionary) which was filled with friends and members of the Woman's Board. Dr. W. T. Gunn conducted the service, assisted by the pastor of the church, Mr. Hunter, while the Rev. T. Bradley Hyde, a former President of the C.C.F.M.S. and Rev. J. B. Saer, offered the prayers. The church was full of sunshine and flowers and while there was deep sorrow, there was no sadness; gladness for a life so well lived, for so beautiful a service rendered, for a work so well done, and now there was rest, in the homeland among loved friends, with her own people.

"A little child shall lead them."

Dr. Gunn spoke of the work Miss Melville had done for the children of Chisamba and mentioned the incident which she herself had told the Board, of the part played by a child in her Call and decision for Missionary service. "Won't you teach us to read? Oh, we do so want to learn to read," a plaintive voice asked of Miss Helen Melville one day, when she and everyone were so rushed with many things. No one had time to teach him to read, and she thought of the teacher sister who had just the training for this work. She wrote and told the story and the plaintive cry reached all the way to Canada, so that on her birthday in July, 1895, Miss Maggie set forth for Africa.



And for almost thirty years she worked among the children, opening to them the wonders of a new world and a new life. No mere words could enumerate her service, the little ones she helped, the tender feet she guided into the Highway of God, the children she saved from a living death, the lives she trained and inspired, many of these grown now into strong leaders of the native church. She also did a constructive piece of work in connection with Education, writing or preparing the first Primer in the Umbundu language, making maps, the Arithmetic, and other school books, aiding in establishing a system of education for a people. She it was who sent forth the first trained native teachers and began that which is now a mighty part of our work, the Out-Station School, bringing education within the reach of thousands who otherwise could not have "learned to read." Through those she trained and prepared to carry on this work, as well as by her own service, she was herself the answer to that plaintive cry of the hungry mind of African boys and girls, "Won't you teach us to read? Oh, we do so want to learn to read." She has stamped her impress indelibly upon the Canadian work in Africa, the story of it can never be told without

the name of "Melville" standing out in glowing letters.

When delirium came upon her as she grew more ill, all her talk was of Africa. She was back again with her beloved children around her, and was teaching, guiding, counselling them once more, calling them by name, with beautiful messages and advice for them. We feel sure that these loving thoughts will go back across the seas, just as did the plaintive cry from a little boy of more than thirty years ago.

*Carry forward her work.*

That was Dr. Gunn's great appeal. The burden has rolled off the shoulders which bore it so lovingly and so willingly for long years; who will take it up? Shall we who are responsible for that Field, not feel that we are doubly liable now to see that the work goes forward,

that the life so gloriously given, poured out day by day until strength was exhausted, does constitute a great challenge to carry that work forward, to build upon the foundation so well and truly laid, to be the answer to the many waiting children with the same great hunger of mind and spirit to know a new and a better Way of Life.

To our most senior missionary, Miss Helen Melville, our hearts go out in deep sympathy and our prayer is that she may be comforted and upheld as she takes up again the task of life. These sisters have been unusually dear to one another; in addition to the family tie they shared work and life together, so that the one left behind cannot but have lonely hours and a great need. We trust that as far as is possible the members of the Board will be sister to her.

## Letter from Mrs. Hunter

YOU may have heard that I was over at Ochileso for three weeks assisting Dr. Cushman. I really ought to have remained longer, but we were anxious to begin our school here at Camundongo and my help was needed.

One day while I was at Ochileso, where there are hot springs, when returning from visiting the lads who were making bricks, I met some strangers on the road. Evidently it was their first visit to that part of the country, for they exclaimed about the white deposit they could see here and there in low places and about the rocks. They asked if it were "salt" and could they not go and get some. Not wishing to offend or deceive, I asked one to just taste a little bit and he would be convinced that it was not real salt. He did so and exclaimed, "I have no hunger for that salt. Well, where does it come from?" I asked if he had not seen the hot water coming from the ground. No? Then I told him to just walk over to that little house yonder, which is a Missionary's bath house, open the door and he would find a nice pool of hot water; I said he was not to be satisfied just to put a finger in, but to try putting his foot in. In a short time he returned, exclaiming to a few timid ones who do not venture off the road lest something happen to the whole party—"All she says is true. If I had put my foot in it would have been burnt. It's hot! hot! hot! Oh, the

things these missionaries can do: I do declare they have built fires underground to have hot water all the time. Their God is a great one."

I think I made them understand that He is great and that we, as guests of their country, had only found the spot He had given them in their own land. We had a good talk before they continued on their journey and one could hear them exclaiming and talking about the wonders God had given them free. These are all opportunities for letting in the Light.

### GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Since returning home we have opened school. The Girls' Boarding School is the largest we have yet had. I think when Mrs. Currie was here in 1922 that there were 22 enrolled, then we grew to 30, then 40, but this year on opening we found that 69 had presented themselves. We have tried in the past years to keep back those who have not had at least a beginning in their own village school, the ideal being that they should reach the Third Grade before being admitted to the Station Schools, excepting of course when they come from a place where there is no teacher. There were a number who came without a recommendation from the Native school, but the Matron (Native) and I both wished to do what was best for them and we allowed them to stay with the understanding that if we found they were too far behind, they would return to their native villages

for further study. This was found to be the case with some and six returned for at least another year. But quite a number of applicants had to be refused, ten in a room built to accommodate six is rather too many, but that is the limit of capacity!

All classes in the Day School are crowded, and practically every day new ones appear, so that it has been very difficult for Miss Reddick. We are very glad indeed to have her with us. She is trying to help too with the opening of the out-station schools, those nearby, where Sixth-Grade scholars will hold afternoon school.

## Christmas in Africa

EFFIE A. JAMIESON.

IT is the night before Christmas in Africa. At the Mission Station of Chisamba all is bustle and excitement, for is it not the night of the Annual Christmas entertainment, when people come from far and near. To be sure, just a little beyond the confines of the Mission area, there is not joy at this Christmastide, they do not so much as know that a Saviour was born in Bethlehem long centuries ago. There is no happy preparation in the little huts of mud, all is ugliness and squalor.

But at the Mission Station all is brightness and happiness. Earlier in the day the pupils of the schools have been given their gifts, the girls a new dress made by loving hands in Canada; the boys have received a new out-fit; everyone has had a bath and fitted in the new clothes they are ready for their part in the great concert. Of course everybody has to have a place on the program or there would be broken hearts! There are 485 pupils in the schools and the entertainment has to be at least four hours long, but no one is tired. So the wonderful drills, the attractive plays from Pilgrim's Progress, the dramatized Bible stories, the really lovely solos, duets, quartettes and choruses come along one after another, until every one has had some part and entertainers and entertained are alike satisfied.

The concert is held in the large Church, beautifully decorated for the occasion. It was built by the native Christians and was opened free of debt some years ago. The seating capacity is not less than 800, but tonight that capacity has to be doubled and every window sill, every corner is occupied, and those who cannot get in, stand around the windows outside.

Let us look at some of the boys and girls and young people taking part. Here is a lovely girl, Rosina, a graduate of the Girls' School at Dondi. In a dress of white, made with her own hands, she is assisting with arrangements. She is a teacher now and an example of what education will do for African girlhood. This year the entertainment is being prepared ab-

solutely by the native teachers, most of whom are young men; without missionary assistance.

Then here is a boy. Poor little chap, he was ill and his mother, who loved him very much and wanted him to be well, took him to the Witch Doctor, who held a divination and then plunged the boy head and shoulders into boiling water. He was brought to our Christian Hospital in a most pitiful condition and the clever doctor, a honour graduate of McGill University, first operated, then grafted skin and worked over him so patiently and tenderly that here he is, quite well, so happy to be doing his part in the Christmas entertainment. See this girl, her father is a leper, poor man; she could not come to school if some kind girls in Canada did not support her. She was poor and hopeless and starved, now see her shining face and hear her sing the glad Christmas carols! There are many others with an equally pathetic story.

