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The Interpreter

I AM an alien here, and yet
I think as other people do,
I love as others everywhere.
To fullness of life I also aspire
And long for friends who understand.
Far from home, alone and strange . . .
Behind a wall of language new and customs
strange to me.
Is there no little open gate
Where I may enter in
To play and sing with you,
To laugh and love and live with you,
To work and learn and strive with you,
To add my gifts to yours, and build with you
A better world and larger life?

I am the new Canadian,
No longer alien here,
For I have found the gate that's in the wall.
To me upon one golden day
There came a friend.
She knew my thoughts and ways,
She was the Key
To fit the long-locked door.
She led me in.
And now
I speak your tongue, I think your thoughts;
I add my gifts to yours, and help you build
The world anew in this our Canada.

—Elizabeth Russell Herdee.

The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada

The World for Christ.

Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.

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Out in the Fields with God

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might be,
I cast them all away,
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new mown hay,
Among the rustling of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born—
Out in the fields with God.

—*Louise Imogen Guiney.*

Editorial

Another Year

AS OUR magazine goes to press a number of weeks before it is finally in the hands of subscribers, the opening session of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Dominion Board of the Society is still some days away. The result is that all record of the meetings and of those present will not appear in this number, but will be postponed until August.

The programme, however, is before us and is full of interest. We note that at the public meeting on the thirtieth of May, there will be addresses from the President, Mrs. J. MacGillivray; one on "Canada," by one well able to speak of her country because of first-hand knowledge of it, Miss Evelyn Mitchell, our Travelling Secretary; and one by Dr. Choné Oliver on "The World Mission of Christianity." As Dr. Oliver was present at the Jerusalem conference, we realize the timeliness of such a topic.

It is good to see a number of missionaries taking part in the programme. They are, for the most part, in charge of the devotional hours, which come so gratefully at the close of the busy morning sessions. Among them are some whose presence at this time is of special

significance. We are to have Miss Elizabeth J. Bell, pioneer nurse, whose term of work began twenty-five years ago, the same length of time as her friend, Mrs. H. M. Kipp, our Secretary of Medical Work. Both are being warmly congratulated. We will also have Miss Katherine Drake, pioneer in the kindergarten training work in Japan, and Principal of the Kindergarten Training School of Azabu. Present also will be Miss Ethel McEachern, Principal of the Girls' School at Hamheung, Korea, who will see the consummation of her hopes and prayers in the new building.

Another address, to which many are looking forward with much anticipation, is that of Mrs. Briggs, Treasurer of the Board, who returned in the spring from an unusual trip abroad, and who will bring her impression of countries and peoples little known.

Dr. R. P. MacKay Passes

AS WE go to press news has come of the passing hence of Rev. R. P. MacKay, in his eighty-third year, one of the best known and certainly one of the most loved men in the Christian ministry in the country. He had gone to

Woodstock to participate in the dedication of memorial windows in Chalmers' United Church, but a heart attack prevented his attendance, and in the early hours of the morning he passed away at the home of his niece, Mrs. W. W. Murray.

Interested as Dr. MacKay was in the whole work of the Church, the cause of foreign missions lay close to his heart. From 1892 till the time of union he acted as Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. In 1906 he visited practically all the foreign mission fields of the Church, and was thereafter able to bring to the Board a rich contribution in interest and insight. His presence everywhere was an inspiration, because there was around him always the atmosphere of the other world.

To his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Thompson, who, with her husband, is now on furlough from Honan, China, and residing in Toronto, and to other friends with whom for many years Dr. MacKay has been very closely associated, we tender our sincere sympathy.

The Red Man's Country

IN JUNE the last bit of Canadian territory belonging to the Red Man, comprising about 128,320 square miles, passed into possession of the Government. It stretches from the Albany River to the Manitoba boundary. During preceding years the Governments of the United States and Canada have gradually acquired the lands that were once the Indians'. History is repeating itself; nations come and go, and the North American Indian, as a separate people, will be soon no more. There is sadness in such changes when we remember that once the Red Man roamed at large on a continent all his own, but his last years are peaceful, thanks to a kindly Government and to Christian people; and those of them who are left, are being helped to a life of usefulness and independence.

This does not mean, however, that the Indian problem is no more. The United

States Government has lately brought out a survey which seeks to find out just what service is best suited for the Indian of to-day. Greatest stress is laid on education, as only by education can the Indian fit into the complex life of the White Man. To make himself independent, industrious and useful to his own race and country, is surely a worth while ambition.

The survey frankly criticizes much of the secular and religious teaching hitherto obtained. The former has not always been practical, and in the latter the missionaries have not always been able to "connect religion with Indian life in any real way." Regarding the physical welfare of the people much is still wanting. The Indian is peculiarly susceptible to tuberculosis and trachoma, and he requires a more adequate health programme, especially along preventive lines.

Again, the survey has something to say about the need of more co-operation between the missionary and the Government, and less overlapping on the part of denominations. A great unified programme, which will bring to the front leaders of the race and train them for specialized service among their own people, is the goal of all those who are warmly interested in Indian work.

Again the Spinning Wheel

GANDHI is not alone in his anxiety to provide his countrymen with individual creative labor. The Industrial Missionary Association of India has recently requested the National Christian Council, of which Dr. Choné Oliver is now a secretary, to survey mission industrial schools with a view to finding out how girls can supplement the family income when they leave the schools to marry. As many of them marry poor farmers, such help is badly needed. The suggestion is that the spinning wheel be again established in the village homes, and that *khaddar*, the Indian homespun, be used again almost exclusively.

This is no easy problem. India is one of England's largest buyers of cotton,

and it has been estimated that 230,000,000 people in 700,000 villages have been brought near to starvation by the importation of English goods. Mr. Rajogopalachari, a lawyer interested in home industries, writes on this subject in the *National Christian Council Review*. He thinks that the only way to improve the condition of the Indian peasant is to give him back the supplementary income he lost when he gave up home spinning to buy English cotton goods. The movement in this direction has been growing since 1921 and has already given employment to 60,000 spinners. *Khaddar*, unfortunately, is both coarse and not very durable, but Mr. Rajogopalachari entreats those who have money to spare to buy and use this commodity for their country's sake. "For the sake of giving occupation to families who would otherwise go without a full meal, we *must* wear coarse cloth, if only such can be produced by their labor, for to pay for and buy *khaddar* instead of mill cloth is national service and reconstruction work. The tastes in favor of finer finish and varied colors, as far as they can be satisfied only by causing unemployment among our millions, can only be deemed a vulgar fashion of unthinking slave mentality."

A New Wing

IN THIS month's issue we print an item, "A Gift with a Prayer." It is for a new wing in St. Paul's Hospital, Hearst, Ont. Surely those who made the gift had the loving insight to know the urgency of such a need in most of our frontier hospitals, especially in relation to the maternity work for which, in all areas surrounding these centres, we are mainly responsible. No name is attached—it is "for others," others whom the donors have never seen and whom they may never know much about. But we like to think of that new wing so soon to be erected, its shining cleanness and adequacy, and the busy nurses glad of the added space to minister more effectively. We remember with gratitude one of them,

Agnes Livingston, who gave her life gladly in unselfish service in this same hospital, and who will rejoice with us in the development of the work she loved so well.

For Korean Children

THE Christian Literature Society of Korea, a union institution, has been represented in Canada lately by Mr. Gerald Bonwick, General Secretary, and the father of our new missionary, Miss Frances Bonwick, M.A. The work of the society has been the publishing and distributing of Christian literature, and, in so doing, it has served practically all missions in Korea, providing helps for Sunday schools, text books, tracts, etc.

It is now looking forward to another step and one more closely linked with the children of Korea, the publishing of a monthly magazine somewhat after the fashion of *Happy Childhood*, which has had such a phenomenal success in China. That such a magazine is sorely needed hardly requires to be said. The delightful little *Book of Prayers for Children*, published some years ago in Chinese, has been translated also into Korean and was warmly welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonwick return to Korea in August and their hope is that Mrs. Bonwick and Mr. Kim Tai Chin, the latter a capable writer and translator, will bring out a new Korean children's magazine at the beginning of the year.

More Unity

"THE QUEST for unity among several groups of denominations," says the *Federal Council Bulletin*, "seems to be moving toward a positive goal more hopefully than the most sanguine would have ventured to predict even a year ago."

The following churches are carrying on negotiations for union in the United States: the Congregational and Christians; the Methodist Episcopal and the Presbyterian; the Disciples and the Northern Baptists. Still more striking is the fact that a basis of union has been

unanimously agreed upon by representatives of the Reformed Church, the United Brethren in Christ, and the Evangelical Synod of North America. If this is adopted these will become a United Church in America with more than a million members.

Nor are the young people behind in the movement. In their own meetings they are stoutly endorsing all movements working toward co-operation and unity—in the words of one of the future ministers at Garrett Biblical Institute: "The goal is not simply national, but international, union, and ultimately and inevitably the democratic and organic unity of the Church of Jesus Christ."

We wonder if there is any connection between this stirring of the minds toward unity and the concern of home mission boards in the United States regarding the over-churching of small communities and towns, and a falling income for mission work. The boards call this over-churching "the scandal of Christendom," and are striving with all the means in their power to prevent the building of new churches where already adequate provision is made.

Is India Backward?

AN ITEM of great interest comes from India in a letter from Dr. Yohan Masih to the Board of Foreign Missions. He reports that Mrs. J. T. Taylor and Mrs. Masih have been ordained elders of the church at Indore without one dissentient voice. *The New Outlook* commenting on the fact says: "Thus a woman of India and a woman of Canada together attain to rights and privileges in the Church in India which have been denied women in some other parts of the world. Just what would happen if Mrs. Taylor should return to Canada and her name were proposed for the eldership in some Canadian congregation is a question that doubtless has not been raised in India, but the thought of it does suggest embarrassment."

An Inter-racial Tea

THE *Federal Council Bulletin* tells of a tea held at the International House, New York City, by the Women's Committee on Race Relations, which is part of the Federal Council's Commission, where over two hundred white and colored women met for a social hour. "It was a new and surprising experience to many of those who attended, and, in the charming surroundings of that building where gracious hostesses of both races exerted a friendly influence, many prejudices melted away."

It has been demonstrated that children acquire racial prejudice early in life which they find almost impossible to eradicate later; so the Commission is striving to foster friendly attitudes by introducing children of varied races to one another in a genial environment.

The Night Cometh

MISS MARGARET McCLURE, daughter of Dr. McClure, North Honan, died at the Sanitarium, Hamilton, in the latter part of May. Daughter of missionaries, her one desire was to serve in the foreign field, but God's plans were otherwise, and after a long illness borne with great sweetness and patience, she was called home. A resolution of sympathy was sent by the Board to Dr. William McClure, Mrs. Kilborn and Dr. McClure.

One day before the opening session of the Fourth Annual Dominion Board meeting, news came of the death of Miss Elizabeth B. Lathern, editor of *The Palm Branch*. She had been much in the minds of those who knew her during the last few months, and those who loved her most were most thankful for the release of that bright unquenchable spirit from the pain and weakness of the latter days. Her work will not be forgotten, and the ideals which she so cheerily translated through the pages of her magazine in story and picture will be carried on to higher completion because of the fine personal contribution of the first editor.



UNEARTHING THE TREASURES AT WEIHWAI
The native Christians preserved many of the missionaries' belongings by burying them

Glints of the Silver

WINNIFRED WARREN

BACK in the old compound at Changte! Houses demolished and desolate! Occupying during our short stay rooms in the empty Girls' School. Seated by the cheery fire the faithful Biblewoman of the old days chatted and told tales of the months while we were away from Honan. Shattered though our buildings are, worse things had been planned. She talked on.

"The west compound had already been looted, but the Red Spear Society was laying plans to set fire to the west, and while it was burning to come over to the east compound, and loot it. For several days fear filled the hearts of those living here. Each evening, some of the Chinese men residing here, fearing what the night might bring, sought safety in a village to the north, returning in the morning. What could they do if the attack came?"

"Finally it was known that the day was set by those workers of evil. 'To-night' they would do the deed of burning and

robbing. I went to my room and knelt down. I told the Lord of our danger, of our need. I reminded Him of how, when Elisha was in peril, the mountain was full of horses and chariots round about him. Was His power not still the same? Would He not show forth His might? 'God', I prayed, 'if Thou hast no other way, send a great rain!'

"I rose from my knees and came out of my room. Then as I thought of what I had said, I began to fear I had taken too much upon me. Had I been presumptuous before God?"

"Teacher! At midnight it rained! A heavy rain, a deluge!

"A day or two later, returning from a call in the city, I overheard a conversation between two men by the roadside. I do not know who they were, nor did they know me. One was saying, 'There is a God! There is a God! Truly there is a God! When wicked men set themselves and their leaders took counsel against the

Church of Christ, at the moment that danger was at hand, at *that* moment came a drenching rain. Truly there is a God!"



A CAMEL TRAIN, NORTH HONAN
Note the sunken road and the terraced fields

"Teacher, this is what I heard with my own ears."

It was pleasant in Weihwei to greet again the happy little woman who had been a worker together with us a few years ago. Yes, they were all well, and had been kept safely. Her little son, the joy of her life, was in school. She was sorry it was not a Christian school."

