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On Mother's Day

A Mother Speaks to Her Children

My children, bring me not the well-planned gift
That every window will have on display,
Trust to no advertising scheme, nor shift
The burden of your giving on this day.
My children, I have loved you with a love
That money does not buy: these hands are scarred,
This body broken. Bending oft above
Your peaceful slumber, I have found life hard.

But oh, my children, when the way was rough
You were the guiding impulse of my feet:
Never a day that you were not enough,
No gift but you yourself made life complete.
Bring me no other gift, then—only show
By word, or look, or clasp, "We know—we know."

—Helen Frazee-Bower, in the *New York Times*.

Editorial

The Visit of the King and Queen

WE trust that in a few weeks their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, will set foot in Canada. It will not be possible for them to see much of such a large country, but everywhere they go there will be a welcome from many hearts, and our hope is that they will carry home to the mother country happy and kind memories of their Canadian subjects.

Our picture of the Queen and her daughters, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, is a very recent one. They have been attending a bazaar at Crathie Church, near Braemar, Scotland, and as they emerged from the building this picture was taken. The precious purchases are in the hands of the little girls.

The Dominion Board

THE Dominion Board of the Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada will meet in Emmanuel College—the delegates to reside in Annesley Hall—May 25th, 1939. Plans now call for an address by Mrs. Hugh Taylor, May 25th, on her visit to missions in Africa and India; on May 29th, a public meeting at which Dr. J. H. Arnup will bring the Madras Conference to us.

It is hoped to have a luncheon June 1, to which non-Anglo-Saxon, Negro and Oriental guests will be invited. Rev. R. G. Katsunoff of the Church of All Nations, Montreal, will deliver an address. The Moderator has been asked to install the officers and give a message,

and the Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Willard Brewing, D.D., is asked to conduct the Communion Service.

Political and religious refugees	350,000
Jews	600,000

European Refugees

MORE and more heavily on the conscience of the Christian world lies the ever increasing problem of the refugees. There have been refugees before—people forced from their national homes by threat of death or imprisonment; many who chose to fly in order to think and worship and live as they believed God would have them do. What is happening to-day is the latest manifestation of an age-old tragedy in its worst form.

Over here in America—so isolated in many ways—it is difficult for people to grasp the reality of the monstrous thing happening in the world of to-day. It is what Earl Baldwin calls “an explosion of man’s inhumanity to man.” The persecution of Jews in Germany has been a planned part of Hitler’s regime from the beginning, but since the half-crazed young Jew killed a German official, the German government has sought by every means in its power to do away with all those who have Jewish blood—even as little as twelve and one-half per cent. Deprived of all they possess, humiliated, shamefully ill-used, starved, imprisoned—with no legal rights—Hitler’s method is to starve the Jew out of existence—a slow, but dreadful process of annihilation.

Do not let us forget that a large number of the refugees are Jewish Christians; some Aryan pastors and priests, who dissent from the Nazi doctrines, scholars, writers, liberal thinkers who refuse to disseminate National Socialist lies, and those who believe that freedom to worship God and liberty of the spirit are as important as physical survival.

It is estimated that the refugees of various categories, from Germany, and the former Austria and Czecho-Slovakia, may be numbered as follows:

Non-Aryan Christians ...	200,000
Czecho-Slovaks	125,000

Have we in Canada too crowded a country to find room for others? Canon Cody in a recent broadcast said: “Think of our vast areas. No group of eleven million people have ever before owned so vast and so rich an estate. Its resources can neither be discovered, conserved nor developed without an addition to our numbers. We have here an opportunity—of adding both to the quantity and quality of our national human equipment.”

There is another most important factor in the movement of peoples. In the booklet published by the Canadian National Committee on Refugees, it is pointed out that in the past refugee movements have often been the beginning of new developments in the countries to which these came. Have we thought of these people—Jews and Aryans, together—as contributors, perhaps rich contributors, to our country. When the Huguenots were forced to leave France, they brought to England and her colony of America many of the fine arts of France. In the same way the Pilgrim Fathers in America and the United Empire Loyalists in Canada laid new foundations in the religious life of these countries. What has happened may happen again. Into this great conglomerate country, already strengthened and enriched by the contributions of Central European groups, these others may help to build a more solid basis for democracy and justice.

But even if this were not so, surely we cannot, as Christians, refuse to succour these helpless victims of ruthless persecution. “A nation which has the potential resources of Canada and refuses to help in such an emergency does not deserve economic prosperity; it does not even deserve the right to be called a Christian country.”

What can we Canadian women do about it? No problem touches missionary women more deeply—yet so far Canada has done very little to assist in this vast problem—the total immigration to

this country from all sources for the first six months of 1938 was 8,135, of which 328 were Jews.

It was to enlighten us on the whole subject that the programme for June, published in this issue stresses our responsibility for the refugees in Europe. The first thing to do is to throw off any defeatist attitude. It is a vast, but not insoluble problem—the refugee movements following the Great War were of considerably greater magnitude. The Canadian National Committee on Refugees is not urging any large scale mass immigrations, but rather a generous policy which will admit selected individuals or groups of refugees to sanctuary in Canada. By our behaviour and attitudes in this crisis the character and ideals of our country will be judged.

"I was a stranger and ye took me not in."

"Inasmuch as ye did it not to these, ye did it not to me."

A Return to Religion

WE have recently read "I Return to Religion," a book written by Dr. Henry C. Link, Director of Psychological Centre, New York City. We may not agree with all his deductions but it is one of the most readable and timely books for today.

"My rediscovery of religion," he tells us, "was inspired by an intimate study of individuals and their problems." Here was a man, an "agnostic" as he calls himself who, in his work as a psychologist, suddenly found that he had been for years, not only using more and more frequently Biblical expressions but that he was adopting unconsciously a large body of religious beliefs and giving them to others which he thought he had discarded long ago.

The rest of the book is a series of broad, humorous but very challenging talks on how to achieve that happiness and satisfaction which comes to all who seek the Kingdom of God.

Shortly after reading Dr. Link's book, we opened a current *British Weekly* and read a brief article, "Religion or Ruin"

by one, Garry Allighan, who calls himself a blasé newspaper journalist. One day he went to church—for the first time in many years.

"Existence had become intolerable; on every hand the temples of the world were crumbling. I had to seek something that was stable or I too, would crumble. . . . The place was Kingsway Hall with Dr. Donald Soper, the preacher. . . . During that service I rediscovered a lost, but, oh, so simple truth; we have all got to return to religion."

"Ask me what is the way out; if I were a pagan I would have none. But since I went to church, I am not so hopeless. I know now that at the root of Europe's fever is the cult of irreligion. . . . Europe, to regain her sanity, has to return to the religious basis of human relations. Without that foundation to international affairs, jungle diplomacy is to be expected and wild-beast civilization established. . . ."

"This is my public confession; I have returned to religion and found internal peace. My personal peace will be a minute quota to the peace of the world. If all people return to religion and find peace, the whole world will be at peace. The world is being wrecked with the fear of war because the world has left God and religion.

"Great hope still remains; the hope that there shall be a wholesale retracing of the footsteps to the simple truth of religion which, alone, are the veritas and the eternal. All we, like sheep, have gone astray. Peace will be found where righteousness is found. In this black night of cynicism and selfishness only one bright star gleams—the star that leads us back to God.

"For this country, for this world, for this generation, it is now only a question of religion or ruin."

Mrs. Taylor arrived home on March 24th looking very fit and ready for a crowded programme of work. Mrs. J. H. Arnup returned to Canada some time ago, but Dr. Arnup went from Central India to the Orient to visit the stations in China and Japan.



HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH AND HER DAUGHTERS, PRINCESS ELIZABETH AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE, AT THE DOOR OF CRATHIE CHURCH, BRAEMAR, SCOTLAND, WHERE A BAZAAR HAD BEEN HELD. THE PURCHASES ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE CHILDREN.

In the Hospital with Dr. Cheung

VICTORIA CHEUNG, M.D., KONGMOON, SOUTH CHINA

Culled from the 1938-39 Report

THE year 1939 is being ushered in by the sound of sirens in the air; not those accompanied by the chiming of bells, gathering all within hearing to welcome in the New Year, but those accompanied by gongs, screeching alarm and scattering all to seek for shelter. To many of us, I am afraid, it may turn out to end as the fable of the Boy and the Wolf.

Day after day, there have been rumours of danger creeping nearer, but these were forgotten

as we drove through the peaceful countryside and saw the good crops in the autumn. Up until the fall of Canton, the hospitals were filled to capacity, but as the population evacuated the cities, we became less busy. Our first thought was that the opportunity had come to make full use of our "Healthmobile," but the roads are too badly torn up.

The many improvements around the hospital begun the year before, continued throughout this past year. On my return from furlough, I was much impressed by the freshness of the hospitals and the show of flowers round about. In particular, I was glad offices were made available for the doctors, and the utility rooms made usable.

A new dispensary was opened the end of May at Taai Chaak, which is about seventeen miles away. It appears to us to be much needed, for practically ninety

per cent. of the population there suffer from malaria, and all the children from some form of intestinal parasite. During the summer months, the number averaged 250. The San Wui clinic was held

on the same day so that we could attend it on our way back. Dr. Cockfield continued to give his services to the Sha P'ing hospital during Dr. Lind's absence. This institution was recently taken over for military purposes. The Kongmoon dispensary still functions and we hold

free clinics daily in both hospitals here. A great many of these plans and others have been disrupted by the state of the roads because of the war.

The nursing end of the hospitals has been ably managed by the Superintendent of Nurses, Miss Rae Isaac, with a staff of supervisors and ward-helpers. In September we had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Irene Moore to the staff. She addressed the audience in Chinese!

The work in the hospitals has gone on in much the same way as in former years, except for a number of shell-shocked cases. The greatest obstacle met with was the scarcity of drugs on the market. During the summer months, it was becoming more and more difficult, by October it was impossible to get them from Canton. Sera and vaccines were at a premium; concentrated and refined diphtheria antitoxin cost \$25.00 national



DR. VICTORIA CHEUNG (RIGHT) WITH THREE MISSIONARY FRIENDS

Left: Misses Pearl Chiang and Ethel Virgo, West China, and Teruko Komyo, Japan.



MISS RAE ISAAC AND A PATIENT, KONGMOON HOSPITAL

The child was brought in with diphtheria and was operated on for tracheotomy.

or \$36.00 local currency per 10,000 units and there were only 50,000 units within reach! There was no other kind to be got. We had also emptied the refrigerator of cholera and typhoid vaccines, and while we were waiting for a fresh supply, the Public Health Bureau, from Canton, fortunately came down and gave free shots on the street corners of Kongmoon City for one week. That was at the beginning of the relapse of the cholera epidemic. We had our share of cases in the hospitals, but not nearly as many as in 1937. We only wish more could be done for diphtheria. The cases we see are most pitiful; the children are gasping for breath and are in a terribly toxic state. One child of eighteen months, son of a postmaster and refugeeing some thirty

odd miles away, had the benefit, shall I say, of two previous deaths in the same family from the same symptoms, one twenty years and the other four years ago. Even when laryngeal diphtheria was diagnosed, they questioned whether it was not due to a bit of chaff in the throat. Fortunately for us the antitoxin confirmed our diagnosis. Antitoxin is prohibitive in price to the common masses; even smallpox vaccine is three times its usual price.

I must not forget the kind hospitality shown me by all the friends in India, when I passed through in January. It was so genuine that I wanted to stay longer and planned to visit again if at all possible. While there it was natural that I should meet the hospital babies! And that reminds me, I must introduce our little orphan (?).

One morning, a year ago October, an odd-looking bundle was noticed under the tree near the tennis court. It was just all eyes! His little head was so out of proportion to the rest of his skinny body, that he was at once nicknamed T'ai T'ai Chai (Big Head Boy). He tells you now his name is Yeung Ts'ung P'aak. He looked about three—rather about fifty—and a more hopeless and more helpless cripple you'd never want to see. As late as May, 1938, he was yet unable to hold up his head. In September, he was able to sit up unsupported, but the lower half of his body seemed not to belong to his upper half. He was sent to kindergarten and since then has made rapid progress. He is quite plump now, has an extraordinarily good memory and speaks more distinctly, forming short sentences, and recognizes a goodly number of characters—he read off all the doctor's (eight) names this morning after only yesterday's coaching! He is able to co-ordinate his legs quite well now and walks with support.

He never did like Donald the duck (left by Stanley Lind) because it had such a wobbly neck. One day he was cooking orange peel rice and leafy vegetables in milk-powder dippers with another little patient, who had had more of a home life than he; they suddenly decided to have duck for dinner, so they

immediately proceeded to pluck Donald clean of his down! Fortunately Ducky was rescued before more damage was done, and we were pleasantly surprised to find Donald was able to appear in the Christmas play, on a platter. Yeung Ts'ung P'aak was showered with gifts on Christmas Day: the problem was how to carry them all back to his box. He shook out his hanky for the teacher to tie up his tangerines—it could only hold one. He was advised to leave one behind. "M ho, m ho," (no, no) he said, and slipped it up his trouser leg.

"It will fall out."

"M p'a, m p'a," (no fear, no fear) he replied and began pulling his sock over his trouser leg! We sincerely hope he will not become too badly spoiled.

We have two other abandoned children in the hospital just now, one is going to school but needs glasses badly.

The Chinese girls of the Mission

Circle, in Calgary, voted \$10.00 gold to this hospital, so we shall be using it for this purpose as soon as we can travel to Hong Kong in the normal way. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the girls for their generous gift, and also to thank the members of the Mission Band of the same church for the parcel of lovely oil-cloth animals for the little patients in the hospital. We wish also to thank the C.G.I.T. Group in Wellington, Ontario, who so kindly donated their offering through the speaker, Miss Jennie Hotson. This was used towards the cots and bedding in the children's ward.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that in spite of the many alarms and nervousness prevailing amidst this community, we have enjoyed peace and safety throughout the year that has just ended, and that the hospitals were able to carry on without interruption of any kind.

Earl Baldwin Speaks

TONIGHT I plead for the victims who have turned to England for help—the first time in their long and troubled history that they have asked us in this way for financial aid. Heroic as their own efforts are, the disaster which has followed upon them is too great for their unaided contribution. Thousands of every degree of education, industry, wealth, position, have been made equal in misery. The honour of our country is challenged. Our Christian charity is challenged. It is up to us to meet that challenge.

I have just said this is the first time in a long and troubled history. Nothing has been more remarkable among the Jews than the way in which the well-to-do and the wealthy look after their poorer neighbours. They have always been self-contained and often without complaint have met great disasters. And I think I ought to say what I don't think any Jew would say to you, that the response that has been made already by the Jewish communities outside Germany to the needs of their own people in the Reich has been magnificent. In all parts of the world, but notably in Great Britain and the United States, they have raised sums which run into millions of pounds, together with large sums raised by private individuals for their relatives in Germany, the full amount of which it is impossible to compute. . . .

I am but a poor beggar. For long years I have been more used to receive requests than to make them. Others may carry on the campaign to collect money more effectively than I. My task is only to speak tonight to the hearts of my fellow-countrymen, to the hearts of those who speak my tongue across the seas. I know their hearts; their hearts I understand, and I am confident that they will respond.—*From a broadcast by Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, from London, December, 1938.*

In South India

Sixth letter from the Foreign Mission Executive Secretary.

DEAR EDITOR:

And MISSIONARY MONTHLY friends! Travelling in India is fascinating even if not too comfortable at times. The greatest discomfort is the ever-present dust. It is especially bad just now as the winter rains have failed and the whole country is very dry. Between Ludhiana and Delhi the train seemed to move in a constant haze of dust.