All the older boys taking part in that wonderful dramatization of the story of the Prodigal Son, have come a long, dark way to the Father's House. They prepared and planned the play all themselves and they act it so reverently and beautifully, for the presentation of the Gospel message. See that group of men in the corner, clad in bark-cloth or skins; they have come from a far-away village, the fame of the Christmas concert has spread, they may have come out of curiosity, but here in their own language, interpreted in a way they can understand, they are given their first insight into the Father's love through the matchless story of the Prodigal Son. And so the glad and happy voices ring out the old refrain, dark faces, far away in another land, but the same Christmas story we love so well—

"Hark! the herald angels sing,

Glory to the new born King."

And wherever that story is told, darkness and sorrow flee away and in its place there comes happy childhood, glad songs, laughter and joy. How we wish that all the children of the world knew of the Babe of Bethlehem!





*A Heaping  
Hand from  
the Babies  
of Canada  
to the  
Babies of  
Africa*

### BABY BANDS

**T**HE happy Christmas Season is here again, when all Christendom is thinking of the dear Christ Child. Surely this is a time when an appeal for the work of the Baby Bands should be made in all our Auxiliaries.

Our aim is—A Baby Band in every Auxiliary!

Now that our dreams are coming true and our little Missionary, Miss Gladys Baxendale, is on her way to teach the babies of Africa, we have obligations. Her salary, kindergarten supplies, language study and other necessities must be provided and so more help is needed from the babies of Canada.

The different Branches report that the Bands are increasing in numbers and interest. Jolly little parties are held when the cradle mite-boxes are opened. Some Auxiliaries report a Cradle Roll in Sunday School and they think there is not room for both. If the Primary

Sunday School Superintendents could be interested in the Bands, the work might be united. The Mission Band takes care of the activity of the Sunday School children and provides an avenue of service for them for the other boys and girls of the world; so the Baby Band affords an opportunity for the Cradle Roll to send their help to the smaller children.

The Baby Bands are an essential link to complete the chain of Missionary work and any Auxiliaries which have not already organized are urged to secure the interesting literature available for organizing and carrying out this fascinating task.

LILLIAN D. EDDY, *Superintendent*



GLADYS BAXENDALE

## Visiting an Out-Station Church

**W**E had a very interesting trip yesterday. Dr. Sanders and Dr. Hollenbeck wanted to go to Cipayo for Communion Services and they invited three of us to go along. The roads were not very good and we had to detour in one place, but we got there without any trouble. Such a welcome as we received. They had palm branches and flowers and were yelling and talking, etc. It was the first time I had seen such a welcome and I enjoyed it very much. They had had to clear a road from the main road to the village and part of

the way was across a cultivated field, so you can imagine the ups and downs as we crossed those hillocks.

We went to Marta's house, I believe she was trained at Dondi. She was married about three weeks ago to Cinyela. It was my first wedding in Africa. I was really surprised to see how nice the new house was; the living room was as clean as it could be. On one side was a fire-place; she had a table and three or four straight chairs and two wicker chairs that Cinyela had made here at Camundongo Station.

The wall was decorated with hand sketches. It was first white-washed and a band of colour was around each wall, making it look very neat. We exercised our imaginations and named the things on the wall! One was clearly a Ford Sedan; there was one man cranking another car and a man sitting in the back seat. There was another room which is their bedroom and the kitchen is a small house a little away from the other. Everything was so nice and neat that it made me feel good.

Dr. Sanders preached and 15 were received

into membership of the Church. The Church was packed and there were many standing around the windows. After Communion we had our lunch and Dr. Hollenback held a clinic and then we started for home.

My, but the country was lovely. Really, I have never seen anything as beautiful as Africa in the Springtime. We drove to Belmont today and it was just wonderful, a riot of colour! Every hillside had its Persian Rug.—(Extracts from a personal letter from Miss Hurlburt, a Missionary of the American Board.)

## Treasurer's Acknowledgements

Oct. 1st to Nov. 1st, 1925.

*Maritime Branch*—Hemford Aux.—Annual fee, \$10.00; Support of two African girls, \$24.00; Kingsport Baby Band, \$3.50; Brooklyn Aux.—Annual fee, \$10.00; Economy Aux.—Annual fee, \$10.00; Undesignated, \$17.00; Liverpool S. S. Home Missions, \$3.75. Total—\$78.25

*Ottawa Branch*—Lanark Aux.—Undesignated, \$74.00; Mrs. Hunter's salary, \$10.00; Hopetown Aux.—Mrs. Hunter's salary, \$5.00; Exchange, 10c.; Kingston Bethel Aux.—Mrs. Hunter's salary, \$20.00; Kingston Calvary Aux.—Mrs. Hunter's salary, \$10.00; Kingston First Aux.—Mrs. Hunter's salary, \$25.00; Maxville Aux.—Mrs. Hunter's salary, \$31.00; Annual fee, \$10.00; Ottawa Welcome Zion Aux.—Undesignated, \$10.00; A. R., 50c.; Maxville Aux.—Undesignated, \$12.00; A. R., \$1.20; Rosetta Aux.—Mrs. Hunter's salary, \$3.00. Total—\$211.80

*Paris Branch*—Scotland Aux.—From Miss Ida Foster for the continued support of three Evangelists, "Cipikilu", "Bembele" and "Sanguise", \$75.00; A. R., 80c.; Scotland Baby Band, \$4.20. Total—\$80.00.

*London Branch*—Mrs. M. Bolton—In memory of her son who fell near Ypres, Flanders. For work in Africa, \$15.00; Exchange, 15c.; London First United Aux.—Miss Mackenzie's salary, \$15.00; Forest Main St. United Aux.—Annual fee, \$10.00; A. R., \$1.00. Total—\$41.15

*Quebec Branch*—Rock Island—Helping Circle of the Stanstead South Congregational Ch. toward Miss Hosking's salary, \$50.00; Montreal Calvary Aux.—By Mrs. T. E. Dougall—In memoriam, Miss A. B. Cochran, \$10.00; Miss Elizabeth Cochran, \$10.00; Miss S. G.

Dougall, \$10.00; Montreal Emmanuel Aux.—General Fund, \$60.00; Legacy from the late Mrs. G. W. Morrison for the Girls' School Home at New Liskeard, \$500.00; Ayer's Cliff Aux.—Annual fee, \$10.00; Undesignated, \$5.00; A. R., 50c.; Boynton & Brown's Hill Aux.—Part fee, \$5.00; St. Andrew's East Aux.—Undesignated, \$7.00; A. R., 20c.; Granby Young Ladies' M. Circle to education of "Wendo", \$12.00; Gen. Fund, \$31.89; St. Anne-de-Bellevue—Undesignated, \$15.00; Brigham Aux.—Undesignated, \$10.00; A. R., 60c.; Camundongo School from a S. S. boy, \$1.00; Fitch Bay Aux.—L. M. Mrs. F. H. Rider, \$25.00; Que. Br. exchange, 25c. Montreal Miscellaneous—From Fairy Godmother to Mrs. Currie's salary, \$600.00; exchange, 60c. Total—\$1,364.04.

*Toronto Branch*—Broadview Aux.—Annual fee, \$10.00; undesignated, \$15.00; A. R., \$1.00; Olivet Aux.—General Fund, \$58.30; South America, Mr. Tom's work, \$25.00; Mrs. Hunter's salary, \$50.00; A. R., \$1.10; Edgar Young Ladies' Aux.—A. R., 50c.; Western Aux.—L.M., Mrs. R. A. Thomas, \$25.00; Cobourg Aux.—Annual fee, \$10.00; A. R., \$1.20; Toronto Miscellaneous—General Fund, \$30.00. Total—\$227.10

*Guelph Branch*—Speedside M. Band, "Soldiers of the King"—annual fee, \$5.00. Total—\$5.00.

"West" Winnipeg Central—annual reports, \$1.50. Total—\$1.50.

Grand Total.....\$2,008.84.

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# The Missionary Outlook

(W.M.S.)

