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## Resurrection

**N**OTHING now matters if God's last word is resurrection. Let life do its worst or best, this righting, saving fact will be at the end. The life of Jesus and especially His cross raises every question about life that can possibly be raised, and raises them in their acutest form. The word "Why?" upon the lips of Jesus as He hangs upon the cross seems to epitomize all the questions that ever trembled upon the lips of perplexed humanity. And the resurrection answers them all. God's last word is "resurrection." . . .

The phrase that transformed all from a commonplace of life into a sacrament was the phrase: "And when He took the Cup, He thanked God for it." He thanked God for it—for all the pains, the joys, all the companionships and desertions, for Gethsemane and for Calvary. He took it all as from a Father's hand, thanked Him for it, and, lo, everything was transformed. All of us have to bear, but only those who have learned triumphantly to thank God for it all can turn life from a senseless suffering to a sacrament . . . . . At the Round Table of Life Jesus passes to us the Chalice of His life, and, when our lips have tasted, we know that we are drinking of life itself.

—*E. Stanley Jones in "Christ at the Round Table."*

## Editorial

### Coming Back

WE HAVE begun our April number with two paragraphs from E. Stanley Jones' new book, "Christ at the Round Table." It is a book that should be in every home, not only for a night's consecutive reading, but to be picked up by members of the family when the newspaper and the chance magazine are often the only things at hand. Stanley Jones again has much to say of India, but he has much more to say about Jesus Christ, and about the relation of men and women of every race to the Son of Man.

One of the really striking features about modern missionary literature and thought is the change of emphasis from the differentiation of people to their universality. We no longer dwell on differences of habit, dress, modes of life and thought of peoples. We are impressed rather with their likeness to one another in fundamental longings and desires.

With this new emphasis has come a fresh conviction of the unique and precious contribution which we, as Christians, have to make to the religious heritage of other peoples. It is not a contribution from any special church, or sect or country. It is far wider and more universal than that. It is the sharing of Jesus Christ with all races—not His life alone with its fruitful ministry, but, in the words of St. Paul, "the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering."

Modern missionary literature consciously or unconsciously stresses these two things. In the series of books entitled, "Christian Voices Around the World," the youth of Japan, China, the Near East, Africa, Latin America, and India begin with an account of their cultural heritages, but close with the significant acknowledgment of Christ's predominating power and purity. At the Round Table Conferences in India, Jesus emerged at the close in moral and spiritual command of the situation. And

with these acknowledgments comes the challenge to all Christians to witness for Him in kindlier sympathy and in purer lives.

Is this not a challenge to us all this Easter time? Jesus Christ, so often misinterpreted in the past by those who have known Him longest, so often hidden by the forms which we have built around Him, is coming back to His own. He is walking on the Eastern and Western roads, and revealing Himself, as He did long ago at Emmaus, in the common acts of everyday life. He is coming back to the world in a new and wonderful way, to those who have never known Him, but who have been straining upward for just such help as He can give—coming back to us, too, who have named His name for years, but need to re-find Him at this blessed Easter season.

### Back From Trinidad

THOSE who travelled from Canada to be present at the Trinidad Jubilee celebrations had, according to their own reports, a truly wonderful time! These were Rt. Rev. James Endicott, the Moderator; Rev. D. E. Frame from the Maritime Conference Branch, and Mrs. Frame, and the W.M.S. delegates, Mrs. C. F. Sanford and Mrs. G. E. Forbes.

We are grateful to Mrs. Forbes, who sent such prompt and generous contributions in picture and story, and that at a time when the delegates had attended thirty-three public meetings, visited about twenty schools and had had three full days of council meetings.

In this issue we print Mrs. Forbes' impressions of the Jubilee, using a few of the fine and important pictures which she sent. It was quite heart-breaking to discriminate between photographs when all were of the best, but our consolation is that they will practically all be used later in magazine, paper or slide, and thus the varied phases of the activities of missionaries and people alike will be ade-



quately presented to The United Church.

Mrs. Forbes, in the brief time which she had at her disposal at the time of writing, touches on the following interesting branches of the work there—the Trinidad Girls in Training, the women's meetings, and the Canadian Mission Schools. We hope later to receive an account of another gathering of peculiar interest to us—the Speech Day at the New Theatre, San Fernando, when the reports of the year were presented from Naparima College, the Girls' High School and the Training College for Teachers. Their Excellencies, the Governor and Lady Byatt, were present at the function, and Lady Byatt distributed the prizes.—His Excellency laid great stress on the importance of manual and technical instruction, a thought that was later followed up in the Moderator's speech, and he quoted an item from "The Life of John Morton," which referred to the first school opened in 1871. It had sixteen scholars, and Mrs. Grant, one of the pioneers, taught the girls to sew.

At this same meeting, Dr. Endicott, in his happiest humor, told some excellent stories. He said he had got so accustomed to speeches nowadays that all any one had to do was to wake him up in the middle of the night and he would start right off, "Ladies and gentlemen!" He supposed the proper thing for a moderator to do was to talk religion, but he had in mind a minister, who, on going to visit a very sick, old man, was accosted outside by the wife, who told him that she was very glad to see him, but hoped he would not talk religion to her husband as he was miserable enough as it was!

Years ago, so went another tale, there were four Canadians in the United States competing in a relay race against champion runners from different parts of the United States. He was one of the Canadians, and the only reason he ran was because he had to. There were only three Canadians and they needed a fourth so he had to be in it. All the advice they gave him was to get around the corner first; he did it, and his team beat the whole United States that day and it was the fourth of July!

## The Falling Torch

A PECULIAR emphasis is being laid in these days on the contribution which young people are making to the great undertakings of life. It is a new and significant fact that they are more and more being called upon to take their places in executive councils and the practical work of the churches. And we feel that our acceptance of this, and our satisfaction in it, is because we realize the leadership which is to come from them, when those of us now to the fore in this ever-growing enterprise will no longer be able to continue it. We acquiesce sadly in the inevitable changes, which the years are bringing now, and the passing of women from our midst, without whom we feel the work can hardly be carried on.

These losses are felt everywhere. One has only to look over our In Memoriam column to realize the gaps in the ranks of Auxiliary workers and in Presbyterian and Conference Branch circles. In the last few months we have lost leaders, whose lives have been an inspiration to us all. Mrs. Robert Hobson, Hamilton, a tribute to whose memory appeared in the March issue, passed away at the close of the year. The nurses' home at Hearst, Ontario, was built and furnished by her in memory of a daughter, who died at the age of seventeen. She also made possible the publication of an illustrated Bible for the children of China. Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Montreal, was another outstanding personality, and gave of her best, not alone to her Auxiliary, but to the wider work of the Woman's Missionary Society through her Conference Branch activities. An appreciation of her life also appeared in the March magazine.

In January, the executive of the Manitoba Conference Branch lost Mrs. H. J. Keith. Few women possessed rarer and more varied gifts, and in her position as minister's wife, Mission Band leader, and as a talented writer of missionary plays and stories, she poured them out in willing service.

As we go to press, we record with deep sadness the passing of Mrs. Young, the

wife of Rev. Colin Young, D.D., of the Board of Home Missions, who died at her home in Toronto, February 21. Prior to coming to Toronto, Mrs. Young lived in Prince Albert and Saskatoon. Her husband's wide connection with Canadian problems through his work as Superintendent of Home Missions made her an enthusiastic chairman of the Home Missions' Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society. Failing health compelled her to retire a year ago. She had a delightful humor and freshness of outlook, and even commonplace things lost their ordinary tenor when she brought them to the attention of the Board.

To those in the homes thus bereft, and many others whom we cannot name, who feel in a much more intimate way the absence of so much that made life sweet, we express our warmest sympathy.

### A Woman With a Little Room

IN THE March magazine we published a suggestive study, "The Woman with a Little Room," from a series printed by the Northern Baptist Board, U.S.A. Some time later there came a letter from Fukui, Japan, telling of a little incident which serves as a lovely illustration of just such a simple service.

Our missionaries there are at last enconced in their new home. For months before, they looked for a room in which to hold the weekly children's meetings. The neighbors had been most friendly, but fear of the Buddhist priest was stronger than offers of money or personal friendship, and it seemed as though no place could be secured.

And then appeared, "The Woman with the Little Room." She was a widow with young children and she eked out a living by teaching sewing every day in her tiny house. But when she heard of the need, she invited the missionaries to use her little room, and she and the children have welcomed the teachers and the class so warmly that interest and attendance have both increased.

When Christmas came, she begged them to use her little home, and again

and again she thanked the missionaries for coming, saying that she had little time or means to help in church work, but if she could help by just lending her room, it was a joy and privilege to herself and family.

### Canada's Death Rate

ANNOUNCEMENT was made recently that Canada's death rate was one of the highest among the nations of the world. In the last report issued by the Federal Department of Health, and covering an enquiry extending over a three-year period, an item dealing with the same subject has this significant phrase: "Maternal life is held in too light esteem."

Those who have read the letters which have appeared lately in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY from our nurses in the far west will give thoughtful consideration to all efforts made for more preventive work in this most important branch of public health.

### The School of Missions

REV. WILLIAM PATON, Secretary of the International Council of Missions, whose second visit to Toronto took place last November, has written to Dr. Lovell Murray expressing deep admiration for the kind of work that is being done through the Canadian School of Missions, Toronto.

Mr. Paton is greatly impressed, not only by the variety of courses offered at the school, but by the individual attention which is being given to the need of each missionary. As many countries are represented by those who study there, and conditions are so different in each, this is one of the most important factors of success. But he was also impressed by the friendly atmosphere, the delightful fellowship of those of a common aim and purpose.

"I would like," he adds, "to express my warmest wishes for the success of the school, and the hope that you will succeed in getting more suitable accommodation in which to carry on so valuable a work."

## It Pays to Advertise

B. WYNNE McCAUL

GRANDFATHER KIM, of Korea, carefully tucked up his immaculate white *touramagee*, squatted more comfortably on the hillside, and pulled reflectively at his long, narrow pipe. Luck was with him to-day for, in the course of his morning stroll, he had stumbled upon a promising sight-see. Many another *ku-gyen* had he had before from that same Ham-heung hillside. The low hills surrounding the little valley formed a natural amphitheatre which, from time immemorial, had been the scene of contests of every kind. As a tiny lad, he could remember going with his father to watch the great wrestling matches every spring and autumn, and the tug of war on the fifteenth day of each first moon. That old pavilion with its curving roof and brightly-painted beams had been there then, but it and the everlasting hills seemed to be the only things which had not changed.

Yet, it was a pretty scene to-day. From a tall pole in the middle of the field radiated flag streamers of all the nations. An arch of evergreens topped with crossed Japanese flags marked the entrance to the enclosure and, along one side, were erected striped awnings to shade the aristocracy from the warm fall sunshine. Over the pole waved a banner with some Chinese characters on a white ground. Grandfather had been, in his

day, a fair Chinese scholar, but, though he pushed his bone-rimmed glasses to the tip of his nose and peered over them, he could not make out the meaning. A kindly neighbor read them for him, "Christian Schools United Field Day." Christian! Um-m, he had heard about them. People who had no fear of the spirits, and who talked about a God of

Love, who had sent His own Son to live in the world—Jesus people. His son had told him that these foreigners had come across the great ocean from a country called Canada just to spread the Jesus doctrine. More and more interesting! And he *did* so enjoy an *undong* (Field Day).

What a crowd of children! Must be about ten thousand. "Eleven hundred," his neighbor corrected him. But why be such a slave to accuracy if, to you, they seem like ten thousand? Quite

half of them girls, too! In his day they kept girls where they belonged, in the background. To give them so much freedom was just laying up trouble for their husbands. They looked nice, though, in their school uniforms of black pleated skirt and white *chogoree* (bodice). No wonder little In-su, his granddaughter, was always coaxing to be sent to school. She was prettier and cleverer than any of them too. But it would never do to spoil her with too much learning; it would be difficult to get a husband then.



GRANDFATHER KIM

Here was the band. They must be going to start. Girls first! That was surely just to get rid of them so as to show off the boys better. But over there, boys were starting a race too. Henceforth grandfather's eyes were kept so busy that his pipe went out and his mind became a blur of many impressions. All over the field, things seemed to be happening at once. In the centre, little girls were doing a dainty little folk dance. Round the edge, boys, in running shorts and vests, were running a relay race, each team wearing a headband and carrying a paper torch of a different color. On the side lines, the waiting children were singing strange songs in tunes very different from the old-time quavery melodies. One of them, especially, they sang over and over again till grandfather found himself unconsciously repeating the words. "*Jesu sahrang hah siemun. Nal sahrang ha sim; syung kyung eh su se nay.*" "Jesus loves me; He loves me; His love for me is written in the Bible" (*Syung Kyung*). That must be the book his son had wanted to read to him. When he went home, he would find out more about it. "Jesus loves me." What a nice sound that had!

But what were those small boys doing with the tall pointed hats? It seemed to be some sort of a relay race, too. Grandfather laughed till the tears came as he watched each in turn don the stiff pointed hat and try to crawl, head first, through the holes in a ladder set sideways on the ground. Unless each boy kept the hat well forward and his head well down, the point simply wouldn't find that hole.

Now the girls were racing round the track, skirts and pigtailed flying. He did not approve of such publicity, but eh-go! they *could* run, the young hussies. What was that big pole for with all the colored ribbons hanging from it? Maybe it was a sort of foreign devil-tree. Awful waste of cloth though, when everybody knew any little piece of old rag would do for the spirits. Some girls were standing around it, each one holding one of the ribbons. He must watch carefully.

Maybe they were coming to sacrifice to the spirits after all. But no, to merry music the children danced around the pole winding the ribbons into pretty designs as they did so. It didn't seem to have any religious meaning at all, but you never can tell. How pretty they were! Korean girls had a natural grace. He'd like to show them how nicely In-su could do the old Korean dances which were less a tripping of the feet than a posturing of body and hands.

So the day wore on and grandfather sat entranced. Older boys ran obstacle races, under nets, over hurdles, through hoops and finishing up in sacks. There were three-legged, egg-and-spoon, sewing and wheelbarrow races for the children; and long distance runs for the graduates and teachers. Never a dull moment from eight o'clock in the morning until six in the evening, and the whole programme was carried through by the Koreans themselves. Not a foreigner had any part in the proceedings, except to distribute the prizes. Grandfather felt very proud of his people that day.

Once he took a stroll to get a nearer view of the *Yangban* (the aristocracy). Under the awnings people, Koreans, too, sat on those queer contraptions called chairs, drank Japanese tea from handleless cups and munched little Japanese cakes. Perhaps the men *had* to sit on chairs when they wore those ridiculous foreign clothes which fitted so tightly. Women were sitting with the men and even had the best seats in front. It was all very disturbing.

In the pavilion were tables piled high with prizes, and behind them a little emergency first-aid station with a nurse and doctor from the Christian hospital. He watched them bind up some cuts and bruises. How deft they were! But he had his suspicions of those new-fangled lotions. A salve of yellow clay or a poultice of cow's dung would be, to his way of thinking, far more efficacious.

As he mingled with the home-coming crowd, grandfather's mind was in a whirl. It had been a bewildering day and he hardly knew what to think. Those

Jesus-believing people seemed after all to be nice, kindly folk, and they had much ability. He must get his son to tell him

more about that Jesus doctrine and, well, he guessed In-su had better be sent to that girls' school after all.

## Easter Lilies.

MARION COON

THE MISSIONARY was sitting in her room thinking of the splendid group from the boys' school who, on Christmas Sunday in the great hall full of people, had acknowledged Christ as their master. What of her own girls? How many of them would make a similar stand?

As she thought of them their faces came before her—Djang Ngai Teh, so merry and full of fun; Wang Bao Dzen, with her sad life story; Min Fang, the clever one, and many more. Her heart yearned over them. Had she made Jesus real to them? Had her own life testified for Him? How wonderful if they, too, could take a stand when the Easter season was with them! How could she approach them?