"But," it was suggested, "if he and many others like him who come from Christian homes, now that they are scattered abroad in Government schools, will let their light shine in these many corners, is there not good coming out of it?"

"Oh, yes! He is not ashamed to let it be known that he is a Christian. And he does so well in school. Why, he has been coming head of his class in examinations. But lately, since the missionaries have come back, and worship is held here in the morning, he likes to attend, and often it makes him late for school. So the teacher has deducted marks and brought him down second on the list. But I said

to him, 'If the teacher wants to take off marks just let him. What you get at morning worship is worth more to you than a few marks.'

Wondering how much this disregard of rules, even for so worthy an object, was to be commended, it was suggested that perhaps family worship instead might still let the boy away to school in time.

To this the mother replied, "Yes, we talked about it, but decided that it was good for him to hear the missionaries in the morning, and we have our own family worship in the evening."

Another young lad, a Christian, and of Christian training, who had had three years in the Mission High School at Changte, is now continuing his course in a Government school recently established on the estate of the late President, Yuan Shi Kai. He is always home to attend the Sabbath services, and besides, he tells us, he and a few other Christian boys in the school have organized a Bible Study Circle, inviting any others who may wish to join them, as they seek to learn from the Scriptures the things concerning the Christ.—*Honan Messenger*.



THE BIG TREE
Mr. Bruce and three Christians standing by

What Jesus Christ Means to Me

LUCY WANG

From an address given at Detroit in January and printed in the Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin.

I AM asked to speak on the subject, "What Jesus Christ Means to Me." Friends, the mere fact that I, a girl from the far East, can come in this morning and enjoy the privilege of meeting you all who belong to the same Kingdom as I do, can almost complete what I want to say. I thank Him who has brought East and West together as one family.

I was born in a very, very conservative Chinese home. At that time you know how little the Chinese cared for girls. In fact, in some families they grieved over the birth of a girl, and, being the third girl born to the family, you can imagine how well liked I was, especially by my grandmother, who was very fond of boys. She was always partial to the boys. I remember, when my sister and I played with my brother or my boy cousins, anything that went wrong was blamed on the girls. There were games that I could not play because I was a girl, and there were places that I could not go with my brother because I was a girl. Oh, how I hated to be a girl then! And when I was six or seven I cried more than once, just because I was not a boy.

At that time there was no school at the place where I lived, and because of my brother, my parents engaged a tutor at home, and we all had school at home. So my sister and I had the opportunity to learn to study. But it was not very long till the time came that my sister reached the age of ten. It was my grandmother's belief that when a girl reached the age of ten, she could no longer be taught by a man teacher. So she had to drop out of school. Only a couple of years later there would come a time that I would have to drop out of school too.

Fortunately, at that time, my family was living in Peiping, formerly called Peking, and my father heard that the daughters of some of his friends were going to a school where they could learn

not only Chinese, but also some foreign language. So my sister and I were sent to a Methodist Church school, the Game-well School. Oh, I still can see how my mother talked and talked to the principal and wanted us to be registered as special students. And she would rather have paid double tuition so that we would not have to take Bible nor go to church on Sunday.

We were there for just a year or so, and during this time we went to church a couple of times. Then there came the Chinese revolution. My father was a Manchu official then. You can well imagine what a condition my family was in. We had to flee and leave everything behind, and Father's office was burned. As a result my father died. So the family had to move from the North back to my native city, Foochow.

Oh, I still can remember the hard years we had then! As long as I live I think I can never forget how different everything was that year. It was so different from the time when Father was living. How Mother and we children suffered!

After darkness comes the dawn; after the shower comes the sunshine. It was at that time that God, in his special way, led my sister and me to Hwa Nan College. At that time it was only a preparatory school. Miss Lydia A. Trimble was the principal. It was within those halls of learning and through the Christian spirit in that institution that we learned about our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and of His teachings. Up to the present time I still can feel the love, the kindness, that those teachers and those Christian students had for us. And how they tried their best to help us and to cheer us up and to lead us, and to show us the light and lead us to the way of real happiness.

That spirit is still existing in Hwa Nan College to-day and many girls are being helped by the faculty and students, who

need God just as much as we did then. At the present time I have five cousins studying in that school. They are all from non-Christian homes, and two of them are not Christians themselves. I am sure they are going through the same kind of experience that I had. I can assure you that that Christian spirit is going to live in Hwa Nan College in all the years to come.

As we stayed several years in Hwa Nan College, we learned more and more about Christ, and we learned the way to real happiness. When you have this happiness you just cannot keep still. So the next thing we did, my sister and I went home and told our people about it. More than once we were scolded by Mother, and many times we were laughed at by our cousins. We found that we could not make our people understand Christ, understand the truth, and to really know the happiness that we had in our school. We went back to school and asked help from our teachers. They were very kind. Through their kindness, in their leisure time, they helped my family.

In two years' time two of my uncles and one of my cousins joined the church. Then our next hope, the biggest hope, of

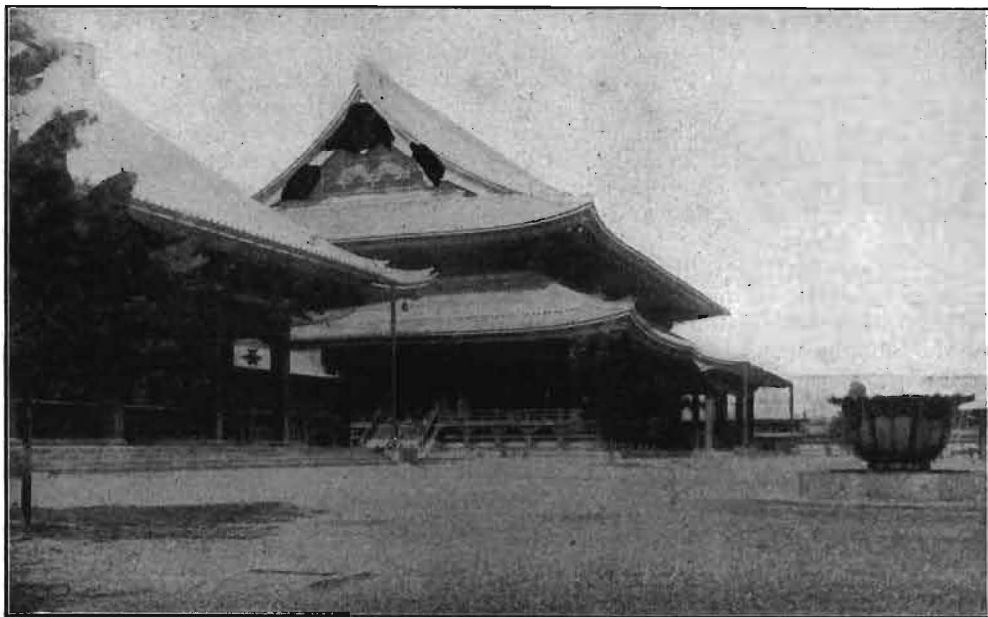
course, was the hope that Mother would become a Christian, but at that time it just seemed the last thing that could happen. It seemed that was the hardest thing to be realized from the way she talked. But as Paul said, "With God all things are possible." And I thank God to-day that He answered our prayer in 1927. It took my mother thirteen years from the time she first heard about Christ until the time she joined the Church.

So we have a very, very happy home, and I tell you to-day Christ means real happiness and service to us. It certainly takes one who has really gone through all the experiences I have to understand how much happier I feel now. When you have lived in the old Chinese home with all its customs and come to a new Christian home under the light and truth of Christ, you can see the bright side of everything and every happening. "And we know all things work together for good for those who love God." These words of Paul have helped me many a time.

Friends, I will tell you right now, that I am glad I am a girl and not a boy, because to-day in China, men and women have equal rights in privilege and service.



WOMEN'S COLLEGE CAMPUS, CHENG TU UNIVERSITY, WEST CHINA



BUDDHIST TEMPLE, JAPAN

Out of Great Tribulation

MARGARET ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG

NAMERIKAWA sounds, when spoken quickly, not unlike America, but it is a long way from America. It is a town in the prefecture of Toyama on the west coast of Japan. It is a large town and, being on the sea, its main industry is deep-sea fishing. There is one kind of fish found there which is unique. It is called hotaruika, which means fire-fly cuttle fish. Scientists from far and near find that fish an interesting study. In May and June the nets are filled with this fish. They present a fairy-like scene at night flowing like their namesakes in the nets and on the surface of the sea. One has only to lean over the side of the boat, put out one's hand, and take them up out of the water, so thick are they on every side.

Another outstanding industry of Namerikawa is the manufacture of acetylene gas. The factory is in the proximity of the station, and at night passing in the train, one would imagine

it to be all on fire to see the glare of this gas.

Namerikawa is no quiet, peaceful spot. The coast is rough and dangerous, visited frequently by severe storms and tidal waves, which do a great deal of damage and take their toll of human life annually. And no peaceful people are the Namerikawaites either. Rough, generally speaking, given to all sorts of excesses, they are for ever coming into collision with the established order of things. It was Namerikawa that led the van in the rice riots of a decade or so ago. And when last August the people of Toyama prefecture demanded that the electric light company's exorbitant prices be reduced, Namerikawa was the first place to open battle and the last to reinstate its lighting system, protesting to the last against the reduction finally made because it was so much less than demanded.

When Christianity first entered Namerikawa it met with the sturdiest oppo-

sition. The first convert was the wife of a policeman. She was truly "persecuted for righteousness' sake" by her husband and neighbors. Her husband not only burned her Bible, but delighted in scorching her eyebrows and eyelashes with lighted matches, and indeed seemed to spend his time thinking of ways of making her life miserable.

One morning she left his roof determined to endure no more. She found shelter with relatives, but when evening fell the thought of her little children drew her back to the house. From outside she could hear the smallest one sobbing, "Mother, Mother, Mother," and in she went with a prayer for help. They no longer live in Namerikawa, but in Isurugi, where the husband is the chief of police. He is not a professing Christian, but he is a changed man, and he reads and tries to obey the call to righteousness of the Book he once despised and burned, but which through these years has been and is his wife's guide and comfort.

Hers was not the only Bible which has been reduced to ashes in Namerikawa. Some seven or eight years ago a score or so of young girls, pupils of the higher girls' school, became inquirers. Several of them were baptized, and with that a combined persecution arose from both school and homes. Many a New Testament was burned, and many more went sailing out to sea, while the owners of these precious volumes received violent treatment at the hands of irate parents, who were firm in their determination to have no Jesus believers in their families. But they could not stamp it out.

At Christmas of last year several young girls from the girls' higher school were about to be baptized when a teacher in the school threatened one of them with non-promotion if she became a Christian. When the facts came out there was no little sensation, especially when it became known that a number of the teachers who are closely connected with Buddhist temples were using their influence against the spread of Christianity.

It is one of the signs of the times that whereas a few years ago the entire town would have sided with those teachers to-day the sympathies of a great many of the people are with the Christians. Indeed in every instance opposition has failed to quench the spark, which has even seemed to burn with renewed vigor fanned by the wrath of the opponents of Jesus Christ.

Miss Tweedie, who carries on work among women in Namerikawa, the Japanese pastor who lives there and works in that and adjoining towns, the little company of Christians who make up the church membership, all unite in saying that it is an excellent fishing ground wherein to fish for men.

There is no monotony about the work there. Almost every year brings some fresh development, some new instance of the power of our Lord to lead men into newness of life. Some day these bright Christians from Namerikawa will come up out of great tribulation to serve their Master with all the burning enthusiasm characteristic of their town.

The Missionary's Wife Studies

MRS. J. G. McCAUL

THE DOOR-BELL rings. Nine o'clock. Hastily I put down the newspaper I have been skimming and arise to welcome the young man to whose lot has fallen the doubtful privilege of leading me through the mazes of the Korean language.

"Is there peace with you?"

"Have you slept well?" we greet one another, while he bows low from the waist and I do as nearly likewise as my less agile Western muscular system will permit. This wide-awake fellow in baggy pants, caught neatly at the ankle, and long white coat, has the, at first unappreciated, qualification of speaking no

English beyond "Yes," "I tink so," so all our conversation must be conducted in Korean or in pantomime.

Had I been an unattached new recruit, I should be in full-time attendance at language school in Seoul, but, having taken upon myself the responsibility of a husband and a household, I needs must share my attention and get the language as best I can at home. For the "langwidge" is, even if one is only a wife, not merely a convenience, but a necessity. Without it, one lives in splendid isolation and in constant dread of emergencies that must be met without the medium of speech. Gesture will accomplish much, but presupposes an equal mental agility on the part of observer and gesturer and tends at times to be woefully misinterpreted.

"Learn Korean as a child learns its mother-tongue," I was told.

"Absorb it. Don't try to analyze it. Listen, listen, listen! Learn to speak in sentences, not in words. Never mind the grammar or the alphabet at first. Get the sound, the rhythm, the idea and all these others shall be added unto you." So we set sail.

"This is a book. This is a table. I am putting the book on the table. Put the blue flower beside the book on the table." Meekly and dumbly I would do as I was told, being guided to the teacher's meaning by his own actions. But, true enough, things began to get sorted out. I could recognize articles, could attach adjectives and verbs and prepositions and could build up little sentences of my own.