WATCHWORD

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.  
"This is the Victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

## Forty-Fourth and Last Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society (Methodist Section)



THE meeting of the Board of Managers, held in the National Training School, Toronto, October 20-23, will ever be a precious and outstanding memory in the hearts of those whose privilege it was to be in attendance. The sessions were fraught with a double significance—the consciousness of working together for the last time in the old familiar ways and relationships, grown dear through long association, and of facing the great adventure ahead, calling for new methods and a new devotion of purpose.

Every province in the Dominion was represented in the delegation, as well as Newfoundland. But East and West met throughout in one deep earnestness of purpose, just as they had in the opening devotional service, when Mrs. Lindsay of Newfoundland and Mrs. Wickens of British Columbia, led all to the feet of God in prayer, stressing the need of *soul-stillness* in the midst of these busy days that we may hear God's voice and follow His leading.

Our President, Mrs. H. A. Lavell, B.A., in a stirring address reviewed the year's work in the various fields. This was supplemented later in the sessions by full reports of the work from the five Field Secretaries. We trust that all our Auxiliary women will read every word of the President's address and the field reports, as given in this issue, and make themselves thoroughly conversant with all phases of the work.

### Branch Reports

Reports of the year's work from the twelve Branches varied, some giving glowing accounts of increase in membership funds, others showing decrease, but all breathing the same spirit of hopefulness. Manitoba Branch carried off the palm, with a thrilling account of progress—seven new Auxiliaries, with 119 new Life Mem-

bers; seven new Circles, and twenty-one new Bands; and an increase in funds in almost every department. "How did they do it?" was the question asked. "There was no special way," answered the Manitoba Secretary, "*we just kept at it and kept at it*". "Nevertheless," remarked the president, "there must have been much system and planning behind it, and we owe a debt of gratitude to Manitoba Branch for showing us what *can* be done even though times are hard."

Nova Scotia Branch made special mention of the loyalty of the women in the Cape Breton district, who, though giving heavily to help the miners, still had their missionary givings well in hand. "*We began early in the year*, and a great deal of our money was in hand before the strike came on," was the secret of their success.

Saskatchewan Branch reported one small Auxiliary of ten members, in which everyone was a Life Member; and another which takes charge of a church service all winter long in a remote place where there is only a summer supply.

New Brunswick Branch had made a special drive for membership, not stressing funds, and the result was far beyond what they could have hoped for—784 new members.

Newfoundland Branch attributed their success to prayer. "We are a little Branch," they said, and have to do with little things, but even the smallest things we can do, if they are the *best* we can do, are acceptable in His sight."

### Our Missionaries

The presence of a number of our missionaries who are on furlough from Japan and China and the Home Fields was an inspiration and a joy. Their advice based on years of practical

experience was invaluable in the solution of the many problems relating to their particular fields.

It was counted a special privilege to have with us three of our senior missionaries who are, this year, retiring from active service—Miss Blackmore, from Japan, and Misses Alton and Clark from the Indian work. Resolutions of sincerest appreciation were read of the noble work accomplished by these splendid women.

It is a matter of deep regret that Miss C. E. Hart, who has been on furlough this year, is unable, through ill-health, to return to Japan. She, too, is retiring this year, her work in Japan dating back to the year 1889.

But let no one think that these women, though not returning to the fields where they have worked for so long, are not doing just as truly missionary work in the home land. Miss Hart is interesting herself in the women students in New Brunswick; Miss Preston who returned home last year from Japan, is making her home in Toronto, a centre of hospitality for the young Japanese of the city; and all are making their influence felt, stimulating a deeper interest in the great cause to which their lives have been devoted.

But while some are withdrawing, others are preparing to enter the ranks, and eleven young women of high qualifications, were introduced to the Board as having entered upon their course in the Training School.

A most welcome addition to the ranks of the Woman's Missionary Society is Dr. Retta Gifford Kilborn, who after a year's furlough in Canada will return to China as a medical worker under the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society. Dr. Gifford's rare gifts, together with her many years of experience in China make this a cause for warmest congratulation.

Another General Board worker to whom the Woman's Board extended a hearty welcome is Miss Ada Morgan, whose years of experience in China, both as a nurse and in evangelistic work, will make her a valuable addition to the staff of the Oriental Mission in Vancouver.

### General Reports

Mrs. A. M. Phillips reported an exceptionally strenuous year in the Literature Department; she paid a warm tribute to Mrs. W. H. Graham for her able work in the preparation of the Souvenir booklet. Announcement was made that the Study Book for Junior Circles for the year is "Nation Builders".

Mrs. M. E. Broddy, speaking for the Supply

Committee, reported a busy year, with a record of 463 bales and boxes, valued at \$19,037 sent to missions and hospitals, besides 484 quarts of fruit, 721 quilts and numerous individual gifts.

The General Treasurer, Mrs. N. A. Powell, reported the income for the year in the general fund as \$465,367; from all sources, including bequests and Preparation Fund, \$472,802, an increase of \$13,778.66 over the previous year. There had, however, been a decrease of \$1,065 in the returns from the Branches.

Appropriations for the coming year, including a number of re-grants, totalled, \$572,668.

It was decided that in view of the closing of the financial year on March 31st, 1926, the Easter offering should be taken up at the March meeting of the Auxiliaries, the offering to be applied as follows:

From *Auxiliaries*—to the general work of the Society.

From *Circles*—to the work of our new station in China, Fowchow.

From *Bands*—to kindergartens in the Home Fields.

The income for the Rest Fund for the year was \$20,519.94. The Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. McCulloch, stated that the Fund has now reached the sum of \$153,500, which was invested in securities, and urged the importance of raising the amount to \$200,000 in order that the Fund might be adequate to the demands now being made upon it. Toward this end the Board made an appropriation of \$20,000, and decided that, since there was at present no corresponding fund in the other uniting churches, the Rest Fund should, pending future arrangements, enter the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church as a closed fund after March 31st, 1926, to be used for the benefit of those who are claimants on it at that time. It is earnestly hoped that our Auxiliaries will bear in mind the needs of this very important Fund.

### Changes in the Board

Resignations were regretfully received and accepted from Mrs. W. E. Prescott, Strangers' Secretary, and Mrs. E. S. Macfarlane, Secretary for Japan. Mrs. A. W. Briggs, B.A., was elected to the former position and Mrs. Howard Langford, B.A., to the latter. Mrs. E. E. Marshall was elected Recording Secretary in the place of Mrs. Briggs, and Mrs. J. H. Rush, Secretary of Young People's Work. With these exceptions the officers of the Board were re-elected, to carry on the work of the Board as

ong as may be required, pending further Union arrangements.

### Messages of Greeting

Messages of loving greeting were sent by the Board in session to Mrs. Carman and Miss Wilkes, both of whom, though no longer able to be present, continue to hold the missionary work as dear as of old. To each of our three pioneer women, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Strachan and Miss Cartmell, whose presence was a benediction—flowers were presented as a tribute of love.

### Resolution as to Entering The United Board

At the closing session the following resolution as to entering the United Board was introduced by Mrs. A. Carman (*in absentia*), moved by Mrs. W. E. Ross, seconded by Mrs. E. S. Strachan, and carried unanimously by the Board:—

"That in view of the final consummation of Church Union, and with the expressed authority of the General Council of the United Church, this Board now declares its purpose to effect an immediate amalgamation of the Wo-

man's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church with similar societies of the other uniting churches, and thus form one great organization for the more effective achievement of our common object, confident that God's blessing will follow us as we enter the wider field of endeavour and opportunity in more intimate association with our sisters who have hitherto pursued the same high ideal as ourselves along converging paths now happily merged in one broad highway.

"This Board, therefore, now authorizes such amalgamation, and directs that it be immediately proceeded with and put into effect, so that all the units of our Society shall become and remain henceforth component parts of and subject to the jurisdiction of the Society to be thus formed, and that all our property and possessions, whether of money, buildings or equipment at home or abroad, shall be vested absolutely in such new Society as soon as it is duly organized.

"And in taking this solemn and momentous step we humbly thank God for His gracious aid in the past and earnestly invoke His guidance and blessing in the still greater tasks awaiting us."

## The President's Address

By Mrs. H. A. Lowell, B.A.