I am writing this letter on the train from Delhi to Mehidpur Road. It is a slow train, although it is called the Delhi Express, and we have ample time to observe the colourful and kaleidoscopic crowds of people on the station platform each time we stop. Brilliant pink, red, blue, green, yellow and white turbans, the Mohammedan fez, black fur caps, a few sun helmets of western vintage, the policeman's khaki uniform with a touch of red in his turban, the more sombre blue of the railway official's uniform, red, blue and yellow saris with variegated patterns, brilliant coloured scarves on the men, men with the white dhoti or Indian trousers—an old gentleman on the platform just now with a red and white patterned skirt, a white shirt outside his skirt in the accepted manner, a black vest, blue turban with a long streamer hanging down his back, leather slippers and no socks—sellers of fruit and sweetmeats and all kinds of Indian food, water stands for Mohammedans, water stands for Hindus, both these with

signs, "no bathing or washing allowed," all these and more go to make up the moving picture of a station platform in India. I seem to be the only European on the train at the present time. All of us from Europe and America are called Europeans here since we are from that racial stock.

Following the close of the Tambaram Conference it was my good fortune to have the opportunity of joining a small party which visited certain centres of rural work in South India.

Pasamalai, our first stop, is a small village a few miles out of Madura, and here the American Congregational Mission is operating a High School, a Trade School, a Normal School and a Theological Seminary, all in a rural setting and closely related to village life. The boys

are trained in agriculture, improved cattle-breeding and chicken-raising, and in crafts such as carpentry and leather work. Similarly the girls are given instruction in music, sewing and homecraft. The Seminary prepares young men for work in villages and rural areas. A health clinic ministers to the needs of the adjacent village where there is a large cotton mill in which women and boys work for twelve annas (twenty-four cents) a day, men receiving slightly more.

From Madura we went on to Trivandrum, which is down near the southern extremity of the east coast of



THE PEARL MOSQUE AT DELHI FORT
*Seen through the arch of the Hall of
Private Audience.*

India. Twenty-five miles still farther south is the village of Martandum, where the Y.M.C.A. Rural Reconstruction Training Centre operates under the

this Centre a four months' training course for village workers is held each year and students from various parts of India, Burmah and Ceylon attend. In addition to that a course is also held for villagers who cannot afford to spend either time or money for the longer course. This is given for two days each week-end over a period of three months. The energetic and able young secretary showed us over the Centre and explained all the activities, many of which for lack of space I have been unable to include in this letter.



MRS. TAYLOR RIDES IN A *Damni* (SMALL OX CART), KHARUA, INDIA

direction of Dr. Spencer Hatch. The idea behind this Centre is to help the villagers to help themselves live the "abundant life." Here training is given in improved methods of bee-keeping and honey extraction; demonstration of poultry-raising, using white Leghorns, which seem to be best adapted to the conditions in this area; a reading-room with a lending library, this in a simple mud building which can be erected in any village for a small sum by using the labour of the villagers themselves; games such as paddle-tennis and volleyball: a children's building where boys' and girls' clubs meet and where there is a lending library, including games which they have been taught to play and which are available for loaning to any village so as to help the children in creative play activities; the making of pure "jaggery" or the sugar from the juice of the palmyra; improved breeding of cattle and so on. At

In the afternoon we visited three villages and saw how these new methods were actually being used by the villagers for their own improvement. We saw the simple buildings of the local community centres, modelled after the one at Martandum. The men of the party joined in a game of paddle-tennis with the boys of one village. We found that the pastor of the local church works in close co-operation with this movement and, indeed, is often the local leader. We saw one outcaste village which has been completely changed by these work-



ANOTHER MODE OF TRAVEL IN INDIA

ers and is now a clean, attractive village where basketry and mat-weaving are the extra occupations, thus bringing in added revenue and a new self-respect. Eggs and cashew nut co-operatives have been introduced and are bringing not only increased revenue to the villagers, but are improving the products themselves. We returned to Trivandrum that night exhausted but thrilled with what we had seen in the methods of reconstructing the life of the villages. You will be interested to know that that night I slept with the electric fan going all night—and this on the night of December 31st.

Next day we went on to Neyyoor, fifteen miles still farther south, to visit the London Missionary Society hospital there. This is one of the largest mission hospitals in the world, treating one hundred and fifty thousand patients in a year, and it is situated in a small rural village. The main hospital has two hundred beds, one hundred and fifty for men and fifty for women, and scattered throughout the district are fourteen branch hospitals which are in constant touch with the large one at the Centre. That day, being Sunday, January 1st, we attended the quarterly communion service in the large village church, which was crowded to the doors with over eight hundred men and women. This work was begun one hundred and twenty-five years ago by the London Missionary Society and it is now part of The United Church of South India.

Travancore is called the garden of India, and very beautiful it is, with luxuriant foliage, cocoanut palms and quiet waterways. At Kottiyam we had breakfast at the Christavasram with the director, Mr. Job. This ashram is situated on a quiet hilltop about three miles outside of the town, removed from the bustle and turmoil of the busy streets. 'It is used as a retreat where Christian groups can come for meditation and prayer and spiritual refreshment. The social service activities of the ashram are carried on at Alleppy, a few miles distant. A Christian paper is published monthly by the director.

At Alwaye, fifty miles farther up the coast, is a settlement for outcaste boys and girls under the direction of a fellowship of six members. These are young men, all graduates of Alwaye Christian College who have pledged their lives in the service of these outcaste children. They and their families live with the boys, eating the same food and sharing their life in every way. The settlement is in the form of a school with one hundred and ninety boys, about half of whom are in residence. Vocational training is given in agriculture, carpentry, weaving, leather work, tailoring, laundry and rattan work. The boys live in groups of fifteen or twenty with a warden. One of the six men in the fellowship was originally an outcaste boy in the school. He showed promise of future development and was assisted in continuing his education through Alwaye College. Now he has returned to the settlement to devote his life in the service of his fellow outcastes. Similar work for a group of thirty girls is carried on in connection with the Union Girls' High School across the river.

At Wardha we had the privilege of visiting Mahatma Gandhi's ashram and meeting Mr. E. W. Aryanayakam, the Secretary of the National Education Committee of Congress who was in Canada some few years ago when he was connected with the Student Christian Movement. He is directing a model school where teachers are being trained in the new type of education for elementary schools which places the teaching of a craft at the centre of the school work. We also spent some time with Mr. Kumarappa, Secretary of the Village Crafts Association, an organization which is endeavouring to revive village crafts in order to make village life self-sufficient in every way. They oppose mass production in industry, believing that that way leads inevitably to world war. Both of these men are Christians and are devoting their lives to the service of the masses of village India.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) RUTH H. TAYLOR.

Ekovongo—The Call

MARY W. HURLBURT, WEST AFRICA

Miss Hurlburt is a missionary of the American Congregational Church, working in co-operation with The United Church in Angola.



STAFF AT MEANS SCHOOL, 1938

In front row—Miss Hurlburt; at left, Miss Marjorie Millar and Miss Minlo; at right, D. Beatriz Dominques, Portuguese teacher, and Miss Edilh Clark, R.N.

HOW I wish that you could have been with me the last few weeks. You wouldn't need to be urged to give to missions after you had seen the people we saw living in ignorance and superstition. Some of the native Christians that we took with us on the trip said more than once, if that is the type of thing that our forefathers believed, and the way they lived, we are more thankful than ever for the coming of the missionaries to show us the way to better and higher things.

For the last two or three years the Chilesso church has sent a catechist into an area where the gospel is unknown for a few months of the year. The village where we were to go is only about eighty-five miles from Chilesso by actual mileage, but it is nevertheless away off the

beaten path, and might as well be one thousand miles away, considering how little contact they have with the outside world. To get there we went up and down mountains, along mountain ridges and across swampy land. We reached the Portuguese traders about five o'clock. We had to leave our auto there, and find carriers to take our loads on to Manuel's village, about a half-hour's walk away.

We had intended to go to Epomba the next day, despite Manuel's pleas that we spend the week-end in his village, but when we woke up it was raining, and continued to rain most of the day, so we were forced to stay. The rain didn't keep the people from the Chief's village from coming over to see the first white women that they had ever seen. The room was too small to accommodate more

than one or two. It had no window, and many times the light that came through the door was cut off as they crowded around to see us and the doll that talked and the cat that mewed. How I longed for a good movie camera to take the expressions of astonishment and fear when they heard the doll make a noise.

Monday morning we started for Epomba, which is about a two-and-a-half-hour's walk from where we were. We took turns riding in the tepoia. We went through beautiful woods. In that trip we climbed over enough fallen timber to keep Means School and Currie Institute in firewood for a year. (Firewood is a problem here.) As we neared the village we were met by groups of people who had come out to welcome us. Even the Chief met us on the road. These people are of a different tribe, and their head-dress is quite different from that of the Ovimbundu. It is very prettily ornamented with bands of beads, shell or buttons. Large seeds, rectangles of brass or tin ornamented, tail feathers of roosters, and tails of antelopes beautify a wig that many of the women wear across the back of their heads. Crude castor oil, prepared by themselves, is used to anoint the hair, body, and clothes the women wear. Washing your clothes makes them wear out, they say (maybe a bath has the same effect on the body) so their clothes are soaked in castor oil to make them last longer.

Here polygamy is the fashion. The chief has only three wives. Girls marry when they are ten to twelve years of age. As a result a young man has to marry a widow, as the girls of his age have all been married long ago. It seemed funny to see the young men with older wives. There aren't as many children as you would expect, partly because of the early marriages, and partly because a baby from the day it is born has solid mush and relish poked down its throat. When we tried to explain to some of the men and women that that was why they had such a high mortality rate among the babies, they replied that they had always done it that way. Superstition and fear of evil spirits is encountered on all sides.

One day we went to their festival of dedication of a village. They had moved to this site some time ago, but they had never gone through the proper ceremonies, and the witch doctor said that that was why so many people were sick. The fires had all been put out, and the men went out and hunted for an antelope. This meat was mixed with that of a pig or goat, and a new fire was made with flint. Coals from this fire were used to build all of the other fires, and each family took a little of the meat from the two animals to cook and eat. Mead must be brewed, and a day must be given over to dancing and drinking. The next day there were other ceremonies that wouldn't look well in print. The fire ceremony had already taken place before we reached there. The village was about a half-hour's walk from the Chief's village, and the Chief's wives took us there. We were glad of that, as it gave us a standing among the people, and didn't make them afraid of us. The wives seated us on mats, and then went over to their place near the Chief to enjoy the drinks. People were sitting or lying around all over the yard. There were two huge gourds holding five or six gallons each of mead. (They say that it only takes two or three hours to make the mead.) Most of the people were fairly well intoxicated before we arrived. A small gourd would be filled, and sent by a child to some of the people. The child usually drank some first, which assured those about to drink that it wasn't poisoned. While they were drinking, we had a chance to look around. We noticed that even the little babies that could only crawl were given as much of it as they could drink. Most of the women and children had white clay on their faces and arms and bodies. Many fetishes were in evidence. One was like a doll, but made of reeds with hair made of bark string. It was carried on a woman's back, like they carry a baby.

When the supply of mead gave out, some went to the river to get water to make more, and the others got ready to dance. There were three drums: one four feet long, another three feet, and the

other, two. They were made of logs hollowed out with a skin drawn taut over one end. They are usually carved. The drummers stand up and hold the drums between their knees, and beat them with the palms of their hands.

While we were there the elder that came with us, and the catechist that was there, with the help of the three men Christians, built a grass church that would hold about one hundred people. It was ready in time for the last Sunday-morning service. There were 208 at the service, so you see that there were more people outdoors than indoors. I was the preacher, and I tried to speak loud enough so that everyone would hear. While we were there six people expressed a desire to become Christians. Among the ten Christians we left there, only one was a woman. The old Chief came to almost all of the services, which we held each evening around the two camp-fires. He saw nothing inconsistent in urging the people to become Christians when he hadn't taken the step himself.

We hated to come back home and leave that small band of Christians, who need

some one to help them understand better what it means to be a Christian, and to teach them to read so they can study their Bibles. We also hated to leave the others in the darkness of superstition and fear, having only caught a glimpse of the light and love of God. One of the names they use for that region is "Ekovongo," the Call. I felt the call to help those people. I hope that the way and means may be found whereby I may be able to spend next dry season in that region. It would be a most satisfying experience. Will you not pray for the few who have made the stand, that they may have the courage to carry on. Pray also for those among whom the seed has been sown, that it may bring forth a rich harvest. Pray that some one may be found to go out there, for many seemed just about ready to take the stand. We are like the woman in the riddle, who had but one eye and a long tail, which she let fly, and every time she jumped over a gap she left a piece of her tail in the trap. We left a piece of our hearts out there in Ekovongo, and I don't think we will be happy until we go back there.

The Fellowship of One Small Group

MAY McLACHLAN, SHIZUOKA, JAPAN

Culled from the 1938-1939 Report

"THE young girls in this group seem to be spiritually alive. How do you account for it?" asked one of the older church members, referring to a group of young women who meet twice a month in the church.

Immediately there came to the mind of the missionary an old, dark, poorly built building, situated in what was, twenty-five years ago, one of the slum districts of the city of Shizuoka. For twenty years our mission has worked there. The young women of that group, which was once a Sunday School class in the mission centre, come from the homes of that district. From the time they found their way into the Sunday School until this day they have been befriended, taught, loved by one after another of the young

missionaries and Japanese teachers who have worked in that centre. Today they form a group in the near-by city church.

The central figure in the group and its moving spirit was a child of ten who came from one of the most squalid homes in the district. Yet as a flower responds to the sun this child's mind and heart responded to the knowledge of a Heavenly Father. He became a reality to her. Even unto this day gratitude shines in her eyes and overflows into all her relationships. While still a child it made her sensitive to the needs of others. One night, while still in her teens, she carried home on her back a poor cripple girl, but little younger than herself. The cripple girl had lived alone, selling eggs from door to door. That evening T— San

found her in great pain and brought her to share her own squalid poor home. Later one evening you might have seen T— San and two of her friends pushing an old baby carriage toward the church. In it sat the cripple girl. They were bringing her to the prayer meeting. That evening the meeting seemed like all other prayer meetings, two or three led in prayer. Then suddenly the voice of the lame girl was heard joyfully thanking God that although she was lame He had given her a good friend and food and shelter and her three friends joined her in eager, earnest prayers.

Another girl in this group is E— San. She is one of a family of ten, where the father is worse than shiftless and the mother a char-woman. Perhaps no girl in the group has changed as much as she. T— San helped her find work in a lacquer factory and she has so won the confidence of her employer that she has been given the responsible task of checking and accepting or rejecting work brought in from other factories. In the most difficult situations she has refused to let fraudulent work pass. Men have been angry but helpless before this little Japanese girl who can't be frightened or bought at any price, and who often says earnestly but kindly, "Why not be honest? You would be much happier!" These men might guess the secret of her power if they noticed beside her lunch box a small black book, her Bible, which she has made the habit of reading at the lunch hour, or if they had heard her one night in the little group in the church as she shared her experiences with the other girls. "I try to remember as often as I can while I am working, that I am working before Him."

The majority of the girls in the present group were in the original Sunday School class in that mission centre and each have similar stories to tell. T— San is married. If you chance to go by her little shop, you will recognize it by the sign, "Dry Cleaning," in English letters over it. Within the shop is neat and tidy. Her husband is a Christian. Her old mother, with her first grandchild on her back, suns herself in the doorway. This is a Christian home where prayers go up night and morning. E— San's home is still poor, but clean and tidy. Her mother still goes out scrubbing, but a new spirit invades the places, in sharp contrast to the old dark days.