As she thought about it there came a gentle tap at the door and a girl entered. It was Lee Ru Lan who had come down some time ago from a little mountain village to the boarding school at Pei Tah Gai, the street of the White Pagoda. She was a quiet girl, rather bashful, but studious and clever. From the very first the story of Jesus had thrilled her, she had listened and studied and, in her second year at school, had declared herself a Christian.

She entered and closed the door behind her. In her hand she held a piece of paper, and, as she approached the missionary, she held it out very politely, Chinese fashion, in both hands.

"What is this, Lee Ru Lan?" asked the missionary.

"Will you be pleased to read, Chiao Si?" was the answer. The missionary glanced down at the paper. There were written the names of a dozen classmates.

"Do they want something?" the missionary enquired, puzzled.

"They want to be Christian," replied Lee Ru Lan, simply, "I have been talk-

ing to them. They know that idols in the temples are false; they have read the Holy Book. They know your words are true; every day they have heard you tell about Jesus. And now they know there is nothing else to do but follow Him. This is what I have said. And they wish to join the church at Easter time. Do you think they might, Chiao Si?"

Lee Ru Lan's face was flushed, her eyes were very bright. The missionary looked at her and felt humbled. She remembered the home from which this girl came, with its idolatry. She thought of her own home—a Christian one and of her own school days with their many wasted opportunities. She thought of the hundreds—thousands—of school girls in her own land. How many of them had ever asked a friend or schoolmate to give her heart to Jesus? And there stood Lee Ru Lan, only a few short years out of heathenism, retiring and shy, yet she had dared to do what the missionary herself had been fearful about attempting! Truly, the first shall be last and the last first.

Wonderful little services followed, when thirty or forty girls gathered together to hear more about the Christian way of life. To the missionary it was the happiest and most inspiring hour of the

### The Mystery

He came and took me by the hand,  
Up to a red rose tree;  
He kept His meaning to Himself,  
But gave a rose to me.  
I did not pray Him to lay bare  
The mystery to me;  
Enough the rose was heaven to smell,  
And His own face to see.

—Ralph Hodgson.

week, and as time went on, she felt that some of the girls were ready for the great step.

Easter morning came. In the school compound the flowers were blooming, and among the leafy branches of the trees, little birds were calling to each other. Above the sky was clear and blue, like a Canadian June. The girls, dressed in their best silk and satin gowns, gathered in a long line and wended their way through the narrow streets to the church, which was down in one of the crowded sections of the city. The church itself was beautiful with flowers and ferns. The sweet voices of the boys and girls rang out in joyous praise:

Christ the Lord is risen to-day,  
Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say  
Alleluia!

Then amid a breathless hush, sixteen girls took their places before the pastor, in front of the great congregation. Sweet-faced and serious they stood and, with voices tremulous with feeling, paid their vows unto the Lord. It was a beautiful service. The missionary's heart was lifted in prayer for her girls that they might always be bright and shining lights in the dark; that the way might not be too hard for them nor the difficulties too great. It was the happiest and proudest moment of her life, for this was her first class and these the first fruits of her labor.

She looked across at Lee Ru Lan. The girl's face was radiant with joy, her eyes shone as two stars. Lee Ru Lan was finding, too, that the fruits of her first missionary work were very sweet.

## Trinidad Diamond Jubilee

JEAN GORDON FORBES

THE DIAMOND Jubilee is all over. Not so. It has just begun. True it is that the wonderful meetings which have been arranged in the five fields of the Canadian Mission are all over, but the influence of those gatherings, with their fine, enthusiastic spirit of Christian fellowship and brotherhood, is still alive and must necessarily permeate the whole East Indian Church in Trinidad. We could not doubt that as we gazed at the eager and interested faces of the men and women who thronged in to these meetings from far and near, crowding the churches and halls to their utmost capacity and even filling the open windows and doors out in the street.

As these hundreds of people go back to their homes and take up again their daily tasks, whether in the home, the field, the factory, the school, the church, they will have the added consciousness of fresh visions presented to them of the magnitude of the work still to be done among their own people, of each one's responsibility to share in this work, of the continued and ever-increasing inter-

est of the mother church in Canada, and, best of all, they will realize as never before the glory of that love which makes God's people one. Inspiration from the achievements of the past, devotion to the tasks of the present, and heroic united effort for the problems of the future were the thoughts emphasized again and again as the fascinating history of the sixty-year old mission was reviewed.

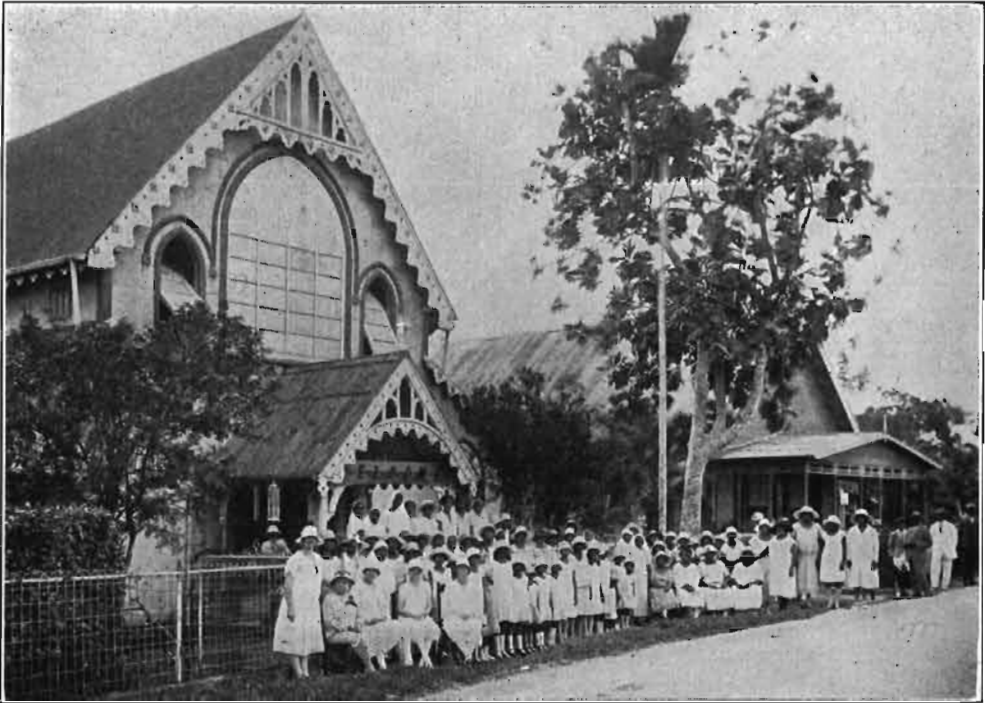
The Canadian delegation was fortunate in having as its chief, the beloved Moderator of The United Church of Canada, Dr. James Endicott, whose radiant personality, gracious tact, unflinching good humor and eloquence of speech won for him and his party golden opinions all along the way. The other members of this congenial party were Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Frame, representing the Maritime Conference, Mrs. C. F. Sanford, President of the Maritime Conference Branch, and the writer.

We have been delighted with the beautiful scenery of this wonderfully productive island, with the unflinching kindness

of the people, with their apparent untiring ability to attend meetings and listen to addresses, and with the gracious hospitality extended to us by our own splendid band of missionaries, men and women, who made us so happy and comfortable in the most whole-hearted and generous fashion.

A few hours after we had dropped anchor in the harbor at Port of Spain,

Celebration services had been arranged in each one of the five mission stations: Tunapuna, Guaico, Couva, Princes Town, ending with a central celebration for the whole island at San Fernando. Each field had its own distinctive features, but all in common had great attentive congregations, of many nationalities, East Indians, Africans, West Indians, Chinese, Scotch and English, many



WOMEN'S MEETING, PRINCES TOWN

Girls of St. Andrew's Mission Band in front

*Photo by Geo. Adhar*

early Sunday morning, January 15, we were standing in the Tunapuna Church joining with our East Indian brethren in singing, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." And from that moment until the celebration services in San Fernando, January 31, we were impressed with the wonder of it all, the zeal and enthusiasm of the people, the far-reaching influence of the Canadian Mission, and the omnipotent power of God who has made all these things possible.

Christians, many not, but all interested because they had come within the influence of the Canadian Mission. Watch them as they come in, beautiful-faced women, some in their picturesque Indian dress, with bracelets and jewels of many kinds, some in western costumes, and many in a combination of both; men, young and old, and middle-aged, such crowds of men! and in an equal variety of costumes, the teachers and catechists in western clothes, and the native preach-





CHURCH GROUP, PRINCES TOWN

*Photo by Geo. Adhar*

*Seated:* Dr. Cropper, Rev. J. E. Gibbings, Mr. Frame, Dr. Endicott, Mrs. Cropper, Mrs. Scrimgeour, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. MacDonald Sr. Mrs. J. C. MacDonald



ers in our formal ministerial garb. The decorations in the churches were as picturesque as the people, palms and flowers, the showy bougainvillea and the delicate coralita, with scripture texts and mottoes of welcome in beautiful script, cleverly done by the teachers in the schools. The native preachers had a prominent part in every gathering, sometimes speaking in English, more often in Hindi, for there were many present who could not understand English and in some instances interpreters had to be pressed into service. The Hindi hymns or *Bhajans* were sung with great enthusiasm, reminding one of the Gaelic tunes with their wistful minor harmonies.

The gratitude of the people to the "Mother Church in Canada," as they lovingly refer to her, was expressed over and over again in beautifully written and illustrated addresses presented to the Moderator and his party, not only from the native church, but from various East Indian Associations, who more particularly appreciated the educational advantages received through the auspices of the Canadian Mission, and were desirous of testifying to the influential position occupied by the mission throughout the length and breadth of the Island.

The end of the Jubilee celebration is not yet. Christianity with its attendant blessings and benefits has been held high during these Jubilee days, and the light must continue to shine for many days to come—the light that will be a steadying influence for the new Christians and a beckoning finger for those who have not yet come to Christ.

### The Women's Meetings

THE ladies of the Canadian deputation naturally received their greatest thrills at the women's meetings. Our expectations had not been very great in this regard, for we realized that it is only a very few years since any definite women's work has been carried on in our Mission. But, again, we were agreeably surprised, for great crowds of interested women greeted us. At one place many of them came in large, open buses several miles to be present at the meeting.

And how pretty they looked with the dainty, white *orhmi* thrown so gracefully over their heads, their braceleted arms, and their eager, expectant faces!

Everywhere they read words of welcome to us and presented beautiful bouquets of roses and lilies, quite a treat to Canadian ladies in January. But the climax came when on the last day of the Central Celebration, representatives from all the women's organizations in the five mission stations came together in Susamachar Church, San Fernando, and organized The United Woman's Missionary Society.

After a suggested Constitution, previously prepared by a small committee, had been read and adopted, the election of officers was proceeded with. Amid enthusiastic applause, Miss Archibald was elected president. Gracious reference was made to her pioneering in woman's work, her long and faithful service of thirty-eight years in the Mission, the love and esteem with which she was held in every field, and the fact that, at the Public Celebration that day, she had been presented with the W.M.S. gold medal, given to the former Presbyterian lady missionaries for long service on the field. Miss Archibald is known and loved all over the Mission, and her wise counsel is appreciated by all. Many of the girls, who are now Biblewomen and Christian workers, were brought up, educated and trained by her in the Iere Home of past days. Many of the men, catechists and teachers, attended her school as boys, when she first taught in the Elementary Mission School at San Fernando, and all delight in honoring her as their "Mother Superior."

Other officers were elected and representatives from the different fields to form the Executive. Then the United Society, comprised of women organizations, Mission Bands, and T.G.I.T. groups, was formally consecrated and hallowed by using the same form of service, slightly adapted, as that used at the inaugural service of our Woman's Missionary Society in Bloor Street Church, Toronto, October, 1926.

We felt that it was a most impressive moment, as our East Indian sisters, gathered together in a Union meeting for the first time, stood and repeated after each declaration of purpose, "This Society of our Church is consecrate." Truly we are one with them in aim and purpose, for the glory of God the Father and our sisters in our own and other lands. What a fine way to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Mission, a real Forward Movement in woman's work! May God bless them abundantly in their new venture!

And then, true to type, this United Woman's Missionary Society began to function immediately, and presented most fittingly worded addresses to the three Canadian ladies, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Frame and Mrs. Forbes, accompanied by beautiful bouquets of roses and valuable gifts of brass.



*Photo by Geo. Adhar*

A CANADIAN GODMOTHER  
Mrs. Dindyal, Mrs. Forbes and baby Jean Gordon  
Dindyal

### The Address

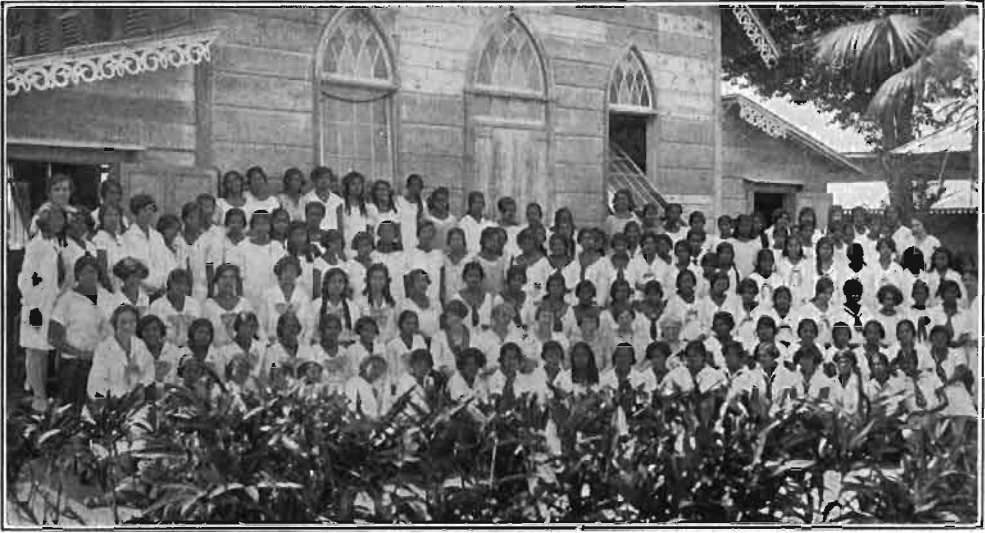
WE, the women of the East Indian community of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad, welcome you as a representative of the Woman's Missionary Society and The United Church of Canada. We hope that you will find our welcome warm as the climate of this tropical isle. We are grateful to the Woman's Missionary Society for sending you as a delegate on the occasion of this our Diamond Jubilee and we hope your visit will prove both pleasant to yourself and profitable to us.

"We acknowledge with thankfulness the generosity of the Woman's Missionary Society, and realize that it is only through their support that many consecrated missionary teachers throughout the years have assisted in building up the work by their labors amongst the children and the young people of the mission.

"We thank the Society for assisting for many years the Iere Home, which has provided for the Christian education of many girls, also for its ready approval when representation was made for the changing of the Iere Home for Juniors into a Vocational Training School, thus providing a more practical training than the Government assisted High School is able to give.

"We are especially grateful for the splendid Peace-offering gift that enabled us to build the commodious Naparima Girls' High School buildings at La Pique. This institution has gradually grown from a private mission school to a recognized secondary school with a teacher training department.