ADAM Chairman, Members of the Board of Managers, and Other Friends: This is undoubtedly one of the most momentous years in the history of the Canadian Methodist Church and the most momentous year in the history of our Society since its organization in 1881. Since last we met, the hopes of over twenty years have been realized; the patient efforts and careful preparation to unite three great historic churches have been rewarded, and the solemn expressive services of June 10th will live long in the memory of those permitted to have a part in them.

We stand, tremulous, on the threshold of this great new day, but with confidence in our church leaders we turn hopeful faces towards the open door of the future, stretching out willing hands in token that we are ready to share in the great tasks and boundless opportunities that await us, and in faith and trust, laying all our resources at the feet of this great united body, which we believe is of God and has been raised up at this period of our country's history to do

a great piece of work for Canada as well as for other lands across the sea.

And now, ere we cross the portal, we should stand for a moment to sum up the efforts of our society in the year just closed.

Many are our reasons for thanksgiving. Though there have been several cases of illness among our missionaries, there was only one sad fatality.

Though in certain centres the interest was, at times, hard to sustain because of the many appeals from a multitude of woman's organizations of local or national importance, yet the work kept up a steady advance.

### China

Naturally for many months past, China has been much in our thoughts, and the safety of our missionaries the subject of many of our prayers.

We are glad to report that in the midst of civil war and under unsettled conditions where actual war did not exist, our schools and mission homes are still intact, our national Christian forces are, for the most part, faithful and loyal,

no life has suffered harm, and property loss has been negligible.

The strain, however, is great, for the work is being carried on with a much depleted force owing partly to the need for many new missionaries and partly to the difficulties of returning those on furlough because of unsafe conditions. The medical work is deplorably handicapped, and again the call comes for *more woman doctors for China*, and still we are in need of a pharmacist. Here is a chance for life investment that will count much in the future.

During the year, land has been purchased at Fowchow and a woman's school and day schools have been opened, and on our new land a girls' boarding school is being built. The opening of work in Chungchow is also being planned and \$3,250 for land is among the new appropriations recommended by our finance committee. The Report of the Executive Committee will present for your approval an annual grant of \$250 to the National Christian Council of China and also a grant for maintenance to the West China Union University. With your confirmation of this action by the Executive Committee, our participation in this Union Educational Work is ratified and placed on a permanent basis. Our second class of girls entered the University in September last, and the three Woman's Boards concerned—American Baptist, Methodist Episcopal, and Canadian Methodist—have now representation on the Board of Governors of the West China Union University and the Executive Committee.

The Union Normal School, hitherto carried on by three boards, is now to be taken in charge by the American Baptists and ourselves, the Methodist Episcopal asking for release when the new building programme is begun, which must be at once. The grant given by this Board in honor of our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. W. E. Ross, is already released and the main building of the new Normal School will bear her name.

## Japan

Faithfully, our missionaries in Japan are carrying on, in spite of their handicaps, for many more workers could be used, and two of those who for years have held high the flaming torch have come home for a well-earned rest. Their loss will for a long time be felt but their work and influence will remain, and to those who follow in their footsteps no better wish can

we make than that they, like them, will complete their labors beloved and revered and worthy of the greatest rewards.

To Miss Blackmore, the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Christian College of Japan, and always our most worthy representative, we extend a hearty welcome home and best wishes for many years of quiet service here.

Our work in Japan can be measured through various departments and each one seems essential to the completeness of the whole. Our kindergarten work is firmly entrenched in all our Branches and each year the interest in and influence of our kindergartens increase. The building so long contemplated at Kamamatsu is to be begun at once. The Kindergarten Training School keeps up the supply of Japanese kindergarten teachers and is invaluable to our work.

A year ago provision was made for the reconstruction of Shizuoka School which we hope may soon be begun. The new Assembly Hall at Kofu is a great addition to our mission plant there and just as soon as a decision regarding the present church property at Azabu, Tokyo, is made, our council will discuss fully and make recommendations regarding the future of our oldest boarding school in Azabu and apply the funds of the Margaret Craig Memorial offering towards the erection of a memorial Assembly Hall there.

The splendid industrial, social and community work with its special evangelistic branch is being carried on at Kameido with wonderful effect. The moving spirit from the very beginning was Miss Annie Allen who is at home this year on furlough. The relief brought to the suffering, the needy, the tiny children and the poor young mothers can never be estimated. The glimpse of Paradise caught by large groups of slum children at the Fresh Air Camps is a tale as fascinating as it is pathetic. Kameido Community Centre is unique among our missions abroad, and Toronto Branch should be proud that one of her own missionaries has been the means of carrying through this great piece of social service and missionary work.

We co-operate with the Methodist Episcopal Board of the United States in conducting a "Bible Teachers' Training School" where Japanese evangelistic workers and Bible women are trained.

Our other piece of co-operative work in the Island Empire is the Woman's Christian College

of Japan, in which five other Boards, all American, join with us in this great effort to give higher educational advantages to Japanese young women and surround them with a Christian atmosphere and direct Christian teaching. It was a great dream of a few, and the realization, though costly in money, should mean much to Japan's womanhood of the future.

### The Home Field

Our work in the Home Field has gone along steadily and satisfactorily. We have built a much needed extension to the Oriental Home and School at Victoria and a new worker has been sent to Vancouver since April to open up a kindergarten at Steveston.

The grants to the three hospitals at Vita, Manitoba; Hafford, Saskatchewan; and the George Macdougall Hospital at Smoky Lake, Alberta, have been much appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

### Canadian School of Missions

Through this splendid inter-denominational institution which is supported by our General and Woman's Boards of Missions, our missionaries on furlough are finding that their needs for study can be adequately met in Toronto except in a very few unusual cases. The need in the Orient for highly specialized mission workers with academic and cultural endowments has made it imperative that every foreign missionary should spend part of her furlough in study in order to meet the demands on the field.

### Our Missionaries

Three of our senior missionaries are retiring this year. Four new workers appointed to China in April, have been held here on account of health and the rest because of conditions in the empire. The three missionaries on furlough who were ready to sail this fall are still here for the Board has been loath to run the risk of sending them into danger, but to-day the Board decided to send on the two at the coast, Misses Ward and McRae. Three times our sailings have been taken and cancelled, for until the end of September the hope was strong that the anti-foreign feeling would calm down and our girls might safely venture.

Two new missionaries sailed this summer for

Japan, and several have taken important posts in the home field.

### Preparation for Union

By far the greatest work of the year however, as far as home administration is concerned, has been centred on the preparation for the amalgamation of the Woman's Boards. The subject was considered at the January Executive, and shortly after, correspondence between the Boards began, and on March 25th the first meeting of our joint Union Committee was held. The Committee was composed of duly appointed representatives of the three uniting Boards (five from each denomination). From this central joint Union Committee conveners for sub-committees on Finance, Organization and Publications were appointed who have been working along these different lines, getting everything as far as possible in readiness for the day which is now so near.

And now the new day is upon us. With the conclusion of this Board, passes forever the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Canada, and in its place will stand the larger organization—the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, through which we will still work for the bringing in of Christ's kingdom on earth.

Does that mean, friends we will cease to revere the past? By no means. Does it mean we will cease to remember with thankful hearts the triumphs of grace through the flaming torch of Methodism? Never.

The results on every continent of that great spiritual awakening which came to the Church through the spirit of God working in the prepared soil of John Wesley's heart *will never die*.

And so it is not with tears of regret but with shining eyes of pride that we stand ready to enter into this larger fellowship, calling to the guardians of progress:

"Unlock the Gates! The ancient paths are ended;  
On to the high roads of a larger dream!  
Hurl the grim past unpraised and unfended,  
Upon the mercy of that silent stream  
That bears our yesterdays to Lethean shores  
While life with new expansion sunward soars."

## Report of Work in Japan 1914-25

*Mrs. E. S. Macfarlane, Field Secretary*

**T**HE spirit of Union is very strong among our missionaries—union with other missions and union with Japanese workers. There is a great tendency to join forces wherever it is thought the work can be done more efficiently. At the Federated Missions Conference this summer action was taken by which the Christian Literature Society, to which we have been subscribing, was merged with the Book Room of the Methodist Episcopal Mission.