Every two weeks these young women gather in the church. In the warm fellowship of the group they share their experiences, encourage one another, study their Bibles and unite their hearts before their Father. It is not to be wondered at that these young women are in earnest about their religion. It has changed life for them, both within and without. Instead of being molded and marred by their environment, they have triumphed over it, reacting creatively upon it, changing it. This life and power has come to them through the intimate spiritual fellowship of their group. Today influences different to those of their old environment, but much more subtle and equally destructive of Christian thought and life, surround them. The forces arrayed against them are too strong for the "lone" Christian. More than ever they need the fellowship of their small group to ensure growth and power.

Three such groups as this have been started in the churches of Shizuoka.



Elizabeth Beatty, M.D.

By two of her missionary friends and co-workers on the field.

THERE are few left who knew this remarkable woman, during the too few years she was privileged to spend as the pioneer woman medical missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to Central India, where she arrived in the autumn of 1884.



ELIZABETH BEATTY,
M.D.
Central India.

She was welcomed to the hitherto closed native state of Indore by Miss Roger, who had gone out a few years previously and who had worked with the American Presbyterian Mission in the United Provinces until the field in the native states in Central India was opened up. Peculiar difficulties, attended residence in the turbulent Holkar State, and it was of the wisdom and goodness of God that the first women missionaries were so sane and so capable, and so devoted to the highest and best interests of the women

they had come to serve. Living accommodation was of the poorest, and it is more than probable that this fact had much to do with the undermining of the health of this physically strong and robust woman. Those were the days when there were no language schools and recruits were not given a year under most favourable conditions in which to acquire the beginnings of an acquaintance with the vernacular. But those days were not without their advantages, for one absorbed almost unconsciously the very idiomatic speech of the people through close and early contact with them.

Dr. Beatty lost no time in opening up

a dispensary and in winning the confidence of the people in the native city, adjoining the Residency Limits in which the few British officials and others lived. She rented a small mud house, using the lower storey as a dispensary and the upper one as a tiny hospital with a capacity of four beds. An Indian Christian woman lived on the premises and gave beautiful and devoted service in breaking down the prejudices of the people and overcoming their fear of a foreign woman, and gradually becoming very useful in helping with the medical side of the work.

Dr. Beatty had not been long working in the city when the Court midwife sought her help in a difficult case, and as a result of this many doors among the Indian official classes opened to her.

She was most original in her methods of approach to the people. On one occasion she had as a patient the wife of a high-placed official, and as she sat by the bedside the conversation was led toward the consolation of religion and the patient tried to defend the only source of comfort she knew—the appeasement by offerings to the gods and goddesses. Dr. Beatty listened patiently and said not a word about the futility of idol worship, but she had quietly taken from her medical bag a piece of absorbent cotton and from it fashioned a small figure, head, body, arms and legs, and holding it up before the patient she said quietly—"I have fashioned for you another god. Do you think this will help you in any time of trouble or suffering?" This simple illustration made a profound impression on this intelligent woman, whom mere words and argument would have antagonized.

The value of her medical work had come to the knowledge of the Maharani of Indore and in token of her appreciation of it Her Highness gave the land on which the Indore hospital for women was built. The foundations of this work were well and truly laid and a great and still-increasing ministry of healing has

been built upon them, more far-reaching in its influence than we have means of computing.

One term of unceasing, unique service was all that was permitted this woman. Long years of semi-invalidism followed, but liberation came swiftly the other day—"And so she passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for her on the other side." The few of us who still remain will never cease to give thanks for her strong sympathy, her deep understanding and her constant steady-ing influence in those early years of pioneer work in a peculiarly difficult native state of Central India.

Jean Sinclair MacKay.

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IN the passing of Dr. Elizabeth Beatty, whose funeral took place on March 5, 1939, in her home town, Lansdowne, a link with the pioneer days in Indore, Central India, is broken.

Dr. Beatty was one of the first women to graduate in medicine in the Women's Medical College, Kingston, in 1884. Immediately afterwards she sailed for India. From London to Bombay she travelled with Lady Dufferin, who had been commissioned by Her Majesty, the late Queen Victoria, to establish medical aid for the women of India, so in Her Excellency Dr. Beatty found a sympathetic and congenial voyager.

Two years after Dr. Beatty's arrival she was joined by the late Dr. Marion Oliver and together they laid the foundations of the medical work in Indore which has become so important an integral part of the effort to spread the gospel there.

The work of the pioneer doctors was

doubly hard, for they had no suitable buildings in which to carry on their work, no Canadian nurse, no trained Indian doctors or nurses, and prejudices against western medicine had to be broken down. After some six years of loyal, faithful, devoted service, Dr. Beatty's health became impaired, and at the end of her first term on going to Canada it was deemed wise that she should not return to India.

Before leaving Indore, Dr. Beatty had the joy and satisfaction of seeing the corner-stone laid of the first hospital for women in Central India. The pity was that she was not with us on Dominion Day, 1891, when the opening ceremony took place of the hospital which was the crown of her short but fruitful service in India.

Dr. Beatty was a woman of strong personality and beloved by her fellow missionaries. For nearly the whole of her term in Indore she was associated with the late Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John Wilkie, and her medical work supplemented the other branches of work that had already been established in Indore; there, side by side, the beautifully artistic mission institutions, the college and the hospital, stand as monuments of John Wilkie's contribution as a master builder in the early years of the mission.

The Rev. Dr. J. Fraser Campbell is the only missionary now left in Central India who welcomed Dr. Beatty to India. The Rev. Dr. W. A. Wilson, who is living in Toronto, was one of Dr. Beatty's fellow-travellers as well as Mrs. Wilson (*née Caven*) who passed over to her eternal home some years ago.

Margaret MacKellar, M.D.

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ARE you interested in receiving a guaranteed annual income on a safe and reliable investment? By the Annuity Gift Plan of the Woman's Missionary Society, you may make a gift to the work of the Society upon which you will receive a guaranteed annual income that will not shrink. The rate of interest depends upon the age of the donor at the time the gift is made. For further information and interest rates, write to the Assistant Treasurer, Miss Myrtle M. Buck, 413 Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

The United Stewardship Council

BEATRICE M. THOMPSON

THE Inter-Church Stewardship Committee of Toronto had hoped and planned for many months that the United Stewardship Council of the United States and Canada would meet in Toronto for their semi-annual meeting of 1939. On March 7th, 8th, and 9th that hope was fulfilled when representatives of fifteen church boards of the United States met with our Canadian group in the Royal York Hotel.

The great contribution to Canadian Churches came in the conference which members of the United Stewardship Council conducted in Westminster-Central Church, beginning Tuesday evening, March 7th, and continuing throughout Wednesday. To this conference, Missionary and Maintenance committees of The United Church and corresponding committees of the Anglican, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, as well as the Woman's Missionary Societies, had been urged to send representatives.

Rev. H. C. Priest, Chairman of the Inter-Church Committee, presided at the opening session when Dr. Versteeg, Methodist Episcopal Church, and Dr. Weber, Presbyterian Church, in two stirring masterly addresses, developed "The Deeper Meaning" and "Scope" of Stewardship. These two men have gone further in pursuit of Stewardship promotion than any others of the Council. Dr. Weber is the retiring President. They have written extensively on the subject and their developments in Stewardship thought show the great depth and scope of this fundamental principle of Christian faith. Their exposition that a deeply religious experience results in the Stewardship of any economic advantage we may enjoy, that Stewardship comes to say we must rethink our religion and is synonymous with Christian thoughtfulness, that we have been using Stewardship to expand our work rather than express our life, was the common note in the addresses. "Stewardship is a spiritual obligation and must be included in every

social gospel. Future generations will arise to call us blessed for taking Stewardship to heart, re-defining it and giving it a new perspective."

Dr. Weber dwelt at length on the point that greed and cupidity, now so prevalent in the world, are foes of civilization; that without preservation of religious ideals, civilization cannot continue. The commitment and sacrifice found in the youth of totalitarian states, and their complete submission to their rulers, should be a challenge to the world at large, and this same commitment and surrender should be evidenced in Christian acts with love as the motivation. The privilege of sharing possessions with the less fortunate must ever be justified.

The panel discussion Wednesday morning brought out the advisability of practical presentation of Stewardship, through dramatization, teaching, pictorials, essay and posters. Leaflets and books are being prepared and produced through the American Church Press and many of these will be available to Canadian users in the near future. Proportionate giving and tithing were freely discussed and there was interchange of experiences between members of the Council and local church representatives.

Denominational conferences of Canadian Churches as to where we may go from this point were held, and tentative plans outlined as to what should be done to capitalize on the very splendid help and instruction given by the visiting leaders. Each of them is prominently connected with membership and finance promotional work in his own denomination and is peculiarly equipped to make constructive suggestions as to our procedure here in Canada. We have been invited to join other religious bodies of America in making 1940 a Stewardship year. The American Churches have already made some plans pursuant to this adventure.

Although the conference was a "church" conference, women's organiza-

tions had a definite part on the programme, because of their activity in the general church life. Miss Dennison, of the Department of Stewardship Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A., has had a wide experience and much contact with women's work, and had many fine practical suggestions to offer as to the teaching of Stewardship through drama, essay and project. Mrs. Duguid, of the Presbyterian Church, was unavoidably absent through sudden illness, and her contribution on Stewardship in women's organization, was lost to the conference.

The two concluding addresses were as inspiring as the opening ones. Bishop Cushman, Denver, Col., and author of "Dealing Squarely with God" and other books, built his message on "Stewardship as an Approach to a Religious Experience" around John 14: 21—"I will love him and manifest myself to him." Through Christian Stewardship, is formed a Christian comradeship with the living Lord. We must give our testimony; be witnesses. If we put nothing in, we take nothing out. If we skim through our religious obligations while here on earth, what can we expect as our eternal reward. Here is a world to save. A determined Christian Stewardship could make the world over.

Dr. Outerbridge, of the Congregational and Christian Churches, U.S.A., in "Stewardship as a Commitment," pointed out that Stewardship is commitment after surrender to God's will and purpose. "As true Christian stewards, we commit ourselves to a full Stewardship of life; have faith as a missionary has faith. Missionaries are not only those who go, but those who send. A deeper religious motivation is required before larger gifts come. We are trying to recover from the lethargy of the past years by digging deeper into the spiritual life of all Christian people."

The response in attendance by The United Church Missionary and Maintenance Committees and W.M.S. members was most gratifying. The large delegation evidenced the increasing interest in these departments of our Church. Every

W.M.S. woman must have been thrilled by the reflection of the wise policy laid out at the time of Union, that we instigated a united Christian Stewardship and the Finance departments, as the logical conception of Divine purpose and the most effective procedure in our promotional work. Throughout the years, although no specific plan of study has been followed, the Christian Stewardship and Finance Department, through its devoted and consecrated leaders, has ever sought to emphasize the basic principle of all Christian giving, that is, a deepening of the spiritual life of its membership which gets beneath the superficial materialism of the age and by a new appreciation of Divine ownership and human stewardship, seeks to teach us the joy of ministry, the beauty of service and the sacredness of Christian love.

We are convinced that because of the deeply spiritual attitude of our membership, we have been able to hold the lines of our work throughout the years of setback and discouragement, and we anticipate still greater things for God as further opportunities open up.

The Council sat from nine-thirty Tuesday morning until five in the afternoon, with a noon recess for luncheon at the Wesley Buildings, at which words of cordial greeting and happy acceptance were exchanged. The business was mostly routine. Dr. Hawley and Dr. Weber presided. The place of annual meeting of 1939 is set for St. Louis, Missouri. After the conference, the Council resumed its work Thursday morning, when plans for the 1940 Stewardship year were further contemplated. In making 1940 a Stewardship year in America, the hope is that the increased emphasis on the subject will be a broad step in bringing the churches to see that religion must become more deeply rooted in the hearts and minds of their members. Thinking people deem religion more indispensable than ever. For twenty years there has been a decrease in outpouring of life for the Christian cause. This has resulted in a decrease of contributions to the church treasury. The danger grows that we are

willing to accept lower levels of attainment, whereas the need for the Church and its message is greater than in many years.

The objective of the 1940 programme is to secure—(1) clear thinking, speaking, study and meditation on the principles of Christian Stewardship; (2) to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of all; (3) to make the practice of Christian Stewardship effective in the lives of individual Christians.

The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada should prepare itself to participate in the programme of its Church, if the latter

accepts the invitation that has been tendered. The organization in the Stewardship Department is excellent, but gaps still remain where a group has not yet appointed a secretary. A chain is as strong as its weakest link. That is the challenge for 1939—to perfect our organization.

Two thoughts stand out in my mind at the conclusion of this very outstanding conference and Council meeting. First, Christian Stewardship and Finance are indissolubly joined together, and second, need of Stewardship is a belief common to all denominations and for deliberations on it, all are able to meet for conference.

News from Overseas

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Miss Edith Sparling, of Tzeliutsing, West China, tells of a little boy, Fuh Peh Deh, who was bitten by a mad dog, and because there was no rabies serum at the Tzeliutsing hospital, died in December. He was an unusual little Christian and even when convulsed with his last illness he had a thought for all and witnessed till the end for his Lord. During the night before he died his mother heard him repeating the Christmas story. His last words were, "Look, mother, Jesus has come for me."

Some neighbours who lived next door smoked opium and he was always asking them to give it up. After the little boy's burial, Mrs. Wang came to Miss Sparling and said, "We have decided to answer Fuh Peh Deh's prayer. We shall go into the hospital to be cured."

One man was heard to remark, "That child knew he was going to die and he was not afraid. The gospel must be good."

Another little boy of eight wanted to be baptized. "I want," he said, "to be like Fuh Peh Deh."

So a little child has led us all nearer to God.

Mary Slessor

January 13, 1939, was the twenty-first anniversary of the death of Mary Slessor, and *The Daily Express*, which is said to have the widest circulation in Britain, commenting on the event, "told in a few words how at

eleven she was working in a Dundee jute mill and at twenty-eight was a missionary in West Africa, where she worked often in danger for forty years, and quoted her motto: "Where duty calls me, my safety is God's business."—*Culled from the February issue, 1939, of "Life and Work," the Record of the Church of Scotland.*

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A most interesting factor in the present situation in Palestine and one which makes a special appeal to Christians, has been pointed out by Mr. W. T. Ellis in a recent press report. That is the presence of one hundred thousand Arabs in the Holy Land who are Christians, mostly members of the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches.

"It is believed that many of these are direct descendants of the earliest Christians, converted by the apostles. They have lived in the land all through the intervening centuries, keeping alight the lamp of Christian faith, despite many persecutions and upheavals. Most of us are not aware of this great Christian community. I was amazed on one visit to Palestine, to behold the number of Christians in Arab dress, who took part in the Greek celebrations of Christmas at Bethlehem.

"At the recent portentous Cairo congress of Arab-speaking nations, the official badge was a gilt medallion; on one side was the Mosque of Omar, on the other the Church of the Holy Sepulchre—called significantly 'The Church of the Resurrection.'"

Mostly About People

A girl student of the Philippine Islands has just been granted a B.Th. from Sellesman University—the first girl to be so honoured. She has been appointed Sunday School Promotional Secretary of the Oriental Negroes Conference.

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Ralph Lattoo, son of Rev. Henry Lattoo, Diamond Village, Trinidad, stood in fourth place in English in a class of 145 at Dalhousie University. Here is an East Indian of whom Principal V. B. Watts, of Naparima College, is justifiably proud.

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Impressive tribute to the memory of Rev. K. J. Grant was paid on January 27, 1939, at Naparima College, San Fernando, Trinidad, in its first Founders' Day exercises. Nearly 300 students joined in the ceremony.

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Miss Marjory Millar, of Means School, Angola, Africa, arrived at her home in Thorold, Ont., on March 3rd, for furlough.

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Misses Harrison, Fee, Ricker and Stewart, of West China, are sailing from Hong Kong on April 27th for furlough, on *The Empress of Russia*.