"For the good work that our limited number of Bible women are doing, we thank the Missionary Society in Canada. Each of our districts is benefitted by the ministrations of these Christian women going in and out of the homes of the people and by their teaching of the Bible. We hope for increased support and for a larger number of women so that the many scattered districts of the mission may derive those benefits which have been so helpful to the girls and women of the older centres. Each one engaged in the work of endeavoring to lift the home life of



TRINIDAD GIRLS IN TRAINING

Photo by Geo. Adhar

Centre: Miss Young, Miss Fife (Kenora, Canada,) Miss Bentley, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Sanford.

people realizes the very great importance of bringing to a knowledge of the Truth the wives and mothers of the home. And who can better accomplish this work than trained Christian women whose hearts have been touched by the spirit of the Master?

"We ask you to convey these expressions of gratitude to the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society at home, thanking them for sending you as their representative to meet with us on this auspicious occasion.

"With feelings of thankfulness we look back over the past sixty years and praise Him for the way He has led us, and with feelings of hopefulness we trust in His leadership for the days to come."

Signed on behalf of the women's organizations: Mildred G. Appleton, *Secretary of Happy Workers' Society*; Rose Boodoo, *Secretary, Hindi Women's Bible Class*; Rebecca Naimoob, *Secretary, W.M.S., Aramalya Church, Tunpuna*; Jane Armoogum, *Vice-President, Knox Church Mission Band, Couva*; Charlotte Sammy, *Treasurer of Knox Church Mission Band, Couva*; Alice M. Dookie, *Mission Band, Princes Town*; Anna Mahase, *Women's Bible Study Class, Guaico*.

### Trinidad Girls in Training

IT WAS an interesting coincidence that, when the Canadian mail came to San Fernando on Saturday morning, January 28, it brought news of daughters getting ready to attend the C.G.I.T. Conference in Toronto. That very morning the Trinidad Girls in Training were meeting for their second Annual Conference. There was an early stir at the Sarah Morton Dormitory at La Pique, as the girls hurried through their morning duties to join the others at Susamchar Church at 7 a.m., for the Morning Watch. How alike they seemed to our own Canadian girls! Many groups in their middies and skirts with distinctive ties, others in white dresses with their badges neatly embroidered on pocket or sleeve, and all looking so pretty and happy with their shining black hair and sparkling eyes.

After the morning watch they had a walk. When they assembled again at 8.30 a.m., for the morning session, there were 140 of them with their leaders, representing almost all the different sections of our Mission. Their Conference theme was "Follow the Gleam," and in song and

talks it was carried out splendidly. Miss Bentley, president of the Girls' Work Board, gave a very fine address.

The afternoon was given over to sports at La Pique, where, under the leadership of Miss Young, the delegates from the cold North watched with growing admiration the zeal with which these girls entered into their games and tests with the thermometer wavering between 96° and 100° in the shade. Each group did its best to win the cup presented by Miss Fife, a visitor from Kenora, Ontario. When at last it was decided that the girls from the Iere Vocational School, Princes Town, had won it, one and all joined in hearty cheers and congratulations.

Then at seven o'clock came the Mother and Daughter Banquet in Grant Hall, where about 250 sat down to elaborately decorated tables and a delicious chicken supper. Altogether it represented much work on the part of the indefatigable committee. The toast mistress was Miss Daisy Roodal, who performed her onerous duties in a graceful manner. The toast list was a long one, and brought forth many fine addresses from the T.G.I.T. girls as well as from the Moderator and other guests. After a sing-song, addresses of greeting, beautifully worded and daintily inscribed, were presented to the Canadian ladies to carry back to the Canadian Girls in Training from their sister organization in Trinidad. These addresses were accompanied by sheafs of roses, which we wish could also be sent to our girls in Canada.

A Mother and Daughter Banquet in Trinidad! Will you stop a moment and consider what it means? Think, that not so many years ago neither mothers or daughters saw very much outside their own home. The girl of the family was guarded carefully in her own home until her early marriage. Then she was equally secluded in her husband's home. Think, then, of the joy and freedom which Christianity has been bringing to these girls since they have been allowed to attend our schools and to take their proper place in church and community life. Who could be discouraged about the future of the Church's work here as they looked over that fine group of

mothers and daughters? It was good to hear them at their Sunday morning service, stand and sing:

"O Thou, Who art the Light of Light,  
To Thee we humbly turn."

It is not play to them. They are serious-minded girls, keen in their studies, zealous in their sports, and eager to "follow the gleam of the light that shall bring the dawn."

May we pay a tribute, too, to the splendid work being done by the leaders of the various groups? That means not only our lady missionaries and missionaries' wives in the various fields, but more especially the many young East Indian ladies who are giving whole-hearted support in time and talents to this new organization. May they have the reward of service lovingly performed and of lasting results lived out day by day in the lives of the young girls under their care.

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It was a great joy to meet the mother of the mission, Mrs. John Morton, at Tunapuna. She was not able to join in the Jubilee celebrations, but the loving thought of her work and worth was expressed at every gathering.

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Dr. and Mrs. Cropper were the representatives from British Guiana, and their greetings were listened to with delight.

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There was an interesting baptismal service at Riversdale when a young lad, a recent convert, was given the name of the Moderator, James Endicott Mahibir, and a wee daughter of J. Dindyal was christened Jean Gordon Forbes!

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The diligence, energy, and enthusiasm of the East Indian people in preparing the feasts at each field cannot be too strongly commended. They prepared food for hundreds of people, cooking all night before, and then attended the meetings all next day. The Canadians will not soon forget the generosity of the East Indian feasts.

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*An article on the Canadian Mission Indian schools will be published in May.*

## East is West

E. ETTA DE WOLFE

THE GRADUATION exercises of the Powell Street Kindergarten, Vancouver, took place in the gymnasium of the church, and were more than usually successful. The room was decorated with red, yellow, orange and green

three hundred Japanese and Canadian guests. Our graduation day is now considered one of the most interesting demonstrations in the city, and it is not difficult to get a large and appreciative audience.



GRADUATES OF POWELL STREET KINDERGARTEN

Others (from left to right) Miss Moscrop, Mrs. Fulk, Mrs. Ralph, Miss Pim, Miss Howie, Rev. Mr. Shimidzu, Rev. Mr. Mizuno, Miss Martin, Miss Bird. At back, Miss De Wolfe.

balloons, and looked like fairyland, when the hundred and twenty-five children filed in and took their places in three large circles.

We began with hymns, prayer and the singing of the national anthem. After a pretty balloon game, the children sat down and each class in turn gave a short programme of games, rhymes and songs. In spite of the oppressive heat, the children were so well-trained and attractive that they won the admiration of the

After the games, the children retired to the classrooms for a period of rest, and Rev. K. Shimidzu, the pastor of the church, gave a fine gospel message to the Japanese parents and friends. The Canadian guests tried to understand what was being said by watching the gestures of the speaker. These occasions are always used to present a strong spiritual appeal.

At the close of the address, the children

again appeared. This time the thirty-seven graduates were dressed in their picturesque red caps and white gowns, and they entered the room to the strains of a dignified march. As they passed before the staff, they received their diplomas, which were tied with red satin ribbon. With quiet dignity they arranged themselves in front of a red rose arch and sang their graduation song. The other

children were then presented with balloons, the gift of the P.T.A.

These little graduates enter the public school in September. They all successfully passed the intelligence tests and entered with the highest standing. Surely in this work the Woman's Missionary Society is helping to solve the problem of the non-English-speaking students in the public schools of Vancouver.

## The Business Girl's Contribution

*A paper given at the annual meeting of the Toronto East Presbyterial.*

AGNES SWINARTON.

**T**HE BUSINESS GIRL is very much like any other girl—though fortunately there are no two of us exactly alike. Most business girls I have met have been sane, and most of them have been Christians. They are, therefore, interested in missions—all sane Christians are; and this subject refers to the Business Girl's contribution to the missionary enterprises of the church.

She is asked to make the same contribution as the Girl in the Home: time, money and service. There is a difference in proportion and kind, that is all.

As a Business Girl, I can say that the greatest of these three is time, and I shall start with it. Strange as it may sound, in a Business Girl's life there always

seem to be more days than evenings, and, naturally, she does not want to waste an evening. One of the first things a girl is taught in business is to conserve time, and one of her chiefest complaints of all meetings in general, and missionary meetings in particular, is that a great deal of her contribution of time is wasted. The meeting opens with the singing of hymns, with the reading of scripture, and with prayer. What better way could it be opened? But might there not be some judgment used in the length of all three? Then come the minutes of the last meeting, the financial statement, and endless business details, possibly another hymn or two, and about nine o'clock, when the Business Girl who has been indoors all day can hardly keep her eyes open, the speaker of the evening is called upon to sketch briefly, shall we say, the situation in China. Well, I ask you: is it fair to the audience, is it fair to the speaker, is it fair to the Chinese Empire? The speaker is probably a busy person, too, and it is not fair to waste her contribution of time.

The second thing the Business Girl is asked to contribute is money, and I think in this respect she responds rather well. I heard a canvasser for the Maintenance and Extension Fund in one of the largest churches in Toronto say that the Business Girl was the best contributor in his church: she gave generously

### Wanted, Women!

Not system fit and wise,  
Not faith with rigid eyes,  
Not wealth in mountains piled,  
Not power with gracious smile,  
Not even the potent pen,  
Wanted—Women!

They that can dare and do,  
Not longing for the new,  
Not prating for the old,  
Good life and actions bold,  
These the occasion needs,  
Women and deeds.

—From *Other Lands*.

and regularly. Business teaches a person to be systematic about money as well as about time, and most business girls prefer giving regularly by envelope rather than devising various means of raising money, which consume so much precious time. If you happen to be one of possibly a dozen girls in an office, there is hardly a week that you are not called upon to buy a ticket for something in somebody's church. The causes are all worthy, and I suppose the real missionary spirit is to help each other out, but you do wish sometimes that they would all adopt the envelope system. Why not discuss your allocation as soon as it is received, make out a budget, and before each business meeting throughout the year ask the treasurer to write her financial returns on a blackboard which can be placed so that every member can see it?

The third contribution the Business Girl is asked to give is her personal service. Time and personal service are pretty much linked together, for the latter is controlled very much by the former; but within the limitations of time there are many ways in which a girl can help. Why not make use of the specialized service which a Business Girl can offer? That is, make use of the knowledge she has gained in the business world, for there is hardly a job which cannot make some contribution to the Missionary Society. Such humble accomplishments as typing and book-keeping can be turned to good account. School-teaching offers infinite possibilities, for, of course, the term Business Girl includes all those who earn their living. In one Auxiliary a Business Girl who earns her daily bread in a public library, turned the specialized training she has gained there to very good use. Librarians are always interested in current events, and one of the outstanding events of last year was the celebrating of Canada's Jubilee. Around this event, this librarian arranged a most interesting series of meetings. In May one of the women in close touch with immigration work was asked to tell of the work being done by The United Church of Canada to welcome newcomers to our

shores. In June a former convener of the Home Mission Board gave a survey of the religious development of the country since Confederation. At this meeting a little New Canadian, a charming little Italian girl, sang fluently and well both in English and in Italian. In September, a member of the Lantern Department of the W.M.S. gave an excellent lantern lecture on the work being done in Canada by that Society. (This, by the way, was an example of a Business Girl's contribution of specialized service.) Then, as a librarian is interested in the making of books as well as in the reading of them, the editor of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY was asked to give a glimpse into an editor's office and tell how her magazine is made up. It helps the causes of missions vastly to have an editor who can put out the news of the Woman's Missionary Society, in so attractive a form; and this contribution of a Business Girl's specialized service—the giving up of an evening to tell of the work accomplished through a busy day—was appreciated.

There is much, you see, that a Business Girl can give, but business has taught her the value of investing. She knows that she herself is the result of missionary enterprise. If Augustine had not sent missionaries from Rome to Christianize the savage Briton, it would be hard to say under what conditions the Business Girl of Canada would be existing to-day, if she existed at all. The Roman has been well repaid for his missionary venture, by what he has learned, for instance, about government from Britain. He has been repaid in the rich lessons learned from the Reformation. The Roman Church might not admit that, but the world will. The Business Girl in Canada knows what it is to be able to earn her own living under pleasant conditions, and she has a shrewd suspicion that if she wants to live in a world where peace reigns, where nations have at last learned to think internationally, she can do no better than to invest her time, money and service in the missionary enterprises of the Christian church.

## A New Home

ADA KILLAM

**F**UKUI has again been a snowbound city, bringing us vivid remembrances of last winter's extraordinary experience. This city has no place for snow; roofs must be relieved of their weight, and when the snow has been pitched off into the narrow streets, there are no thoroughfares left.

We moved into our new home at the end of October, before it was quite finished. Miss Gillespie and I are thankful to be in a well-built house, high and dry, admitting all the light and sunshine available, and with a roof so steep and smooth that the snow slips from it under compulsion of its own weight. We are able to look away over our neighbors' roofs from our upper windows and watch them laboriously removing accu-

mulations of six to eight feet of snow.

Perhaps we are to set a fashion for steep roofs in Fukui! We heard a man say he was considering having his roof ridge raised in imitation of ours. We cannot know all the brain currents set in motion in visitors to the new house. A young man just starting in business—a graduate of our kindergarten and an earnest Sunday-school teacher—asked to be shown through the house. His interest was keen. He said shyly that some day he would be building a home, and this was giving him good ideas for it. The Principal of the Normal School came with three of his staff, asking to be shown our gas water-heater.\* He gave attention to every corner of the house and now requests that all the women students be allowed to come in groups to inspect it.

We shall welcome all, although there are some risks. One of the first students who visited us, not being used to seeing large panes of glass without cross bars, and supposing the window open, put her head right through a pane of glass in a parlor window. Another, not accustomed to the smooth floor, damaged one of the light removable partitions by pushing a chair violently against it.

Various groups have enjoyed holding meetings in the new house, and our Japanese visitors express approval of the general appearance of the place. The room of most interest to all, perhaps, is the kitchen. It is well lighted and painted white. It is large enough for twenty ladies to stand in during a lesson in foreign cooking. Our contractor says that it is the nicest kitchen he has made yet, and it is a real surprise to all visitors. The cooler, the ironing-board that folds up into its niche, the charcoal container under the floor, the zinc-lined, rat-proof storeroom under the stairway, the mop and sweeper in the corner closet, the dishshelf that slides in under the sideboard, and drawers that pull open into



W.M.S. HOME, FUKUI, JAPAN

Mr. Tsuji, contractor. Mr. Holmes, Miss Gillespie, Miss Killam, Mr. Miyahara, Pastor of Fukui Church



either kitchen or diningroom, cause exclamations of interest and approval.

We have only pleasant memories of our relations with the workmen. We found them unfailingly courteous and kind—even when laughed at for putting picture moulding on the kitchen wall, or hanging doors on the wrong side of the entrance! The architect who was first consulted returned to America before plans were finished and we passed into the hands of the young Japanese contractor, Mr. Tsuji. We feel that many of the best features of the house are due

to his good taste. Mrs. Abiru acted as interpreter and has been of invaluable assistance, helping with correspondence, and other business, and at the same time carrying on as usual all her other work.

I cannot regret the experiences of the past year. Difficulties there have been—some of the kind altogether unanticipated—and they have proved avenues for receiving new expressions of God's mercy; so that the New Year comes as the gift of another wonder-ball, and I look forward to yet unrevealed blessings as its days and weeks unwind.

## A Real Thankoffering

BY ONE WHO TOOK PART IN IT.

A SMALL group of women gathered at their regular W.M.S. meeting, are discussing whom they shall have as their speaker at the approaching Thank-offering. A Presbyterial officer will be in a near-by city upon a not very distant Sabbath, and it is found that she will gladly visit these faithful women in the High Day of their Society and bring in a message of the larger work.

The day arrives. The hospitable doors of a farmhouse swing open in welcome to the visitor, and she meets the occupants, a widowed mother and her three sons, the eldest a lad of twenty-two taking his father's place as farm manager.