Our sisters in Japan are not only getting ready to take responsibility in management, but they are willing to assume financial responsibility. It has become almost a common thing for kindergartens to be supplied with pianos by the mothers. Every year there are such gifts to report. This year there are two more to mark their generosity and interest, one in Fukui and another in Kofu.

In Shidzuoka too the Alumnae of the school have already gathered 3,000 yen to be used for the chapel in the new school building which they hope to commence this Fall.

From all our stations comes the cry for

expansion. This year we have added to our equipment a comfortable residence for our missionaries in Toyama, a new Kindergarten in Fukui, and an Assembly Hall in Kofu, all of which are most satisfactory.

The fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Azabu School was celebrated November 5th, 6th and 7th of last year. It was a time for great rejoicing and the fact that Miss Blackmore was there to assist in this celebration added much to the happiness of all. No one could appreciate as she did the marvelous advance made by this school in the last four decades, and humanly speaking no one was as much responsible for its success. During this year 27 of the pupils of this school have been baptized, among them being the daughter of a Buddhist priest, who graduated from the Kindergarten Training School in March and since has been teaching in one of our Kindergartens. In our other schools, Shidzuoka and Kofu, great blessings have followed the visits of the Japanese evangelists. In our schools we employ 46 Japanese teachers. The attendance numbers 308 students in our Primary Department and 946 in our High School.



W.M.S. MISSIONARIES IN COUNCIL AT KARUIZAWA, JAPAN, 1925.



The Kindergarten of Japan is not a recent institution. One of our teachers was reminded of this when she met one of her former pupils, now a medical student. When a little child he had insisted that his parents should stop using tobacco and liquor. She asked him if the family still held to their pledge and he said, "Yes, we are a unique family using neither tobacco nor sake". Every year we are adding to the number of these schools for our little people. We have 26 this year with an attendance of 1,244 under 75 Japanese teachers. All missions realize the great importance of the Kindergarten and eagerly await the graduation day from our Kindergarten Training School. The attendance at this school was 32 pupils, 19 of whom graduated.

The Training School for Christian workers is making the experiment of co-education. This was not planned but was thrust upon the school by circumstances. With no building in which to hold their school, they gladly accepted an invitation from the Aoyama M. E. School to use part of their plant for classrooms and office. Affiliation with the Theological Department for one year was decided upon. (Subjects required in both curricula are taught in lecture style to students of the two schools together. A house has been rented not far from Aoyama for a home for Miss Jost, the matron, and the 27 students attending the school.)

Our Secretary in Japan received a letter from the Conference of the W.M.S. of the Methodist Episcopal Mission expressing their appreciation of the way in which Miss Jost has handled every problem and every question that has come to her in connection with the affiliation of the Woman's Bible School and the Men's Theological School, also thanking our Mission for lending Miss Jost.

## Woman's Christian College

The seventh anniversary of the opening of the Woman's Christian College was held last March. Looking back over that time we feel that the work done fully justifies its existence. We regret the absence of Miss Chappell at this Board, but trust that some time before her return to Japan we may hear first hand from her of this school so dear to her heart. Miss Lindsay has been appointed to the College this year.

The two-year Evangelistic Campaign which is being carried on has had great influence in our schools and churches. Our missionaries and Bible women work loyally with the evangelists and pastors.

The work being done in connection with the Cartmell Sewing School among High School girls, nurses and factory girls has many encouraging results. This year two of their club groups sent representatives to the Y.W.C.A. Conference and three other girls are preparing themselves for definite Christian work.

In our work we find it impossible to separate Evangelism and Social Service. They always go together. In Kameido we are apt to emphasize one more than the other. We think of the fresh air camps and groups of women sitting around learning to sew or knit, but that is only a part. There are the Bible Classes, the Sunday School and the Kindergarten.

The family in Kameido at present is made up of two missionaries, six trained Bible women, a Kindergarten teacher, a matron and twenty working girls, four of whom are Korean.

I have touched upon only some of the many phases of work being carried on in our mission but though the means of approach are varied the goal is always the same, to bring the girls and women of Japan to Jesus Christ.

## The Year in China

*Mrs. James Hales, Field Secretary*



CHINA has been very prominently before the eyes of the public during the past few months, when the anti-British and anti-Christian movement has reached such grave proportions. Conditions have been created which present serious consideration for our work there. What do our missionaries say concerning the situation? For the most part they seem to think that it is

not a time for discouragement or anxiety, *provided the Chinese are met in a Christian way.*

Our workers have asked us to remember especially in prayer the Christian Chinese pastors and teachers, as their lot in the present situation is exceedingly difficult.

Our W.M.S. workers, particularly the language students, were subjected to rather trying ordeals during the student anti-foreign move-

ment, especially in Chungking, Luchow, and our new station, Fowchow; but the report comes that "they certainly have been good sports through it all."

It was not until July that the British Consul advised all foreigners to leave Chungking. Already most of the workers had gone for the summer to the Chungking hills. They were ordered to leave their summer bungalows, and after a most trying time with intense heat and inconvenience of many kinds, arrived at length, safely, at Kuling, a mountain summer resort in Central China. Their vacated bungalows were looted in their absence and all their personal property taken, probably never to be seen again.

But now I must dwell on the encouraging features of our work.

Last April our Board decided to release the money which had been set apart for Normal School buildings in Chengtu and we are now looking forward to having a splendid new, up-to-date school. Let us have a look at the pupils and teachers who are working in the old school. As this is a Union Institution we may not be acquainted with all the teachers, but we will recognize our own Miss Thompson and Miss Ketcheson, both of whom had responsibility thrust upon them when they were little more than language students.

Miss Thompson introduces us to her class of girls, who have had two or more years of Middle School work. Miss Ketcheson takes us to the kindergarten class, where we see fifty little girls and boys happy in attending this interesting department of Normal School work.

Speaking of Middle School work in Chengtu, Miss Uberta Steel writes, "In the midst of much unrest and anti-Christian agitation, our girls remain quiet and steadfast. Perhaps under God, this is due to the untiring devotion of their two Christian Chinese teachers, who are so closely in touch with every phase of the life of their students."

Of the Primary School Miss Smith says, "The Chinese girl teachers are accepting more and more of the responsibilities of the school, and have created a splendid atmosphere in the school. This year eight girls have asked for baptism."

As Dr. Anna Henry and Dr. Gifford Kilborn are with us on furlough, they will speak about our medical work. I should just like to

say that we are still looking for a pharmacist

From Kiating comes the report that gratifying development has been noted in the women attending the Woman's School.

In connection with evangelistic work in Renshow, Miss Eliza Marshall writes, "Several weeks ago I was requested by the government school Inspector to teach English in the newly-opened government school for girls. Having only a limited amount of time, but coveting the opportunity of contact with teachers and pupils, I agreed to give eight lessons. Already one of the teachers and some of the pupils have commenced to attend the church services."

In Junghsien Boarding School Miss Jean Holt says she can see marked progress as the years go by. Miss Pearl McNeil says: "The East Gate Bridge Sunday service is most encouraging. The room is packed full every Sunday with seventy or more children, and some women. This is where I feel very much like the 'Pied Piper,' for we collect the children as we go. When they see me coming, as they are playing in the streets, their little dirty faces light up and they chorus, 'Come to Church', and join in the procession, dirt and all. By the time we have reached the school the majority are with us."

Last year money was granted to erect a Woman's School at Junghsien, and already Miss Gertrude Dunham has been initiated into the mysteries of building in China.

Miss Virgo, in Tzeliutsing, speaks in high terms of her Bible women, particularly of Mrs. Tsen. She says, "The fact that none of our pupils obtained a lower mark than 81 in Bible is proof that Mrs. Tsen has taught this subject faithfully."

Miss Dolmage, of the City Day School in Tzeliutsing, says, "Credit is certainly due to our Kindergarten Training School in Chengtu, for we have two splendid kindergarten teachers here."