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Miss Cora Wovil, of Brunswick Street Community Centre, Halifax, N.S., is spending part of her furlough year in study at Hartford, Conn.

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Miss Luella Rorke, of Fukui, Japan, is taking furlough study in New York.

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Rev. (Dr.) D. G. Cock and Mrs. Cock, of Central India, sailed on the *S. S. Circassia* from Bombay, February 10th, and arrived in Canada the end of March.

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In the picture on page 164 of the April MISSIONARY MONTHLY the group of women in File Hills Auxiliary did not include Miss Ruth Lanigan as stated. Miss Lanigan is keenly interested in this Auxiliary. She writes: "At right standing is Mrs. Fred Dieter who has

been a real standby; the one at left is her daughter Janet (Mrs. Cutter) who was greatly loved and died suddenly in March."

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Miss A. M. Rose has returned from sick leave in Canada to Hamheung, Korea. Miss E. A. McLellan has been transferred to Sungjin.

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Miss Mabel Carroll's field work on behalf of younger groups began April 1—intensive work in Toronto East Presbyterial and later in a rural Presbyterial in Hamilton Conference Branch.

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Miss Evelyn Mitchell, Travelling Secretary, goes to Lambton Presbyterial early in May, and in June she will be in Haldimand, Norfolk and Renfrew Presbyterials.



THE PRESIDENT, MRS. G. ERNEST FORBES
WITH MRS. A. BELLAMY

This picture was taken at Moose Jaw, Sask., March, 1939. Mrs. Bellamy is a veteran W.M.S. worker and Honorary President of Saskatchewan Conference Branch. She is the mother of Herbie Bellamy in whose memory the Herbie Bellamy Kindergarten, Kanazawa, Japan, was built.

"Missions Calling Young Women"

Are New Missionaries Needed?

The new booklet, "Missions Calling Young Women," answers this question fully. The answer is "Yes—urgently needed." (This booklet may be secured on request, free of charge. Send for it at once.)

How Many Are Needed?

In 1939 and 1940 the Woman's Missionary Society should appoint twenty new missionaries to work abroad and nine to work in Canada.

Are Funds Available to Send Them?

Yes, funds are available to appoint all the home missionaries needed, and sixteen of the twenty foreign missionaries. These new missionaries are to fill vacancies, the money spent to support those missionaries lost to our work through death, retirement or marriage, being available to support those who will fill their places. In the case of the four others needed for the foreign field in 1940 both funds and candidates must be secured.

What New Missionaries are to be Appointed in 1939?

Only six new appointments are being made in 1939—one doctor, one nurse, and four university graduates. Thus twenty-three new candidates are needed for appointment in 1940.

What New Missionaries are Needed?

For Canada—1 community missionary. 1 kindergarten teacher for Oriental Missions.

For Africa—1 nurse with surgical experience for hospital. 1 teacher with vocational training for Girls' School.

For India—1 High School teacher for Girls' School. 1 worker for Church and community work in the villages.

For China—Honan—1 doctor. 1 worker for Church and community work in the villages. South China—1 worker for church and community work in the villages. West China—1 worker for church and community work in the villages. 1 doctor. 1 Household Science teacher for Girls' School or University. 3 nurses for hospital administration and public health.

For Japan—1 teacher, a specialist in child education for supervising kindergartens and nursery schools.

For Korea—1 worker for religious education. 1 worker for church and community work in the villages.

What is the Value to New Missionaries of the Course at The United Church Training School?

From a student's diary:

March 7th—Angola, you are still so far away! Here I am, eager to reach you, and word comes that I must delay another year, in order to study in Toronto at The United Church Training School. At any rate, it will be fun to be a student once more.

June 4th—Another blow! The calendar arrived today, and instead of taking interesting courses next fall, we must study theological subjects with meaningless titles. If I'm to teach in Angola, why not spend the year doing post-graduate work at the Normal or studying Umbundu?

December 31st—Good-bye, 1938. You've been a wonderful year, especially the part which was spent at the Training School. If any one had told me how wonderful it would be, I should not have believed them. I see it all now. Those courses in theology are just what I need. They explain so many things that a wide-awake missionary needs to know. Of course, I've talked about a bond of Christian fellowship which reaches round the world, but I know now just how strong and precious it can be. Contact this year with foreign-born students and missionaries, with messages from other lands, has taught me this. There is another fellowship which will mean much to me in troubled times. It is that arising from my relationship with the students in the School. There are some great souls among them. Distance won't cut them off, and to think that I should never have known them, had I not come here!—*Olive Ziegler, Candidate Secretary, 413 Wesley Buildings, Toronto.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: MRS. PROHANCHUK (AUSTRIAN); MRS. BAIA (ROUMANIAN); MISS MARY WEBB, SCOTTISH; MISS OLIVE JANE WHYTE; MRS. PONTICH (SERBIAN); MRS. BOLDASARRI (ITALIAN)

From Coast to Coast

Community East

This group from the Mothers' Club of Border Cities' All Peoples' Mission, Windsor, are busy dressing dolls in different national costumes for the Christmas Cheer Fund in the city. About twelve hundred dolls were needed and all service clubs were asked to help. Miss Ila Brown and Miss Olive J. Whyte, M.R.E., enlisted the support and interest of the mothers of the mission. Miss Brown took ill shortly afterwards and Miss Whyte did double duty. The dolls on the table above represent Polish, Serbian, Rumanian, Czechoslovakian, Scottish, Hungarian, German Ukrainian, Italian and Canadian races. These dolls were used also at an Auxiliary meeting for demonstration costumes.

A broadcast was arranged by the C.G.I.T. group of St. Christopher's United Church, Hamilton, to close their project based on "Calling all Canada."

The room was appropriately decorated with pictures, flags, map and shield, while hand-work exhibits added colour and interest. The front of the room was arranged as the studio of the broadcasting station U.C.A.C. Twenty-four girls, representative of six national groups, participated in the broadcast with the Rev. W. H. Pike as the announcer.

We heard voices from the Pacific Coast to Newfoundland, from lonely north, wide prairies and busy city. We watched folk dancing and listened to folk music. It was all

very informative and inspiring. When station U.C.A.C. "signed off," station W.M.S. "took over" and Mrs. A. Milburn, Presbyterian C.G.I.T. Secretary, took charge of the re-affiliation ceremony. A very happy evening was brought to a close by the serving of tea and national cakes. Our missionary, Miss Ida MacKenzie and Miss M. Campion, deaconess, are the C.G.I.T. leaders.

Community West

The Mothers' Club at Point Douglas Mission, Winnipeg, Man., made up almost entirely of non-British members, continued their friendly Thursday afternoon meetings. They raised \$10.40 by their own efforts for the support of the church and contributed \$25.36 to the Woman's Missionary Society. Living, as most of them do, on relief or small pensions, these money gifts mean much.

A group of business women who were unable to come to afternoon meetings, organized as a combination Evening Auxiliary and Junior Woman's Association. A membership of eight have met seven times during the year, giving part of their time to mission study and part to other activities.

The half-time addition of Miss Edith Houston to the staff of the mission has meant so much to the work and indeed we wonder how we managed without her.

Our grateful thanks go out to all those women in Winnipeg and across Canada who by their gifts, prayers and volunteer services have contributed so much to our work. Men-

tion must also be made of two beautiful pianos given us during the year—gifts which have made our club work so much more effective.—*Marjorie D. Stedman, from the 1938-39 Report.*

News from Port Simpson

May I share with you an experience which has just been mine?

The picture will introduce to you Rev. and Mrs. Peter Kelly, of the mission boat *Thomas Crosby*. Now, all good United Church and W.M.S. members will know without further word something about the marine mission work, but I am sure only a few people really understand just what the *Thomas Crosby* is doing in their name.

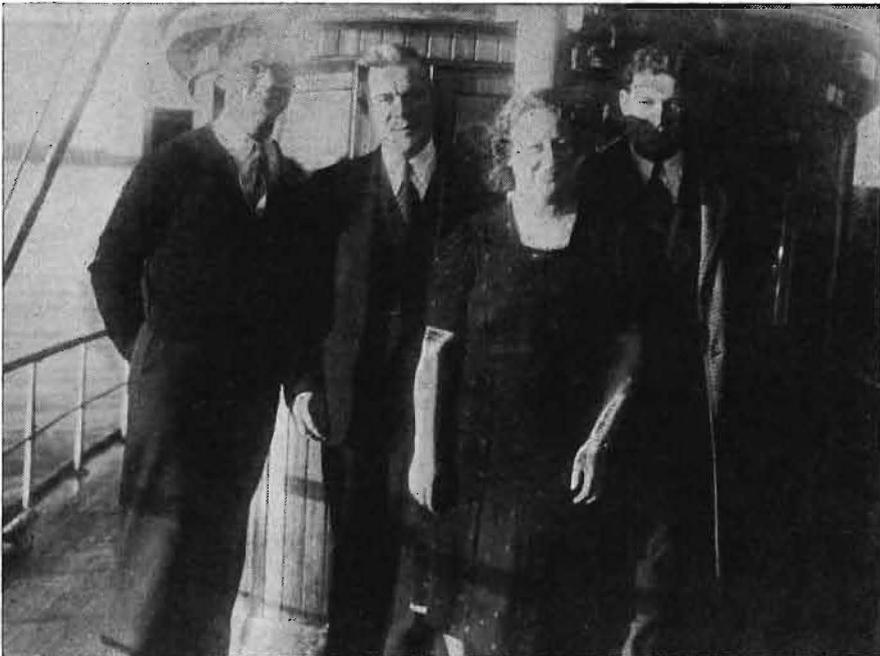
Since the boat come into the dock on Sunday morning and I received my first thrill as I watched it coming up closer and closer, until the present minute, I have been wishing that every one who has any interest in the boat, and who have felt warmed when hearing something of the lives it touches, could have the privilege of seeing Rev. and Mrs. Kelly and the medical officer, Dr. Bray, and the crew, and hearing first-hand their story.

I am left with the impression that if here at Port Simpson, where we are not really isolated, we could receive such inspiration from the visit, what the arrival must mean to isolated villages, logging camps, and light-houses, I am sure no words could adequately describe.

I think one old man who visited with Mr. Kelly one day not long ago expressed my feeling exactly. The time came for the old gentleman to leave. As he got up to go, he said to Mrs. Kelly—"I just want to follow him around, or sit and look at him just as long and as often as I can, for just to look at him is a help."

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are making Christianity real, as one person said to them, "you don't need to preach or talk religion, you live it."

Just to think that mere money limits them from doing that they might do. They both look weary and need a holiday. Mr. Kelly is captain, navigator, preacher and singer and I expect a lot of other things which I didn't hear about. He has a tremendous responsibility piloting the flagship of The United Church fleet along this stormy rugged



REV. PETER AND MRS. KELLY AND THEIR TWO SONS ON BOARD THE "THOMAS CROSBY"
One son is a teacher; the other a miner.

coast; he should have an apprentice with him right now.

I am sure if people only knew them and their work, and the work of the doctor, their services would not be curtailed through lack of funds, for I cannot think of any work more necessary, or of anything more satisfying than to feel that there is a tiny spot in the *Crosby* somewhere which belongs to you.

The missionary funds of our Church make this glorious adventure possible.—**BESSIE FRENCH**, *W.M.S. Missionary at Port Simpson, B.C.*

From Battle River Hospital

Wee Douglas was born in the hospital, but he was not strong from the first and came back to us in a few weeks very ill. So small was he that we could not get any clothes to fit him. In one of our bales we received some odds and ends of wool and different materials, and his mother, though just a young mother, made him some warm, comfortable clothes. We sent Douglas home after months, still a frail,

worried-looking baby, but he came back to visit us months later a fat, rosy baby—how grateful the mother was to the hospital for not only saving her first baby but having him so healthy after his poor start in life!

One very pathetic case was an old Indian woman who came to us, very ill. We were unable to find out her correct age; her relatives insisted that she was over a hundred, but we judged her to be at least ninety. Though she was with us quite a while, she was never reconciled to our soft beds or to our food—fortunately we had a maid who spoke Cree or I am afraid we could never have kept the old lady with us. We felt sure she would not live long when she went home, but some months later when out berry picking we found her cutting hay that had been left around the edge of a hay field. She was cutting it with a butcher knife and had a surprising amount cut. Later in the fall, the report came in that she was lost in the bush. The R.C.M.P. went out to look for her but she came home in a few days, having been out looking for new berry patches.—*Muriel E. McMurray, R.N., from the 1938-39 Report.*

Auxiliaries

The Programme for June—Christian Citizenship

Canada and the Refugee Problem

A most immediate and pressing problem of Canadian Citizenship is that of Canada's attitude and action in regard to European refugees. It is one to which every W.M.S. Auxiliary member needs to give thought, in order to help meet it in the best spirit of Christian Citizenship. For this reason it has been selected as the programme topic for June.

Programme outlines which may be used for a debate are being prepared by Mrs. G. D. Atkinson, based on the booklet, "Should Canada Admit Refugees?" published by the League of Nations Society for the Canadian National Committee on Refugees and Victims of Political Persecution, of which Senator Cairine R. Wilson is Chairman.

Auxiliaries are urged to make use of this programme material.

The booklet and programme outline may be secured for 5 cents from the Literature Department.

Till the People Rise

What is Thy will for the people, God?
Thy will for the people, tell it me!
For War is swallowing up the sod
And still no help from Thee.
Thou who art mighty hast forgot;
Art Thou God or art Thou not?
When wilt Thou come to save the earth
Where death has conquered birth?

And the Lord God whispered and said to me,
"These things shall be, these things shall be,
Nor help shall come from the scarlet skies
Till the people rise!
Till the people rise, my arm is weak;
I cannot speak till the people speak;
When men are dumb, my voice is dumb—
I cannot come till my people come."

—*Author unknown.*

A Christian Citizenship Programme

Auxiliaries and Mission Circles

JUNE, 1939

Worship Service

CALL TO WORSHIP: Turn back, O Man, *The Hymnary*, 520 (read slowly or sung as a solo).

PRAYER: Father of all mankind, Who hast so made us that we are all one in our need of each other and one in our need of Thee, save us from the poverty of a self-centred life. Teach us that every man who is denied a fair chance to live a full life is our brother for whom Christ died. Make manifest to us Thy love for every man, that living in like love we may have our dwelling-place in Thee, and loving our brethren whom we have seen learn what it means to love Thee, the unseen God and Father of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: Fountain of good, to own Thy love, *The Hymnary*, 385.

READING:

FIRST READER: Matthew 6: 8-10.

SECOND READER: "The petition 'give us this day our daily bread' has grown meaningless to those whose daily bread is assured. It would gain new meaning which would be true to its original spirit if we allowed a commentary to run through our minds as we pray that prayer. It would run like this: 'Give us this day the brains and the conscience so to organize our economic life that the bread which thou hast already given us in abundance may not rot, but may be distributed to meet the needs of all people.'—*John Bennett*.

THIRD READER: Matthew 5: 43-48.

FOURTH READER: "The nations have got to find some way of living together. Some spirit of brotherhood is going to be an international necessity. Leaders of nations and parties are gradually stumbling on the fact that we live in a moral universe, and that, apart from the value of idealism as a spiritual asset, the world cannot be understood, and certainly cannot be run, without that spirit which we identify with Christ."—*Leslie Weatherhead*.

HYMN: O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother, *The Hymnary*, 366.