Then the ban was raised. I was allowed to try and talk myself. Strange, though, how different those sentences sounded when they were rolled off my tongue! But my teacher has patience, and oh, blessed gift, a sense of humor, and I am getting to the stage where I can sometimes run off three consecutive words without correction. At times, indeed, I suspect that this is due less to my own progress than to his Oriental politeness. But there have been times when, trying myself out on other Koreans, I have seen that blank "What on earth is she trying to say?" look give place to a glimmer of understanding, and I have walked on air.

To-day there are so many things to do. First, there are some original sentences which I have written to be corrected. Household instructions they are, for the most part, for, during the day, many a time

"I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me."

"The beams in the bedroom are dusty. They must be brushed every two or three days." How in the world does one say all that? Laboriously, last night, I wrote my nearest approximation to it, and now I find out where I have blundered. The *must* gives an opening for that sentence drill and I learn, "I must go," "I must eat," "I must learn Korean," till that particular turn of phrase seems to be a part of me and I must remember it. Also, too well I know that, unless I air this new acquisition on cook and woman and long-suffering husband, it will have vanished into the limbo of forgotten things and I must learn it all over again.

Now, we must revise the Lord's Prayer which I memorized last week. Docilely, I am trying hard to memorize without analyzing, but I have an inquisitive mind and it goes hard with me, though doubtless I get the rhythm better so.

There is the first chapter of St. Mark to be read and translated, too. The reading comes fairly easily now, but the translation—aye, there's the rub. If only they would use one form of address throughout, but there's low talk and middle talk and high talk and now, in the Bible, a still higher to be used when addressing the great Hananim God. How can one small mind hold it all?

I would like to spend some time on the fascinating complicated Chinese characters in which the classics of a former day were all written, but noon has come and with it a hungry husband who must be fed. With a "May you remain in Peace," on the teacher's part, and "Go in Peace" on mine, the lesson is over. I must try out that *must* idiom on himself. Let me see. Alas, it has gone. Tomorrow I *must* learn it again.—*Korean Echoes.*

Mothers-in-Law

E. M. Cock

Banswara, India

WHAT varieties of feelings are stirred up by the mere mention of the name, "mother-in-law"!

"Umph," says one with a cynical smile, "you can't tell me anything about mothers-in-law."

"Busybodies, would they could all be banished!" says another.

"The means of breaking up homes," suggests another.

But there are mothers-in-law whose sons and daughters-in-law rise up and call them blessed, and perhaps they are not in the very small minority that we are led to believe. The mother-in-law problem can be found the world over; and the mother of India, so long under the control of her mother-in-law, lives only for the day when she will be a mother-in-law, and have the training and bringing into subjection of her daughters-in-law.

We pitched our tent under the shade of the only tree in a Bhil village nestled away among an almost inaccessible range of hills. The faithful "Lizzie" had been guided over the roads and no-roads, running round a boulder here, avoiding a pile of stones there, just missing a hidden stump on this side, swerving off to avoid a ditch on that side, now following a foot-

path, now bumping over a plowed field, now skirting the edge of a field of growing grain, and then with a last effort, bravely climbing a hill, dodging all kinds of obstacles, to find, on reaching the top, that she was on the edge of a steep incline whence there was no going forward or turning to right or left; so "Lizzie" was gently run down the hill again to find a more circuitous route, finally arriving, puffing and boiling, under the only tree.

Almost immediately we heard yelling and shouting, as though a whole menagerie had been let loose, and we knew that the ox-carts with our tents were coming up the hill. They soon appeared over the top of the hill, and with the wild shouts of the drivers, much twisting of the tails of the oxen, and an occasional word of encouragement, "Oh, my brother! Oh, my brother!" they arrived at the tree.

As this was a Christian village, we first visited all the homes. We came to one hut where two sons with their wives occupied the two rooms of the hut, while a short distance away lived the parents of the boys with their two daughters and an old blind grandmother. Although there are two houses, the mother-in-law controls the supplies, and each day one of the



A VILLAGE IN KHARUA DISTRICT, CENTRAL INDIA

daughters-in-law—for they take turns doing the cooking for the whole family—must go to the mother-in-law for the supplies for the day. There is one vegetable that they always cook in buttermilk. One day the vegetables were given out, but no buttermilk.

"Will you please give me the buttermilk for the vegetables?" meekly asks the daughter-in-law.

"Is there not plenty of water in the river?" comes the gruff reply.

The girl turns away. The vegetables are cooked in water. Meal-time arrives, the young husband comes home, and the food is set before him.

"What kind of food is this to give me?" he shouts with rage. "Why were they not cooked properly?"

"I did not have the buttermilk, so what could I do?" is the tearful reply.

"I will teach you what to do," and a beating is the lesson given.

The girl, when relating it, said, "The next time the vegetables were given out but no buttermilk, how could I ask for it, as she would only say as before, 'Is there not plenty of water in the river?' Better to risk the beating from my husband than the anger of my mother-in-law."

The cattle of the family are let out in the morning, and it is the duty of the girls to "lift" the manure and carry it away. As one was attending to this, the mother-in-law came along and drove her off saying, "These are my cattle, not yours." Another day she was not sweeping to please the old lady, and the broom was snatched from her hand, and she was sent off.

We were sitting in the hut on cots near a small fire, where the younger girl was cooking the family dinner. We had not been seated long when the mother-in-law, with her blind mother, was seen coming toward the hut. She sat down after greeting us, and I remarked in English, "I wonder if she ever smiles." She soon showed us that she could, and then some remark was made about daughters-in-law, and the throttle was opened, and away she went full steam ahead. "Useless. Never do a bit of work. The manure has not been lifted for three days. Can't cook.



BEHIL GIRLS IN BANSWARA

Running here, there and everywhere," and so on and on and on.

While she was pouring this forth, I thought of the lines of Tennyson's "Brook," "I go on forever," but as I was running over some of the lines, I thought it was such a happy brook, gliding along so joyfully that it seemed an insult to the brook to make the comparison. Then some lines of "How the Waters Come Down at Lenore" flashed through my mind, as they came with a "Roaring and pouring and crashing and dashing," and I said, "That just describes her," and now she is known as Lenore.

Next day we were having a class for the women. The elder daughter-in-law arrived, saying that the younger one had just run off, and that her husband and a neighbor woman had gone after her. Soon the mother-in-law came in, and we asked her what had happened.

"I do not know. I was out with the cattle," and smiled as though she would add, "It is not my fault this time."

"Did you ever run away when you were young?" I asked.

A smile spread over her face, and then she burst out laughing.

"Yes," she said, "I did. My husband had given me a beating; and I ran away and hid in a neighbor's house, but he found me there, and said that, if I did not come home quietly, he would take me by the hand and drag me home." This apparently was the greatest indignity, so she said, "I meekly followed him home, and never ran away again."

We started the meeting, and it was not long till the runaway returned with the neighbor woman, and came in all smiles, as though nothing had happened. But that night something *did* happen, for we heard wails loud and long coming over the hills. The Biblewoman went out and returned with the younger daughter-in-law. Her husband had beaten her, and while the women were reasoning with her, the older girl arrived with the comforting news that the father-in-law had beaten the mother-in-law, because she had had too much to say to the girls! Feeling rather cheerful at this piece of news, she went home.

Mothers-in-law? There are some who might be improved.

A few days later we were visiting in another village, where lived an old man born long before the mutiny, and now quite blind and deaf. With him live his

wife, a grandson, and the latter's wife and baby. But what a different home! The girl is devoted to the old people. This day there was such a sad look in her eyes, and we found that the grain merchant had just been there, and had taken nearly all the grain that they had in the house for debt. They were looking over their little patch of growing grain and calculating that it would take all there was in the field to satisfy the grain merchant. Since that time there was frost which has wiped out the whole wheat crop. To add to their misery the people of the village were trying to force them to leave the home where the old man had been born, and where he had lived all his life. The girl seemed to be suffering for the old people's sake. She is young and strong, but she suffered to see the old people being persecuted. Her loving, tender care of them is an inspiration.

On Saturday the girl came to our camp to a belated Christmas feast, and remained the night to be present at communion the next day and to have her baby baptized. The old lady came over on Sunday, and, as soon as she arrived, sought out the girl; and the two seemed to be having such happy comradeship that it was a joy to see them.

Mothers-in-law? There are some who cannot be improved.

We have many mothers-in-law, but these are the two extremes. They are not all as black as they are painted, as I can testify from very happy experience.

A Gift With A Prayer

THERE came to the Special Object Secretary a few days since, a cheque for \$2,000, for the purpose of erecting the new wing at St. Paul's Hospital, Hearst, Ontario.

The names attached to the gift are not to be revealed; it is a love gift, and there accompanied it this prayer of dedication:

"O Lord, our Heavenly Father, wilt Thou receive this our offering and bless it in bringing many into the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus; and as we dedicate this gift to Thee, we will re-consecrate our lives to Thy service. Wilt Thou accept, use and bless and send a blessing for the extension of Thy Kingdom, for all things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen."

The gift is received with gratitude, not alone because it enables the Board to meet a pressing need, but because it reveals a spirit that we know does actuate many members of our Woman's Missionary Society, whose devotion finds expression in such beautiful service.

We are grateful for both the gift and the givers.

Letters from Our Fields

Girls Are Girls

Miss Marie Crosby, Dondi, West Africa, gives us this interesting letter: I want to tell you about the new boarding-school at the Lutamo. My share is really my playtime, and I am having just the best time ever. I go out in the evening after supper, and come in in the morning before breakfast. I have a small room at the end of the storehouse, which is being used as a dormitory. I have it furnished, and have two beds, one which Mrs. Tucker loaned me and my camp bed, so I may have company whenever I wish. Miss Bradley just loves to come out and spend the week-ends with me. We go out Saturday afternoon, take our tea and breakfast, and come in to church with the girls on Sunday morning.

If it is a fine evening and we have supper early I walk over; if we are late the boys take me in the bush car. Almost as soon as I arrive the girls build a large fire out in front of the dormitory, and we have what we call our "onjango." We have hymns, prayer, and one of the teachers, elders, or I, lead in the devotions, then a number of the girls pray, and we sing again. After that the girls either play at their native games a while, or tell stories. I am sure I do not know which I like best. I just wish you could see me hopping around trying to learn their games. Nobody needs to worry about lack of exercise among the girls. I would like to see a C.G.I.T. group at home have a try at some of the native games. Last night we played one game something like "Button, button who has the button," and another game something like "Poor Pussy" except that a girl tells a story and you are supposed to keep from laughing. Of course, I understand hardly any of the story, but I got caught laughing last night, and so had to tell my story. They all laughed so hard before I got started that I did not have a very hard job to find some one else to carry on.

At eight o'clock, the elder strikes a hoe which tells the girls it is time to quiet down. Some of the girls who have sewing to do come to my room and I help them. Some of the girls are altering dresses they already have, and a couple of them are making new ones. At half past

eight the hoe rings again and everything is supposed to be quiet. I say "supposed," for you know that the girls are just like the ones at home, and a mere bell is not much when there is a good giggle going on. The poor youngsters in the room next to mine have the hard time, for I can call to them to be quiet. The night before last I called a couple of times as it was after nine o'clock, but they had the giggles and simply could not quiet down. I could hear them trying to quiet down, and then there would be a snort or a snigger until I was giggling away to myself too. It reminded me so much of nights in camp when I had tried to get the girls quiet. It seems to me in a great many ways girls are alike the world over. I wonder if there are any anywhere who do not like to giggle?

I am glad to hear of the interest in Africa at Whitby. I sometimes just wish the folks at home could see and know the people and the needs. I know they would give and give. I think a great deal of the selfishness on the part of the folks at home is thoughtlessness.

Sunshine and Shadow

Mrs. R. G. Scott, Anna Turnbull Hospital, Wakaw, Sask., writes of the busy life in the hospital: We have averaged over fifteen patients a day, both last year and this year so far. Dr. Scott has been extremely busy with his hospital work and the work in town and country. Then he has had to make several trips of fifty miles to five scarlet fever inoculations to school children. Dr. Scott had to go twenty miles to bring in an Hungarian woman, a maternity case, to the hospital. This woman gave birth to twins some hours after her arrival. Several days later her husband came to the hospital and heard of his new boy and girl, and all he had in the way of greeting for them and for his wife was curses and black looks. It was well for the poor woman that she had hospital care in her time of trouble.

We have much better accommodation at the hospital now that the Semi-Jubilee Wing is complete. It is easier for the doctors and nurses to work in the new operating room than in the old one, where there was so little room.

A little Ruthenian girl was brought in last Tuesday, suffering from appendicitis; she

had been ill for some days. An abscess had formed, and on Wednesday Dr. Scott, Dr. Biro and Dr. Legault operated. In 1911 Dr. Scott made many trips to take care of John Legault, who was ill with typhoid. Since then John has taken a medical course at Montreal. Now he is practising medicine, and in his case I think that a prophet has honor in his own country. He is a French Roman Catholic, but is friendly toward our mission hospital and gladly co-operates with the doctors here.