The hour for the service comes. The thankoffering of the home is carefully placed in an envelope, and fondly clasped during the three miles to the church. When the service is over, the offering is gratefully counted and proves to be the largest in the history of the Auxiliary. Friends, new and old, mingle in a friendly half-hour, and then scatter to their homes. In the farmhouse rest is sought at once, for very early next morning the visitor must be upon her way.

Picture, if you will, the hostess and her guest, as they partake of breakfast by the lamplight in the early hours of the morning. Would you care to listen in as they talk? If you do, you will hear a story of life and death, of pain and

pleasure, of joy and sorrow, of struggle and victory.

Some twenty years ago, the hostess, a tall, dark-eyed, young woman, changed her occupation of school teaching for that of home-maker, and settled with her husband on a hundred-acre farm. There, four children were born—a daughter and three sons. When the eldest boy was fifteen they disposed of this farm and moved to one twice its size. This involved a heavy indebtedness, but they were young and strong; each had the other, and so they faced the future bravely. But, alas, for plans! One night the husband became critically ill, and in the morning only a lifeless form remained. Those who were left had to live on, but how? We watch them as they pick up the scattered threads of life, and try to weave them together again. Neighbors are kind and help to harvest the crops, which makes the burden lighter.

But before long a cloud of sickness gathers again. This time, the second son falls a victim to an insidious disease which reduces him to weakness and emaciation. Hospital follows, and long weary months of illness. Finally, thanks to insulin and good care, he begins slowly the ascent to health, but with hearing so impaired that he is practically stone deaf. As, with loving care, the

boy struggles back to health, once more the shadow of illness hovers over the little group, who are battling so bravely to maintain the home. It is the mother this time, and she is forced to drop her tasks and submit to treatment and months of quiet in a near-by hospital. When the physician in charge pronounced this course a necessity it seemed impossible. Preposterous! "But," she says, "it was during these months, when every prop seemed taken away, that I learned to trust!"

But what of the thankoffering? What was the story of that envelope clasped tightly as a precious thing, and laid so carefully upon the plate? Listen! It really seemed as though there could be no thankoffering. Taxes, interest, fencing on the farm, and other inescapable problems were looming large, and demanding every ounce of energy and every available cent of cash. What could be done? She lies awake in the night and wonders, and thinks, and prays. Then light comes! Might it not be that the Fall Fair would offer a solution? No sooner thought about than decided. A fine churning of butter is made up with a prayer in every pat.

Then the pansy bed and the vegetable garden yield their quota, and so, with many misgivings, and yet with high hopes, too, the owner sets off. This is her initial venture as a prize-seeker. She returns home the proud possessor of \$6.75 in prizes, twenty-five cents is added and the whole placed upon the altar for her Lord, the outward expression of an inward thanksgiving.

"That was a real thanksgiving!" the visitor said.

"It was. I was so thankful that I had anything to give."

*Honor the Lord with thy substance and the first fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses burst forth with new wine.*

What of the farm? The dawn of rewarded effort is breaking. The joy of having achieved is coming to those who dared believe that God honors those who honor him.

But it is daylight. A car is at the door. The presbyterial officer clasps her hostess' hands, and bids her goodbye. She has received more, far more, than she will ever be able to tell, but she passes on some of it in this simple story.

## Letters from Our Fields

### Work in the Maritime Provinces

*The following is a letter from Miss E. Jane Fullerton, River Hebert, N.S.:* The work here grows more interesting each week. A very interesting part of the work is a Boy's Club at Kimberley. The boys are planning great things for the spring. They are now making tables for the Mission Hall. The girls are beginning to talk "Camp." They are planning some special piece of work for each month in order to raise some money for camping. When the beautiful July days come all they will need is to say "Good-bye" and sail away for ten glorious days by the sea. The mission money is all to be raised this year by straight giving.

These last few months the meetings with the mothers have been full of bright surprises: Somehow the date of our birthdays become known. A little social time is provided, after which light refreshments are served. Last

month a surprise party was made on the leader's birthday. The mothers presented her with a sewing set, and a part of the refreshments was a lovely birthday cake.

This year the work is more encouraging than it was last year. An interesting feature is the junior choir. This has just been started, and is proving most worth while. They take charge of the music once a month at the Sunday services. A Boys' Club is being reorganized which we trust will be a help to the boys.

At Joggins the work goes on. So many times folk seem "up against it," and they only smile and go on. The loss of the church flue was hard. They have not complained against "Mr. Wind," but have started to save money to rebuild it as soon as it can be done.

There have been many sad happenings in the mission during the past year. Many have found the winter hard, but from our mission boxes many a situation has been helped. An essential

part of the mission are the women of the great Woman's Missionary Society without whose help the workers here would often be helpless. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

**Preparing for Life Service**

*Miss Annie Bradley, designated last June for Africa, sends this letter from Lisbon, Portugal:* Time really goes faster here than it does at home. But you can well imagine how busy this language study and examination work keeps one. It is a wonderful experience! I daily wonder why such a marvellous privilege has been mine, to be chosen as the Master's servant in such a royal trust.

I suppose you have heard of the pride and joy of all of us at the arrival of a baby boy to Dr. and Mrs. Markham on Christmas Day. Also that Mrs. Strangeway had an operation for appendicitis, but is getting along marvelously. We are regretting the fact that Miss Campbell is bending her thoughts Africa-ward and expects soon to leave us. We are sorry we are not ready to go too.

Sometimes we think it would have been fine if we did not need to come here for language study, but could learn Portuguese on the field, especially when I remember the performance necessary in order to be presented for examination here. You have to be vaccinated and have a certificate regarding it. Then you go to a lawyer or notary public with three witnesses to sign your name in his book that he may have your signature. Then you present your birth certificate or passport (I gave him mine with great reluctance) and your vaccination certificate and marriage license—if married—to have all these translated into Portuguese. He will not let us do it, of course. . . .

I must close this note this time. Thanks so much for the copies of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY—they are real treasures, keeping us in touch with everybody.

*Lonely?* Not while God is near.  
*Sad?* Not with many hearts to cheer.  
*Tired?* Not with Him to spur me on.  
*Fearful?* Not with Him to lean upon,  
*Happy?* Foolish questions these,  
 When we seek the Lord to please.  
 Did He not the promise give,  
 That to all who seek to live  
 Ever walking in His way,  
 He is with them day by day,  
 Anywhere, on any shore;  
 Surely we could ask no more.

**A Return Visit**

*We publish the following racy letter from Miss Helen Hanson, which speaks for itself regarding a visit to Neemuch, Central India:* One is always a little excited about returning to a place after a lapse of some years. I was ready to jump out of my skin when I got Dr. MacKellar's wire asking me to help with the work at the Neemuch Hospital. Back to Neemuch after fourteen years! It was at Neemuch that I "grew up" and had my first home, for I taught in the Ry. School there for five and a half years.

It was at a Red Cross sewing party, when I was struggling with some awful garment for some unfortunate Belgian (sewing is not one of my accomplishments!) that Dr. MacKellar first suggested Luthiana and medicine to me. Those who know Dr. MacKellar will easily appreciate why I have forsaken my first love, teaching, and am now a humble medico.

I found it most strange to enter the "Out-Patient" Department and assume Dr. Lyall's office. It was in this very room years ago that I first smelt "the smells of hospital"—and had hard work to keep my gorge from turning. Dr. Lyall kindly drew me to a window away from the concentrated *Bumia* essence, and talked to me of the joys of hospital!

I did enjoy my work in Neemuch during the six weeks that I was in sub-charge of the hospital. It is a fine building, well planned and easy to work in. The work was varied and full of interest. Some of the "cases" that I had the pleasure of treating will always remain fresh in my memory. One of these was the Thakurani Sahiba of Sarmania. She is a charming woman. Her classic beauty of face, her slight, graceful figure, clad in the fine raiment and bright colors which are such a pleasing feature of the Central India women, made me think at once of some gorgeous butterfly. This was my first impression.

About a fortnight later I was called out to see her. After a delightful twelve-mile drive along a good pucca road in a first-class tonga, through lovely green undulating country, with low violet-blue spurs of the "ghats" against the dark cloud-banked horizon, we drew rein at the entrance of a red, high-walled, old world fortress. It immediately filled my mind with many a tale of ancient chivalry. So much for the exterior.

We went up through squalid courtyards, and

up and up endless steep and dark steps to the women's apartments. There in a dark, hot room, about ten feet square, with every door tightly shut and with no windows, my poor little butterfly lay on the floor surrounded by some twenty-five women.

The first thing was to shout for a light, next, turn all, except two women, out of the room and open the doors. Did I say *lovely* butterfly? A poor thing with wilted wings met my eyes, begged for a drink and to be put on a bed! "All is well that ends well," and a few days ago I saw the little lady, who is rapidly getting into form again.

Another "case" was Choth Mull, a dear little baby about a year old, who came in with pneumonia. His parents, in mistaken kindness, had burnt him in four places. This is often done in the villages. The burns are supposed to act as a counter irritant. The worst burn was at the back of the neck. After nine days the poor wee man died from septic absorption. It was so needless. Such a case rubs in afresh the crying needs of India's village women and children.

I will presently be in Hat Piplia helping Dr. Maude Smith. We were students together and have not met for years. Her hospital is sure to be a fine place. But, much as I am looking forward to working with Dr. Smith, it is sad to say good-bye to Neemuch, where the missionaries, the nurses and all with whom I have come in contact have been so good to me. I have just been one of a happy family.

### Miss Lackner's Memorial Service

*The following is a letter from Miss Helen R. Hurd, Kameido, Tokyo:* Miss Lackner's Memorial Service was held in the Kameido Church, where she had attended and assisted during her four years in Tokyo. The pastor, Rev. Isobe, and his splendid wife, were warm friends of Miss Lackner's.

Long before the Service began the church was full of those who had known and loved her. Besides the regular church attendants there were the members of various girls' Clubs and Bible Classes with whom she had been closely associated in the "Aiseikwan," the principal, teachers and students from a Government high school, where Miss Lackner had taught English for an hour or so once a week, and, of course, the full staff of the "Aiseikwan" were there, as

well as various other friends, both foreign and Japanese, from different parts of the city.

From the slum district came several people whom she had helped. These brought gifts—a national custom at such times. Some of these were very touching; one man who wanted to come to the service, but could not take a holiday from the factory where he worked, sent his day's pay—one yen (fifty cents)—by his wife; another, a woman this time, asked that since she had no money to bring, she be permitted to clean the church for the occasion as her offering to the honored dead.

Of the many similar services attended in this land, I never was present at any so quietly reverent and sincerely grief-touched as this one. There was no noisy weeping—an all too common happening—but one felt the atmosphere of personal loss that each one of that varied crowd was experiencing. That spirit of sincerity, even in grief, accorded well with the foundation characteristic of the one we had gathered to honor, and it seemed to me she would know and be glad to have it as it was.

The speakers were four: a young woman who was her co-worker and close friend in the "Aiseikwan;" a member of her young men's Bible Class; another young man whom she had inspired to attempt the Christian life, and the fourth, one of her Mission family—myself.

The speakers all spoke simply and straight from their hearts, of her kindness, her patience, her unselfishness, her gentleness; her absolute surrender to her Master, and the uprightness in her service toward Him. There was something very beautiful—and that paid a silent but weighty tribute to her personality—in the way that each of those three young people who loved her, held grief in check, while telling in a quiet voice what the loved teacher's presence among them had meant, and would still mean to each. It was infinitely more impressive than the most eloquent tribute of a great speaker could have been.

The whole service in its arrangement and conduct was fitting in every detail. At the centre of the altar, just below the pulpit, was an enlarged photograph, bordered round by white and pale pink carnations and fern. It seemed almost she herself who smiled out at us from amongst the flowers. Certainly we felt that she was not far from us, just "entered another room," where she awaited us, the while she beckoned us on through the gracious in-

fluence she scattered amongst us while she was here. The note of hope sounded, even in the time of fresh bereavement.

### A Letter of Long Ago

*Miss A. L. M. Blackadder, our first teacher to Trinidad, sends us this letter telling of first impressions, December 21, 1876:* It hardly seemed possible that it could be December. The sun was warm and bright, the trees were waving in the morning breeze, roses, and many beautiful plants and trees were all in summer bloom. Humming birds were going from flower to flower. I rested a week, then went to work. I confess I felt some surprise when I saw the small, low building that was to be the school-room.

Thirty-eight children came on the first day to see what I looked like. The faces of Indian, Chinese and a blend of other faces presented a scene of great interest. I wonder if I could ever be able to teach them. They all spoke some English; that was a great help.

Then came the work of entering names on the roll, no easy task. Rev. K. J. Grant did the spelling and I the writing. Strange names then, but so dear and easy after. Rampargas, Ramkalanoan, Rampartap, Changoo, Ramparsad, and other names; all called for some of the numerous gods of the Hindu religion. Some of them could read well, write nicely and were quite up in other branches of common school work. After a few days, sixty pupils were on the roll. At that no girls were enrolled. The Sunday school numbered over ninety, with seven faithful teachers.

### Contrasts in the Work.

*Miss Mary Haig, lately transferred from Formosa to Tokyo, writes the following interesting letter:* It is two months since I arrived in Tokyo, after a most delightful journey from Ontario. The trip up the lakes from Sarnia to Port Arthur, the train journey by Canadian National route through the Rockies to Prince Rupert, the boat trip down the coast to Vancouver; and a rather stormy passage across the Pacific had thrilled me. Words failed me when I tried to describe it. I was deeply impressed by the vastness of those great spaces which God has made and man has scarcely yet begun to use.

Tokyo forms a striking contrast. This great

city of three million people throbs with life. Everywhere are people, children playing; students on their way to school; women in their pretty kimonos; business men going to shops and offices; workmen drawing loads, repairing streets, building houses; throngs of people all going, going, going—clacking along on wooden shoes; hanging on the steps of overflowing street cars; riding on the thousands of bicycles that dodge about, and in motorcycles and autos of every make and description. The streets seem endless and the farther one goes, no matter in which direction, the denser the traffic seems to grow.

Fortunately the Azabu School is on a quiet street, a little withdrawn from the noise and bustle of the main thoroughfares. Yet even here we have the students crowded into classrooms in a way they should not be. We hope soon it will be possible to build another accommodation for all the departments.

Tokyo has many advantages that are missed in Formosa and in smaller cities of Japan. The larger community of English-speaking people provides occasional opportunities of attending a lecture or a concert. The inspiration of church services in English is especially appreciated by those who cannot understand Japanese. There is a friendly spirit among those who are together in a foreign land which comes from common experiences and an interest in the same great work. It is hard to realize that such a short time ago I was a stranger to Tokyo, and to almost everyone in the city. Already I have a circle of friends and feel at home here.

Language study takes up most of my time this year. In letters from Canada are remarks such as this, "Having mastered Chinese, you will soon pick up Japanese." Alas! Oriental languages are not "picked up" and seldom, if

### Indifference

When Jesus came to Birmingham  
They swiftly passed Him by;  
They never hurt a hair of him—  
They only let Him die:  
For men had grown more tender,  
And they would not give Him pain;  
They only just passed down the street  
And left Him in the rain.

—G. A. Studdert Kennedy, in *Exchange*.

ever, are they "mastered," even by those who have been many years in the East. While Japanese customs are somewhat familiar, with language I must begin at the very beginning.

It is a great privilege to study at the Language School, rather than with a private teacher. We have well-trained and experienced teachers, who use methods which enable us to learn with the least possible strain. The monotony of constantly studying one subject is relieved by a change of teachers. There is also the stimulus of studying with others and a standard by which to measure progress.

Sometimes I am inclined to feel impatient at the thought of the time I must spend at study before beginning work in Japan. Especially do I feel this when I see some of our workers attempting to do their own share and that of others, who are absent on account of illness or furlough. But I trust that some day I may be able to help in one of these needy places. In the meantime I plod along at language and do what I can through the use of English.