PRAYER:

God of all nations,
We pray Thee for all the peoples of Thy earth;
For those who are consumed in mutual hatred and bitterness;
For those who make bloody war upon their neighbours;
For those who tyrannously oppress;
For those who groan under cruelty and subjection. (*Silent prayer.*)

We pray Thee for all those who bear rule and responsibility;
For child races and dying races;
For outcast tribes, the backward and the downtrodden,
For the ignorant, the wretched, the enslaved. (*Silent prayer.*)

We beseech Thee to teach mankind to live together in peace,
No man exploiting the weak, no man hating the strong,
Each race working out its own destiny,
Unfettered, self-respecting, fearless. (*Silent prayer.*)

Teach us to be worthy of freedom,
Free from social wrong, free from individual oppression and contempt,
Pure of heart and hand, despising none, defrauding none,
Giving to all men—in all the dealings of life—
The honour we owe to those who are Thy children,
Whatever their colour, their race, or their caste.—*J. S. Hoyland*. (*Silent prayer.*)

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*).

*Programme: A Christian Citizenship Programme—"Canada and the Refugee Problem." The outline for this programme and the booklet prepared by the League of Nations Society, "Should Canada Admit Refugees?" may be secured from the Literature Department for 5 cents.

Closing:

HYMN: Almighty Father, who dost give, *The Hymnary*, 389.

BENEDICTION: Those things that we believe in our hearts and say with our lips, may we practise in our lives, as followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Price 5 cents.

Order from Literature Department, 410 Wesley Buildings, Toronto.



Mission Circles



Christian Stewardship and Finance

DEAR MISSION CIRCLE MEMBERS:

Have you a Secretary for Christian Stewardship and Finance in your Circle? If you have, you will have been introduced to the very fascinating study of Christian Stewardship in a greater or lesser degree and its relation to Finance, as a vital part of our W.M.S. programme (I hope, too, you have studied the possibilities of a "Budget" for your society). No matter how sketchily your secretary has been able to portray her thoughts, you will have caught some glimpse of the breadth and depth of Stewardship.

If you have not had such a secretary so far, will you try to appoint one this May meeting? The United Church of Canada is being invited to join all the religious bodies of America in making 1940 a Stewardship year. You will want your Circle to be part of that great enterprise, and a Stewardship secretary can keep you in touch with the movement as none other, because of the excellent organization the Woman's Missionary Society has in this department—from Band, Circle and Auxiliary to Presbyterial, Conference Branch and Dominion Board.

It may be that you have been influenced by Stewardship unconsciously, not knowing just what it is. You have responded to appeals for the needs of the work by giving your time, your energies, your talents and your money. If you have done so at a sacrifice to your own convenience, yet wanting to do it, you are being a good steward unwittingly, because the first attribute of such is sacrificial Christian giving or sharing.

In thinking about it you know instinctively that Stewardship has something to do with "giving." Giving what? Giving what you have. To whom? To those who have not. Why should I give? God first gave to me. Why did God give to me? God gave because He loved us. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Underneath His giving was something else. He saw the

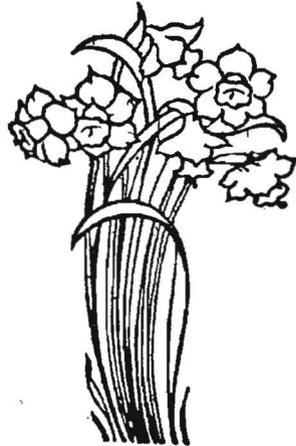
need and did something about it. He shared the dearest thing He had—His Son—with the world, and so Christian Stewardship is founded on the most precious principle of our whole religious thinking.

What have I to give, to share? I have some time, some talent, some energy, some experience, some possessions. There is some service for others I can render, some sacrifice I can make. I must share these things if I desire to be a true steward of what I have.

To fully understand Stewardship there must first be a spiritual conviction. We must desire earnestly to do something for others, because so much has been done for us. We must not be satisfied until we share our Christian privilege. Isn't it wonderful that the more we give Christianity away, the more we have?

Then you must be equipped to be a good steward. In your C.G.I.T. days, you recall the scallop shells as part of a pilgrim's equipment when he started out on a crusade. Your knowledge and interest in any W.M.S. project are your scallop shells. Learn all you can about the "needs of the W.M.S. work," the work to which you give. Interest yourself intimately in the country, people, religions, activities of the part of the world you are studying this year. Any contact you make with people or projects in your daily life becomes so much more tangible, when you know something definite and in detail about them. It works that way in "Christian living;" this is one way of defining Stewardship.

The surprising thing is that when your interest has been quickened and knowledge increased, at once a sense of responsibility asserts itself and you feel at once, "I should like to do something about that; I must do something about it right now." Do you know that to every clear-thinking, earnest, conscientious person, all through her life, as soon as a need or condition is known, she at once feels some responsibility for it. In this way, respon-



sibility, sharing, Stewardship are all linked up very closely. Indeed, in many instances they cannot be separated, so much does one become absorbed in the other.

Some young people like to give; some like rather well to give; some, well, they just give. One should be an intelligent giver, giving proportionately (as you are able), systematically (that your gift may be counted on), cheerfully, liberally, sacrificially, prayerfully; and with it all, as a partner, a trustee, a steward with God.

Suppose, however, you are in a position where you think you have nothing to give, confining your decision to money gifts only, just think, through this acrostic below, and I am sure you will find avenues through which you can give "yourself."

STEWARDSHIP

- S—Self
- T—Talents—time
- E—Education
- W—Wayside opportunities
- A—Abilities—all of life—awareness
- R—Religion
- D—Duty—discernment
- S—Service
- H—Hospitality—home
- I—Interest—influence
- P—Prayer—possessions—personality.

Sincerely yours,

(MRS. H. T.) BEATRICE M. THOMPSON,
*Dominion Board Secretary for Christian
Stewardship and Finance.*

Affiliated



Groups

Dreams and Facts

REV. LYDIA E. GRUCHY

DORIS—"What will you do after you graduate from High School?"

HILDA—"Teach. I have always had a vision of being a teacher of little children. I shall attend Normal School and specialize in Kindergarten. My sister is taking College of Education to teach in High School."

EDNA—"Teaching is the last thing I would choose. I shall be a nurse or perhaps do Social Service work."

ENID—"My dream is to be a Private Secretary."

HELEN—"A Secretary, yes—but not in an office all day. My idea is rather to be a Girls' Work Secretary, or leader in the work of a city church."

Dreams—May they come true, every one.

Here are some of the facts that Helen will find in trying to make hers materialize. Church work, as a vocation, has many branches. "Missions Calling Young Women" lists twenty positions which will be open in

1939 and 1940 in the foreign fields for teachers, nurses, doctors and those prepared to do the work of the Church in communities and villages. There will be nine positions in Canada—five of them in hospitals, two in community missions, one in work among the Orientals and one on Indian Reserve.

"The Professional Service of Women in The United Church of Canada" shows a number of positions in Church work besides those for members of the Woman's Missionary Society. A woman may become a minister, a minister's assistant, a Girls' or Children's Work Secretary, a Director of Christian Education, a Social Service worker, or a Secretarial-Deaconess.

All of these openings in missionary and church work are positions of leadership and responsibility which demand the utmost consecration, training and skill. Moreover, they are limited in number, but, for those who have the ability and willingness to prepare for them thoroughly, they offer a most satisfying field of service.

The trend in all professions is for a rising standard of training, and that is so in church work. The minister, of course, must have a full Arts course and three years of Theology. For those holding a University degree, and intending to enter some other church work, a minimum of one year of specialized work at The United Church Training School is required. Only doctors are exempt from this. Nurses may take the one-year course, even though they have no degree, as there is a special need for missionary nurses at present.

There is a limited number of openings for those who, instead of taking an Arts course, have taken professional training in either Normal School or business and have had successful experience in their chosen profession. For such students, a two-year course is provided.

Helen thinks she would like to be a Girls' Work Secretary, conducting rallies, planning camps and leadership conferences, inspiring and helping girls as some of the leaders in the Girls' Work have helped her. More and more the policy of the Church is to seek for such positions, young women who have had experience in their local and provincial groups and who, in addition, have taken the necessary training. The number of such appointments is

small, so that the student must be prepared to fill other positions requiring the same training. She may be in a city church where she has oversight of all the Church School, Teen-Age and Young People's work, helping to select and train leaders, directing the policy and taking responsibility for this important aspect of the life of the Church.

Edna, whose thought turns readily to those in need, would be thrilled to see any one of our Church workers among the underprivileged. With a faith in the goodness of God unshaken by the world's distress, and daily enriched as she sees the healing and sustaining power of God's spirit in the courageous lives about her, she makes of the Church plant an oasis of refreshment and help. As she tries to meet the needs of those about her, she gathers a group of voluntary workers and directs their enterprises so that they may give the most valuable assistance possible. She presents to the Church and to the world the needs and trials of those with whom she comes to identify herself in such a way as to secure the mitigation of their hardships. Edna would also be intrigued by the outpost hospitals and the pioneering work being done.

Yes, many dreams of lives of service are being fulfilled. Let your visions soar and link



THE EXPLORERS OF MACLEAN MISSION, WINNIPEG
Marshmallows are the perfect end of a perfect day. Four leaders stand at back.

with them a determination to make them a reality.

"Missions Calling Young Women"—a Woman's Missionary Society publication—free copies may be obtained from Miss O. I. Ziegler, 413 Wesley Buildings. See page 213.

"The Professional Service of Women in The United Church of Canada" published by The Committee on the Deaconess Order and Women Workers—free copies may be obtained from Rev. Lydia E. Gruchy, 527 Wesley Buildings.

Mission Bands

Our Programme for Peace

MISSION BAND leaders are eager enthusiasts about the great array of Peace Ambassadors—the missionaries of the Cross. Gladly we follow them around the world in their mission of love and active friendship. Grateful are we to have a share in this glorious demonstration of peace on earth among men of good will. On May 18th Good Will Day comes to us again. What an opportunity to plan a peace programme for a meeting which falls as near that date as possible!

We desire also to study the League of Nations. Right thinking about the League by the peoples of the world would have greatly strengthened the League. Might a sympathetic knowledge have averted some of the world tragedies of to-day?

Upon leaders of children rests the responsibility of training in peace thinking. We need to know the programme of those who are working for peace. The League of Nations Society affords us the material we so much desire.

Pause just a moment to say to yourself: "The League of Nations not only tries to make agreements between countries which will prevent war, it does many, very many, other worth-while things. It prevents disease spreading from country to country. It works to stop bad labour conditions, such as permitting children to work in factories. It saves countries from financial collapse. This it does and much more."

Let us make the purpose and achievements of The League known to the members of our Mission Bands. The study will be tremendously interesting and worth while.

A Peace Herald or Peace Committee might well supply an item for each programme. "World Friends" can be depended upon for constructive suggestions. Pictures of the



Courtesy National Conference of Jews and Christians
THE CORNER STONE OF INTERRACIAL
GOOD WILL

League Headquarters at Geneva and of the Peace Palace in The Hague, Holland, should be known by the children. Posters are eloquent teachers. Essay contests always appeal. Peace projects should be encouraged.

Much literature is available. Glance through this list. Our Literature Department can fill your orders.

Victories of Peace—Stories of Friendship in Action, by D. M. Gill and A. M. Pullen, paper, 60c.

True stories, little known, about men and women who have shown heroic courage in the cause of peace—really thrilling—just what you have been wanting. One heroine is called "sister of the whole world." Two brief quota-

tions: "Day by day Europeans and Indians toiled in the heat, draining fields, building breakwaters, moving villages to higher levels. It was not long before those who at first were called Sahibs (masters) because of the colour of their skins, were named Bhaïs (brothers)." "We intend to build a bridge across oceans of hate and misery," Pierre wrote home, "but, to begin with, we are making a path across a marsh where one wets one's feet. Still, we have made a beginning."

Building Friendship—Alice M. Pullen, 10c.

This is a course of lessons on The League of Nations, especially for six to eight-year-olds. It contains five lessons with worship service, song (words and music) centred around the story theme. The stories are The Garden, The League of Happiness and Friendliness, White Mother (Mary Slessor), Christ of the Andes, The League of Nations. This inexpensive booklet will prove very helpful.

A Dramatic Supplement to League of Nations Union—15c.

This is issued in London, England. It contains six short plays or "interludes" adapted for older members of Mission Band or Intermediate C.G.I.T. Groups.

List of Plays—5 cents each.

"Alice in Everyland."

"Watching a War Film."

"The Unborn."

Periodicals

"The Crusader"—5 cents per copy.

Organ of the Junior Branch of The League of Nations. Published three times a year. This may be obtained from the League of Nations Society, 124 Wellington Street, Ottawa.

MARION SCOTT SMALL, *Secretary.*

A Child and His Money

ELIZABETH McSHIELDS

THIS is the second in a series of Parents' leaflets issued by the Religious Education Council of Canada. Price, 5 cents.

A poem on the inside cover—"Listen—The Child," by P. R. Hayward, arrests the mind and spirit of the reader and carries her to

the last paragraph. It is a sympathetic study of how money "may be elevated from the plane of the material and may minister to the spiritual."

The unforgettable incident in Bess Streeter Aldrich's "A White Bird Flying," is recalled to emphasize that "some of the best things of life cannot be bought with money."

While money is an essential commodity, it may be "transmuted into something that contributes to make life more abundant." The study is practical. It shows how to guide children toward right attitudes regarding money—the family feeling thereabout being very influential. The child should share in the discussion of the family budget, but should also have an allowance. There should be wise supervision of the allowance so that giving, saving, spending may be just. (Small boxes for each fund are suggested.)

Emotions alone are not sufficient in making decisions about giving. "The child should be allowed to give as an individual working consciously with God."

The desire to save is best cultivated through having an immediate objective. The rainy-day provision gradually becomes a habit.

Responsibility for making choices and truer conception of values follow wise guidance in spending.

Earning money should be educative in a very fine sense. But ever the sense of stewardship should be pre-eminent. "The silver is mine and the gold is mine."

Every parent will find this leaflet most helpful—the Mission Band leaders will find it suggestive and rich in stewardship content.

MARION S. SMALL.

A Little Freckled Nose

*I love the little spots of gold
That nestle on your dear wee nose,
Folk call them freckles I am told.
Which oftentimes a child outgrows.*

*But I think the sunbeam fairies
Come and join you in your pranks,
And you in gay abandon,
With the fairies laugh and dance.*

*And then when comes the end of day,
They kiss your nose and fly away.*

—Rhoda E. Higgs.



SOME WEE TOTS OF ST. COLUMBA HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL, MONTREAL, QUE., 1938

Baby Bands

The Spirit of the Gift Box Speaks

I WAS born a little while ago in the Wesley Buildings and have been travelling to and fro and up and down across Canada ever since. I am the spirit inside the gift box and am surrounded by "Sita," "Danny," "John," "Lillian," "Taro," "Hong Shiao yeh."

I am given to little children after a party at the church or in a house, and I am going to tell you just what happens after they carry me to their own homes. Some mothers put me away on a high shelf in the cupboard, and I am so lonesome! Then I am forgotten until some secretary calls at the front door and asks for me. She seems disappointed and all are sorry. In another home little rough children throw me down, sit on me, or even stand on me! What happens? Why, I just flatten out and then I am all gone! Then when the secretary calls at the door and finds I have flown away she is still more disappointed.

But I can tell you the homes I love to go to the very best, the ones where I am placed beside a picture Bible book. There I am never lonesome, nor frightened, for soft little hands lift me very carefully and often pat

the dear baby faces surrounding me in this gift box. Then I hear a voice saying, "This penny is for clothes for the little naked baby," or "This is for the little black boy." Not one is forgotten. Each in turn is remembered.

Now, can you tell why these families are so different? I can. The first two have not caught my spirit. They were forgetful or rough because they did not understand. Understand what, you may say? The real meaning of the box is hidden unless my spirit reaches them. It is only through the "really true" stories of the "really true" children that my spirit reaches the little boys and girls of our homes. How can the spirit reach the child and mother in the home? One answer might be—it is really something of a mystery. It is created in the church parlour, or in the home when the secretary tells the beautiful stories of little children around the world from "More True Stories for Little Folk." Somehow mothers' and children's hearts are touched, then and there. The desire to be of some service, or to do something follows immediately, and then I am needed. The mothers and children ask the

secretary for the box and in loving hands home they carry it.