Miss MacIvor, who was acting matron, has had a very strenuous time of it trying to get the washing and ironing done and many little things attended to, as well as having the oversight of the patients and the responsibilities of the work. One of our maids went to Prince Albert to train for a nurse, another had to go home to help with the harvesting, and this left the cook, a Hungarian woman, who knows almost no English, to do her work and that of one of the maids. She wished to try this so as to get money to pay for the fare of her boy from Hungary to Canada. This left the nurses to sweep the wards and help whatever woman we could get to do the laundry. Mr. Sedgwich, who has been with us as a helper since 1911, except during the war, when he was overseas, helped with the laundry.

Miss Zarusky, who belonged to our primary class in the Sifton School twenty-five years ago, is again helping here. She is a most conscientious, painstaking nurse, and speaks both English and Ruthenian well. To us she seems like one of the family.

Miss Cooper, who has been with us since last spring, is a good worker and very dependable. She has not had hospital training previous to coming here, yet is a welcome addition to the staff.

An Adventurous Journey

The following is a letter from Miss Lulu Rouse, Luchow, Sze., China: This has been a great year for councils and conferences. There were six in all, counting the General Board, Chinese and foreign. I wasn't able to attend because it was necessary for someone to come to Luchow to try to get our school and home property back from the Government school authorities. I was hoping to go back to Tzeliutsing, but I have been stationed here with Miss Ward until summer or until Miss Brooks returns. Miss Coon is also stationed here.

When either of these returns I am to go back to Tzeliutsing.

I am so glad that I have had the experience of living with Chinese for a while. I came with my Biblewoman, and we have lived with the Chinese pastor and family. Dr. Allan occupied the next house.

Chinese New Year was on the tenth of February. It is a time of visiting and fun. We had such a lot of company! People have called whom we have never seen before, and will probably never see again until next New Year. We also did a great deal of visiting. Our custom is to have several kinds of cookies and candies prepared so that when one's friends call one can have a little tea party without too much trouble. Besides the numerous calls there are several feasts.

We went for a long walk every day for a week. There are special decorations at New Year. Lanterns are hung in front of every door, and we had a lovely basket of paper flowers lit up in front of our gate. There are also processions of dragons or lions made of straw and all sorts of old bits of things. Men and boys follow, beating tins, and plenty of fire-crackers are exploded. Temples are specially painted, and graves are covered with imitation paper money. They look very pretty in the distance.

We have had a great deal of difficulty getting our school and home back from the Government school authorities. Miss Hambley, Miss Virgo and I were here for a couple of weeks when school was in session, but there did not seem to be any way. However, there was no lack of plans and schemes on the part of some of our Chinese friends. One man suggested that we come over here before those two hundred odd boys and bring a basket of weeds and plant them. Can't you picture us? Another idea was for the three of us to come over and sit on the verandah all day long and pour tea, foreign style, for the teachers and students. Coals of fire idea! But we travelled on to Tzeliutsing, as the situation looked too impossible. We knew that there were several in old Tzeliutsing looking forward to our coming, and we wanted to get an idea of the situation there before Council.

When we were within a day from Tzeliutsing a telegram came from Dr. Allan saying that the folk at Chengtu advised me to stay in Luchow. As my trunks were in the bottom of the boat, there was nothing for me to do but to go on. I

stayed in Tzeliutsing to unpack and select the things I should use for the next six or seven weeks, and started back for here with Mr. Bridgeman.

We got to Fushuen, just one day's travel overland, and hired our boat. I had my Bible-woman, my personal teacher and coolie, and Mr. Bridgeman had his coolie. We got everything straightened up, and then the Chinese said that they had not had their supper. It was

forming us that there were rumors of war at Luchow, and he advised us not to come. Early the next morning those travelling with me started back for Tzeliutsing. Mr. Bridgeman went on to Luchow. We were only back a few days when another telegram came saying that the situation was clear and that we could come. This arrived the day before Christmas, but, as I had been helping with the Christmas entertainments, I stayed until after Christmas, and



SOME OF THE STAFF OF THE ORIENTAL HOME, VICTORIA, B.C.
Left to right: Misses Mossop, Cronkhite, Bock, Martin, and Ede

about 10 p.m., so they went off in search of food. The rest of us went to sleep. Suddenly we were awakened by a big bump. The only boatman who had remained on the boat began to curse. Mr. Bridgeman got up to see what the matter was, and discovered that our boat had got loose and that we had drifted down stream. The bump which we heard was the boat hitting a sand-bar. It was raining heavily, and there we were. Finally a faint voice came to us. It was the captain looking for his boat. After much shouting everyone got on board, and we settled down once more.

About 2 a.m. I was aroused by some one calling my Chinese name. I asked what was wanted, and found that there was a coolie from Tzeliutsing, who had run most of the night with a telegram. It was from Mr. Allan in-

forming us that there were rumors of war at Luchow, and he advised us not to come. Early the next morning those travelling with me started back for Tzeliutsing. Mr. Bridgeman went on to Luchow. We were only back a few days when another telegram came saying that the situation was clear and that we could come. This arrived the day before Christmas, but, as I had been helping with the Christmas entertainments, I stayed until after Christmas, and

the same party started off again, arriving here without difficulty. Then began a series of meetings with the school authorities, but the situation was such that the Chinese were willing to yield. We started some prayer meetings, and the clouds went away. Here Miss Ward and I are sitting in a newly whitewashed room in our own W.M.S. home. But I wish you could have seen the two places as we did. Such dirt, smells, broken furniture! We just turned the whitewashers, the masons, the carpenters, and the scrubbers loose.

We have changed the day school into a women's school, which necessitated a few changes. We are now hoping for a really good half-year's work before the summer holidays.

Varied Activities

The following letter has been received from Miss Elizabeth Ardiel, Friendship House, London: The Communists were arranging to purchase a larger building near our mission, and in God's own wise way they were prevented. These people have been working against us ever since the work at Friendship House has become known over the city.

It is a well-established principle that the future of any country is largely determined by the training received by the youth of that country. Remembering this principle and remembering what mischief has been wrought in China by a small band of young men sent from Moscow, we, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, are determined as far as possible to prevent the mind of our New Canadian youth from being polluted with the teachings of the red propaganda. Continually these New Canadians are coming to us for advice or to arrange for some of their family to come to Canada. One father remarked, "You recommend me, and they let my people come." To win the confidence and trust; to introduce Christianity into a neighborhood, which has been largely a bootlegging and Communist centre, has been our great objective.

Our teen-age group of girls meet once a week at Friendship House. The girls are showing more interest in the Bible study. Their sewing consisted in the making of a layette. We are about to reorganize for this year, and Mrs. Childs will be with us for that evening. In February the girls were entertained at a delightful Valentine Supper by Miss Long and Mrs. Crossley, and on the March social evening we

were entertained at the Metropolitan Church by the C.G.I.T., after which the Rev. Bruce Hunter gave an address to the large group.

The junior mid-week programme of The United Church is used here. During February the theme used was God's Care; March, God's Love. Missionary stories with lantern slides are used once a month. Scenes in the study of India and pictures of the babies of India proved very interesting to our boys and girls. The sewing and handwork are excellent.

Our juniors entertained the Wellington St. Mission Band, and both groups took part in the programme. The Easter programme was a very happy one, and at the close a shower of eggs was given out; each child received one. The older girls carried eggs to our sick wee folk. One mother remarked, "Teacher love us, not only head but heart."

The wee kindergartners are very happy these bright afternoons learning to make bright posters, various other kinds of handwork, and new games. The February poster was of hearts, a Valentine for mother. The March or Easter poster was the butterfly with "He is Risen" written underneath. The mothers are becoming very interested, and I do not have to go around and gather up the little flock as formerly.

Our Sunday school is progressing very well. We have an average attendance of thirty-five now. The star method is used, and it has proved of interest to the children. Several families that have been attending meetings at the Communist Hall have returned. We report a new family arrived here some two weeks ago from Poland. They are Greek Catholics.

East and West

Community Missions West

Miss Nellie Forman, who has been for twelve years the capable and devoted director of Settlement House, Regina, Sask., and who has just resigned this office to give herself to the care of an invalid sister in the East, was the guest of honor of the six W.M.S. auxiliaries in Regina on April 26 at an At Home held in Metropolitan Church.

Mrs. E. S. Bishop, Mrs. E. R. Doxee and Miss Forman received the many guests. Mrs.

W. W. Andrews, who presided over the gathering, voiced the regret of all at the departure of Miss Forman, who had carried her work among New Canadians of the city to such a point of success that the Settlement House erected lately is a model for welfare work in any city.

Mrs. Jolin Balfour and Miss Annie Stevens presented Miss Forman with a sterling silver toilet set and a purse of gold. During the evening pleasing musical numbers varied the programme. Exquisite decorations in blue and

gold, with iris and daffodil and lighted tapers, made a most attractive supper table. A register was signed by many friends all full of regret at losing Miss Forman from mission work in Regina.—*E. G. Cameron, Press Secretary, Saskatchewan Conference Branch.*

North Honan

Some idea of the covert anti-foreign propaganda being carried on may be gathered from some of the questions that are asked us, and from some of the rumors which reach our ears. Just recently one of the oldest Biblewomen in our mission, in the course of a conversation with one of the ladies, asked, "Why are missionaries always making maps of the country?"

"Why do you think they make them?" asked the missionary.

"Well, they say you make them because you want to come and take our country away from us."

"Yes," said the missionary after a pause, "we do want to take your country, but not for ourselves, nor for our earthly king, but for the King of kings." The Biblewoman seemed to understand and was satisfied.—*Honan Messenger.*

Temperance

Padmani Bappu, an Indian Christian woman attending the triennial convention of the W.C.T.U. of India for the first time, writes as follows: "I have never before realized the necessity for every Christian woman working, whenever she can, to remove from India the evil of alcohol and drugs. I was struck by the Christian fellowship which existed among those gathered there. There were foreigners from all parts of the world and there were Indian Christians from all parts of India. But they seemed to feel as if they were members of one large family. I, at least, did not notice any race or color prejudice. They were all bent on ways and means of accomplishing the object nearest their hearts—*making India dry.* I am seriously of the opinion that, if Indians and non-Indians could meet oftener like this for accomplishing noble objects, all the color prejudice and arrogance that we hear of nowadays would disappear."—*Selected.*

West China

The motor car is invading the interior of China for 2,000 miles. West China looks different from the dashboard of a motor car than from the afterdeck of a sedan chair. China is going from the bamboo to the gasoline age at a jump. It is now four and a half hours by bus from Chengtu to Kiating, instead of three days by chair.—*Rev. R. O. Jolliffe.*

India

His Highness the Maharajah of Dewas has given a church to the Central India mission. Other rulers have donated sites, but this is the first time an Indian prince has provided the Christians in his state with a building for worship. He also attended the dedicatory service.

Another Indian gentleman has provided the money for two wards in the hospital at Hat Piplia, Central India, and we rejoice with the missionaries there in this development of their work.

Stewardship

Study this outline and see how even in the darker days of the old dispensation, some great soul climbed to New Testament heights and caught real visions of real stewardship:

1. "A tenth" paid by pagans—Gen. 4, 3.
2. "The tenth" paid by patriarchs—Gen. 28: 22.
3. "Tithes" paid by Israel—(a) Lev. 27: 30. (b) Deut. 14: 22. (c) Deut. 14: 28, 29.
4. "The half" paid by Zacchaeus—Luke 19: 8.
5. "As prospered"—Paul's rule for free will offerings—1 Cor. 16: 2.
6. "To their power and beyond"—Macedonian converts—2 Cor. 8: 5.
7. "All"—the poor widow—Mark 12: 41.

—*David McConaughy.*

Japan

At the close of the college year a number of students and other Japanese residents in Toronto gathered in Wymilwood on a Sunday afternoon with Canadian guests in order to express gratitude for the Canadian hospitality given them during their stay in this country.

Rev. Y. Yoshioka, who had lately received his B.D. from Emmanuel College, presided, and others present were Miss Motoda, Bishop's Motoda's daughter; Miss Shiraishi, daughter of the minister of the Japan Methodist Church;

and Mr. Kokita, who is returning to social service work in his native country.

Miss E. A. Preston, our secretary for Japan, and Dr. McLaughlin, Victoria College, were the speakers on the occasion.

Auxiliary Interest

USE ME then, my Saviour, for whatever purpose, and in whatever way Thou mayest require. Here is my poor heart, an empty vessel; fill it with Thy grace. Here is my sinful and troubled soul; quicken and refresh it with Thy love. Take my heart for Thine abode; my mouth to spread abroad the glory of Thy name; my love and all my powers, for the advancement of Thy believing people; and never suffer the steadfastness and confidence of my faith to abate, that so at all times I may be enabled from the heart to say, "Jesus needs me and I need Him." For His sake. Amen—*D. L. Moody.*

Is Your Auxiliary a Success?

MRS. W. H. CRAMM

WE HAVE reached our allocation. We hear this from many auxiliaries, we are happy to say, and there is a feeling abroad that to attain this goal is the mark of success. Because the financial results can be tabulated are we inclined to over-emphasize this phase of our work? What is the impression we are leaving on the many who listen in?

A request comes to speak at a thankoffering meeting followed by the statement, "Do not talk money; we have heard so much all the the year about our allocation." At a sectional meeting of a presbyterial after a fine address the first enquiry made by the leading officer was, "How many auxiliaries have your allocation in sight?" And this was the one topic of discussion. On the other hand a presbyterial which has experienced one of its best years financially reports no financial statement whatever in the press.