### News from India

*The Secretary for India writes:* The meetings of Council, meeting this year at Rusalpura, in October, were preceded by a *mela*, and the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the school there. The name Rusalpura stands for "Boys," and for twenty-five years it has ministered to the needs of boys, mentally, physically and spiritually. It was a fine sight to see, not only the present generation of boys, but hundreds of old boys with their families, who had come from all over Central India to do honor to the school.

Dr. McMaster is back in Indore. She was called to Rutlam for the happy event of the birth of a son to the Maharajah there. He has two daughters. The whole city was *en fête*; rumor said that all prisoners were to be freed, and thousands of rupees were scattered among

the crowd by the Maharajah. Dr. McMaster was called at the request of the Maharajah, a touch with a family of influence that offers a wonderful opportunity.

Dr. Mina McKenzie has taken over the hospital at Dhar and Dr. Anderson has joined the Indore staff, where a second doctor is sadly needed. Our two new missionaries, Dr. Whittier and Miss Hilliard, are appointed to Hat Piplia.

### A Happy Party

*A missionary writes from Dondi:* A Delightful party took place at Dondi, West Africa, to celebrate Mrs. Webster's fortieth birthday in Africa.

The missionaries invited some of her oldest friends in the mission for the week-end. They arrived in the afternoon, Dr. and Mrs. Sanders and Miss Melville. Mrs. Hunter joined the party from Camundonga. On Saturday evening the supper table was lighted with candles, and a birthday cake was the centerpiece. All the friends at Currie Institute came in the evening and a happy time followed with songs, games and reminiscences.

On Saturday morning after breakfast and worship, Mrs. Webster was taken into a room where on a table, decorated with ferns, roses and chrysanthemums, were many gifts with loving greetings, some in verse and some in prose. Scarcely were these opened when there was a commotion on the porch, and the two schools assembled there sang two songs and presented a bouquet of flowers.

In the afternoon there was a knock at the door and the choir lined up and began singing. With them came crowds, men, women and children. The choir sang a special birthday song written for the occasion and there were speeches and greetings. It was all a great surprise to Mrs. Webster and she felt very happy at the many proofs of love and kindness from the people and the missionaries.



# General Secretary's Department

EFFIE A. JAMIESON

*Annual Meeting of Dominion Board.*—The Executive has fixed the date of the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Board for June 6th to 13th inclusive, to be held in The United Church Training School, Toronto. These dates include a Sunday and the hope is that with a day of rest in between the long days of work, the strain may be somewhat lessened.

*Board Members on Leave of Absence.*—Mrs. E. F. McL. Smith has been granted leave of absence and her place as Chairman of the Editorial Committee is being taken by Mrs. G. B. King. Mrs. J. H. Purdy, Secretary of Work for Young Women, has been granted six months' leave of absence and her work is being carried by Mrs. D. T. McClintock, 10 Duggan Avenue, Toronto.

*New Organizations.*—The officers and members of the Home Organization Committee have been greatly cheered by the reports of new organizations. At the last meeting a new Presbyterian was reported, Hanna, Alberta, as well as thirty-seven new local organizations. In the report this month you will find elsewhere in this magazine an account of another twenty-nine, of which ten are Auxiliaries. Let us press on toward our aim—"An Auxiliary in every congregation and every woman a member."

*Hour of Prayer.*—Since the disastrous fire at the Metropolitan Church, the Friday prayer-meeting is being held in St. James' Square Church, Gerrard Street. Do not forget the hour, 10 to 11 o'clock each Friday.

## The Second Annual Report

Every interested member and potential leader should procure a copy of the Second Annual Report, for the following reasons:

1. It is really the first full Annual Report of our United Society; the first report was only a partial one—therefore it is *historic*.
2. It contains the original documents, Constitution as approved by the General Council, By-laws, Retirement Fund Constitution and the Minutes of the Board Meeting, full of action dealing with the beginnings of many things. In the years ahead, you will want continuously to refer to the *original documents*.
3. It is a full report. The Executive believes that the book is too large and so the next Annual Report will be much reduced. This Report gives you the full organization in detail which you may not receive again and therefore you will need it for *reference*.
4. The Reports of the Missionaries, at Home and Overseas. In this Report you will have the names and an account of the work of the missionaries who were our inheritance. Learn of your *inheritance*.

Purchase a copy, use it for all the information and inspiration it contains, then place it on your bookshelves for the many days in the future that you will turn back to it for the wealth of material found within its pages.

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## Auxiliary Interest

WE ADORE THEE, O CHRIST, Son of the living God, Who didst rise in triumph from the grave, and didst bear in Thy pierced hands the keys of hell and death. Raise Thou us up with Thee, O blessed Saviour, above all earthly desires. Inspire us with thoughts of joy, of hope, of love. Enter Thou the chamber of our hearts and say to us, "Peace be unto you!" Give us the grace to see Thee, that we may know Thee walking by our side in this our earthly pilgrimage. Make Thyself known to us in the breaking of bread. Teach us to look and see Thee beyond this dark, tempestuous sea, standing on the everlasting shore of peace; and suffer us to come to Thee through the waters. Give us grace, O Lord our God, to arise with Thee, to leave all for Thee, that we may follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest. Amen.—*Treasury of Devotion, A.D., 1872.*

### Ambassadors of the Prince of Peace

MRS. JOSEPH M. WEST

THE PEAK has been passed in organization, in church life and work, and the emphasis is shifting from the institution to the individual, although the need of a society of Christians which is subordinate to Christian living is admitted. The people of "mission lands" are turning the searchlight on the lives of the people of "sending nations." The war has broken down the walls of the ghetto, peace treaties have rearranged boundaries, western industry has disrupted village life, the world is on the move. "Foreign missions" with wistful, penetrating eyes have come to visit us and may stay. People from other "Christian" lands will not find the particular form of the church to which they are accustomed, and their attitude to any church will depend upon the attitude of Christian Canadians to them.

At the same time, Canadians within their own boundaries are on the move. Ties of home and church are severed, adding to the rapidly increasing "fringe" of the average town or city church. In new adventures in education, friendship, business, migration, most people determine to love more nobly, but a break has been made, and the breach is apt to widen till some crisis, such as birth, marriage, death, or disaster, reminds them that they are more than carter. Then the faithful servant of the neglected "institution" finds his opportunity in disinterested service.

Church membership is becoming more and more an intimate thing, and is not considered necessary to discipleship. Most men want time to think and, while thinking, they watch church members. Membership cannot be hurried; it must be spontaneous. If the church is to draw men, it must be in reality the body of Christ with all His beauty and winsome-

ness. Her power must depend upon her own sacrifice and service. It is well to serve God with Mammon, but it is a question whether money does not build as many barriers as bridges. Service by proxy is becoming an obsolete term.

Let us also get rid of the term "church work." To have time for church work would for many suggest recreation. How often you hear, "I have been out of church work for a long time," "I have little children," "an invalid mother," "I am teaching all day," or "directing an industry," or "miles away from any church." Just where is church work done? Can it be defined or tabulated? After all, is it not Christian living?

Scores of young people, through the attractiveness of those who welcome them to Canada, have for the first time made their profession of faith and united with the church, thus making a good beginning in the new land. Of one hundred Jews who were asked how they became Christian, ninety-nine replied, "through the influence of one Christian." A father neglected a committee meeting to play with his children, and next morning, when they asked the mother what God was like and had He one eye, she replied: "He is the most wonderful Father you could think of!" To these children, the text, "Thou, God, seest me," has no terrors as is so often the case.

But there is another side. A woman, who simply could not speak to strangers in church, became loquacious when the same stranger tried to sell her something at the door, and another, who was always dreaming of what she would do if she only had a car, overlooked more opportunities at her doorstep.



A dear little strangers' secretary in a fashionable church was called to visit an immigrant woman and found her in a humble cottage bathing her baby. After a little chat, the visitor said, "Wouldn't you like to go to one of our churches in Canada?"

"Yes," she replied, "I would like to go where you go. Where is that?"

There are several useful members in a church to-day because, long ago, a minister played games with one of the boys when he was quarantined with diphtheria.

The stranger from far-away lands is ever with us. He lies tossing at night on lonely pillows, in ships, in camps, in farms, comfortable lodgings, and even in our homes, wondering at the riddle of life. If we demand that he be clean, healthy, and of good character, loyal, unlikely to become a public charge, should we not, if Canada is Christian, guarantee him clean and healthy environment, upright dealing, loyalty and a chance to be independent? Every month the mail trains carry thousands of letters in scores of languages interpreting Christian Canada to the world.

The Commission to India appointed by the

Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A., to visit India and suggest future policy, has appointed a committee to study The United Churches of India and suggest future policy, has appointed will not be so much their organization as how they are working out. How important that the members of The United Church of Canada should everywhere, by word and deed, make her what they have dreamed she would be! How far-reaching her adventure of faith may yet be!

A non-Christian Oriental tourist, who was critical of western life, in bidding goodbye after visiting some Canadian homes and institutions, said, "Better understanding comes through people." This involves the investment of personality, and let us be glad that personality can be acquired. It will be developed when placed on the altar of sacrifice. It leaps over barriers. It cannot be confined or organized. A deed in a far-away village may have more real influence than in a large city. It is easier to raise a dollar than create an idea, but ideas, regardless of their source, may have wings and alight far away. In world-wide movements toward better understanding and

## Suggestive Programme

For Auxiliaries, Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Mission Circles

May, 1928

Stewardship for All of Life

*"Life is a trust, not a possession. We are stewards of money, not creators. Receiving a trust and rendering an account are inseparable. Responsibility and accountability are twin brothers."*

**Doxology**—Tune, "Old Hundred."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer In Unison**

**Hymn**—O Jesus, I Have Promised.

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**Hymn**—Faith of Our Fathers.

**\*Responsive Reading**—The Earth is the Lord's.

\*Price, 8 cents per dozen.

†Price, 5 cents each.

**Prayer.**

†**Study Leaflet**—The Stewardship of Life.

||**What Has Christian Stewardship meant to you?**

**Hymn**—O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee.

**Closing**—Prayer Thoughts;

That we may be praying Christians.

That we may have a ke en sense of God's ownership.

That we may acknowledge all life as a stewardship.

||Arrange with three or four persons to give their experiences.

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international friendship, it is well to remember that they must ultimately be the result of personal contacts.

Christians should seek above all things to be Christlike, remembering they are the ambassadors of the Prince of Peace.

"Just where you stand in the conflict  
Hide not your face.  
God placed you there for a purpose,  
Whate'er it be.  
Think you He has chosen you for it,  
Work loyally."

### Hidden Springs

What a beautiful name the editor has chosen! Surely it should put fresh "pep" into us who have, perhaps, been just a little discouraged about the Associate Helpers' Department. What or who are these Hidden Springs? Just the women of our United Church who are not members of the Woman's Missionary Society. And how are they to be found? By the Associate Helpers' Secretaries of the Auxiliary going out to look for them. And the peculiar thing is that they are not "springs" until they are found, because it is only then that they will begin to read about, pray about, and give to our work. "How can they be saved (from inactivity) unless they hear, and how can they hear without a preacher (the visitor)?"

There is the aged woman, at one time, per-

haps, an active member of the Society, but now out of touch with the work, because she is not able to attend the meetings. There is the sick one whose hours are long and weary. How refreshing might a new interest be to her, and how she might be helped herself by the thought of helping others! There is the mother of little children whose hands are too full to permit of much activity outside her home, but whose mother heart is big enough to be interested in, and to help the mothers of other lands and other races, when once she knows their needs.

Then there is the business girl whose days are fully occupied, but who could help with her interest, prayers and gifts. And alas! there is the still larger number who are busy with many things, but have not given the missionary programme any part in their plan of life. It is said that there are 400,000 women of our church who are not yet members of the Woman's Missionary Society. What wonderful results there would be if only all these springs were discovered and set in motion, if all these women were really learning about, praying for, and giving to our work. What a stream of blessing there would be gathering impetus as one after another was discovered and their efforts united with ours! Like the vision of Ezekiel there would be first a stream reaching to the ankles, then to the knees, then to the loins, and then a river that could not be passed over.—*Mattie Smith.*

## Young People

### Answering the Call

*Evelyn Charles*

LONG AGO there lived a boy named Offerus who, on account of his bigness and strength, was the pride of his parents. Even before he grew up he was a giant and, because he was ignorant and badly brought up, he was a boaster and bully. But he had one splendid desire in his heart. He wanted to serve a master who would be the strongest person in the world.

First, he became a soldier of a king who was reputed to fear no one. Offerus fought in many victorious battles and was very happy, thinking that his king was the strongest man in the world. But one day a bard sang of a noble prince and his struggle with the devil.

The king and all his knights trembled, turned pale, and made the sign of the cross. In astonishment, Offerus asked the reason and learned that the king was afraid of the devil. Instantly Offerus hastened away to offer his services to a new master.

The devil was pleased to take the young giant for a servant, but a terrible time began for poor Offerus. The devil forced him to use his strength for mean and cowardly actions, and though he hated to do them, there seemed little chance of escape from this strong master.

When things were at their darkest, the two suddenly came upon a wayside cross on which hung an image of the Christ. Turning to the devil Offerus was amazed to see him shrink to half his usual size. "I fear Christ," cried the devil, "He is Master of the world. Let us fly!"

Offerus wrenched himself free, and took refuge at the foot of the cross. Looking up at the face above him, he learned his first lesson of love. He determined to search until he found the Christ. He met with many disappointments, but at last a saintly old man guided him aright.

"My son," he said, "there are many ways of serving the Christ. Some men do it by prayer and praise, some by their brains, and some by their hands. Each must fulfil the Master's command, "By love, serve!"

The old man taught Offerus many things, and finally set him by the side of a river to carry pilgrims across. Year after year found Offerus beside his hut, always ready for his task. But when he was an old man came the great day of his life. It was a wild and stormy night, and a call came at dawn—the call of a little Child. Offerus crossed the raging waters, and found a Child on the other side. Lifting him easily he started back, but the Child's weight increased almost unbearably, until Offerus feared they would both be lost.

"Child, who are you? he cried. "I seem to bear the whole world on my shoulders!"

"You bear one," answered the Child, "who bears the whole world on his heart!"

And as the Child spoke, the waters grew still, and Offerus came easily to shore. Then the giant fell on his knees. The Child gave him a new name, Christopher, because he had borne the Christ on his shoulders.

"Never leave a call unanswered," said the Child, "and know that when you carry a traveller or a pilgrim, you will always carry me!"

When Offerus, now Christopher, raised his

eyes, the Child was gone, and the daily round was before him, but the world around him had never seemed so beautiful. When he fully understood Whom he had carried, his whole soul was poured forth in a passion of joy. Outwardly, he seemed to all the same old ferryman, but inwardly all was changed. Tired pilgrims marvelled at his gentleness. For to Christopher every traveller whom he bore had the face of the Holy Child.

Nowadays there are calls coming to us from distances many times greater than the width of St. Christopher's river. And answering these calls has become an increasingly complicated business. But for those of us who have also seen the vision and heard the high call, "By love, serve," the task is no less truly a holy and consecrated one because of its infinite variety.

The boy who goes from Canadian farm, school and college to teach Chinese boys modern farming as well as Christian principles seems to us to serve with all his powers as did the saintly ferryman. But the girl who sets aside her "tenth money" from the precious contents of her weekly pay envelope is also giving of her strength in loving service. So may the monotony of typing, or the tiring hours behind a counter, have a secret radiance when some of the wage so earned can actually answer a call, can actively work for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

The schoolgirl can answer, and not only, from her allowance of pocket money, give till it hurts, but also from her abundant energy

## The Palm Branch

Special to Auxiliaries

Have you interviewed your leaders of younger groups to find whether they are acquainted with their Missionary Newspaper, and if so, whether they have a copy to put into every home?