Thus one might go on telling about the excellent work done in the schools in all stations.

Is it possible that the love, thought and care of Christian workers in China during all these years past will be forgotten? It is unthinkable. The gospel of Love can never die. The seeds sown have taken root in the hearts of men and women and the ripe fruits of Christianity will live forever.

# Work Among Orientals in Canada

Mrs. R. G. Dingman, B.A., Field Secretary.



THIS is a time when national considerations are of great importance to our neighbors on the Pacific and to their people among us; by recognizing these distinctions of nationality we may reach a more accurate understanding of the field we try to serve.

## Japanese Work

The Japanese community in *Vancouver* consists of about 6,000 people, 3,800 of them men and boys, and 2,200 women and girls. Nearby villages provide a few hundred more, for of the total population of Japanese in Canada,—a year ago it was 18,500—all but some 900 are in British Columbia.

The Missions conducted by the former Methodist General Board of Missions are reaching many of these people and our Society co-operates with the Mission church, seeking specially to serve the 2,500 women and children in the city and to reach others in neighboring villages. The success as far as numbers are concerned may not seem large, but the steady growth is most encouraging.

Our two fine Japanese Kindergartens in *Vancouver* were filled to capacity at the beginning of the term, 237 children being enrolled; but the average attendance was only 136, the discrepancy in attendance being due to the moving away of families owing to lack of employment in *Vancouver*. Miss Bird writes: "Even to the children who have been with us but a few months we feel that the Kindergarten has been worth while. They have received lessons in happy, healthful, constructive play. They have learned to sing and to enjoy working, they have received their first impressions of God as a loving Father who cares for them, and in their first contact with Canadians they have met with kindness and sympathy."

The Kindergartens make possible the meetings of parents in the successful Parent Teachers' Association. Other efforts to help the women are made through the W.M.S. Auxiliary, and the Ladies' Aid Society, both Japanese. The members of the latter this year made regular calls in homes and hospital, and held evangelistic meetings to reach their own people who do not come to the Mission.

Another avenue of approach to the women is through Bible teaching in the homes and hospital. Miss Howie tells of a Japanese woman who became a Christian during a long illness, and whose happy Christian life and beautiful death made a deep impression on her non-Christian friends.

Steveston work was opened up again on invitation, our missionary conducting a Bible Study Class, followed by a cooking lesson. Another opening has come also in Steveston. The Sunday School of the Japanese Church had 150 children last year, and the pastor and some of his people asked the W.M.S. for a Kindergarten. Approval was given by the Executive, and Miss James, a worker appointed in April, has taken charge of this new Kindergarten for a year.

The Oriental Home and School in *Victoria* aims to serve not the city alone but all needy Japanese women and girls in the province. This past year several women were tided over times of difficulty.

The response of Japanese girls to the missionary ideals of the Home has been most encouraging. Two girls who have been some years in the Home are leaving to enter the Missionary Hospital at *Lamont* as nurses-in-training. Miss Nakabayashi who has spent her whole life in the Home, the last four years giving valuable service as teacher of the School, is leaving to renew her studies and will be greatly missed.

Japanese students are apt pupils. If we give them our best, they will give back a worth while contribution to our country and to the Kingdom of God.

## Chinese Work

Coming now to Chinese work, the report is not so encouraging, if one considers the field, the efforts put forth and the apparent results. Dr. Osterhout reported to the General Board of Missions that in all the China Missions this year, the work had been heavily affected by the anti-British boycott and the anti-Christian movement in China. Never before, he said, has it been so difficult to interest the people in the work of the Church.

Of the 30,000 Chinese in B.C., 7,000 are in the city of *Vancouver*, which is 1,000 more



"FUNNY-BUNNY" AT THE ORIENTAL MISSION, VANCOUVER.

than the number of Japanese there.

In Vancouver we have only one Chinese Kindergarten. Last year, the best year so far, 54 Chinese children were enrolled. The Chinese W.M.S. Auxiliary was kept up. This is the only Christian meeting some of these women ever attend.

Our missionary had a Sunday School class, which met also twice a month on week nights. Four girls of this class became Christians during the year and were received into church membership.

The work is carried on almost entirely by Miss McCargar and one Bible woman. We are glad to report a new appointment which will strengthen this work. Miss Morgan, a missionary of the General Board, who spent a term in China but is unable to go back there, has been transferred to our Board at the request of the sub-executive and will take up work in Vancouver in the early spring. Her knowledge of the Chinese people will be a great help.

In *Victoria* Miss Martin accounts individually for 10 Chinese. All the rescue cases were Chinese; one, a 15-year old girl sent from the Juvenile Court in Vancouver; a 19-year old girl whom Miss Martin went a day's journey into the mountains to find and protect. "She is now happy in her studies and looking forward to a future of useful service."

A transient visitor was a former old student, on her way to China with her son. On the Sunday before leaving for China she was baptized in the Church by the Chinese pastor.

Sylver Lu, a pupil in the school for years, has been taking Kindergarten training under our teacher, Miss Baker. She has completed her

training and leaves as soon as conditions are settled enough to be safe, to do Kindergarten work in Canton in a mission conducted by a Chinese pastor whose wife is one of the Home girls. Again the Home has fulfilled its high calling.

In Chinatown the Primary Class and Kindergarten have to compete with a Chinese School and meet with a good deal of opposition. Only 17 enrolled in the Kindergarten at the beginning of the term, but enrolment reached 25 by the end of June.

We feel that the W.M.S. effort for Chinese women and children in British Columbia is following the Master's way and is making for goodwill, the importance of which none of us can estimate. But the proportion of those reached is very small. It is estimated not 10% of the Chinese people are being reached by direct Christian influence. Growth is essential if our work is to be of real value at this time.

At the last Board meeting the urgent need for enlargement of the *Victoria* Home was presented, and during the year various suggestions and plans passed back and forth with regard to enlargement. Finally at the sub-executive in May, approval was given to add a story to the Kindergarten wing, providing three extra bedrooms, and \$2,000 was voted to cover the cost of the building and furnishing. The building was completed satisfactorily during the holidays, the cost exceeding the rough estimate, and \$360 has been added to the estimates to cover the furnishing of the three rooms.

You will be glad to hear that the city has granted the Home and property entire exemption from taxes, the amount saved being \$445.00.

# Work Among Austrians and Other Europeans

Mrs. James Harrison, Field Secretary

**N**OW I would like to tell you about each station, our own and the partially adopted ones. Our own are like children over whom we have watched, cared for and lived. Those not really our own have grown near to us and our thoughts and prayers have gone out for them.

Our own family consists of eleven—Wahstao the eldest, 1904; and Windsor the youngest, 1922.

The three Homes and Schools in Alberta have fully justified their establishment. When the missionaries of the United Church met this year in Convention one of the recommendations was that more such Homes and Schools be established in the foreign settlements. There are four missionaries at each mission. They report ten centres and an aggregate of over 100 children in the Homes. The three Homes report that most of the children are professed Christians.

Missionaries from far off countries have visited the missions and through special meetings won some in the Homes and community to Christ. In one mission the people organized cottage prayer meetings.

*Radway Centre* continues to receive many kindnesses from the community.

*Edmonton* had a family averaging eighteen, fourteen of whom were school girls who have made good progress in school, and 120 found a home here for a longer or a shorter period. During the year two girls, who were in the home formerly, graduated from local hospitals as nurses and are a credit to the profession.

The work at *Natal and Michel* for more than a year was in the good and faithful hands of Mrs. McKenzie who upheld well the organized work left by Miss Paul. *Natal* had 25 in attendance and *Michel* 46. Her group of C.G.I.T. girls were the first to be recognized in B.C.

At the April Executive Miss Margaret Armstrong was appointed to the work here.

The bright, keen and energetic little missionary in Ottawa has many and varied organizations, never asks the finance committee for special grants, yet always seems to be provided for in all her own and the missions needs.

*Prince Rupert*, farthest west, has a deaconess in charge who says "The joy of the year has been in seeing many of the teen age girls take a decided stand for Christ."