As leaders and members of an organization with great and growing responsibilities for the Kingdom of God, we do well to pause and consider lest in our zeal we over-emphasize one phase at the expense of other high ideals, recalling the words of the great Leader: "This ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." And as we consider we turn to the Constitution of The Woman's Missionary Society and observe that "The object of this Society is to inspire a spirit of prayer and service and to develop the missionary spirit in the women and children of the congregation." In other words to develop good missionary citizens. In this endeavor to-day there are facts

we must constantly bear in mind. We need to realize the rapidly changing world situation and further that "The Western World is itself a mission field. The home base of missions is not a geographical entity at all, but is simply Christ wherever He lives in human life." Moreover, we must take into consideration the fact of the movement for a larger freedom in which womanhood can develop her personality and serve her age. The approach to our magnificent task must be with enlarged vision, adjusting methods to new situations. It follows that leadership of the finest type is required. An intensive educational programme in the light of the twentieth century world situation is necessary as knowledge begets insight, then sympathy, then devotion, leading on to efficient habits of service, even the full rounded service of the whole life.

Special training of leaders for our auxiliaries and particularly the leaders of our young women and children should have a large place in our plans, and no lack of material is at hand for the purpose, all our programme making for the enrichment of life. Yes, you say, if we could but harness up the great potentialities of our young womanhood the Kingdom would not be far distant.

Listening in again, we hear it said, "So few attend our meetings; even some of the finest spirited women are not there." On examination we find here and there one who can spare little or nothing from the necessary demands upon her purse, much as she would like to contribute her share to the allocation, and therefore she feels she cannot attend the meetings. It hurts not to be able to give financially. She has but herself to give. Would that we had all

such personalities at our auxiliary meetings, contributing the rich gifts of heart and spirit and receiving further inspiration to broadcast throughout this world! Can it be done? Is not the reaching out to all the women and children of the congregation part of our allocation, our real allocation in the deeper and broader sense? In seeking first things first, all the necessary other things shall be added unto you.

Hidden Springs

As they bubble up in the West

ANNIE W. HILL

It has been our hope since this department started that more stories might come to us from Associate Helpers' Secretaries of invalids, shut-ins, or of members who were unable to be present at meetings, yet were the source from which, as from a hidden spring, a truly helpful influence keeps welling up to bless their world. It would not be necessary to give names or places. Some might shrink from what would seem undue publicity, but through some disguise the inspiring story of such lives might be shared with the whole Society, to our great benefit.

In Saskatchewan, our devoted Miss Catherine Braine, who has for three years, in spite of great frailty, headed up the Associate Helpers in this branch, writes: "My presbyterial secretaries assure me they all love the Department of the Hidden Springs, and do not want it to peter out for lack of material. "One of them sent Miss Braine the following record. "There passed away in Carlyle last summer one of our shut-in members. She had not been able to attend our auxiliary meetings for years. Deeply interested in God's work at home and abroad it was a joy to visit her. I never felt a presbyterial or branch meeting was really over until I had told Mrs. Riddell all I could remember. She was a great sufferer and for months was not able to lie down in bed, but sat night and day with several pillows behind her. Yet when one went to see her they were greeted with a gracious smile and enquiries after sick and needy ones. At times those waiting upon her almost fancied her walking, like Bunyan's pilgrim, on the Delectable Mountains, near the gate of the Celestial City. Then she would rally, be able to see her friends again, and smile her welcome as of old.

"Since her death I feel we owe such a debt to these saintly souls. Their prayers are in-

valuable. How much of the success of people in different places will one day be traced to those intercessions during the silent watches of the night! They are so near the heart of God that they can think His thoughts and bring blessing upon those who are ready to despair."

In another Saskatchewan town, a happy couple in their new home were rejoicing in a lovely boy of eighteen months, when after two days' illness he was suddenly gone from them. A month or so later, a Roman Catholic neighbor died leaving her husband with a girl of three years and an infant son. Housekeeping proved a failure and the little one was slowly dying, when the bereaved mother begged to be allowed to mother the wee stranger. She took him to her heart and home, poured out her mother love upon him and the grief of the stricken parents found healing for their sore hearts as they saw the neighbor's child grow strong and healthy. The foster mother continued to bring her bundle five miles to church and to the auxiliary meeting as she had used to bring her own treasure. The Roman Catholic father came to church, too, for had he not seen the gospel of love illustrated in life?

By and by the father was able to take his children home to his own people in Norway, but God had sent another boy of her very own to

Suggestive Programme

For Auxiliaries, Young Woman's Auxiliaries
and Mission Circles

AUGUST, 1929

Study—"Doings and Dreams," Chapter X,
"Drums in the Darkness."

Hymn—"O God of Bethel."

Lord's Prayer in unison.

Minutes and Business.

Watch Tower—Four heralds, two minutes each.

Hymn—"Thou Whose Almighty Word," (2 verses.)

***Devotional Leaflet**—"The Stewardship of Creed."

Hymn—"Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver."

†**Study**—"Doings and Dreams."

Prayer.

Hymn—"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go."

*Price 3 cents.

†Price 5 cents.

the little mother. He came at the time of the thankoffering of the auxiliary, and, although she could not be present herself, she sent her offering which had taken a new and precious meaning.

The whole community has been enriched by this example of Christ-like service, and the memory of it will not soon be forgotten.

Another secretary writes: "I had a great deal of sickness in my family; so could not go among the people of the congregation, as I should have liked. Sitting by the sick bed I wrote a short note to the members of the Associate Helpers, telling them I was unable to call upon them but would be glad to receive their offering. Many came to see me bringing their mite boxes. I asked their help in the department and they were glad to help and I am glad to say they are still helping.

"In my spare minutes I took scraps of new yarn which I had about the house and knit them together for a pair of mitts. A friend bought them for sixty cents. With this I bought factory cotton, bias seam tape and embroidery cotton and made two aprons. For these I got a dollar and seventy-five cents. A young lady wanted two house dresses; so she chose print which I made into two nice dresses. She gave five dollars for them. This I am dividing among the ten Associate Helpers Secretaries for work for 1929 and each will report later what she is able to bring to the Society."

Allocation

A LIFE MEMBER

Allocation has been much in the thoughts of the auxiliaries during the past two or three months. It reaches down from the Dominion Board through the conference

branches and the presbyterials to the local societies. It indicates the total amount needed to carry on the whole range of mission work under the care of the W.M.S. organization. And it suggests in a sort of general way an approximate average per member in order to reach the total.

It is interesting to note how it is received by the different societies.

1. Some of them welcome it. It gives them information. It is in a measure a guide to them. It links them in as responsive partners in the Dominion-wide organization. They much prefer some definite amount to aim at, rather than a vague indefinite something or nothing, as the case may be. And they will reach it if they can, or go beyond it if they can.

2. Some pay no heed to it. "The good old way" is good enough for them, and they will just go on as in the past. "The world do move," but not in their society.

3. Some appear to resent it. They spell it *dictation* instead of *allocation*. They seem to look only at the surface aspect of it, as a matter between them and the Presbyterian Finance Committee. But if we would be true to ourselves, we must go deeper down than that. It is a matter between the members of the Society and the Christ who loved them and gave Himself for them. The question for each one is: "Lord, what wilt Thou—*Thou*—have me do?" He expects us all to do our part. Self-denial for His sake is not loss, but gain. Reach the allocation if we can. Go beyond it if we can. Do the very best we can. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Ukrainian Workers in Conference

RUTH LANIGAN

THE FOURTH annual Convention of the United Church missionaries to the Ukrainians in Alberta met during Easter week at the Ruthenian Home, Edmonton. Fifteen missionaries, representing The Woman's Missionary Society and the Home Mission Board, and many interested friends attended the sessions of the Convention.

In view of the fact that the General Council has recommended that we "join in groups of intimate fellowship in a search for a deeper and richer experience of the presence of God through study, meditation and prayer," it was felt to be most fitting that the Convention this year should be a group of that nature.

In his opening address the President, Rev.

Don't Read This!

PRESBYTERIAL Supply Secretaries who have just shipped bales to our Indian work, and Auxiliary Supply Secretaries who may have shipped bales, please note that in order to secure the refund from the Government for shipping expenses, a receipt signed by the missionary or recipient of the bales is absolutely necessary.

If you have not forwarded a blank receipt form to the missionary, please attend to this at once. Ask to have it returned to you by the next mail. When you have received it, attach it to the shipping bill and forward these papers to your Branch Supply Secretary or direct to me. I would like to have all 1929 shipping bills and receipts in hand not later than October 30th.

June is now the month for shipping. The change to that month means that needy people will receive the "glad" goods when these are most needed. The fall has been too late. If you were not ready to ship in June, get your bales away as quickly as possible now.

The year 1928 shows a great improvement in the attention given to the return of the shipping bills and receipts, but let us get together on this task for 1929 and make it one hundred per cent. efficient. I do not require any bills or receipts save those for the Indian work.

Thank you in advance,

Yours for co-operation,

(MRS. A. N.) RUBY C. BURNS, *Supply Secretary*,
54 Playter Cres., Toronto, Ont.

C. W. W. Ross, went back to a time seventeen years ago when he had first attended a convention of Methodist missionaries working among the Ukrainians in Alberta. He said, "I have attended many similar conventions since then, and have watched many workers come and go. Great changes have taken place in our work in Alberta in the past seventeen years. Some are growing discouraged over the lack of progress made in this field of missionary enterprise. We must have the mind of Christ; only so can we hope to succeed."

The first evening and part of the second day were given over to hearing and discussing reports from the various fields, Wahstao, Bellis, Smoky Lake, Radway Centre, Vegreville, Edmonton and Calgary. It was the general feeling that this is a time of great opportunity for the missionary. The younger people among the Ukrainians are drifting away from the old Ukrainian Church of their fathers, having failed to find there anything that can hold them; this means opportunity for us, but unless we meet it, there is great danger that they will turn to Bolshevism, which is already spreading rapidly in many sections. To-day we are beginning to reap the results of the faithful work carried on in the past. The Sunday schools at the various points are well attended. At one centre nineteen young people were received into Church membership. It was felt that in some cases the work of the missionaries had been hampered

by the lack of understanding and sympathetic co-operation on the part of the Church as a whole. There is great need for the missionary who does pastoral visitation to be able to speak the language of the people. Throughout the colony the people in increasing numbers are buying and reading the Bible.

Four periods were spent in a study of Educational Evangelism, under the leadership of Dr. J. M. Miller of St. Stephen's College, Edmonton. On Wednesday the Convention was delightfully entertained at the supper hour at the home of Rev. W. H. Pike, superintendent of Ukrainian work in the city of Edmonton.

Members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. attended one of the evening sessions and helped to emphasize the thought already expressed, "In Christ there is no East nor West." Dr. Yung gave an address in Chinese on the history of China, which was greatly enjoyed.

A resolution was passed requesting the Alberta Conference to give one hour of Conference for addresses on the Ukrainian work. Recognition was given to *The Canadian Ranok* as a strategic force of missionary work among the Ukrainians of Canada and elsewhere. A fund was established to be used in furthering the publication of Christian literature in the Ukrainian language, and for bursaries to be offered to candidates for the ministry.

The Convention closed with communion service conducted by Dr. J. M. Miller.

Young People

Yilina Goes to School

MILLICENT HOWSE

WHEN a person starts writing a letter to a nice interesting group of girls she ought to have some kind of an idea what she is going to say, for I am sure that I could talk about a lot of things that would not interest you a bit. But it occurred to me you would like probably best of all to hear about African girls of your own age. Have I guessed right? You see, right here, on our own compound, we have a Girls' Boarding School, and this year there are fifty of these noisy, lively, young folk here. As yet I cannot speak much Umbundu, but I've found out quite a few things nevertheless.

In the first place, to be perfectly honest, how many of you have thought that all black people looked alike, men, women, and children? I believe I used to one time, but it did not take long to get over that idea when I got out here. Just because they have hair that doesn't grow long, broad flat noses and thick lips, doesn't make them look all alike any more than our hair that keeps the barber busy, our thin lips and sticky-out noses make us look all alike. So among our fifty girls there are just as many different types as you would find in fifty girls at home, quiet ones and noisy ones, fatties and skinnies, good students and poor ones, real little monkeys and well behaved ladies, giggly girls and serious girls, and all the other kinds you can think of.

Let me go back and describe the villages from which they come. And to make it more interesting we shall take an African girl, Yilina by name, and try to find out how *she* lives in *her* village. Yilina is twelve years of age, has the funny kinky hair of this country and wears it braided over her head in ridges like plough furrows. We cannot do this with our hair because it is too fine. One of the girls tried it on mine once and was quite disgusted, and I had to submit to having my perfectly good hair called "feathers." This braiding of Yilina's does not come out every morning to be combed and rearranged; it may stay weeks, even months. Remember that we are speaking of the time before she comes to the mission.

So much for her hair. What of her dress? Well, her dress is not elaborate. She has a

piece of "ombini," a sort of very heavy factory cotton, and this she winds round under her arms and ties with a peculiar knot in front. Around her waist she has a girdle, and no dress is complete without something tight around the waist or hips. This dress serves her all the time. She has brass circlets on one arm and one ankle, and a string of beads around her neck. The girls do love something around the neck even if it is only a bit of twine, and the more elaborate the better. Yilina has no shoes or stockings and her feet have become quite accustomed to walking over the roughest places without feeling a twinge. Her hat is a handkerchief made of any square cloth she can obtain.