In such homes I stay and do all I can to mould the characters of the people by making them kind and unselfish, ever thinking of others. "True Stories for Little Folk" needs to go with me to remind the children. So often it does not, but I am hoping it will go to every home I go to in 1939. I wonder how many hear me! Do you, and you?

Secretaries, Auxiliary Vice-Presidents and friends, what can you do?

"True Stories for Little Folk" creates the spirit of love and friendship so desired. The Literature Committee has reduced the price once again. Now two books are given for fif-

teen cents. Do help in some way. An afternoon tea, or donations give the superintendent a fund to organize and carry her work through successfully. Think of returns not only in hundreds of dollars, but in enthusiastic missionary education of our children and young mothers in Canada—*Lillian M. Eddy, Secretary.*

Surely God is in this place,
I have seen Him face to face,
In the loveliness of flowers,
In the service of the showers,
And His voice has talked to me,
In the sunlit apple tree.

—*Bliss Carman.*

Christian Stewardship and Finance

IF I could only use all the wonderful material to be found in the annual reports just coming in! I quote from one: "Stanley Jones says that we can fearlessly test our work with certain keys, and I would like to use these keys in presenting my report, for I feel that they do unlock the doors of the Stewardship work."

Faith—A very necessary key.

No great leader has accomplished anything without this key. Faith is shown when we accept a larger allocation, with a five-year plan of reaching it; or a more specific aim of an increase in givings, no matter how small, when adverse conditions prevail.

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If we complete our organization and use and emphasize our present set-up, we must do better work.

Methods—A key to increased givings.

Our Stewardship Programme—Another key.

The spirit in which we do our work—A very important key.

Our motives must be service and sacrifice. What keys are you using?

May is Christian Stewardship month. The first necessity is preparation. The April MISSIONARY MONTHLY has an inspiring wor-

ship service. Use the leaflet, at least part of it. Do not depend entirely on its content. Dig something out for yourself. Have a chart or poster, no matter how elementary. Above all, having inspired your Auxiliary to the full scope and meaning of Stewardship, prepare for getting dividends in the June meeting. Emphasize the fact that a true Stewardship-consciousness must result in an act of service, often a sacrificial one. A realization of why one is in the world should make every member desire to prove her conviction. So ask that the June meeting be the culmination of the May Stewardship programme—that prayers be offered for the continued support of our work, that study be made of our programme and its wide-spread influence, that our quota for the first half of 1939 be brought up to date. Increase, ever increase! Would it not be a sensational incentive to the whole compass of our work, if this year we could increase sufficiently to restore the cuts on maintenance and salaries? After the remarkable showing for 1938, that is not beyond us.

Have you your Quarterly Return Display Form? They are forty by twenty-eight inches and cost twenty cents. (There was an unavoidable error about this, last month.) This would make an excellent method for showing the half-year's return.—(*Mrs. H. T. Beatrice M. Thompson, Secretary.*)

The Literature Department

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Today, by Mrs. H. T. Thompson, Dominion Board Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, is the programme leaflet prepared for Auxiliaries for their May meeting. The helpful suggestions contained in it will provide material for more than one meeting, if desired, or could be used for briefer talks at several meetings. Do not miss this new Stewardship leaflet. Price 5 cents.

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This timely subject is presented in a programme of Questions and Answers prepared by Mrs. G. D. Atkinson, for use at June Auxiliary and Circle meetings. Price 5 cents.

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The World Mission of the Church. The Madras Report which contains the Findings and Recommendations of the International Missionary Council, December 12th to 29th, 1938—the full reports of all the sections and special groups, the resolutions, a list of members at the Conference, and a statement by some members. Price 50 cents.

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News from the Conference Branches

Alberta

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DRUMHELLER PRESBYTERIAL—Miss Lenore Scanes, of Newcastle Community House, Drumheller, gave a very fine address at an executive meeting of the Presbyterial recently. Mrs. W. F. Pratt, President, was in the chair.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—This Presbyterial met for its thirteenth annual meeting in Robertson Church on February 15th. The report of the Corresponding Secretary told of five new Affiliated Societies. The Treasurer reported an increase over last year and gifts of three hundred dollars and five hundred dollars to Special Objects. An encouraging item from the report of the Christian Stewardship Secretary was "systematic giving on the increase." Twenty-one C.G.I.T. groups affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Society during the year. In addition to the meeting of the supply quota, more than twenty-six bales of clothing were sent to people in need, and one organization sent out nine hundred church papers and magazines. During the afternoon the Mission Band Secretary presented certificates to five Bands.

The theme for the day was "The World for Christ." Mrs. A. P. Wheeler, President, pursued the theme in her address which was inspirational and challenging. Rev. J. Gordon Brown, of Robertson Church, was the afternoon guest speaker and spoke on "Recapturing the Spirit of William Carey, his Consecration and his Vision."

The supper hour was varied by a missionary quiz by two C.G.I.T. groups; interesting facts about W.M.S. work by Mission Circle girls and musical numbers by two small Chinese girls, a tiny Japanese girl and four Ukrainian ladies.

Dr. A. E. Archer, Lamont, who was guest speaker at the evening session, gave a brief outline of the history of the Lamont Hospital.

Mrs. W. H. Facey was elected President for the coming year.

HIGH RIVER PRESBYTERIAL—About one hundred ladies attended the High River Presbyterial held in High River with ten of the eleven Auxiliaries represented. Rev. J. E. Kirk had charge of the worship periods morning and afternoon and presented two phases of the theme, "Canada for Christ." Mrs. Harback, Calgary, gave a most interesting address and Mrs. Scott, Nanton, conducted an open forum. Tribute was paid to five loyal members who had passed on to greater service in a memorial service conducted by Mrs. J. May.

LACOMBE PRESBYTERIAL—Nearly seventy guests sat down to supper in the church hall on February 17th when delegates of the Presbyterial met for their annual gathering. Mrs. A. D. Richard, Branch President, spoke on Home Missions following the supper. Mrs. J. E. Love, President of the local Auxiliary, presided.

Mrs. R. Hainsworth, Past President of the Presbyterial, gave an inspiring address and a letter of greeting was read from Mrs. H. D. Leitch, President, who is in Vancouver. A chart of Presbytery, made by Mrs. J. Scoffield, Wetaskiwin, showed the pastoral charges and the places where Auxiliaries are organized. Each Auxiliary was urged to extend the work in their district. Seven Auxiliaries, five C.G.I.T. groups, five Mission Bands, three Baby Bands and six Associate Helpers contributed the sum of \$814.19. The final award of the banner was made to Fairview Mission Band, who have won it four times in succession. Certificates were presented to Wetaskiwin and Ponoka Bands. Mrs. A. D. Richard spoke during the afternoon on the work in foreign mission fields, basing her story on the booklet, "Through Missionary Windows." Musical selections contributed during the sessions were very much appreciated.

WAINWRIGHT PRESBYTERIAL—About forty visiting delegates were present at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial in Tofield. Addresses were heard from Mrs. Hamilton, Wainwright, and Mrs. N. Campbell, Presbyterial President, who spoke on the subject, "Love." The Tofield ladies entertained the delegates at luncheon and Rev. W. K. Allan conducted the installation service.

STETTLER PRESBYTERIAL.—Mrs. Montgomery brought a message from the mission fields of Cuba, at the February meeting of Stettler Auxiliary.

The annual meeting of the Stettler Presbyterial was one of the best ever held. A new interest and increased enthusiasm marked every report. The attendance was especially good, and there seemed to be a message for every one. A splendid paper on Temperance was read which had been prepared by Rev. D. H. Telfer, Calgary. Another paper on "Christ and the World's Womanhood," brought home to every heart a prayer of thanksgiving that Christ is known in our country and has brought to us a new life, new vision, new power. The meeting closed with an evening banquet and installation of officers.

RED DEER PRESBYTERIAL—Didsbury Auxiliary celebrated its first anniversary in February and about sixty gathered for the World Day of Prayer service. Earlier in the year, Mrs. Findlay, of the Mennonite Church, gave an illustrated lecture on the mission work in Nigeria, West Africa, where she formerly was a missionary.

Bay of Quinte

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BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Picton Church, February 22nd and 23rd with over fifty delegates in attendance. It was regretted that Mrs. F. L. Hooper, President,

was unable to be present owing to illness, but the Past President, Mrs. W. C. Haggerty, presided in her stead. The guest speakers were Miss Mabel Carroll, on furlough from South China, who is now Secretary of Younger Groups, and Mrs. H. T. Thompson, Whitby, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance of the Dominion Board. Splendid worship services were based on "World suffering, world Christian unity and world Christian fellowship." Each officer gave an optimistic report of her year's work and brought forth many splendid ideas. Bridge Street Auxiliary conducted an impressive memorial service for thirty deceased members, following which Holy Communion was dispensed. Greetings were received from Mayor McKibbin, Salvation Army, and other sister societies of the town.

A number of resolutions and memorials were presented dealing with legalizing sports and amusements, commercial trucks travelling on Sunday, enforcing liquor laws, legalizing sweep stakes, etc., and these will be forwarded to the proper sources.

Mrs. F. L. Hooper, Napanee, was re-elected President, and Mrs. Frank Herrington, Napanee, Treasurer.

Mount Pleasant-Rawdon Auxiliary presented Mrs. James Williams with a flowering rose on her birthday. The society was organized in 1901 and Mrs. Williams was President for the first ten years, and has always been a loyal contributor to the cause of missions.

Zion Hill Auxiliary lost one of its devoted members in the passing of Mrs. W. C. Ketcheson. She was President of the Auxiliary for

MISSIONARY MONTHLY AND WORLD FRIENDS SECRETARIES

LAST year at this date, April 1, 1938, more Presbyterials showed increases in subscriptions than April 1, 1939. We realize these are not the final totals but **unless a great effort** is put forth immediately to send in more renewals and new subscriptions, we shall not be able to record the increase which we covet for both THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY and *World Friends* in 1939.

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a great number of years and also actively engaged in all church and community organizations.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Oakwood Church, January 27th. Mrs. F. Myers, Cannington, presided at all the sessions. Despite a financial deficit, the reports of the vice-presidents and secretaries were very gratifying and encouraging, showing that much had been accomplished during the year. Contributions amounting to \$7,099 had been sent to the Branch Treasurer and bales valued at \$1,746.95 had been shipped. There has been an increase in the sale of literature and the prize for the reading contest went to Mrs. Williamson, Woodville, who had read sixty-seven books during the year. Beaverton Auxiliary read the largest number of missionary books. The guest speaker for the day was Miss Eva L. Empey, of All Peoples' Church, Saulte Ste. Marie, Ont. In the evening she gave an illustrated address describing her work amongst new Canadians, especially the Ukrainians. Another inspiring address was given by Mrs. M. Morrison, Lindsay, on the Stewardship of Life. Mrs. Myers spoke briefly at the close of the meeting.

On a recent afternoon, excursion rates prevailed at the Cannington Church when for one cent for each year of their age, ladies purchased tickets from the Woman's Missionary Society, which carried them in fancy to Czechoslovakia, Africa, China, Japan, Italy and Holland. The occasion was the annual birthday tea of the Auxiliary. Each classroom was decorated to represent a different country and in each was a hostess to represent a native woman. Assisting ladies served native foods. Arriving back in Canada, travelers were served more familiar fare and the usual monthly programme followed.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL—During January, this Presbyterial was privileged in having Miss M. Luella Rorke, missionary on furlough from Japan, visit every section. Miss Rorke gave vivid accounts of her work and her "human interest" stories which were actual experiences, thrilled her hearers.

Philipsville Auxiliary mourns the loss of a faithful member in the person of Mrs. Wm. French, who passed away February 7th.

Rev. K. J. MacDonald gave an interesting address on missions at a recent meeting of Chalmer's Auxiliary, Kingston.

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial will be held at Pembroke on May 9th and 10th, it was announced at a meeting of the Executive on March 7th, in Bethany Church, Almonte.

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The annual meeting of British Columbia Conference Branch and the School for Leaders were held jointly in St. Giles Church, Vancouver, on March 14-16. Owing to the illness of the President, Mrs. E. Day Washington, Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, First Vice-President, presided at all the sessions. A bouquet of spring flowers was sent to Mrs. Washington, in recognition of her services.

Some of the highlights noted in the reports of the various secretaries were: an increase in givings of \$1,035 and an increase in membership of twelve members; two Presbyterials reported one hundred per cent. giving systematically; the Associate Helpers' Department showed increases in all districts, the membership being 994 and the givings, \$2,009; twelve new Mission Bands, eight C.G.I.T. groups, one Explorer group and one new Baby Band were organized during the year. A panel discussion took place on the Temperance question.

Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes, Dominion Board President, was a much-appreciated speaker and she took as her subject on Tuesday evening, "With the World in Our Eyes." She also helped splendidly in the School for Leaders on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Ila Sircar, India, one of the members of the Madras speaking team, gave a very inspirational address on the Madras Conference which she has just attended.

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. George McLean, an honoured and dearly-loved member of Cumberland Auxiliary, passed away on January 6th at the age of seventy-nine years.

Fairfield Auxiliary celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on February 19th. Mrs. G. G. Green, President, conducted the morning church service and the address was given by Mrs. George Guy, Presbyterian President.

On February 23rd, a silver tea was arranged in the schoolroom and was largely attended by members and friends from Auxiliaries, the Victoria Presbyterian Executive attending in a body. The three-storied cake, which occupied the centre table, was made by a charter member. A delightful programme was rendered by representatives from the Baby Band, Mission Band and C.G.I.T. Miss Wilma Gardiner, of the Oriental Home, and two Chinese girls gave songs and recitations. An Evening Auxiliary has just been formed with Mrs. W. G. H. Firth as leader.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, February 8th and 9th, Keary Street Church, New Westminster, President, Mrs. Milton Jack. Encouraging reports were heard from all departments, showing much good work done. A total of \$3,216.02 was raised during the year. Fifteen Auxiliaries out of twenty-two reached their allocation. The quiet hour was led by Rev. Henry Wilson, pastor of Keary Street Church.

At the luncheon on Wednesday greetings were brought from Vancouver Presbyterian by the President, Mrs. A. Campbell, and from the Branch by Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, in the absence of the President, Mrs. A. E. Washington, through illness. One of the interesting items of the programme was the report from each Auxiliary of "Our greatest accomplishment through the past year" and "Our greatest problem."

The Mission Band banner was won by Murrayville Mission Band for the third consecutive year and the Temperance Cup by Burnaby Lake Mission Band. Miss Eveline Freethy, Girls' Worker in First Church, Vancouver, gave a very fine address on her work there. A solo by Master A. C. Cook, President of his Mission Band, was much enjoyed. Other musical numbers by Keary Street Church choir and a solo by Miss Muriel Hughes were also much appreciated.

Queen's Avenue Evening Auxiliary gave a panel discussion on "Racial Brotherhood." The worship service was in charge of Henderson Jubilee Evening Auxiliary and the address of the evening was given by the President, Mrs. Jack.

A most interesting address was given on Thursday morning by Dr. Margaret Wallace, of India, who has spent almost forty years in medical work in India. An impressive memorial service for six members who have passed away during the year was led by Mrs. L. B. Elliot, of New Westminster.

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Trinity Church, Nelson, January 27th and 28th. Devotional periods preceding the business meetings were particularly inspiring. Temperance problems were discussed at some length and the resolution passed by the Dominion Board heartily endorsed. A public meeting was held in the evening when Mr. H. Trevor, United Church missionary to the Doukhobors, was the chief speaker. Two Canadian Girls In Training groups affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Society.