At *Regina* Miss Forman has three groups of C.G.I.T. girls. The Boys Clubs have done fine work under the supervision of Professor Döxsee and the Baby Clinic continues its good work.

Does this work pay? Two of our girls are teaching, one a second class the other a first class certificate; six are in good positions as stenographers, one is a Sunday School teacher, four other girls and three boys are attending collegiate.

*Hamilton's* two missionaries, with a Kindergarten, two Mission Bands, two Sunday Schools, an Auxiliary, Mothers' Meeting, Clubs for boys and girls, visiting and fresh air work, have been able to use all the available day light and some artificial light to get all the work done.

*Welland* with its two live centres has been splendidly upheld by local help in the two Sunday Schools and evening services. The library is found to be a source of help to the boys and girls.

*Hagersville*, under the same missionary, has its Sunday School, night school, etc.

*Windsor* our youngest, now a lusty child of three, is fairly on its feet. The report says, "The experimental stage is past." One hundred and fifty are enrolled for Sunday School. Sewing classes for mothers and girls from 7 to 14 proved satisfactory. Mothers' clubs were so new that the women could scarcely be persuaded that the missionary kept the afternoon free to help all who would come.

*United Missions at Sydney and Sault Ste. Marie*—

*Sydney* has forty-six families directly connected with the Mission. Miss Newsome as district visitor literally wore herself out for these people, so says the Superintendent, Mr. Hamilton. Again, does it pay? A Hungarian boy the terror of the police, the source of great anxiety to his honest, hard-working parents, is an answer to this question. To-day he is in High School, a leader of Boy Scouts and a member of the Church.

*Sault Ste. Marie* says the work pays; two of our girls are Sunday School teachers and many of the girls are trying to live for Christ. A graduate nurse from Lamont Hospital took charge of the First Aid Class.

*Triuro, N.S.*, Social Service work under the United Churches. Those in charge prefer to place girls in country homes where the temptations are less and they become more like members of the family.

Turner Institute, Vancouver, and All Peoples' Mission, Winnipeg, each report a full and interesting year. Turner Institute and the Presbyterian Church near it are to become one work, but for one year more the Institute is to carry on as usual. It has a large Sunday School, seventeen clubs and other activities.

All Peoples' Mission, Winnipeg, is a busy place. Mr. Shaver says, "To have our own young people as Sunday School teachers and one out as a missionary to his own people shows that they measure up when they get a chance."

Lamont, Vita, Hafford and Smoky Lake Hospitals have well on to 6,000 patients, including out patients. One Superintendent says, "No patient leaves the hospital without a gospel message."

We are thankful to God that not a missionary has had to leave her station through illness, that every station is fully staffed, for the return of one to whom He has again given health and for the splendid courage and faith of the missionaries.

## Report of Indian, Italian and French Work

Mrs. S. R. Bews, *Field Secretary.*



WHEN I commenced my work, last year, I felt that I was turning the key in the door of a new home, and I hesitated to turn it. It was all so new and strange and the surroundings were so unfamiliar, but during the year I have had many fireside chats by letter with our missionaries, and I have wandered many times through the different rooms, until now they are familiar, and I would like to give you just a peep into them.

The first door I shall open is into the largest apartment—the *Indian*. The health of the Indian boys and girls, at Kitamaat and Port Simpson, has been excellent all year. If environment counts for anything, it should be so, for they live in comfortable dainty surroundings and in an atmosphere conducive to their best development.

But, alas, we have a different story to tell of Nelson House. The year was a continued story of sickness and anxiety for Miss Jackson. During the year there were eighty deaths. You can understand how this cast its shadow over the whole community. And yet it was not all shadow; Miss Jackson writes, that in the time of hardest trial the loving Christ seemed very near, comforting and helping.

Miss Deacon and Miss Myles are still the two devoted workers at Crosby Girls' Home. They are much occupied with the care of their

family of twenty Indian girls. At the devotional hour these girls repeat Psalms and whole chapters from the Bible without the slightest hesitation in their rendering.

The Mission Band is officered entirely by native girls, who preside with grace and dignity. *Onward* has been their watchword all year.

The Indians of Kitamaat felt bereft indeed, when they realized that Miss Alton and Miss Clarke were leaving them. These years of effective service will ever live in their memory. There are 32 girls and boys in homes.

The three Indian Hospitals, Port Simpson, Bella Bella and Hazelton are giving service, the value of which can never be estimated. The doctors all write that they could not carry on without our grant. The Indians are very willing now to make use of a hospital. They are no longer suspicious of our motives, but recognize genuine heart-felt service, and realize that we are ministering to them from the highest motives.

Every hospital has been overcrowded. At Hazelton the attendance has been double that of 1921. There is now a nurse's Home in connection with each, and up-to-date X-ray plants have been installed, capable of handling any work the doctors may have to do.

This is a great blessing for it is so far from any other place where there is one, that the patients previously had to go without this additional aid to diagnosis.

The new Coqualeetza Residential School, with accommodation for 200 pupils, has every modern convenience and comfort and in the midst of such surroundings expansion is the natural sequence. The pervading spirit of the Institute is a high and worthy one—an endeavour by both boys and girls to live up to its motto—*No Backward Step*; and with this splendid motto we shall close the door on the Indian apartment with all its achievements.

The door swings open for us to visit the Italian work. Three of the five centers of Italian work are here in Toronto—Elm St., Dufferin St., and Claremont St. Missions. The work is similar in all. The months of July and August are spent in Fresh Air work with the children. The missionaries like to take them from the hot, dusty downtown streets to the different parks, often to Centre Island, where they enjoy the grass and flowers. The missions in Copper Cliff and Montreal do similar work. They all have kindergartens, mother's clubs, girls and boys clubs, and C.G.I.T. groups.

When we enter the door of the French work we learn that, though the work is most difficult there are great results.

The French Protestant Home is a real home with no institutional atmosphere. The children all look forward to going to Knowlton in the summer where they learn the lessons of nature in the open air life. The French Methodist Institute continues to be a spiritual force. Many grateful parents have expressed their full appreciation of the influence exerted there. The school was filled to its capacity all year.

We cannot speak of the Syrian work without thinking of Miss Bouchard. She has made the mission a bright star of peace and purity where the children come early and hate to leave.

I wish that I might linger longer with you in this home, but before turning the key I would like to say that while the casual observer, judging by surface impressions, might say that much of our work is futile, the real student of the life of these Indians, French and Italians, does not feel so. We are not discouraged by the few failures we have had. We look backward and we look forward, and we know that the Christian civilization they have learned through our efforts will be reflected bit by bit in the next generation. It is far-reaching and is bringing about the desired transformation. We see it coming very rapidly. This year of attainment has brought it nearer, and to our Heavenly Father we give all the praise.

#### SUPPLIES WANTED!

1. An S.O.S. call comes from the new Coqualeetza Residential School for Indian boys and girls for 220 quilts, single bed size ( $2\frac{1}{4}$  yds. x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yds.). Could they have them for Christmas?
2. From the hospitals at River's Inlet and at Lamont come requests for the following articles:—  
Sheets (Single bed size); pillows and pillow slips (medium size); towels, two sizes, 16" x 20" and 18" x 24"; tray cloths, 13" x 20", and stand covers, no size given.
3. A Piano for a new school in the Home Field.

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# Monthly Letter

## WATCH TOWER

### Japan

From the Kameido Community Centre, Tokyo, comes this word: "With the departure of earthquake refugees, we began to take working girls into our hostel again, but only now is it filled to its utmost capacity, as it was two years ago. As a rule we do not take in students, but this year we made an exception. Five Korean girls applied for admission, and our Japanese helpers begged for the privilege of taking them into our family and making a happy home for them. Some of the hostel girls invited one of the Korean girls to room with them, as she was anxious to improve her Japanese. Our teachers are taking great delight in helping another of them to design patterns for embroidery, by which she is trying to support herself."