Now you can see the little girl in your mind's eye. Let us follow her through the day. She may begin the morning with a wash. If she does we will wait a long time before we see her pour some water into a basin, take a washcloth and some soap and dry herself with a towel. What does any one need a basin for when the brook is just a few minutes' walk away? Isn't there lots of water there? And a towel? Whoever heard of such a thing? Certainly not Yilina in her raw village state. Isn't the sun able to dry the water off one's body quickly enough to please anybody? So when she finishes washing in the brook we follow her to her home and ask her to show us around. We have to stoop to enter. We see a varied assortment of pots and pans, some grass mats, perhaps some corn or beans. The yard outside is not very tidy; there is a pig running loose, some hens and chickens and a dog who looks as though he hadn't had a square meal since he was born. However, it is time for Yilina to begin her day's work and we must not keep her. We say good-bye, or rather "Lalapo," and off she starts with her mother for a day's work in the field. Of course she cannot do as much cultivating as her mother, but she can hoe and carry quite a heavy basket on her head. She doesn't mind the sun at all as we do, and can work all day bareheaded without having a headache, while we have to wear a sun-helmet or felt hat all day till five. If we did not, we should suffer from bad headaches and pains in the back of the neck.

The village in which Yilina lives has a little school. There are no desks, but the children

sit around on the mud floor, hold their pieces of slate on their knees, and do the work from a blackboard hung on the wall. The words they are reading don't look like the Umbundu words we know. What can they be? They are Portuguese. Just think how hard it would be for you, if you had to study from Spanish books or French. However, we follow them as they read, and we are glad that Yilina is

The men of the village all eat together in the palaver house. Yilina's eating is a simple matter. There is no table to be set, for can't a mush basket sit as well on the floor or one's lap as on a table? There are no spoons, knives or forks. Fingers were made long before knives and forks, and aren't they good enough with which to carry food to one's mouth? Plates, you ask? But watch. Yilina's only plate is a



GIRLS OF MEANS SCHOOL ON THE MARCH

quite able to do the work given her, for we know that she will be chosen to come to the girls' compound next year.

After school is over we accompany Yilina back to her home. We find her mother pounding in a narrow deep mortar scooped out of a tree trunk. She will finish pounding the corn, and then they will light a fire outside the door of the hut and put on a pot of cornmeal mush to cook. This is the food they like best of all; and when they have some relish of vegetables or meat in which to dip it, their joy is complete. After the meal is ready the mother takes out the father's portion first, and Yilina carries it to him, for, of course, father would never be seen eating with his wife and family. small basket of woven grass; on this she puts

her mush, which is cooked hard. She breaks off a little piece, dips it in the relish and eats it. After this meal the family sits around the fire, and then they spread reed sleeping mats on the floor and are soon asleep.

It is August and the school term opens. We hear that Yilina has been chosen from her village to come to school. How will she travel? By train? No, she is too far away from trains, and besides she is very poor. No, her conveyance will be Shank's Pony, even though it should be a journey of two or three days' travelling. Someone accompanies her, of course. She must carry meal for her mush for these days and a pot in which to cook it.

She arrives at the station. We show her the iron bed in which she is to sleep—what I climb

up on that thing to sleep? But that is only the beginning of wonders. Wash basins, soap, towels, tables, chairs, spoons, bowls, then later measurements for dresses and slips—when all their lives they have had nothing but a winding cloth. What a busy life they lead! Fifty girls must be fed; so Yilina and her friends go to school in the mornings and work in the fields in the afternoons. Then there is water to be brought, wood to be gotten, meal to be pounded, floors to be swept, and the girls take turns every month in these tasks. In her school work she does very much what you will do at home. Then she goes to Sunday school and church.

What is Yilina working towards? She is

thinking of Dondi. What on earth is Dondi? I hear you ask. At that place there are two schools, one for boys and one for girls. Yilina's will be Means School, and she will either take up academic work or a domestic science course which will fit her for home and motherhood.

Since you have heard of an African girl's life, will you not pray for her? Pray for her in the village school life that she may have the vision of a higher and holier existence; in the station school that she may do well in her studies, and pray for her in Means that she may there develop into strong Christian womanhood, able to go back to her own neighborhood and minister to her own people.

Mostly About People

The Misses Charlotte Brooks and Mary Gormley sail August 29th for West China.

Miss Agnes Chang, the Chinese girl who received her early education in our Oriental Home, Victoria, B.C., and later, her nurse's training in Toronto under the Society, and who has done such excellent work among her own people since, is coming to Canada to attend the International Nurses' Association meeting in Montreal.

Mrs. Joseph Annand, wife of one of the pioneer missionaries of the former Presbyterian Church to the New Hebrides, died in Hantsport, Nova Scotia, April 19th. Dr. Annand ministered to the people of the islands for forty years, and was later Principal of the Training Institution in Tangoa. In all his work Mrs. Annand was a true helpmate, sharing in the sorrows and perplexities of the women and pouring out her life in loving service to all who needed her.

We know that our readers will note with pleasure the article in this issue by Miss Lucy Wang. It is the address which she gave at the annual meeting of the Federated Boards,

Detroit, in January. Miss Wang goes back to China to be president of Hwa Non College, Foochow.

Dr. Caroline Macdonald, Tokyo, Japan, accompanied the labor delegate of Japan to the Labor Conference at Geneva as his interpreter. Dr. Macdonald became acquainted with Mr. Matsuoka ten years ago when some leaders of the Japan Federation of Labor were imprisoned, and she exerted her influence on his behalf.

An Indian gentleman, Seth Gambhir Shobharam Tungia, has donated two wards to the hospital of Hat Piplia and the missionaries are rejoicing at the development of the work in consequence.

Congratulations are being given to Miss Margaret Wrong, M.A., Toronto, late of the World's Student Federation, who is to assist the International Christian Council with literature for Africa. Dr. J. H. Oldham, D.D., who has been heard so acceptably in Toronto in the past and who is now a secretary of the Council, is to be adviser regarding all African problems for the next three years.

The Junior Missionary Paper

Requests for sample copies of the paper which is continuing The Palm Branch have been received, and copies of the magazine will be sent as soon as it is off the press. We hope to receive many more such requests, as we are anxious that all members of the Society place The Junior Paper in every home. Address, The Periodicals Department, 415 Wesley Buildings, Toronto 2.

Mission Bands

Litany

For the gift of life in this wonderful world; for days of health and for nights of quiet sleep,

We thank Thee, our Father.

For the beautiful face of the year; for the glory of the seasons and the sure and bountiful harvests,

We thank Thee, our Father.

For our homes and our friends, for the humble, the faithful, and loving people of the world,

We thank Thee, our Father.

For Thy gifts to every child of earth, for the privilege of sharing what we receive and helping others to obtain their share of Thy bounty,

We thank Thee, our Father.

For the gladness of life and for the heart's assurance of life eternal in Thee, we bless Thee and thank Thee, O God of our joy. Amen.

—William C. Gannett.

Under the Open Sky

SUMMER TIME has come. Many city mission bands are closed because a number of fortunate little members are away in the country busier than they ever are at school with the absorbing business of play. But many mission bands continue through the whole summer and indeed are oftenest livelier than at any other time of the year. How can they best carry on? How can we most successfully make the mission band hour count in the lives of the children?

There is no doubt that there should be a greater absence of formality in the meetings in summer. If some of them can be held out-of-doors so much the better. A broad sheltered verandah, a shaded lawn, or a bit of shore with the ever-moving water in front, can stimulate the imagination, if, with these, the lesson can be made sufficiently interesting, or better still, if the story can be linked up with the sky, the trees and the water. What country is just beyond these horizons we see? What kind of trees shade the African children as they play at their games? What flowers grow in their gardens? Examine the programme for the month. Can the children not sing the opening hymn, "For the beauty of the earth," more sincerely under the open sky than in a closed room?

The review of the study book should be planned carefully for these two months. Dramatization is ideal in open spaces and can be done with little or no preparation. Remem-

ber it is not a question how it *looks*, but how the children are entering, as they act, into the lives of other boys and girls. The story in this issue of Yilina will give some idea of the life of the African girl. Other helps for drama are given in the study book itself and lend themselves to a fine closing of the study for the year. Or the children may like to tell the wonderful story of "God and the Lions" in the December MISSIONARY MONTHLY. Whatever is done let them play it out themselves, expressing their own individuality.

You have no doubt been making good use of negro spiritual songs. If not, you have been missing one of the beautiful roads to understanding the African soul. Try and have a song sung in your open air meeting. If it is indoors and you have a piano, perhaps the children can learn to sing "Soldiers of the Cross," or they may learn "Poor Lil' Brack Sheep" with a new appreciation of the Good Shepherd. Many of these negro spirituals, such as "Steal Away to Jesus," "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," and "Swing Low," can be found in hymn books already to hand; they can be got in sheets from the Board of National Missions, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, U.S.A.

If there are rainy days the children may perhaps finish up the handwork they have been doing during the year. What have these busy hands accomplished, painting, pasting, sewing, building? Everything should be ready for exhibition in the fall before the beginning of another study.

Out-of-doors is the place for some of the

African games described in the study book. Let the children see that little black boys and girls are playing these very games to-day, and perhaps learning from white boys and girls the games so dear to the heart of western childhood. A folk tale might be told by one of the children. These also have a place in the study book, but two of them have appeared in *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, one in February, page 83, and another in March, page 115. If the story-tellers had the book a few days beforehand the story might gain in effectiveness, and then a different one might be told by a boy and a girl while the other children decided at the end which was the better.

The programme suggests African refreshments afterwards. If so, use the drum to call the children, and take a few minutes to explain to them the wonderful significance of the drum in the African's life. It is telephone, radio, telegraph all in one. An eminent negro musician says: "Many things are now being learned about Africa. The negro brought with him from Africa his native musical instinct and talent, and that was no small endowment to begin with. . . . In rhythms African music is beyond comparison with any music in the world." The drum is the real rhythmic instrument of the African, and as such has a great fascination over him. Illustrations of the telegraph use of the drum is vividly set forth in the story that has been studied during the year, "In the African Bush." Then it is the drum that calls to worship in many a little village just as the dawn is breaking. The people say that it calls thus: "All people, all people, come to the house of God, come, come!" It may be heard fifteen miles away. Jean Kenyon Mackenzie writes: "Every adult in our forest has a name to be beaten out on the call drum; by this he is summoned from the forest to the village or from town to town. . . . From the shades of the eaves I see our own call drum, a hollowed log four feet long, the original round of the log trimmed to an oval, the open ends plugged with a softer wood. Every village has a tongue. Now and again from the deep of the forest rises the staccato beat of the call drum calling the women home from the gardens. 'For the guests are many,' or warning an absent hunter, 'Your wife has run away' . . ."

Close the open air meeting with a prayer. Let the children repeat together:

O Father, you have given me
So much of love and joy to-day,
That I am thinking joy and love
To other children far away.
Wherever they lie down to sleep,
Happy and tired with work and play,
Yellow and brown and black and white,
Our Father, bless us all to-night!

Suggestive Programme

For Mission Bands

AUGUST, 1929

(An Outdoor Meeting)

Opening Hymn—"For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies."

Scripture Lesson—Matthew 15: 29-39.

Prayer—Leader.

Lord's Prayer—All.

Minutes and Business—(a) A reminder from the mite-box secretary in regard to summer

(b) An explanation of the plan for the new Junior Paper.

Hymn—"God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall."

Watch Tower—Latest news from four mission fields. (Material at present will have to be supplied from the Annual Report and *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*.)

Hymn—"I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old." (Verse 1.)

Story Period—A review of the stories contained in our study book, "In the African Bush."

Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

Prayer—Pages 102-103, "In the African Bush."

Refreshments containing material commonly used in Africa might be used as part of the simple meal provided, corn bread, peanut butter sandwiches, ripe bananas, cocoanut cookies, salted peanuts, etc.

Band members may tell the stories; or a simple dramatization of some scene, such as the preparation of an African meal, or a meeting in a palaver house, may be given.

A leaflet from the "Pioneer Series," entitled "Moffat and Livingstone," price 2c., Literature Depots, may help in arranging this or an additional programme.