March 21st is an important day in the lives of two Presbyterian Honourary Presidents. Mrs. K. Kettlewell and Mrs. K. Morris hope to celebrate their eighty-second birthdays and Mrs. D. Smith, also an Honourary President of the Presbyterian, and her husband their diamond wedding on March 27th. These three women have blazed the trail in W.M.S. work in Nelson and are still a source of help and inspiration to all.

The Kootenay Presbyterian has sent \$148 more this year than the previous year to the Branch Treasurer.

KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL—Aimstrong Auxiliary suffered a distinct loss in the deaths of their Honourary Presidents, Mrs. G. H. Gamble, in her eighty-seventh year, and Mrs. Jos. McCallum, in her eighty-fifth year. Both were outstanding members in their work for missions.

Vernon Auxiliary succeeded in making their allocation this year and all the funds were raised by systematic free-will giving.

The Bible is a high explosive, but it works in strange ways; and no living man can tell or know how that Book, in its journeyings through the world, has startled the individual soul in ten thousand different places into a new life, a new world, a new belief, a new conception and a new faith.—From "This Torch of Freedom," by the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin.

Hamilton

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HALTON PRESBYTERIAL—Georgetown and Freelon Auxiliaries have each been bereaved by the passing of charter members: Mrs. Harry Dayfoot and Mrs. George Edward Kirk. Mrs. Kirk had been President for five years of Freelon Auxiliary

The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Georgetown Church on March 9th, President, Mrs. Earl Wilson. Miss Evelyn Mitchell, Travelling Secretary, spoke on "Christians in Action," conducted a forum, the installation of officers and introduced the theme hymn, "Spirit of the Living God." Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Moffat, Weston, showed coloured moving pictures of their trip to mission stations in India and West China. In the poster parade by the secretaries, an original poster was brought by Mrs. H. Caldwell, in the persons of her two small grandchildren as representatives of the coming citizenship whose lives we must endeavour to keep from being blighted. An increase in moneys was reported by the Treasurer, and the Supply Secretary reported supplies had doubled in ten years. Honour awards were presented to seven Mission Bands. An impressive In Memoriam service was conducted by Mrs. F. Matheson. Members of Waterdown and Georgetown conducted the devotions and quiet half-hour. Resolutions deploring the treatment of the Jews and protesting against the possibility of an open Sunday were passed.

Bronte Auxiliary celebrated its twentieth birthday on February 23rd. Mrs. T. C. Dales, Milton, who organized the Society, was guest speaker. Credit for its formation was given to Miss Kate Morgan, a resident of Bronte for twenty-five years after retiring from twenty years' service in missions in Japan and British Columbia. Ten of the charter members are still active workers. The birthday cake was cut by Miss Morgan.

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—In spite of unfavourable weather, there was a large attendance at the three sessions of the annual meeting of the Presbyterial in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on March 16th. Splendid speakers were heard throughout the day: Mrs. J. I. Flatt, Dundas; Mrs. H. W. Kellington, Guelph; Mrs. A. N. Burns, of the Dominion Board, Toronto; Miss Cora Kilborn, West China; Dr. Bishop, of Fergus, and Rev. Bruce Gray, Toronto.

There were many encouraging items as the work of the year was reviewed. The work among the younger groups was especially gratifying. Enthusiasm and progress were reported along all lines of their work. The increase in givings of the Presbyterial was said to be due at least in part to an increase in systematic givings. Much more literature has been sold by the Literature secretary, and the reading of missionary books has increased greatly this year. A resolution was passed protesting against any relaxation of the laws governing the observance of the Lord's Day. Mrs. H. W. Walker, our capable and efficient President, was re-elected for the fourth term.

At an interesting meeting on February 20th, the C.G.I.T. groups of Chalmers Church, Guelph, became affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. G. L. Evans, Elmira, Secretary for Affiliated Groups, conducted the service in the presence of the President of the Hamilton Branch, and the President of the Presbyterial, representatives of W.M.S. Auxiliaries, and groups from other churches. Lantern pictures relating to the study book, "Calling All Canada," were shown. The groups presented Mrs. Evans with a floral gift at the close of the meeting.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL—The international exhibit of arts and crafts of the new Canadians in All Peoples' Church, Hamilton, was held on February 28th and March 1st. A variety of beautiful handiwork was contributed to the exhibition by Roumanians, Serbians, Polish, Czecho-Slovakians, Italians, Finnish and Ukrainians. Tea was served each afternoon and evening by different groups of women and a short musical programme was provided by the people of various nationalities.

At noon, on March 13th, a luncheon was held at All Peoples' Mission, Hamilton, when

about thirty women, representing the Women's Boards of the three community missions, All Peoples', Church of the Redeemer and St. Christopher's, met in social contact. Rev. W. H. Pike showed lantern slides and described the work done at the summer camp.

On March 21st there passed away in Hamilton, Mrs. R. M. Dickey, wife of Rev. R. M. Dickey, of Mount Hamilton Church. She was a leader in the work of the Auxiliary and a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Dickey, during her years in Toronto, taught a class of underprivileged boys. At Laidlaw Memorial Church, where Mr. Dickey ministers for some years, her memory lives still in the hearts of the people of that community. As President of the Ministers' Wives' Association, Mrs. Dickey took an active part in the work, until her illness prevented.

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PERTH PRESBYTERIAL—Congratulations were sent from the Conference Branch officers to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hotson, Avonbank, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Hotson has been a member of the Woman's Missionary Society for fifty-one years and on her golden wedding day she gave a most encouraging report of W.M.S. work during that time at the regular meeting of Avonbank Auxiliary.

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL—Brownsville Auxiliary were happy to celebrate, on March 7th, the forty-fifth anniversary of their W.M.S. organization. Highlights from the records of the society were read by the Secretary, and Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, the first President and only living charter member, lighted the forty-five candles on the lovely birthday cake, which she cut afterwards to be served with the birthday tea.

The Tenth Line Auxiliary, Chalmers Church, Woodstock, lost their Honorary President, Mrs. Jabez Pyper, a life member who

was earnestly active in the cause of missions to the end of her eighty-three years. She died on March 5th.

Eastwood Auxiliary sustained a distinct loss in the passing, on January 22nd, of Mrs. Wesley Lazenby, a charter member and also a life member and zealous in the work of the Society.

ESSEX PRESBYTERIAL—Something new in the way of church parties, a free "International Tea" to which women of all races and creeds were cordially invited, was held in Westminster Church, Windsor, on March 9th, with the presidents and citizenship conveners of the three Auxiliaries in charge. The idea, came, of course, from "How to Use," and from the inspiration of Mrs. J. H. Turnbull at the School for Leaders at Alma College, St. Thomas, last August. Mrs. C. D. Farquharson, Temperance Secretary of the Presbyterian, was in the chair. There were present representatives from the Jewish race, the Negro, Chinese, Hungarian, Roumanian, Austrian, German, French, Latvian, Russian, Polish, Ukrainian, Serbian, Finnish and Syrian. Mrs. Farquharson welcomed all the guests to the tea which also included visitors from other churches and members of the Presbyterian Executive who were meeting in the Westminster Church at the time.

An interesting programme included a grand march to acquaint the guests with each other and the hostess, and to secure partners for tea; vocal and piano solos and readings, as well as two numbers by a Negro choir. Miss Olive Jane Whyte and Miss Ila Brown, of All Peoples' Mission, were very helpful in extending invitations to their many friends there, and Miss Nellie Forman, a retired missionary, also had a part in the arrangements.

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL—The Mission Circle of Calvary Church, London, reports two outstanding meetings. They celebrated this year the tenth birthday, inviting to their party the Afternoon Auxiliary, the Evening Auxiliary and the C.G.I.T. girls. The Sunday School room was well filled and as many of the first officers as were available filled the offices. A very impressive programme was concluded by the pageant, "These Things Shall Be." This was put on by members of the Circle, under the direction of Miss Eleanor Floyd. During the social hour the birthday cake was cut by

Mrs. W. B. Screaton, at whose home the organization meeting was held.

At the January meeting the Calvary Circle announced a Fee Tea, to be held during the month. A supper was arranged, the committee supplied all the food required, dividing the cost by the number present. This came to sixteen cents each person. Then each one present paid her fee of twenty-five cents. At this meeting they collected nine more fees than had been received the previous year. The evening was spent in games.

KENT PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, Erie Street Church, Ridgetown, February 17th, President, Mrs. Bolingbroke. Resolutions regarding the drinking of alcoholic beverages and the widening of the Lord's Day Act were passed unanimously. Miss Mabel Carroll, who for twelve years has been a missionary in China and is at present spending two years in Canada as Secretary for Younger Groups, was the guest speaker.

Other speakers during the day were: Mrs. James McCrea, President of the Conference Branch, who presided over a discussion period; Rev. D. W. Williams, Chairman of the Kent Presbytery, who extended greetings, and Rev. E. J. Roulston, pastor of the church, who presided over a portion of the evening's programme.

Five-minute reports of the various secretaries, covering work in all their departments, were heard. Mrs. C. R. Charteris, Chatham, who has served as an officer in the Presbyterial for twenty years, and has been Recording Secretary since Church Union, again accepted that position. Givings, according to the Treasurer's report, amounting to \$8,885, were forwarded to the Branch Treasurer. The "Other Sources" of income included a special gift from the Ridgetown Auxiliary of \$500.

A pageant was presented at the evening session by the Evening Auxiliary of Ridgetown Church showing the many nationalities living in unity in Canada.

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

LAMBTON PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting Alvinston, March 15th, Mrs. J. N. McLennan, R.R. 2, Sarnia, in the chair. The devotional

part of the programme was in charge of Mrs. Armstrong, Ebenezer, and Mrs. McLean, of Inwood. Brief but concise reports of year's work were given by the various secretaries of departments. A very impressive memorial service was held for the members who had passed away, conducted by Mrs. Bannatyne, Brigden, and during the ceremony a bloom of iris was presented for each departed member.

The speaker of the afternoon session was Miss Margaret Halliday, of Angola, Africa, and she gave a very interesting outline of her work there. Mrs. James McCrea, President of the London Branch, gave a very fine report of the Madras Conference delegates who had visited London in February. Musical numbers rendered the sessions were very much appreciated.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Wesley Carter, Brigden; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Woods, Arkona; Treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Watson, Sarnia.

St. Paul's Auxiliary, Petrolia, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on March 1st, with Rev. F. Stride, pastor of the church, in the chair. A programme entitled, "The Growing Fellowship," showed the various departments of W.M.S. work from the Baby Band to the Auxiliary, with each department assisting. Miss L. Stephens, for the Evening Auxiliary, and Mrs. J. Lancaster, for the Auxiliary, gave very interesting historical sketches of the years since the organization. The only surviving member of the group of charter members, Mrs. T. Adams, was present at the gathering and she was presented with a bouquet of spring flowers in honour of her many years of faithful service.

Manitoba

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

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

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

BIRTLE PRESBYTERIAL—At the end of 1938 the Press Secretary of this Presbyterial prepared an annual report form for her Auxiliary Press Secretaries, comprised of five questions regarding their work and records. Of the thirty-one report cards sent out by her, twenty-one were acknowledged, reporting in all

one hundred and seven items published in the local press. Here is a secretary who is willing to go the second mile in carrying out one of the main purposes of her office, namely, keeping the work of our organization before the public and particularly before the local community.

ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. Duncan Henderson, a member of the Presbyterian society at Boissevain until Union, and since then a very helpful member of the United Auxiliary, passed away recently after a long illness.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL—Lack of funds is seriously handicapping the work of counteracting communistic propoganda in the Ukrainian district at Teulon, north of Winnipeg, Dr. A. J. Hunter, O.B.E., told two hundred and fifty guests and members of the Knox Auxiliary, Winnipeg, at a luncheon meeting on March 1st. Dr. Hunter, pioneer medical missionary and superintendent of Teulon Hospital, has spent thirty-seven years in the district, ministering to the needs of the European settlers since their arrival. He publishes a foreign language newspaper issued twice a month, but it is only partly successful in stemming the tide of anti-Canadianism circulated through a Communistic daily and a Communistic weekly.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL — The members of First Auxiliary, Brandon, mourn the loss of a beloved life member in the passing of Mrs. E. H. Johnson, who died on March 5th, after a long illness. Mrs. Johnson had been for many years President of the society and had shown a life-long interest in the work done by her sister, Miss E. A. Preston, who was for years a missionary of the Methodist Church in Japan.

CARMAN PRESBYTERIAL—By the will of the late Mrs. F. McCallum, of Elm Creek Auxiliary, a bequest of \$300 has been left to the Woman's Missionary Society.

Maritime

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

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

At a meeting of the Conference Branch Executive in St. John, N.B., the date of the annual meeting of the Conference Branch was

announced for June 14, 15 and 16 at Mount Allison College, Sackville, N.B.

ST. JOHN PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Portland Church, President, Mrs. A. W. Petch. The special speaker was Miss Jennie B. Robb, retired missionary who has served thirty-five years in Korea. Reports from the secretaries were most encouraging—a new Auxiliary has been organized at New Jerusalem and contributions, amounting to \$4,606.00 showed a two per cent. increase. Six Auxiliaries reached or exceeded their allocation last year. The members in Mission Bands have a gain of one hundred and seventeen and their givings were increased by \$159.90. A new Mission Band was formed at Norton.

Miss Margaret Armstrong, formerly of New Liskeard, Ont., who has taken over the duties of Miss Emily Putnam during her illness, presented the report of the United Mission in St. John.

Several resolutions were passed by the Presbyterials, one in particular dealing with Temperance.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. W. Petch; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. Marshall Stout; Treasurer, Mrs. McArthur Morgan.

INVERNESS-GUYSBORO PRESBYTERIAL — The annual meeting of this Presbyterial will be held in June this year, it was announced at the meeting of the Executive held at Tupper Inn, Point Tupper, on February 9th.

YARMOUTH PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting Wesley Church, Yarmouth North, January 25th and 26th. In a memorial service, under the direction of Mrs. A. P. Hayes, the Presbyterial paid loving tribute to the memory of three of their number who have passed on to higher service during the year. The dramatization of a chapter from the study book, "The World in Canada," by members of Central Church Auxiliaries, Yarmouth, and of the hymn "I would be true," by Wesley C.G.I.T. group, under the leadership of Mrs. W. Deane, were two of the most interesting parts of the programme. Readings, selection by the Yarmouth male choir, vocal solos and an exercise by Wesley Mission Band, were other features which added greatly to the interest of the meetings. As the reports of the various departments were presented, many notes of encouragement were

sounded. Two new Auxiliaries have been formed and two Mission Bands reorganized. The Auxiliary membership has increased slightly, while the total givings for the year, \$1,760.65, also showed a slight increase. Visits made by Community Friendship secretaries to sick, shut-ins and strangers in homes and hospitals were increased this year by 581. The showing of lantern slides depicting various phases of work in Trinidad, while the travelogue was read by Mr. John Robbins, brought to a close a most helpful, interesting and encouraging Presbyterian.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. C. Payson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary Killam; Treasurer, Mrs. H. C. McNeill.

HALIFAX PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Fort Massey Church, January 25th and 26th. The theme of the Presbyterian was "Intercession," and the devotional periods were all centred around this thought. The Presbyterian was glad to welcome two very interesting visitors—Mrs. J. T. Burchell, President of the Conference Branch, and Rev. Lydia Gruchy, the first woman to be ordained to the ministry in The United Church. Miss Gruchy spoke on two occasions.

Reports of the various departments were encouraging. The \$9,234.00 raised was a slight increase over last year. A few of the Auxiliaries went over their allocations. Nine new life members were added during the year. Miss Florrie Anderson gave a fine account of the Madras Conference.