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and freedom give service to the tasks to which the church calls her. And the measure of the worth of her answer to the call will not be in dollars and cents, but in the spirit in which she offers some of her playtime for service, her skill for a church task, a personal sacrifice for a great need. There are as many ways of answering the call to give as there are girls to answer. There are many coinages in the Lord's treasury.

To know what we can give means that we must look over our resources to see what is ours to offer. Then comes the business of stewardship. We are the stewards of all we possess. Our responsibility is the spending of that which we have. It is a tremendously important matter being a steward, for we cannot hoard up our strength and our talents. We are spending them all the time. The ignorant young giant had only his strength to lay at the foot of the cross. But he wanted to find the place where that very strength of his would

be most needed. He became the wise steward of all that he had. Most of us are stewards of many things, not only of money, but of strength, of time, of energy, of education and of many privileges. Ours is the task to render from all these our great gift of service. The boy or girl who is plodding along at home, at school or in an office, at college, or factory, or farm, shares responsibility with the missionary, who gives himself utterly to his great task. Staying at home does not let one off. Let us look well to our resources that we may be faithful stewards, and play fair with those who spend their all. Then let us give of our very best in Christian service.

And the words of the Christ Child to St. Christopher in the legend, "Never leave a call unanswered, and know that when you carry a traveller or a pilgrim you will always carry Me," come to the girl who answers to-day. *"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto Me."*

## Mission Bands

DEAR LORD JESUS, Thou who lovest little children and would not send away any who come to Thee, we thank Thee for the glad Easter time with its message of love and light. We wish we had been at Jerusalem on the day when the children praised Thee and scattered palm branches on the way so that we, too, could have joined with them in crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord!" But we know that we can honor and please Thee here now by acts of obedience, kindness and unselfishness day by day. Help us to remember this for we forget so soon. Bless our Mission Band and all our missionaries wherever they are who are busy spreading the good news of the Saviour's love. For His sake. Amen.

## Plays and Pageants

EDITH A. CHILDS

THE PURPOSE of every Mission Band effort is to educate the children in the purpose and plan of missions, and to plant in their hearts a love for the Heavenly Father that will automatically make them members of the world family. "The world moves forward on the feet of its little children." If we can keep our children from the blight of race prejudice and race intolerance then the world will move forward toward brotherhood and peace on earth.

Pageants are spectacles designed more for the audience than the actors. We will choose plays for our Mission Band work, and train the children to visualize life in non-Christian conditions and to feel a responsibility for injustice anywhere.

Children love to act. You can begin quite informally with a Bible story. You might read the story of the babyhood of Moses. Let the children act the incident of his discovery by the Egyptian princess. A tiny child or a doll may be the baby, one child will be the princess, one Miriam and another the mother, while several may attend the princess. Let the children themselves suggest the dialogue. Ask, "What would you say if you found a baby by the river-side?" etc.

Tell a story of an incident on a mission field. Make it simple, direct, and with plenty of action in the climax. In telling the story be dramatic. Then let it be acted. If there is much dialogue it can be written out. You can leave the acting for the next meeting; by this

time the parts will be memorized, and there will be time for one or two practices. Scenes of school, kindergartens and street, where there are a number of actors who have nothing to say, give every child a part in the play.

You can arrange a whole series of programmes with a play at every meeting. With a map of Canada plan a tour of the mission stations. Let one of the older children tell of the trip, the roads, scenery, incident, etc. Let another describe the home or school visited. Let a third tell of the missionaries there, their names, how long they have been there, etc. You can then tell a story of something that happened at that station, and the children can act it. All the information needed can be obtained from annual reports, *The Palm Branch*, *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, and *The Record*. It will mean work, but it will be worth it. You will have an opportunity of impressing on the minds of the children the difference between their own lives and those of children who do not know Jesus, and of arousing in them a desire to help.

Instead of Canadian missions, you can make a trip around the world, and visit each field in turn. A little bit of costuming will help greatly. Tissue paper "mums" behind a little

girl's ears will make her a Japanese girl; a scarf wound about her head, a little girl from India; a gay bandanna, an African woman; and a white handkerchief, a Ukrainian or Czecho-Slovakian.

Keep your programme seasonable. Do not tell about Christmas in May, or of a graduation exercise in November. Teach the children to speak distinctly and towards the audience, and to be natural. By dwelling on the conditions make them feel the emotion that they are expected to portray. "How would you feel if you were going to be driven from home?" "Shut your eyes and see how it feels to be blind. What would you do if some one gave you back your sight?" If the emotion is real to the child, he will not fail "to get it across."

Where your Band is somewhat experienced in these simple plays, you can plan an open meeting and arrange a play with several incidents and a prepared dialogue. Impress upon the children that this is not just an entertainment, but an act of love to God. Make them feel a responsibility to do their best. Gather them in prayer at your rehearsal, or before the performance and pray for success in making Jesus known to all the world.

## Suggestive Programme

May, 1928

**Opening Hymn**—God Save Our Gracious King (Including verse—Our Loved Dominion Bless).

**Scripture Lesson**—The Place of Children in the Kingdom of God. Mark 9: 33-37; Mark 10: 13-16.

**Sentence Prayers**, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

**Minutes and Business.**

**Hymn**—Holy Bible, Book Divine, or I Am So Glad That My Father In Heaven.

**Watch Tower**—Four heralds tell of different kinds of missionary work carried on in Canada. (See Annual Report.)

**Hymn**—I Love to Hear the Story, Which Angel Voices Tell, or \*Missionary Bells.

**Offering.**

**Study**—"Please Stand By." Three Ways of Conducting an Interesting Review.

(a) The leader may supply the thread of the story and other members of the Band give interesting word pictures from each chapter.

(b) Have a simple pageant composed of outstanding characters in the book. Dress for the part if possible.

(c) Use the slides illustrating the book. These may be obtained from the Literature Depots.

**Hymn**—From Greenland's Icy Mountains, or I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old.

**Prayer and Benediction.**

\*Literature Depot—5 cents.

Note.—In (a) and (b) of study have quiet, worshipful music either on piano or by the Band members singing between the stories.

J. L. C.

# News from the Conference Branches

## Alberta

*Press Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Bradow, 944 Thirteenth St. S., Lethbridge, Alta.*  
*Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. White, 1626 Thirteenth Ave. W., Calgary, Alta.*

**HIGH RIVER PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial held its third annual meeting at Okotoks on Tuesday, January 31, 1928. Mrs. A. M. Scott, Calgary, president of the Alberta Conference Branch, conducted a Round Table Conference, and Dr. Florence Murray, a graduate of Dalhousie University, Halifax, who has spent six years in Korea as a doctor, and is at present in Canada on furlough, gave a fine address.

THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY secretary and the Supply secretary gave fine reports. The latter reported a bale of clothing valued at \$439.50 sent to the Indian School at Balcarres. The treasurer's report stated that \$2,079.45 had been remitted to the Branch treasurer for the year. The allocation for 1928 is \$3,000.00. The officers for 1928: president, Mrs. F. W. Locke, Nanton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Dean Stair, Nanton; treasurer, Miss Blaine, Claresholm.

**STETTLER PRESBYTERIAL.**—The third annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in the United Church, Castor, January 27, 1928. It was reported that Stettler, Botha, Castor and Coronation had met or exceeded their allocation. All rejoiced to hear that the Presbyterial allocation had been exceeded by \$25.00. Stettler and Botha are both strong Societies, and have thriving Mission Bands. A letter from Consort stated that they did not consider it advisable to organize an Auxiliary there at present, but that fifteen minutes of each Ladies' Aid meeting were devoted to mission study. They have a Mission Band.

Mrs. H. Page gave a fine paper on "The Work of the Woman's Missionary Society in Canada." Mrs. Butchard, in her report on Christian Stewardship and Finance, stressed the importance of the "Friendly Order of the Good Neighbor."

In the afternoon session Mrs. Colley, treasurer, reminded the delegates to be careful about filling out reports. They must be totalled and legitimate expenses deducted.

Mrs. North reported that fine literature could be obtained at the depot in charge of Mrs. Lane, 832 Thirteenth Ave. W., Calgary. Mrs.

## Conference Branch Returns

For the Nine-Month Period—April 1 to December 31, 1927

The total amount allocated to the Branches for the nine-month period was \$712,500, which was three-quarters of the \$950,000 figure of the previous year. The result of the returns is encouraging. It shows that 89.9 per cent. of the total figure, \$712,500, has been raised as follows:

	ALLOCATIONS	RAISED
Alberta .....	\$ 24,030.00	\$ 24,030.00
Bay of Quinte .....	69,337.00	67,371.81
British Columbia .....	29,670.00	29,700.00
Hamilton .....	84,656.00	74,218.54
London .....	100,538.00	92,174.53
Manitoba .....	61,598.00	56,101.03
Maritime .....	85,065.00	73,584.00
Montreal-Ottawa .....	85,463.00	60,000.00
Newfoundland .....	7,256.00	6,111.50
Saskatchewan .....	39,919.00	40,594.76
Toronto .....	124,968.00	117,000.00
Total .....	\$712,500.00	\$640,886.17

(Mrs. J. W.) HENRIETTA BUNDY.

Campbell, Supply secretary, reported that a bale of clothing valued at \$100.00 had been sent to Good Fish Indian Mission. An interesting paper on the work of the Society in the foreign field was given by Mrs. Adcock. The allocation of \$900.00 for Stettler Presbyterial was accepted. During the evening's programme an address, illustrated by lantern slides, on the work of The United Church was given by Rev. W. M. Grant, M.A., Calgary. This was followed by an address on what the Woman's Missionary Society means to Alberta by Mrs. Wood. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. A. J. Adcock, Coronation; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. A. Towns, Coronation; treasurer, Mrs. F. T. Colley, Stettler.

### Bay of Quinte

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

*Treasurer, Mrs. H. Irvine, 50 Bond St., Lindsay, Ont.*

### Annual Meetings

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL.—Almonte, May 16, 17, 1928.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH.—First United Church, Lindsay, May 8, 9, 10, 1928.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL.—The third annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, January 25, 26, 1928. The report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Gananoque, showed that the year had been one of progress. Many Auxiliaries had exceeded their allocation. Several new organizations had been started.

Wednesday evening session was given over to young people's work. Miss R. Templeton, Belleville, gave an address on "Worship." Each of the sectional vice-presidents gave a short sketch of what had been done during the year in her section. All allocations of supplies have been contributed. The Associate Helpers' secretary's slogan is "Every woman in the congregation an active member." The Literature Department is a new one, but it is in the hands of a capable secretary.

Mrs. J. G. Dunlop, who has been over thirty years in Japan, told of the work with women in that land and with the prisoners and lepers. Miss Minnie Shipley, Honan, China, enlightened her audience on the real condition of

China. Conferences in young people's work and in Mission Band work were held and many excellent suggestions brought forward.

Because of weather conditions it was felt that January was a poor month for the annual meeting. A resolution to that effect is being forwarded to the Branch. Another resolution urged the Woman's Missionary Society to include in the teaching of all young people's societies the evils of alcohol. The following officers were elected for 1928: president, Mrs. W. J. Paul, Kingston; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Gananoque; treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Campbell.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL.—The third annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's United Church, Peterborough, January 17, 18, 1928, with some 150 delegates from the surrounding districts and a large number from the Peterborough churches. Mrs. H. Morrison, Lindsay, corresponding secretary, reported excellent work done during the year. The Presbyterial had exceeded its allocation by \$100. More than fifty per cent. of reports stressed systematic giving.

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL.—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Picton, January 24, 25, 1928, with an attendance of 127 delegates. Mrs. Robert Miller, Deseronto, read a paper on "The Undeveloped Possibilities of Our Auxiliaries," and Miss Minnie Shipley, Honan, China, gave two instructive addresses. Special mention should be made of the quiet half-hour conducted by Mrs. Bishop. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. S. C. Gay, Foxboro; corresponding secretary, Mrs. James Laughland, Napanee; treasurer, Miss Lazelle Brown, Belleville.

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL.—The executive of this Presbyterial met in Carleton Place, January 27, 1928. Satisfactory reports for the nine months were read. The treasurer announced that the allocation of \$12,000 had been reached. The secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance stated that the Conference Branch Finance Committee had allotted the sum of \$16,747.50 to the Renfrew Presbyterial for 1928. This was accepted.

COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL.—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Port Hope, January 19, 1927. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Jackson, Port Credit, said that, owing to the efficient staff of officers, the second year's work had been much easier than the first. Mrs. MacKinnon, Supply secretary, reported

bales valued at \$2,560.50, and \$123 in cash, sent away during the year. The Strangers' secretary, Mrs. Johnston, Grafton, reported a large number of visits paid.

An "In Memorium" service was conducted by Mrs. Harper, Coldsprings. Greetings from Presbytery were brought by Rev. F. W. Anderson, Port Hope United Church, and a kind message was received from the Baptist Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. George Kingston, Campbellford, gave a paper on "Responsibility of the Home in Supplementing the Work of the Band," and Mrs. E. Cook, Newcastle, gave a talk on "What Should the Church Expect of the Woman's Missionary Society?" Mrs. Roberts, Grafton, followed with an earnest address. Miss Minnie Shipley, Honan, China, traced the progress of the Gospel in China. Mrs. J. T. Daley, president of the Bay of Quinte Branch, presided over the business of dividing the Cobourg Presbyterial into the Oshawa and Cobourg Presbyterials.

Mrs. McClintock, Toronto, spoke on young people's work. Miss Shipley again addressed the meeting. Officers for Cobourg Presbyterial for 1928 are: president, Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Grafton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. S. Newman, Castleton; treasurer, Mrs. Rose Maitland, Brighton.

### British Columbia

*Press Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Fairly, 2875 Twenty-ninth Ave. W., Vancouver, B.C.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Higginbotham, 1356 Comox St., Vancouver, B.C.*

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL.—Rev. W. P. Siprell, presiding at the opening exercises of the second annual meeting, congratulated the women on their efforts and particularly on "going over the top" in their allocation. Rev. W. A. Guy, Oak Bay United Church, brought greetings from the Presbytery. A resumé of the year's work was given by the president, Mrs. J. P. Westman. New Auxiliaries have been formed at Parksville and Ahousaht. Other new organizations included two Mission Bands and several C.G.I.T. groups affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Society.

The treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Sonley, presented her financial statement, showing receipts \$5,498.40, of which \$5,816.59 was sent to the Branch treasurer. Mrs. Redman, in giving her

report on Christian Stewardship, showed that the allocation was exceeded by \$190.00. It was suggested that the envelope system or some other systematic method be adopted for raising the allocation.

Mrs. Hunter, Associate Helper's secretary, reported 245 of a membership, and the amount of \$606.84 raised. Mrs. R. W. Mayhew gave a report which showed fine work done. Mrs. Laing, Library secretary, told of sending out 103 parcels of literature and twenty-eight hymnals to lonely people. Mrs. W. A. Guy told of one C.G.I.T. group, which had adopted different families in lonely settlements, sending reading material regularly, as well as Christmas gifts. The Supply secretary, Mrs. Little, reported good work done. The best part of the afternoon session was furnished by the children, who gave reports.

At the evening meeting Dr. Simon Fraser, who for twenty-eight years lived and worked among the natives of Trinidad, gave an interesting story of the Mission on that island.

The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. James Hood; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Hall; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Sonley.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL.—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial opened on the evening of January 31, 1928, in the United Church, Nelson. The delegates were welcomed by Rev. Byrce and Mrs. Wallace. An address, "The Modern Challenge," given by Mr. Wallace, held the attention of all.