### China

During the past year a "Chinese Benefit Society" in Chengtu asked all the mission doctors to plan a campaign of vaccination against smallpox for all the boys and girls in the Chengtu primary and middle schools, both government and mission. In connection with this, the staff of our Woman's Hospital had the opportunity of visiting some of the schools for the first time, and of assisting in the vaccination of some 2,400 girls.

### Oriental

"We are enlarging our rooms at the Powell St. Mission," writes one of our Vancouver workers. "The expense will be borne by the Japanese Mission and our Parent-Teachers Association in Powell St. Kindergarten. Our share is \$100, and the mothers will gladly raise that amount to help make this delightful room for the first-year classes. The Ladies' Night School is putting in two 100-power candle lights so that we can use these rooms for our English classes for women."

### Indian

Miss Jackson writes from Nelson House: "We have had our annual visit from Dr. Waddy, the Indian agent of this district, and Dr. Robinson, the medical supervisor for this reserve. They made the trip by sea plane, leaving the

Pas after breakfast and reaching here in time for dinner—a distance of about 225 miles, so there is at last a way to surmount the heavy portages in summer. They then visited Split Lake, another Indian reserve, and made the round trip in three days—a trip that in other years took them three weeks by canoe. It was great to see them come flying out of the clouds, though rather alarming to the Indians.

### Strangers

The Settlement House at Regina reports having won a Mohammedan family (Syrians) to regular attendance at Sunday School. "We have six of the children attending," writes Miss Forman; "there are five more at home. They sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as heartily as anyone. One of them has been here every Sunday this year and two of the others have missed only one."

### French

The French Methodist Institute, Montreal, has been filled to capacity all year, for it is known far and wide as a school where boys and girls get a thorough training from every standpoint, intellectual, moral and religious. There are many reasons why we are justified in spending time and money on this Institute: the large number of applicants who each year are asking admission; the appreciative comments passed by thankful parents or friends of the pupils; the important positions occupied by a large number of our former students in the many walks of life, and the clear moral and Christian lives led by former students of the Institute.

### Italian

In connection with the Elm Street Mission a paper is printed monthly, in Italian, called *La Favilla*. It contains the reports of the mission work and other news items of the month. The paper has been well received, and words of appreciation have come to our missionaries from different parts of Canada, as well as from the United States and Italy. It has had its place in strengthening and developing the Protestant Italians. Some friends of the Mission have sent grocery showers to it, which have helped to relieve need where there has been lack of employment.



**Temperance**

Many interesting experiments have been made to find the effect of alcohol on skill. In one experiment the man being tested drew a square with a cross in it at intervals of a few minutes. After a time he was given some intoxicant, and the unsteadiness of his hand and the dulling of his sense of correctness, and even of size, was soon to be seen in the little drawings he made every few minutes. The squares were no longer square, the crosses were fitted in with less and less neatness, the lines were shaky, and the whole drawing got smaller. As soon as the alcohol began to wear off, however, and the man's brain and body began to recover and to work normally, the drawings improved, and at the end of the experiment the squares and crosses

were as carefully and correctly drawn as before he took the intoxicant.

—*The Canadian White Ribbon Tidings.*

**Giving**

"Personality is the most precious thing a human being possesses. The responsibility of the believer to God for what he does with his personality is overwhelmingly great. He is a steward of it in an even more solemn way than he can ever be a steward of his substance. Every man will be held accountable for what he does with himself even more than for what he does with his money, for what a man does with his money is determined by what he does with himself. What a man does with his money only expresses what he is doing with himself."

*Owing to the space required in this issue for the report of the meetings of the Interim Board it has been necessary to omit the "Latest Tidings From Our Mission Fields":—The Editor.*

## Suggestive Programme

FOR

### AUXILIARIES AND MISSION CIRCLES

January, 1926

Subject for Study—The Annual Report.

Subject for Prayer—That in this new plan of missionary endeavor the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit may be very specially realized.

I—Hymn—Standing at the portal.

II—Repeat Apostles' Creed.

III—Prayer.

IV—Hymn—Eternal Source of every joy.

V—Minutes and Business.

VI—Watch Tower—Try to arrange for four two-minute items bearing on India, Japan, Korea, and work among the Austrians in Canada.

VII—Hymn—Sing to the great Jehovah's praise.

†VIII—Devotional Leaflet—Going apart to pray. St. Matthew 6 : 6; 14 : 22, 23.

\*IX—Questionnaire on the Annual Report.

X—Arrange to have six persons state what they found to be the most interesting part of the Report.

XI—Closing.

\*Price 5 cents per doz.

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## Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

**D**ECEMBER is the month, when crowds of people throng the shops in search of Christmas gifts. Hither and thither they rush in the mad pursuit of something—they know not what. It rarely occurs to them that the Literature Department of the Woman's Missionary Society at Room 410, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, can help to solve that problem.

Never before has this Department been prepared to offer such a unique gift as this year. Never has there been such an appropriate time to make such a gift as at the Christmas of 1925. Small fortunes are expended in Christmas cards, booklets, etc., that range in price from five cents to fifty cents or more. On Christmas morning the wrapping is removed, this yuletide remembrance from a friend is appreciated, and laid down. Owing to the similarity of this type of Christmas greeting, the accumulation of cards soon becomes burdensome and they are either given away or consigned to the waste-paper basket.

But the Christmas greeting that The Woman's Missionary Society of Wesley Buildings offers is unlike any other Christmas greeting that you have ever had. It is fresh from the press—an up-to-date Souvenir booklet—a short sketch of The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, covering the forty-four years of its existence from 1881-1925. This booklet is eight and one-half inches long by four inches wide, printed in dainty form on delicately tinted paper, and is beautifully illustrated with pictures of the building where the Society was organized, the first missionary, the first corresponding secretary, various buildings where work is conducted, and of leading officers who have given long terms of leadership in active service. The price is within the reach of every member of the Society. If you could but see this booklet and were then told that it is only 25 cents, you would marvel, that such a dainty production could be offered at such a low figure. For its own sake it is worthy of a place in any home, but to the Auxiliary or Circle member who has spent much time in loving service in connection with this organization it is doubly dear. In years to come it will recall happy memories of other days.

The desire to make your Christmas shopping a delight, prompts the Literature Department to call your attention to other desirable Christmas gifts. There is one season of the year when husbands, visit this depot to inquire about Life Members' Pins. There are other times when the wife invites her husband to accompany her with a view to making other purchases. She happens to see the pins, makes an audible remark of admiration, and perhaps goes so far as to say "I wish I could afford to buy one". You will not be surprised to hear that before they leave the building there is an Auxiliary Life Members' Pin tucked away in the corner of the husband's vest pocket, and on Christmas morning another woman is made happy in the possession of a Life Member's Pin. Could you but see this pin you would almost wish to become a Life Member, so that you would be entitled to wear it. It is 14 karat gold, and the design is a star attached to a bar pin. The five letters W.M.S.M.C. appear on the five points of the star, meaning Woman's Missionary Society, Methodist Church. In the centre of the star is the world, in a globe design, and printed on it are the words, "For Jesus", meaning "The World for Jesus". The price of the Auxiliary Life Members' Pin is \$3.00.

There is still another Life Members' Pin. This time it is for the Circle Life Members. As the colors chosen for the young people are the daisy colors, this pin is made in daisy design of sterling silver, heavily gold plated and French hard enamel, and sells for \$1.50.

To see the Band Life Members' Pin is to buy it. If you cannot spare one dollar to purchase one for a Band Life Member, please do not let the child know anything about it, for it would certainly be a great disappointment not to have one. This pin is also in daisy design, sterling silver, heavily gold plated and French hard enamel, and on the band above it are the words, "Mission Band". Any child would be proud to own one of these pins.

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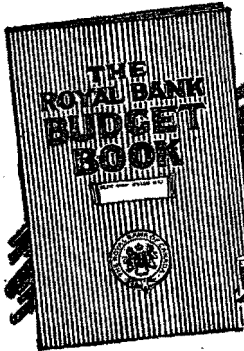
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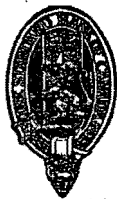
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