On Thursday evening Mr. Stephen Nataka and Mr. Ralph Saltoo, students from Pine Hill each gave a short address. Mr. Nataka, from Japan, was born a Buddhist and was brought to a knowledge of Christianity through the efforts of Dr. C. L. Bates. Mr. Saltoo is the son of an Indian pastor in Trinidad and has been educated in our northern schools. Resolutions on Temperance, slums and peace were unanimously passed.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Bessie Matheson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jean Forrest; Treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Morrison.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERIAL—At the February meeting of Valleyfield Auxiliary, Mrs. A. J. Ebbutt was presented with a life

membership certificate from the members of the Auxiliary.

LUNENBURG-QUEENS PRESBYTERIAL — At a meeting of the Executive in Bridgewater, on February 28th, plans were formulated for the annual meeting of the Presbyterian to be held at Lunenburg on May 3rd.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAL—Mrs. Duncan D. MacKintosh, a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society, passed away in Oxford, on March 4th. She was the oldest lady resident in Oxford, having reached the advanced age of ninety years.

PICTOU PRESBYTERIAL—At a recent meeting of Trinidad Auxiliary, New Glasgow, it was arranged that \$50.00 be given to support a teacher or Biblewoman in Trinidad. This will be a memorial to Miss A. L. Blackadder, who was for so many years a missionary in Trinidad, and who passed away recently at her home in Lawrencetown, N.S.

Montreal-Ottawa

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Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch held the biennial meeting in Glebe Church, Ottawa, on March 8, 9 and 10. It was a real joy that Her Excellency, the Lady Tweedsmuir, was present for a part of the first session, for she listened, as she herself said, "with enormous interest" to the tale of our Prairie missions as it was fascinatingly told by Mrs. J. Erle Jones, of the Dominion Board. She graciously extended the good wishes of His Excellency the Governor-General with those of her own. A devotional meditation by Mrs. Donald Nicoll, Ottawa, born in India, closed the session, after which tea was served in the ladies' parlour to Her Excellency, who had been presented with a corsage by Miss E. F. Tweedie, Montreal, a Past President. This gave opportunity for the speakers and Executive to be presented and answer Her Excellency's many interested questions concerning the work so dear to their hearts.

Whoever thought of having Mrs. Erle Jones and Miss Mabel Carroll as the main speakers was certainly inspired, for they had

so much to give—the one from her great knowledge of our Home work and Dominion Board rules and doings; the other, formerly Dean of the Shung Kei Bible Training School, Canton, South China, from first-hand knowledge of the sufferings of her chosen people.

Two of our missionaries from Montreal centres also added the influence of their enthusiasm for the work that is theirs and ours—Mrs. Jeanne Purdy, of the Children's Home, Lachine, and Miss Mary Thompson, of St. Columba House, Montreal. Also there was the Moderator's informal luncheon talk and Mrs. R. deWitt Scott, Montreal, who spoke briefly regarding the Candidate Department.

The worship services, led by representatives from the Presbyterials and the President's address, were all based on some phase of our responsibilities and "Highlights from the Presbyterials" by the five presidents were excellent. Reports were exceptionally favourable throughout. The Treasurer had \$3,300.00 increase and the Secretary for Christian Stewardship and Finance found deepening of the spiritual life and greater willingness for responsibility. The Literature secretary had a fine display of books and pamphlets, and at times peddled her wares quite uniquely.

Conducted tours of the Parliament Buildings and the National Art Gallery provided recreation, and the ladies of Glebe Church proved themselves most cordial hostesses. It was they who after the luncheon at which the Moderator and Mrs. Woodside were guests, presented the latter with some lovely flowers on her first venture out since a serious accident before Christmas.

Elections gave us Mrs. D. R. Carson, Ottawa, as President, and Mrs. E. J. MacLelland, Montreal, as Secretary for Periodicals and Press.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL—The death occurred recently of Mrs. S. J. Jarvis, a resident of Ottawa for sixty-one years. Mrs. Jarvis, who was in her seventy-seventh year was a daughter of the late Rev. John Wood, Congregational minister, and Mrs. Wood, in whose home the Congregational Woman's Missionary Society was organized many years ago. Mrs. Jarvis was very active in church work, first in Knox Auxiliary, and later she continued in Chalmers Auxiliary until hindered by failing health. Miss Beatrice H. Jarvis, a daughter, is the newly-appointed Literature Secretary of the

Presbyterial, after having been assistant Press Secretary for three years. Miss Lois E. Jarvis, also a daughter, is active in W.M.S. work in Chalmers.

DUNDAS - GRENVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Mrs. James Morrison, one of Hulbert's aged members, was called home on February 17, 1939.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL—Annual meeting, St. James Church, Montreal, February 8 and 9. The theme for all five worship services was "The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Mrs. Walter J. Scott, in her address, spoke of the "Magic Thirteenth." Miss Helen G. Day, Secretary of the Literature Department of the Dominion Board, gave very interesting addresses on the Literature supplied by the Board, and also on three subjects, namely, "On a World Front," "How Far Can You See," and "Craftsmen All." Mr. John McDonald, assistant at Erskine-American Church, Montreal, gave a description of conditions "On the Fringe of Civilization," as he found them while spending his summer working among the people of northern Saskatchewan, beyond the line of the railway.

Mrs. Roy Stafford conducted a forum. The reports of officers and secretaries of departments were all heard with great interest. The Treasurer gave a very favourable report, stating that receipts for the year amounted to \$29,842.96. Eighteen Mission Circles were reported, thirty-one Baby Bands, forty-four Mission Bands and fifty-three C.G.I.T. Groups, each with increases both in membership and contributions. Several beautiful solos were rendered during the sessions and a very inspiring "In Memoriam" was conducted by Mrs. A. D. Emory.

Mrs. J. S. Astbury was elected President.

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Saskatchewan

Press Secretary, Mrs. A. Pollard, Duval, Sask.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Laird, 153 Ominica W., Moose Jaw, Sask.

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

QU'APPELLE PRESBYTERIAL—Wawota Auxiliary was saddened by the loss of one of the most beloved members in the passing of Mrs. John Summerton, on February 15th, in her seventy-first year. Mrs. Summerton was an active member of both the Auxiliary and the church.

ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL—At a sub-Executive meeting of this Presbyterial on February 10th, plans were made for the annual one-day Presbyterial which will be held this year at Shaunavon and which will include a missionary on furlough as guest speaker. Mrs. Enticknap, Branch Secretary of Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups, spoke to the residence girls at the supper hour.

Mrs. Wm. Dickie passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. A. George, Willow Bunch, on February 8th, at the age of seventy-three years. She had been a life member of Hoath Auxiliary for many years.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — Annual meeting, Westminster Church, Regina, January 31, February 1 and 2. Miss Isobel Leith, A.T.C.M., of Shizuoka Girls' High School, Japan, gave two very fine addresses at the two evening sessions, mentioning particularly the educational work in Japan. Signs of growth, financial achievement and an enthusiastic membership were observed during the reading of the reports at the second day's sessions. There are thirty-six new members in the Presbyterial and three new Affiliated Societies at Penzance, Edwards and Wilcox. An increase in the use of the study book among the Auxiliaries was also noted. Each secretary, by means of posters, had displayed the highlights of the year's work.

An impressive memorial service was held for thirteen members who had died during the

year. An hour of group discussion was held during the afternoon. Among the many messages of greeting received, one letter was from Miss Jean Stewart, missionary in West China, and one from Mrs. G. H. Bennee, Branch President.

Mrs. K. C. Crook briefly outlined the activities during the past year in her presidential address, and Mrs. C. H. Dixon spoke on "The Madras Conference," making special mention of the three members of the speaking team who will be present in Regina, Professor Camargo, Dr. P. C. Hsu and Miss Ila Sircar.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. K. C. Crook, Regina; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. A. McGregor, Regina; Treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Moore, Regina.

BATTLEFORD PRESBYTERIAL—On March 12, twenty-one members of North Battleford Auxiliary put on the pageant, "Making Canada Great," based on the study book for the year. This was the W.M.S. service of the year and the pageant took the place of the sermon in the regular evening service. The junior choir, under the able direction of Miss Grace Elliott, sang the songs as they occurred in the pageant. Two young boys acted as pages.

Mrs. Clara May McCrimmon, of Meadow Lake, passed away in February. Her going was a great loss to the community where, with her husband, Dr. McCrimmon, she ministered to the sick and needy, especially in the earlier days before adequate hospital accommodation was available and where her activities in church and community matters endeared her to a wide circle. To her sorrowing husband and her twelve-year-old daughter, our deepest sympathy is extended. Mrs. O. Jolliffe and Mrs. G. Bell, of Chengtu, W. China, and Mrs. James Neave, now of Vancouver, are sisters.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL—The opening session of the annual meeting of the Presbyterial took the form of a joint meeting with the Missionary and Maintenance Committee on February 7th in St. Thomas-Wesley Church, Saskatoon, with Mrs. W. J. Young, Presbyterial President, in the chair. The special speaker was Rev. Denzil Ridout, of Toronto.

The members agreed to accept the allocation of \$5,320 for a second year. Although a three and a half per cent. increase in givings had been made over last year, the Presbyterial was still \$1,000 short of their objective. Encourag-

ing reports were received from the secretaries of the different departments, not in the usual way, but in an interesting panel discussion led by Mrs. W. W. Forsythe, when information was obtained by the question and answer method which added much to the interest of the audience. An impressive memorial service was held by Mrs. R. J. Macdonald. Greetings from the Conference Branch were brought by Mrs. G. H. Bennee in an inspiring message. A round table conference, led by Mrs. T. W. Fawcett, in which various constitutional matters were discussed, brought the session to a close.

At the Wednesday evening meeting Mrs. W. G. Wilson was the chief speaker, and she briefly sketched the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in Canada.

Mrs. A. J. Belton, Saskatoon, was elected the new President.

Mrs. W. G. Buchanan organized and arranged a happy affair when a large scale community was held in Asquith Church. Over sixty ladies of town and country met and visited over knitting and fancy work. An address on "Current events, history in the making," was given by Rev. W. Banks, and a luncheon was served at the close of the affair by the local ladies. It was sponsored by Asquith Auxiliary and proved a happy thought in fostering a more friendly feeling between town and country ladies. In addition several months' visiting was accomplished in one afternoon.

Toronto

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

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

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL—The twenty-fifth anniversary of Earls Court Auxiliary was celebrated in the room where the first meeting was organized. Mrs. M. Sheppard brought greetings from the Toronto West Presbyterial. Five of the six past presidents were present: Mrs. Peter Bryce, who was the founder of the society, Mrs. H. A. Fish, Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, Mrs. J. Duncan and Mrs. W. G. Helliar each told of the activities of former years. Rev. A. Carman Hie brought greetings from the Toronto West Presbytery. Mrs. W. G. Gould, who was a charter member of the Auxiliary, was present.

The Executive of Toronto West Presbyterial entertained the presidents of the various organizations of the Presbyterial at luncheon. Mrs. L. I. Hunter, President, presided, and Mrs. T. S. Kendrick, Mrs. J. R. Seaman, Mrs. H. A. Fish and Mrs. Langlois took part in the opening exercises. Miss Mabel Carroll, Travelling Secretary for Younger Groups, gave a comprehensive study on the Christianizing of China.

New Organizations

Auxiliaries

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL.—Beresford—Mrs. W. A. Thompson, Beresford.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

SUDBURY PRESBYTERIAL—Sudbury, All Peoples' Church—Miss Elizabeth Bagossy, 208 McKenzie St., Sudbury.

Evening Auxiliaries

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL—Pembroke, Calvin—Miss B. Bell, Supple St., Pembroke.

VANCOUVER PRESBYTERIAL — Richmond — Mrs. D. Dick, Jr., R.R. 2, Eburne.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE BRANCH

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAL—St. John's Wesley —Miss Rita Roberts, 118 Freshwater Road, St. John's.

Affiliated Societies

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

GUELPH PRESBYTERIAL—Hollen—Mrs. Eric Fernie, R.R. 2, Drayton.

HALTON PRESBYTERIAL—Hornby—Mrs. John Wilson, R.R. 4, Milton.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL — Richardson — Mrs. L. H. Dickson, Richardson.

Mission Circles

ALBERTA CONFERENCE BRANCH

LETHBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAL — Coleman, St. Paul's — Mrs. H. J. Bevan, Coleman; Lethbridge, First—Mrs. Gordon Ross, 1619-3rd Ave. North, Lethbridge.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

BRANTFORD PRESBYTERIAL — Brantford, Colborne Street—Mrs. Risk, 253 Park Ave., Brantford, Ont. (with Mrs. Millard, 94 Peel St., Brantford).

HALDIMAND-NORFOLK PRESBYTERIAL — Teesville—Mrs. Bernard Foster, La Salette.

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL—St. Catharines, Welland Ave.—Mrs. H. G. Scott, 4 Marren St., St. Catharines.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE BRANCH

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAL—St. John's Wesley—Mrs. J. Forsey, 143 Pleasant St., St. John's.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

WEST PRESBYTERIAL — Mount Dennis, Chalmers—Mrs. A. G. Longmore, 5 Rockcliffe Blvd., Mount Dennis.

Mission Bands

ALBERTA CONFERENCE BRANCH

EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—Edmonton South, Metropolitan—Mrs. J. C. Tebby, 10716 University Ave., Edmonton South.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAL—Cold Lake, St. Paul's—Miss Roma Hill, Cold Lake.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Trenton, King Street—Mrs. J. U. Robins, Box 177, Trenton.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL — Silverdale — Mrs. Osborne Beamer, R.R. 1, St. Ann's.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL — Arva — Miss Marion Fish, R.R. 2, London.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH

BIRTLÉ PRESBYTERIAL — Newdale — Mrs. W. Crampton, Newdale; Wheatland—Lorne Post, Wheatland.

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MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

TRURO PRESBYTERIAL—Brookfield, Knox — Mrs. L. G. Marshall, Brookfield, Col. Co., N.S.

MONTREAL-OTTAWA CONFERENCE BRANCH

QUEBEC-SHERBROOKE PRESBYTERIAL — Rock Island—Stanstead South Church—Mrs. H. A. Carson, Rock Island, Que.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

ABERNETHY PRESBYTERIAL — Govan — Miss Audrey Turnbull and Mrs. Theo. Ingram, Govan; File Hills Colony (Indian)—Miss Ruth Lanigan, Lorlie P.O.

MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL—Drinkwater.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL — Nipawin — Mrs. W. O. Seaman, Nipawin.

WEYBURN PRESBYTERIAL — Milestone — Mrs. J. J. Howard, Milestone.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

COCHRANE PRESBYTERIAL — Schumacher — Mrs. W. McLaren, 105-4th Ave., Schumacher.

DUFFERIN-PEEL PRESBYTERIAL—Township of Cheng, 3rd line W. of Snelgrove—Mrs. W. J. Taylor, R.R. 2, Brampton.

SUDBURY PRESBYTERIAL—High Falls—Mrs. D. McLennan, Turbine.

Baby Bands

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL — Thomasburg (Bethel)—Mrs. J. Martin, R.R. 2, Tweed.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BRANCH

CARIBOO PRESBYTERIAL — Prince George, Knox—Mrs. W. E. Fullerton, Prince George.

PRINCE RUPERT PRESBYTERIAL—Prince Rupert —Mrs. Petroff, Prince Rupert.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

HALDIMAND-NORFOLK PRESBYTERIAL — Cayuga—Mrs. A. Frise, Cayuga.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

ESSEX PRESBYTERIAL—Windsor, All Peoples' Mission—Miss Ila Brown, 1175 Langlois Ave., Windsor.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL — Glen Bain, Obthorpe—Mrs. Dave Mitchell, Arbuthnot, P.O.; Readlyn—Mrs. V. K. Embury, Readlyn.

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