A message of greeting from Mrs. J. S. Gordon was read and excellent papers on missionary and C.G.I.T. work were presented by Miss Pond, Michel; and Mrs. W. T. Beattie, Grand Forks. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. Reid, Nelson, was received with applause. It showed that the Presbyterial had exceeded its allocation by over \$150.00. Mrs. G. D. Carlyle, Cranbrooke, Mission Band secretary, reported that they had raised \$282.85. Their allocation was \$225.00. Clothing and books to the value of \$291.00 had been sent to hospitals and school homes. In addition, 3,000 Sunday-school papers were sent to children and young people in isolated districts. Other papers were given by Miss Armstrong on her work among the children and young people in Michel and Natal; Mrs. V. C. Russell, Cranbrook, on India; Mrs. Wells, Cranbrook, on Africa; Mrs. Beverly Oaten, Nelson, on Japan.



For the second evening the church was filled. Many people came from a distance to hear Dr. F. M. Auld, medical missionary to China, give an address on China.

The following officers were elected for 1928: president, Mrs. B. Oaten, Trail; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Morton, Trail; treasurer, Mrs. J. Reid, Nelson.

**VANCOUVER PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Chown United Church, Vancouver, February 1, 2, 1928. All the sessions were largely attended, and the reports were heard with interest. Among the outstanding items on the programme were the president's address; the address of Rev. A. W. McIntosh, St. Giles United Church; the report of Miss Sutherland telling of her work among the sick in the city hospitals, and among strangers, new Canadians; the report of Miss Matheson of our Burnaby Home for girls; and an inspiring paper by Mrs. C. A. Wickins.

The Supply and Library departments send substantial help to hundreds of our mission hospitals, our Indian Schools, and to loggers and fishers in isolated parts of our province. Mrs. Graves, in her address, paid tribute to the fine work done by the officers in 1927. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. E. Graves; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John McPherson; treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Blair.

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL.**—A successful annual meeting was held in Sixth Avenue United Church, New Westminster, February 7, 8, 1928. There was a delegation of almost one hundred from all parts of the Presbyterial.

The Quiet Hour talks of Mrs. F. C. Fisher, New Westminster, a beautiful pageant by the ladies of West Burnaby Auxiliary, addresses by Rev. R. J. McIntyre, Rev. G. A. Wilson, D.D., and Rev. A. W. McIntosh added much to the inspirational character of the meetings.

This Presbyterial has sustained a great loss in the death of Miss Rogers, New Westminster. She brought into The United Church a wealth of experience both in Auxiliary work and as treasurer for several years on the Provincial Board of the former Presbyterian Church. A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. John Reid, New Westminster.

The following are the officers for 1928: president, Mrs. W. H. Orr, New Westminster;

corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Robertson, New Westminster; treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Pearson, Sardis.

### Hamilton

*Press Secretary, Mrs. R. W. Craw, Lucknow, Ontario*

*Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Davey, 132 Market St., Hamilton, Ont.*

**NORFOLK PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial held its annual meeting in the United Church, Waterford, Tuesday, January 31, 1928. Delegates and visitors, numbering nearly two hundred, registered during the morning. Mrs. McMann, president of the local Auxiliary, extended a welcome to all. Mrs. W. L. Davidson, Simcoe, replied to this. Miss A. Hinds, social service worker, Hagersville, gave a splendid address along the lines of her work among new Canadians. A short talk on a sober Canada was given by Mrs. F. H. Bates. Mrs. Barnard, Delhi, offered prayer, after which greetings from Presbytery were brought by Rev. C. Perkins, Port Dover. The total remittance to the Conference Branch treasurer was \$1,871.15. An address was given by Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin, secretary of Hamilton Conference. Mrs. Thomas H. Hill, a returned missionary from Africa, gave an interesting address on Africa.

The invitation was accepted to meet next year at Port Dover. The session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. H. Wilkins. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. E. M. Kitchen, Waterford; corresponding secretary, Miss Elsie Little, Simcoe; treasurer, Mrs. J. Francis, Simcoe.

**NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial held its annual meeting in the United Church, Grimsby, January 26, 27, 1928. Mrs. Arnott, president of the Hamilton Conference Branch, was present, and gave an inspiring address. Rev. Collin Young, D.D., spoke on new Canadians. Mrs. McMullin, Korea, gave a vivid word picture of her work in Korea. The Friday evening session was conducted by the young people. Dr. George L. Darby, Bella Bella Hospital, gave an interesting illustrated lecture on his work on the Pacific coast. Other special features were the "In Memoriam" service for thirteen members who have gone before; an appeal for the Hamheung School, for which a collection of \$68.00 was taken; and the

half-hour prayer service, which immediately preceded the communion service. Greetings were received from the Baptist, Anglican and Presbyterian Societies in Grimsby.

### London

*Press Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Macdonald, 220 Church St., Stratford, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Miss Helen Bartlett, 436 Victoria Ave., Windsor, Ont.*

ELGIN PRESBYTERIAL.—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in First United Church, St. Thomas, January 26, 27, 1928, with a good representation of delegates. Mrs. McGugan, treasurer, reported that \$5,683.98 had been raised, and that there had been a legacy of \$500.00, making \$6,183.98 in all. Greetings from the Presbytery were brought by Rev. N. A. Campbell, Laurence. Mrs. George Sparling, Alma College, late of our Mission in West China, gave an interesting address. Miss Rennie, London Branch president, was present, and gave timely suggestions.

Mrs. Childs gave an address on a Canada redeemed from the evils of intemperance, war and race intolerance. Mrs. E. A. Horton gave an address on facing present-day conditions in our own land. Grace United Church, St. Thomas, extended an invitation for the next Presbyterial meeting. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. J. N. Gould, St. Thomas; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. S. Heard, St. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. A. D. McGugan, Rodney.

ESSEX PRESBYTERIAL.—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Wesley United Church, Amherstburg, Ontario, January 18, 1928. Mrs. Tillman opened the morning session by welcoming the delegates. The bales for Nelson House were large. The Christmas gifts for the Border City Missions were acknowledged by the missionary, Miss Black. The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Gandier, Toronto. The election of officers resulted in many changes, but Mrs. Tillman is still our president and Mrs. Douglas is our corresponding secretary.

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL.—The third annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Trinity United Church, Ingersoll, Tuesday, January 24, 1928. Mrs. Shields, Innerkip, presided over the meeting, at which two hundred or more dele-

gates were present. New clothing valued at \$923.00 and second-hand clothing valued at \$248.45 was sent to Swan Lake Indian School, Ontario, and Salter, Sask. The Mission Band secretaries reported splendid work. The W.M.S. banner went to Burgessville Band. The sum raised from the different organizations amounted to \$11,355.66.

One of the interesting features of the afternoon session was a discussion on W.M.S. work, led by Mrs. Haddow, Brantford. The main address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. C. R. Crowe, vice-president of Dominion Board. Mrs. Crowe also gave an outline of Korean missions and needs. The newly-elected officers are: president, Mrs. Shields; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. S. Amos, Woodstock; treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Coles, Woodstock.

### Manitoba

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

*Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Russell, 1212 Wellington Crescent, Winnipeg, Man.*

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL.—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held February 7, 8, 1928, in St. Stephen's, Broadway. The large attendance at the five sessions showed keen interest. Mrs. G. A. Woodside welcomed the delegation. Mrs. Reycraft responded. Mrs. W. T. Allison, corresponding secretary, reported an increase in membership. Mrs. W. J. Logan, treasurer, gave \$20,468.83 as the total receipts. The Strangers' secretary, Mrs. J. B. Parkin, gave a fine report.

Two missionaries, Miss Blanche Megaffin, Japan, and Miss Margaret Drummond, India, addressed the meeting. Rev. J. M. Shaver also gave a fine address. Dr. T. A. Munro brought greetings from the Presbytery. Dr. J. A. Cormie addressed the meeting on "The Church's Interest in the Immigrant." Much interest was evoked by the addresses of two students, Miss Agnes McDonald and Mr. Gerald Riddell, who have recently returned from the Detroit Conference. A round table conference, conducted by Mrs. D. A. Anderson, was helpful. "Do Visible Results Seem to Justify Our Missionary Aims and Methods?" formed the nucleus of another discussion. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. L. H. Reycraft; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. T. Allison; treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Logan.

Mrs. A. M. Campbell writes the following appreciation of Mrs. H. J. Keith: "Let not your heart be troubled." This surely would have been Mrs. H. J. Keith's message to us. These words were a part of her burial service in Oak Street Church, Winnipeg, January 27, 1928. As the message of her life a friend has chosen the following: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Her days, seldom free from bodily pain, were spent in deeds of love. In India for the short time her health permitted, later in Peterborough, Edmonton and Winnipeg, she spent and spared not. Her tasks as minister's wife, mother, provincial officer of the Woman's Missionary Society and Mission Band leader, were many. She rejoiced greatly in the union of our churches. A merry grace left dull days bright when she passed. She devoted her rare talents to the supplying of literature for Mission Band use. Her "Angel and the Star," an exquisitely simple bit of spiritual imagery, has often been produced. A Confederation pageant, "Canada, Her Friends and Future," made a deep impression at last year's Conference Branch meeting. "Flower Face," a book of missionary stories, is being published now. Mrs. Keith's memory will bless the future days of those who now so sorely mourn her.

### Maritime

*Press Secretary, Mrs. K. N. Tait, Box 723,  
Triuro, N.S.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. W. G. Watson, 40 Francklyn  
St., Halifax, N.S.*

**WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAL.**—The third annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Woodstock, January 31, February 1, 1928. A good representation of delegates and friends attended the session. The total amount raised was \$2,719, which is a little less than the allocation. The same officers were elected for 1928, with the exception of the corresponding secretary, who is now Mrs. Hugh Wiley, Jacksonville. Mrs. Fraser, Woodstock, was elected to attend the Branch meeting in March.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial has overreached its allocation, and has over one thousand subscribers to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. A friendly spirit of cooperation exists among those formerly of different denominations. Mrs. W. A. Thomson,

who was a delegate to the Dominion Board, has spoken eight times on its work and aims.

**HALIFAX PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. John's Church, Halifax, January 30. Regret was expressed at the expected departure from the city of their president, Mrs. R. W. Ross, who was presented with flowers. The Round Table was a helpful feature of several phases of the work. It was suggested that THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY would make a suitable Christmas gift. A model lesson was given on the study book, "World Fellowship." A model Mission Band session was held. Brookvale Band won the silver cup for highest attendance in the country; St. James, Dartmouth, for the city. Miss Fullerton, of Japan, spoke; also Dr. Melvin, of China. A cablegram of congratulations was sent to Trinidad.

**ANNAPOLIS PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Kingston. Unbounded hospitality is reported, even to a color scheme, in the dining hall, of orange and white with a basket of flowers suspended over the president—and this in January! Reports showed the same ambitious spirit in carrying on the work. Dr. Melvin was the speaker.

**WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in St. John's Church, Windsor. The storm king belled and blustered over the very idea of a Presbyterial meeting in January, but, with depleted representation, they carried on. The devotions emphasized prayer and a higher standard of living. A Round Table solved problems. A paper on "Our Heritage," illustrated by a chart, set forth our mission work.

**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial met in Oxford, and carried out a wonderful programme. Miss Fullerton spoke on Japan, and Miss Rose on Korea. A question box solved difficulties. They passed a resolution of opposition to government control or sale of liquor in any form. They divided the Presbyterial into five groups, each with a leader, for the purpose of stimulating good feeling and gaining inspiration and knowledge.

**PICTOU PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial met in Trinity Church, New Glasgow. A letter was read from the former president, Mrs. Robb, Korea. Miss Ross spoke, also Mrs. L.

W. Parker. The C.G.I.T., by means of a pantomime, effectively portrayed the change wrought in a family by their turning from idol worship to the true God. The Young Women's Auxiliary of Westville discussed the question, "How Would I Use Twenty Thousand Dollars in Foreign Mission Work?" A play, "Entertaining Strangers," was given by the Young Women's Auxiliary of Trinity Church. Cold weather cut the attendance.

**YARMOUTH PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial met in Wesley Church, Yarmouth. Regret was expressed that weather conditions prevented many Societies from being represented. However, a Presbyterial that boasts such members as Miss Blackmore, former missionary to Japan, and Miss Lathern, editor of *Palm Branch*, could not be dull. The latter brought Literature to the attention of the meeting, using a tool box and contents as telling illustrations. Mrs. Frank Dickenson told stories of her experience in China.

**ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial met in McColl Church, St. Stephen. It is the youngest Presbyterial in the Branch. Mrs. R. A. Jamieson addressed the young people, urging them to stand four-square for righteousness. A question box was a useful feature. The year was a success financially, and over three hundred dollars' worth of bales were sent to Foreign and Home Missions. There was a good representation considering that it was mid-winter.

Mrs. Greene, of Bridgewater, N.S., recently deceased, left behind a fine record as secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance. In the nine-month year just past she made seven hundred calls, both those in interest of her work and those to the hospital.

The auxiliary at Shediac, N.B., will remember the past year as that in which their loved and honored president, Mrs. R. C. Tait, was suddenly called to higher service. She had been the leader of Shediac Auxiliary practically ever since its organization in 1894. She was a woman in whom the gifts and graces that make for joyous, useful living were most happily combined. She blessed and brightened life wherever she touched it. Her home was a place of happiness and Christian hospitality and her influence and benevolence extended far beyond. The Church, and especially the missionary cause, had always a foremost place in her in-

terest and generosity. She will be sorely missed, but the memory of this gracious Christian lady will remain an inspiration to all who knew her.

### Montreal-Ottawa

*Press Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Wright, Cardinal, Ontario*  
*Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth C. Antliff, 111 Blenheim Place, Westmount, Que.*

The executive of the Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch met in the Board Room, St. James United Church, Montreal, February 16. There were sixteen present, Mrs. Henderson, president, was in the chair. After the devotional exercises the minutes, corresponding secretary's and treasurer's statements were read and discussed. As the annual meeting is being held in April, the annual reports of treasurer and secretaries were submitted to the executive. The inaccuracy of figures in the tabulated statements was discussed. It is hoped that a better understanding will result this year. Mrs. J. A. Gordon was sorely missed throughout both sessions.

**MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL.**—The Auxiliary of Calvary United Church, Westmount, had the honor of presenting their retiring president, Mrs. R. W. McLachlan, with a watch, as a token of appreciation of her work in the Society for the past fifty years.

The Montreal-Ottawa Conference will raise a memorial fund in honor of the late Mrs. J. A. Gordon, a vice-president, and for nineteen years corresponding secretary of the former Methodist Branch. Contributions will be received at the approaching Branch meeting in April at Sherbrooke, Quebec, when the form which the memorial will take will be announced. Contributions may also be sent to the Branch treasurer, Mrs. Ruth C. Antliffe, 111 Blenheim Place, Westmount, Que.

### Saskatchewan

*Press Secretary, Mrs. G. L. Dyke, 1302 First Ave. W., Moose Jaw, Sask.*  
*Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, 3730 Dewdney Ave., Regina, Sask.*

**ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL.**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial, which was held on February 1, 2, 3, 1928, was attended by about sixty delegates. Miss Coon, matron of the As-

siniboia School Home and a returned missionary, gave an interesting address on Chinese girls. Rev. R. Graham, who conducted the communion service, also addressed the meeting. Mrs. D. A. Johnson, president, in her address, made an earnest appeal for a special effort in 1928. Greetings from the Presbytery were brought by Dr. Keetin, Mossbank. Delightful music was rendered during the sessions. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. D. A. Johnson, Meyronne; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bolstead, Meyronne; treasurer, Mrs. Curliss, Assiniboia.

**QU'APPELLE PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial held its annual meeting at Moosomin, February 9, 10, 1928. The president, Mrs. G. Powell, presided. A Mission Band demonstration was given by the Moosomin Mission Band. Mrs. E. G. Sanders, B.A., Grenfell, spoke on "Our W.M.S. Work at Home." Rev. W. H. Black, Broadview, addressed the meeting on "Some Realizations Essential to Success in Missionary Endeavor." Plans were made to organize new Auxiliaries in other parts of the Presbyterial. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. G. Powell, Grenfell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Campbell, Fleming; treasurer, Mrs. Warren Parker, Grenfell.