J. L. C.

Finance Department

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Quarter, January 1st to March 31st, 1929

GENERAL FUND			
<i>Income</i>			
Donations:		Indian Work \$20,370.44, Less	
Africa.....	\$360.00	Government Grants, \$12,-	
Central India.....	320.00	726.87.....	\$7,643.57
China (South).....	200.00	Medical Missions in Canada....	11,604.35
Canada.....	132.05	Oriental.....	5,112.75
General Purposes.....	757.00	Strangers' Work.....	3,595.00
	\$1,769.05	Home Mission Board.....	868.75
Interest:		Medical Expenses.....	282.00
General Fund		Pensions.....	1,162.50
Securities.....	\$4,622.67	Retirement Fund—Capital Ac-	
Africa Building		count.....	12,500.00
and Special		Home Organization Depart-	
Fund Securities	50.00	ment.....	687.50
Bursaries Securi-		Training of Missionaries and	
ties.....	145.50	Candidates.....	700.00
Permanent Build-		Periodicals Department.....	2,060.22
ing Fund Securi-		Administration.....	3,631.29
ties.....	495.00	General Fund Securities—Pur-	
Bequest Securities		chase of Security, Grafton	
—Property Ac-		Bequest.....	1,000.00
count.....	1,212.50	Insurance Premium—re Corlett	
	6,525.67	and Brewer Mortgages.....	70.63
Community Missions East—			\$135,460.14
From sale of furniture.....	101.12	BEQUEST FUND	
General Fund Securities—		<i>Income</i>	
From sale of Security, Graf-		Estate of the late Mrs. M. A.	
ton Bequest.....	1,000.00	Morden.....	\$9.74
Rest Home, 514 Jarvis St.,		Estate of the late Mrs. Starr....	37.50
Toronto—rent.....	442.25	Estate of the late Miss Webster	100.00
	\$9,838.09	Estate of the late Miss S. E. Duff	500.00
		Estate of the late Mrs. Wilson..	50.00
<i>Expenditures</i>		Estate of the late Miss Ida May	
Africa.....	\$799.70	Bachelor.....	448.00
Central India.....	11,165.00	Estate of the late Mrs. Char-	
Central India—Madras Wo-		lotte Sophia Howard.....	245.00
man's Christian College.....	250.00	Estate of the late Mrs. Sophia	
China (Honan).....	5,752.15	Anderson.....	200.00
China (South).....	103.01	Estate of the late Miss Janet	
China (West).....	1,489.41	Laidlaw.....	100.00
China (West)—Woman's Chris-		Estate of the late Mrs. Caroline	
tian College.....	500.00	L. Jennings.....	300.00
China (West)—National Chris-		Estate of the late Mrs Richard	
tian Council.....	125.00	Rankin.....	240.00
Formosa.....	500.00	Estate of the late Mrs. Eda J. C.	
Japan.....	12,231.75	Short.....	500.00
Japan Scholarship.....	206.50	Property Account—Interest on	
Japan—Woman's Christian		Bequest Securities.....	626.61
College.....	1,350.00		\$3,356.85
Japan—Work among Prisoners	1,250.00	RETIREMENT FUND—CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
Korea.....	15,830.22	<i>Income</i>	
Trinidad.....	4,352.61	Assessments.....	\$60.00
Oshawa, Ont.—Llewellyn Hall..	250.00	Grant from the General Fund..	12,500.00
Grant to Foreign Mission Board	4,175.00		\$12,560.00
Boarding Schools and School		RETIREMENT FUND—ANNUITY ACCOUNT	
Homes.....	10,159.03	<i>Income</i>	
Community Missions East		Interest on Securities.....	\$935.00
\$8,779.53, Less Government			
Grant \$59.80.....	8,719.73	<i>Expenditures</i>	
Community Missions West.....	5,332.47	Annuities.....	\$45.00

ETHEL BENNETT, *Assistant Treasurer.*

News from the Conference Branches

Alberta

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HIGH RIVER PRESBYTERIAL.—This presbyterial held its annual meeting in Cayley, February 27th. Thirty-five delegates were present and many visitors representing nearly all the congregations from Okotoks in the north to Granum in the south and to Vulcan on the Lethbridge line. This presbyterial has enjoyed the most successful year of its existence. Reports show an increase in membership and givings and an enthusiastic interest in the work. Late in the year a new auxiliary was organized in Blackie, including the three congregations of Dinton, Gladys and Blackie. Lower and Upper Tongue Creek auxiliaries have united. Associate societies at Brant, Ensign, Champion and Stavely have helped by contributing to the funds. Mission bands have also done good work. Total givings for the year amounted to \$3,431.14. Mrs. Rowe, Okotoks, gave an interesting report of the Dominion Board meeting, and Miss Mitchell, traveling secretary, gave two splendid addresses in the afternoon and evening. Mrs. Locke was again elected President; Mrs. Dean Stair, Nanton, Corresponding Secretary; and Miss N. Blain, Claresholm, Treasurer.

CAMROSE PRESBYTERIAL.—This presbyterial was held in Camrose, February 1st. The President, Mrs. M. S. Kerr, presided. The meeting was opened by the devotional exercises followed by an address of welcome by Mr. Kerr. Very encouraging reports were then read from the auxiliaries, the one from Killam being particularly interesting. A letter was read from Mrs. West, Toronto, Stranger's Secretary for the Dominion, stressing the work of this department and asking for more consideration and interest to be shown in the work. This called out considerable discussion on this work, which was made very interesting by Miss Mitchell, traveling secretary, who gave reports of several cases that she had met in different parts of the country. As regards Associate Societies, these busy groups of

women, formed for local support at country points, were highly commended for their loyal help. Miss Mitchell then spoke of the importance of mission band work. In the evening Miss Mitchell gave a most inspirational talk on the work from coast to coast, telling many incidents that had come under her personal notice. Her address deeply touched those who heard her. The following are the officers for 1929: President, Mrs. Kerr, Camrose; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. Scott, Camrose; and Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Scott, Sedgewick.

Bay of Quinte

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

*Treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Campbell, 78 Clergy
St. W., Kingston, Ont.*

The fourth annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Conference Branch was held in Sydenham Street United Church, April 30th to May 3rd. Upwards of 200 delegates were in attendance from the seven presbyterials comprising this branch. At the supper served in the church hall, Tuesday evening, Mrs. H. A. Lavell, Past President of the Dominion Board, gave some interesting impressions received at the Detroit Conference last winter.

The evening session opened with the President, Mrs. J. T. Daley, Port Hope, in the chair. The President of Sydenham Street Auxiliary, Mrs. W. H. Brokenshire, welcomed the visitors in the name of the United churches of the city, while a civic welcome was extended by Mayor Craig. The address of the President, Mrs. Daley, was full of inspiration and hope. She reviewed briefly the work being carried on by the Society in the foreign fields as well as in the homeland.

Wednesday morning and afternoon were occupied with receiving the reports of the secretaries of departments, all of which were most encouraging. Letters received by the supply secretary from those who had received aid testified to the gratitude of people in needy districts to whom comfort and cheer were sent. Emergency bales had been sent to many places in Western Canada, as well as to a large number of districts within the confines of our own conference branch. These bales were valued at \$5,231.69. There were 297 quilts alone.

The Literature Secretary, Mrs. Turner, told how this department was arousing interest in missionary enterprise among all the members, stimulating in them a desire to learn more of the work and of the needs of the mission fields, and helping them to a more sympathetic understanding of all races in our own country or in foreign lands. THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY is a fund of information and should be eagerly read by all. This point was again stressed when the report of the Missionary Monthly Secretary, Miss N. A. Beatty, followed. Though this year had shown a slight increase in subscription, yet things were far from ideal. This publication should be in every home. There is no other magazine so full of rich material for the woman interested in missionary work. It is full of information for those who are seeking it, and no one who reads the inspirational articles it contains can fail to derive grace and blessing from them.

Mrs. R. G. Lawlor, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, compared the work of this department to the making of a highway through virgin territory. Similar difficulties had to be met and overcome. But all had been encouraged by the faith and optimism of the leaders and by the prayers and sacrifices of many. At the close of 1928 all felt there had been much progress. Systematic giving was becoming more general with better results. Where systematic giving by envelope was practised the societies reached their allocation.

Mrs. M. C. MacKinnon, C.G.I.T. Secretary, said that there had been an increase in the number of groups, increase in membership and increase in giving. The activities of the girls this year had included folk games, missionary dramatization, assisting at W.M.S. banquets in costume, and the making of babies' layettes. The two main difficulties met with by the secretaries were the changing of the personnel and the leadership of the groups, and the fact that in some cases the leaders themselves did not recognize the value of affiliation. Co-ordination instead of increasing organization and a definite commitment of activities in World Friendship are two of the values of affiliating.

Two things emphasized by Mrs. F. Riches, Secretary of Young Women's Work, were the lack of leaders as well as candidates for our work, and secondly the great opportunity afforded for training in the summer schools of missions at Whitby. Unfortunately very few societies are availing themselves of this oppor-

tunity, notwithstanding the crying need of trained leadership. Mrs. Riches also spoke strongly of the great benefit to be derived from the study of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY in the meetings, taking the letters from the mission fields, the editorials, and closing with an address from the best article in the magazine for that month. They were sorry to report for 1928 only 168 subscriptions out of a membership of 2,336.

The value of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY was also strongly emphasized by the Press Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Revelle. The work of the Publicity Department had increased four-fold since Union, and more and more was being realized the importance of keeping the work of the Society before the public. To do the work justice we need a weekly magazine devoted to W.M.S. activities, but how can we hope to gain that ideal if the women will not by their subscriptions support the efforts being made to enlarge the means of publication?

The work of the Associate Helpers' Department was described by the Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Cooke, as a work of love, having many avenues of service and development. The number of associate helpers in this conference branch is 1,470, with total givings of \$1,624.18. The number of associate helpers joining the auxiliaries last year was 109. Mrs. P. L. Jull, Strangers' Secretary, very beautifully applied the ancient command of God to the Hebrews to the present condition in Canada. Mrs. W. J. Garland, Secretary of Mission Bands and Baby Bands, reported 155 mission bands and thirty-one baby bands. There has been an increase of \$1,500 over last year. Mrs. J. L. Callan after this report spoke briefly on the importance of training our children in the missionary spirit from their earliest days. The report of the Treasurer, Miss L. B. Brown, showed that approximately \$95,450 had been given. Peterborough Presbyterial had exceeded its allocation, and Oshawa had reached theirs. There had been three bequests, amounting to \$2,112.28.

Miss E. Dunoon, Acting Corresponding Secretary, gave a most interesting and comprehensive review of the year's work. There are 308 auxiliaries, with a membership of 11,649. It is gratifying to learn that systematic giving by envelope is steadily gaining ground. Oshawa Presbyterial reports that seventy per cent. of the members use envelopes. Lindsay Presbyterial is about the same. From

another presbyterial we hear that givings by envelopes mean increased funds, and from another, "If every woman in every auxiliary used a weekly envelope and contributed a stated sum we would reach our allocation."

Interesting items are: "Bayview, of Belleville Presbyterial, reports every woman of the congregation is a member of the Auxiliary." "Dunsfield, in Lindsay Presbyterial, with a membership of twenty-seven, has an average attendance of twenty-seven." "St. Andrew's, Napanee, Belleville Presbyterial, reports every member a subscriber to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY." "A thoughtful act on the part of some auxiliaries, which has a reflex action on the society, is the writing of letters to missionaries and receiving answers." "Many auxiliaries have adopted a missionary in prayer." "One auxiliary reports that on W.M.S. Sunday all organizations attended morning service in a body, the Juniors leading, then the Intermediates, and the Auxiliary coming as a rear guard." "One auxiliary prepared a list of missionaries who had been born in that place or had been educated there. This was an Honor Roll, the object being twofold; first, to honor those who had given their lives to the service; and secondly, an object lesson to the youth of the church." This report also emphasized attendance at Whitby Summer School.

Mrs. W. H. Ashton, Secretary of Temperance Education, spoke with much force on the need of consecrated and united effort to combat the evils of the liquor traffic. A resolution was passed memorializing the Dominion Board to devise a plan for an every-voter canvass, asking each to pledge herself to vote against any candidate who will support the giving of liquor under any form and also to petition the Government demanding Prohibition.

Mrs. W. S. Gordon and Miss Duff, Field Secretary for the W.C.T.U., also addressed the women on the subject, urging co-operation with the W.C.T.U. in their fight against liquor in Ontario. On Wednesday evening the speaker was Mrs. A. W. Banfield, who has spent twenty-three years on the Western Coast of Africa. Her vivid description of the people of the "Dark Continent" thrilled the large audience.

Thursday evening was Young People's Night, and Miss Winnifred Thomas, Candidate Secretary, made an urgent plea for volunteers for the mission fields. At the close of

the address by Miss Thomas a beautiful and impressive missionary pageant, "The Spirit of Easter," was put on by fifteen young girls from the United churches of Kingston. Mrs. J. T. Daley spoke on the circulating library, which she has been instrumental in establishing in this conference branch. It is part of a memorial library established by the Board of the Congregational Church for Miss Clark, first lady missionary, who laid her life down in the work in Africa. There are 170 books in circulation among twenty-eight auxiliaries. Donations of books will be gratefully received. A solemn memorial service for 150 deceased members was conducted by Mrs. R. Barbour, Gores Landing.

Greetings from the conference were presented by Rev. G. A. Brown, Kingston, and a message was received from Mrs. John MacGillivray, President of the Dominion Board, and from Mrs. F. R. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary, who was unable to be present. At the supper hour on Thursday evening greetings were presented from the sister churches of the city, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, the Anglican churches, and the Baptist church. A very pleasant feature of the meeting was the presentation of a large basket of American Beauty roses to the retiring President, Mrs. J. T. Daley, Port Hope, as a token of appreciation of her loyal service during the three years she has held office. The newly elected officers were installed by Mrs. H. A. Lavell, Past President of the Dominion Board. The Quiet Half-Hour was conducted by Mrs. R. O. Jolliffe, Kingston.