**REGINA PRESBYTERIAL.**—One hundred and fifty delegates attended the annual meeting of this Presbyterial, held in Knox Church, Regina, February 8, 9, 1928. The treasurer announced that the allocation had been more than reached. The supply secretary, Mrs. R. J. Moffatt, gave a splendid report. Mrs. R. G. Carruthers spoke of the need for women being generous and systematic in their giving. Mrs. Sahlmark, president, gave a fine address. Mrs. P. I. Thacker spoke on the connection between C.G.I.T. activities and the Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Nellie Forman, returned missionary, who is now in charge of the Settlement House in Regina, outlined the work that is being done among new Canadians in the Settlement House. Other returned missionaries, who addressed the meetings, were Miss Alice Milligan and Rev. A. W. Lohead. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. G. W. Sahlmark, Regina; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. McGillivray, Regina; treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Conlin, Regina.

**SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in

Knox Church, Saskatoon, February 8, 9, 1928. Mrs. T. W. Fawcett, president, gave a fine address on the outstanding events of 1927. Rev. J. L. Stewart, St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, was the special speaker. Another inspirational address was given by Mrs. E. N. Meuser, a missionary recently returned from China. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. T. W. Fawcett, Saskatoon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. W. Carmichael, Saskatoon; treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Cameron, Saskatoon.

**ARCOLA PRESBYTERIAL.**—The third annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Fillmore, January 25, 26, 1928. Thirty delegates were present. An inspiring address was given by the president, Mrs. Gillespie. The allocation of \$1,835.00 had been covered and the sum for 1928 accepted. Fillmore True Blue Group of sixteen girls exemplified the affiliation of C.G.I.T. and the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, corresponding secretary of this Conference Branch, conducted a question bureau. "Thoughts to Carry Home" was the title of an address given by Mrs. H. Mitchell, Manor. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. Gillespie, Carlyle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Finkbeiner, Redvers; treasurer, Mrs. Crowe, Kisbey.

**MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL.**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Zion Church, Moose Jaw, February 7, 8, 1928. On the first evening nine groups of C.G.I.T. from Zion and Hillcrest Churches, Moose Jaw, affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Katharine Graham spoke on "My Class and Finance." This was followed by an address by Miss Kirkpatrick, provincial girls' work secretary. Mrs. John Bellamy presented the Mission Band banner to the junior Mission Band of Central Butte.

A tribute of two minutes' silent prayer was paid to the memory of Miss Sadie McCartney, a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, whose funeral was taking place at that hour. The treasurer reported the sum of \$6,408.00 raised during the year, which was considerably more than the allocation. At the closing meeting, Rev. A. W. Lohead, Regina, gave the address. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. L. L. Garratt; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. J. Motherwell; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Bryant. All these officers live in Moose Jaw.

### Toronto

*Press Secretary, Miss Florence Robertson, 438 Delaware Ave., Toronto, Ont.*  
*Treasurer, Mrs. James Litster, 10 Selby St., Toronto, Ont.*

**DUFFERIN-PEEL PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held at Shelburne on Thursday and Friday, February 9, 10, 1928. The Thursday evening session was held in Knox Church, which was filled to capacity. Rev. A. Donald and Rev. J. A. Leece conducted the opening exercises, then Mrs. Robert Crawford, president, took the chair. Miss Mustard, a candidate missionary, spoke of the recent convention of Student Volunteers held in Detroit. From the native Christians she brought a message pleading to be taught Christ, not denominationalism.

Friday's sessions were held in Wesley United Church. The opening exercises were conducted by Grand Valley Auxiliary. The morning session was devoted to the business of the Presbyterial. All societies, except sixteen Auxiliaries and three Circles, reached or exceeded their allocations. Of the \$7,289 allocation \$7,289 was raised. The allocation for 1928 is \$10,350.

Mrs. Gollan ably conducted a question drawer. The opening exercises of the afternoon session were conducted by Laurel Auxiliary. Mrs. G. A. Walton, corresponding secretary of Toronto Conference Branch, spoke encouragingly of the work in China. Grand Valley Auxiliary invited this Presbyterial to meet there next year. The officers for 1928 are: president, Mrs. Robert Crawford, Brampton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. G. Neeland, Mono Road; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. McMillan, Orangeville.

**TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL.**—The second annual meeting of this Presbyterial was brought to a close on the afternoon of February 8 at Danforth United Church after four sessions. There was an attendance of 850.

The financial statement showed that this Presbyterial had raised \$25,245, or 96 per cent. of its allocation. For 1928 the allocation is \$35,200. Further reports revealed the healthy condition of the junior organizations.

Greetings from the Board were brought to the convention by Mrs. J. MacGillivray and from the Conference Branch by Mrs. E. B. Lancely. A new departure was the "In Memoriam" service when the names of thirty-six

members were recalled. This was followed by a communion service. An address on Trinidad was given by Mrs. W. T. Gunn. Mrs. C. R. Carscallen, formerly of South China, also spoke. The following officers were elected for 1928: president, Mrs. G. D. Atkinson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. Worth; treasurer, Miss E. McBride.

**TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial held its annual meeting in High Park United Church, January 26, 27, 1928. The former president, Mrs. A. H. Barker, who had resigned owing to the death of her husband, was much missed. Mrs. Oliver, vice-president, presided. Registered delegates and members numbered 475.

The Finance report stated that \$21,619.53, which was 98.03 per cent. of the allocation, had been sent to the Branch treasurer. Supplies valued at \$3,249.90 were sent in and \$102.00 paid for shipping expenses of same.

Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Hill gave addresses on Band helps. The young women took charge of the evening session. Greetings from the Board were brought by Mrs. E. B. Lansley, and from the Presbytery, by Dr. Addison. A message of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Barker, who is now in New Brunswick.

Inspiring addresses were given by Dr. A. E. Armstrong; Foreign Mission secretary, and Mrs. Hill, formerly of Africa. Reports showed that the departments are well sustained in nearly all Auxiliaries. Every Auxiliary accepted its allocation for 1928. The officers for this year are: president, Mrs. J. H. Oliver; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. Irwin; treasurer, Mrs. S. T. Mulhall.

**TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL.**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Central United Church, February 7, 1928. A splendid year's work was reported. Receipts for the nine-month period amounted to \$37,636.11, and value of sales amounted to \$2,100.00. The Mission Band of Temperanceville was awarded the banner for general proficiency. Mrs. John Umehara is the superintendent.

Mrs. D. A. MacDonald gave intimate glimpses of life in Korea, and Miss Margaret D. Keaghey, Japan, who is home on her third furlough, spoke of the converts in that land. Other speakers included Rev. Ronald McLeod, Rev. Dr. Little and Miss Effie Jamieson. In her presidential address, Mrs. E. R. Young emphasized sacrificial living and giving.

A resolution recommending the approval by General Council of the findings of the special committee regarding ordination of women to the diaconate was sent forward. The allocation of \$55,325.00 for Toronto Centre Presbyterial for 1928 was accepted. The officers for this year are: president, Mrs. E. Ryerson Young; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. Snell; treasurer, Miss Edith Rae.

### Personal Notes

Point Douglass Mission, Winnipeg, reports the loss of their fine worker, who is married to Mr. Norman Tinan and is now living at Lang, Sask. Her many friends join in good wishes.

Rev. and Mrs. Burbridge, Korea, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Burbridge was formerly Miss Pearl Anderson, teacher in the school at Wonsan.

Miss Eleanor Graham, who is in Roland, Manitoba, on furlough from West China, has addressed twenty-one auxiliaries and several circles and groups in Rock Lake Presbyterial. Her work has been much appreciated.

Our Society has lost a good friend in the death of Mr. Robert Prittie, Toronto. It was through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Prittie that the mission hospital at Bonnyville was built, named the *Katherine Honore Prittie Memorial*, after their daughter.

Mrs. Howard Langford, Secretary of Japan, represented the Dominion Board at a meeting of the Co-operating Committee of the Woman's Christian College, Japan, held in New York, December 13th. The Chairman of this committee is Mrs. H. A. Lavell, Kingston, past president of the Board.

## In Memoriam

Mrs. Robert Baker, Gorrie, Ontario, January 21, 1928.

Mrs. Banes, Exeter, Ontario, January 19, 1928.

Mrs. Oscar Boden, Meaford, Ontario, August 12, 1927.

Mrs. William Bone, Tillsonburg, Ontario, November, 1927.

Mrs. Allison Cook, Shanly, Ontario, December 9, 1927.

Mrs. N. S. Elliott, Peachland, British Columbia, January 8, 1928.

Mrs. Greene, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, December 19, 1927.

Mrs. William Hall, Brussels, Ontario, January 12, 1928.

Mrs. George Henderson, Douglstown, New Brunswick, September 24, 1927.

Mrs. Alexander Hermiston, Mount Forest, Ontario, February 1, 1928.

Mrs. Annie Howe, Belleisle, New Brunswick, August 23, 1927.

Mrs. Lydia Kent, Delhi, Ontario, February 12, 1928.

Mrs. Calvin E. Lane, Prescott, Ontario, December 30, 1927.

Mrs. Hugh A. MacKenzie, Watford, Ontario, December 13, 1927.

Miss Sadie McCartney, Tuxford, Saskatchewan, February 6, 1928.

Mrs. William McClure, Lethbridge, Alberta, January 5, 1928.

Mrs. Mary Ann Moore, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, September 12, 1927.

Mrs. Annie Pelton, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, February 11, 1928.

Mrs. A. C. Pettingill, Wellington, Ontario, December 27, 1928.

Mrs. William Pritchard, Harriston, Ontario, December 31, 1927.

Mrs. John Raney, Prescott, Ontario, September 13, 1927.

Mrs. Hannah Rear, Brookdale, Manitoba, December 26, 1927.

Mrs. James Shera, Gorrie, Ontario, February 8, 1928.

Mrs. Ellen Smith, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, December 20, 1927.

Mrs. Ida Smith, Meaford, Ontario, June 13, 1927.

Mrs. Tamar A. Stewart, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, December 8, 1927.

Mrs. James Wynn, Watford, Ontario, June 5,

Mrs. A. Storey, Snowball, Ontario, December 8, 1927.

Mrs. James Sullivan, Watford, Ontario, June 17, 1927.

Mrs. Catherine Tetlock, Kingston, Ontario, January 24, 1928.

Mrs. Smith Toye, Cardinal, Ontario, January 26, 1928.

Mrs. Grace E. Turner, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, July 17, 1927.

Mrs. H. White, Snowball, Ontario, June 10, 1927.

Mrs. Russel C. Woodley, Belleville, Ontario, February 2, 1928.

Mrs. R. B. Westhaver, Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, December 11, 1927.

## New Organizations

### Presbyterials

**HANNA PRESBYTERIAL.**—President, Mrs. Bigelow, Delia, Alta.; vice-president, Mrs. Leitch, Drumheller, Alta.; secretary, Mrs. (Dr.) Crawford, Craigmyle, Alta.; treasurer, Mrs. (Rev.) Howey, Munson, Alta.

### Auxiliaries

#### Alberta Conference Branch

**LACOMBE PRESBYTERIAL.**—Breton, Mrs. W. Williams, Breton, Alta.

#### British Columbia Conference Branch

**VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL.**—Ahousat, Mrs. Nellie Jacobsen, Ahousat, B.C.; Parksville, Mrs. Hughes, Parksville, B.C. **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL.**—Burnaby Lake, Mrs. J. W. McIntosh, B.A., 3450 Douglas Road, New Westminster, B.C.

#### London Conference Branch

**LAMBTON PRESBYTERIAL.**—Inwood, Mrs. H. N. Johnston, Inwood, Ont.

#### Saskatchewan Conference Branch

**ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL.**—Kincaid, Mrs. W. Harper, Kincaid, Sask.; **MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL.**—Glenside, Mrs. B. Madill, Glenside, Sask.

#### Toronto Conference Branch

**MUSKOKA PRESBYTERIAL.**—Port Carling, Mrs. W. Cairns Conning, Port Carling, Ont. **SIMCOE PRESBYTERIAL.**—1. Barrie, Mrs. W. J. Ballantyne, 209 Elizabeth St., Barrie; 2. Edenvale, Mrs. Harvey Beeton, R.R. No. 2, Minesing, Ont.

### Young Women's Auxiliaries

#### Bay of Quinte Conference Branch

**BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL.**—1. Newburgh Circle, Miss Marguerite Wartman, Box 56, Newburgh; 2. Picton, Mrs. A. Wright, Picton.

### British Columbia Conference Branch

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL.**—New Westminster (Sixth Avenue), Miss M. Bishop, 607 Seventh Avenue, New Westminster, B.C.

### Saskatchewan Conference Branch

**YORKTON PRESBYTERIAL.**—Melville (Young Woman's Associate Society), Miss F. Hickson, Melville, Sask.

### Mission Bands

#### Bay of Quinte Conference Branch

**COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL.**—Warkworth (St. Paul's), Mrs. Gordon, Warkworth, Ont.

**OSHAWA PRESBYTERIAL.**—Columbus (Buds of Promise) Miss Gladys Ross, Columbus, Ont.

### British Columbia Conference Branch

**VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL.**—1. Courtney (St. George's); 2. Nanaimo, (First United); 3. Port Alberni (Golden Keys).

#### London Conference Branch

**MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL.**—London (Centennial), Mrs. Henry Walton, 1088 Frances St., London.

### Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups

#### Bay of Quinte Conference Branch

**BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL.**—1. Belleville (Bridge St.) Wohelo, Miss Alberta Craig, 51 Highland Ave.; 2. (Merrymakers) Miss Helen Reid, Bridge St. E.; 3. (Happy Workers) Miss Katherine Simmons, Highland Ave.; 4. Belleville (Tabernacle) Sunbeam Group, Miss Laura Bell, 33 Isabelle St.; 5. Cherry Valley (The Smart Group); 6. Picton (Friendly Folk), Mrs. A. Palmatier, Picton; 7. (Skylarks), Miss Kathleen Hicks, Picton; 8. (Swang-ta-ha), Mrs. G. Seeley, Picton; 9. (Bluebird), Mrs. Harry Pyne, Picton.



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## The Literature Department

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### Christian Stewardship

As this is the subject of study for the May meeting for Auxiliaries and Mission Circles, may we call attention to the help that has been prepared for that programme. The title of the study leaflet is "The Stewardship of Life," and the price is 5 cents. There is a Responsive Reading, "The Earth is the Lord's" (price, 8 cents per dozen). To assist in a further consideration of this important subject, the following leaflets, books, etc., are for sale.

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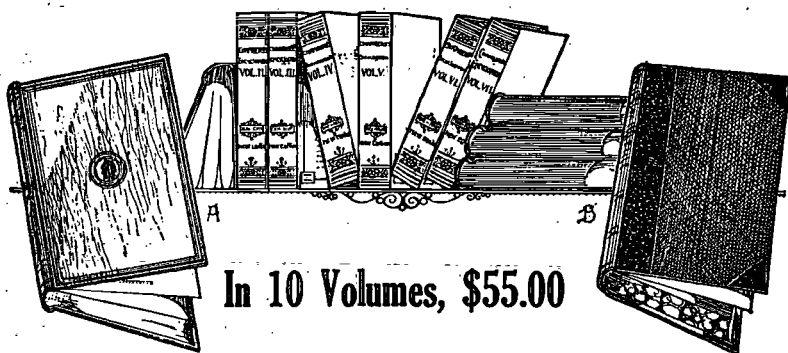
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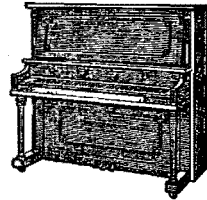
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