Among the memorials and resolutions were the following: (1) That a line be inserted in the Annual Report after each presbyterial report giving number of churches without a W.M.S. organization; (2) That the fee of ten cents for baby bands be discontinued; (3) An earlier date for meeting of Finance Committee; (4) That a leaflet on Stewardship be enclosed with each package of envelopes; and (5) From the C.G.I.T. Secretary asking that the Dominion Board authorize an enrolment card as a reminder to each group of the purpose of its affiliation.

Officers elected: President, Mrs. W. L. Smyth, Pembroke; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Sills, Foxboro; and Treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Campbell, 78 Clergy St. W., Kingston, Ont.

British Columbia

Press Secretary, Miss Jean Forin, 2651 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.

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

The third annual meeting of the British Columbia Conference Branch met in St. John's Church from April 30th to May 3rd. The opening address in the evening was given by Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson, President of the Conference, who spoke on the splendid work of the pioneer missionaries in the West; Bibles were asked for in over a hundred dialects. Rev. A. D. Archibald brought greetings from the home mission committee. Mrs. J. S. Gordon, President, spoke of the missionaries who will shortly be returning to China, Korea, Japan, Central India, West Africa and Trinidad and on different phases of work at home and abroad. A most successful year was shown by the report of Mrs. C. A. Wickens, Corresponding Secretary. The membership of the conference branch is 8,452. This does not include C.G.I.T. groups. The young women's auxiliaries and circles have provided hospitals, homes and needy cases with supplies. The C.G.I.T. has had a most successful year with a great increase of interest. In Vancouver a rally of leaders was held in November, which was stimulating; this is recommended to the other presbyterials.

Christian Stewardship, Strangers' Department and Supply Department all show an improvement. Miss A. Sutherland, the full-time worker in Vancouver, is now on furlough and travelling in the Holy Land, and at present Miss M. Asson is taking her work. Supplies have been sent to mission hospitals, Indian schools, mission fields and needy families. Total value of new supplies shipped during the year was \$2,674. The work of the associate helpers has increased in both members and givings. The Literature Depot is being well patronized and the Temperance Department is active. The Library Department has sent a great number of papers, magazines and books to some in camps, to our mission hospital at Burns Lake, Indian mission school at Ahousat, and people living in isolated communities. There were 400 books distributed through Rev. George Pringle and Rev. E. C. Curry. The pleasure and profit derived from this work cannot be tabulated.

The mission band work has shown progress and activity. The banner for general proficiency was awarded to the Armstrong Band, and the banner for the largest average giving per member was given to the Na-Na-Kwa Band at Kitamaat.

Miss E. Mitchell, Dominion Travelling Secretary, addressed the Conference Branch; her addresses were stimulating and instructive. Mrs. Rex. Eaton spoke on Temperance, and in her address emphasized the value of teaching it to the young people in their formative years.

On the closing day of the conference branch meeting Mrs. J. S. Gordon read the report of the advisory committee, and pointed out the wide field covered in the work of the missionaries of The United Church. Young women's groups, circles, and mission bands have grown in number at Mitchel, Natal and Prince Rupert. A new hospital will be built at Burns Lake as a result of Government and Indian Department grants, and school buildings will be improved at Alberni and Ahousat. It was reported that Miss Myles had returned to Fort Simpson after a year's furlough. Oriental work in Vancouver is steadily growing, as shown by the statistics at the Japanese and Chinese missions, while at Fairview there is a kindergarten in mornings and afternoons, and English school in the evenings. Miss DeWolfe, Miss Howie and Miss Bird are carrying on the work at Mission, Hammond, Haney, Steveston and Nanaimo. The conference branch decided to become a corporate member of the League of Nations. In appreciation of Mrs. J. S. Gordon's valuable work as president she was the recipient of a gift of lovely flowers from her fellow members. Mrs. C. A. Wickens was elected President; Mrs. John McPherson, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. J. F. Higginbotham, Treasurer.

Hamilton

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

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

NORTH WELLINGTON PRESBYTERIAL.—The fourth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in the United Church, Arthur, May 7th, with the President, Mrs. Lemon, Clifford, presiding at both sessions. There was a large

attendance of delegates and friends, and the clearness, the conciseness of the reports, and the promptness of the speakers prevented any delay and held the interest of all. After the devotional exercises, the delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Blair, Arthur. Her words of greeting were fittingly replied to by Mrs. Gomm, of Rothesay. The reports of the officers showed an increase in offerings, and steady growth in organization, this being particularly noticeable among the young women's auxiliaries and circles. A hearty welcome was extended to the Auxiliaries of Cedarville and Holstein coming in from Grey Presbyterial. The president reminded us that our work of spreading the Gospel must go hand in hand with the fight against the liquor traffic, and urged that we pray more earnestly that this great evil be banished from our land. The luncheon hour was a happy occasion and an opportune time for greetings from presbytery, brought by Mr. Copeland, Arthur.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Longley, a missionary on furlough from West China, who gave a vivid description of work being carried on in West China. Other interesting features of the afternoon were gleanings from the Hamilton Conference Branch and conferences on young women's work, mission bands and C.G.I.T., when many helpful suggestions were given. The Arthur Mission Band contributed a very delightful chorus. Miss Kilgour conducted the election of officers, and Mrs. Longley had charge of the installation and consecration service in which she impressed her hearers, that the success of the coming year does not depend alone on the officers who have been set apart for special service, but on the whole membership working together, each one doing her part faithfully.

Mrs. Lemon gave the closing message. Mrs. Irwin, Arthur, moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the retiring President, Mrs. Lemon, in which expression was given to her splendid leadership. A hymn of praise and prayer, closed the meeting which had proved such a blessing and benefit to all those attending.

The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Tucker, Arthur; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Scott, Clifford; and Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Brisbin, Harriston.

We note with sorrow the sudden death in Los Angeles, California, of Mrs. E. E. Kitchen, St. George, widow of Dr. Kitchen. Mrs. Kitchen was active in church and women's

institute work, and was president of the Paris Presbyterial from 1913 to 1925. She was associated first with the Presbyterian Church and later with United Church activities. Death occurred while on a visit to her invalid sister, Mrs. William Donald.

London

*Press Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Leckie, R.R. 8,
St. Mary's, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. J. I. Dixon, 1609 Bruce Ave.,
Windsor, Ont.*

The London Conference Branch held its annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, May 14th and 15th, with a large attendance. The President, Miss A. M. Rennie, was in the chair. After the devotional period the Nominating Committee reported upon their morning deliberations, covering committees on resolutions, memorials, and courtesy. The afternoon session was largely given over to receiving reports from the secretaries of departments. All were encouraging and spoke convincingly of the great work undertaken by The United Church. A brief glimpse into the enormous responsibility which rests upon them was offered, as each secretary showed the results of the year's work. An impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Livingstone, when a rose for each presbyterial was placed in a flower basket as the names from each were read. Tribute was also paid to the missionaries who had passed on while at work in the foreign fields. The beautiful hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," closed the service, following which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed by the pastor of the church, Rev. W. J. Preston.

During the tea hour greetings were extended to the delegates by Mrs. C. B. Oliver, and response was given by Mrs. W. R. McIntosh, London. Greetings from sister societies were tendered by Mrs. D. H. Marshall, and

The spring came like a rising tide,
Engulfing all the countryside:
Its spray was dashed in cherry trees,
Its wake was blue anemones.
And in old gardens as it passed,
Gay crocuses, like shells were cast.

—Louise Driscoll.

responded to by Mrs. E. A. Horton. About fifty-five cars then left the church, carrying the delegates on a sight-seeing trip through the city. Mrs. J. H. Childs presided over the evening session. Miss Rennie in an inspiring address took an optimistic outlook, feeling that the time is not far distant when every woman will feel the imperative privilege of being a member of the Society. Rev. James A. McCrae brought greetings from Kent Presbytery, and Rev. W. R. McIntosh from the London Conference. The treasurer's report showed the receipts for the past year as \$126,270. The Wednesday morning session was largely taken up with brief reports from the presbyterial presidents and the election and installation of officers. At the afternoon session on Wednesday the missionaries, guests of honor of the Branch, were introduced by Mrs. J. C. Forster, and gave brief addresses.

By virtue of resolutions passed at this session the women have pledged themselves to a better understanding of World Peace and have signified their approval of the Peace of Paris and pledged themselves to offer prayer for the success of the greatest human venture—the outlawry of war. A strong Temperance resolution greatly deplored the present system of Liquor Control, and all women are urged by prayer and study to help overcome the present system of liquor legislation.

The closing session was presided over by Miss Rennie, who thanked the Executive for their faithful work during the year, and felt sure that the inspiration of this meeting would encourage to greater efforts for the coming year. Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes, of the Dominion Board, gave the address of the evening in a forceful appeal not to be satisfied with what we have done, but to answer the call of our own Canada where there are at least a million and a half of people awaiting the work of the home missionaries. The Park Street United Church furnished the music, and Rev. W. J. Preston closed the session with prayer. A delightful note of the meetings was struck when a voluntary love gift was contributed by the delegates for Mrs. MacGillivray, who is shortly to represent the Society in foreign lands.

The officers elected are: Miss A. M. Rennie, President; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Heard, St. Thomas; and Treasurer, Mrs. J. I. Dixon.

Manitoba

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

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

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAL.—The fourth annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Gladstone, February 13th and 14th. There were seventy delegates and fourteen officers in attendance. The President, Mrs. Yerex, Neepawa, presided at all sessions except one, when Mr. Lowry acted as chairman. Reports from the secretaries of departments were heard, and gave evidence of steady progress. The total amount raised during the year was \$8,550.42. Inspiring addresses were delivered by Mrs. Yerex, President; Rev. R. Lowry, Gladstone; Dr. Isabel McTavish, Honan; Mrs. S. C. Murray, Kelwood; and Mrs. Alfred White, Winnipeg. All stressed the new attitude which prevails in regard to missions. The Gladstone Mission Band contributed two pleasing numbers. This was one of the best annual meetings this Presbyterial has held since Union.

Sincere thanks were extended to the returned missionaries and other speakers who have during the year brought messages from their fields. Large quantities of quilts, clothing, and literature have been sent to Lonely Lake, Ethelbert, Indian Springs, lumber camps, Home for Aged, Mile 327 Hudson Bay R.R., and eggs and food to the fresh air camps. The stranger's work was much emphasized with nearly 700 visits, twenty-nine removals reported, and two persons taught English. Secretaries have met and talked with the newly-arrived, taught women to bake bread, to sew, to do general housekeeping and the care of little children. Great stress was laid upon the necessity of more of our young women enlisting for service in both the home and foreign fields. The new officers are: President, Mrs. I. Yerex, Neepawa; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. H. Hannay, Neepawa; and Treasurer, Mrs. T. Cooke, Portage La Prairie.

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL.—To honor the memory of one of their former life members, the Willing Workers' Society of Douglas, Manitoba, gave a gift to the auxiliary. Mrs. W. J. Moore had lived to be eighty-five years old, and it seemed very fitting to honor her memory in this way.

Maritime

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

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

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAL.—The third annual meeting of this presbyterial met in business session in Trinity United Church, Amherst, January 23rd and 24th. The evening session was held in St. Stephen Church. The weather being all that could be desired enabled eighty delegates to be present and a number of visitors. Mrs. J. W. McConnell presided over the meeting. The honored guests were, Miss Sadie Tait, missionary from Japan; Mrs. George Rackham, China; Miss Marie Fullerton, Japan; and Miss Mattatall, Western Canada.

The devotional exercises of the business session were conducted by the Y.W.A. of Oxford, Northport Auxiliary, and Nappan Auxiliary. The Y.W.A. read the Missionary Beatitudes, a source of instruction and guidance. The president's address was a review of foreign and home missions. Reports of the various secretaries showed an increase in almost every branch of the work. This year's financial statement is \$2,000 nearer our objective than last year's was. Sixty-two out of ninety-seven auxiliaries reached or exceeded their allocation.

The evening service was very instructive and enjoyable. The pastor of St. Stephen Church, Mr. Rosborough, led the devotional exercises, and Mr. Crowell brought greetings from presbytery. Mrs. L. W. Parker, Northport, responded. The two speakers of the evening were Rev. J. W. McConnell, D.D., Superintendent of Maritime Missions, who spoke on "Community Work in Cape Breton," and Mr. George Pringle, Vancouver, Superintendent of Marine Missions, and author of "In Great Waters."

The outstanding resolutions were: That the Cumberland Presbyterial again places itself on record as being strongly opposed to the sale of intoxicating liquors by the Government or in any other way. That the Cumberland Presbyterial places itself as being in sympathy with the Mount Allison Building and Endowment Campaign. That the Cumberland Presbyterial believes the draft of the new hymnal as it appears in the Year Book is inadequate to the needs of the Church, as many good hymns are

omitted, and changes made of which we do not approve. That the Cumberland Presbyterial memorialize the Maritime Conference Branch that the branch and presbyterial presidents be made past presidents on the expiration of their term of office.

The officers for 1929 are: President, Mrs. J. W. McConnell, Amherst; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Whidden, Tatamagouche; and Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Langille, Tatamagouche.

HALIFAX PRESBYTERIAL.—In St. Matthew's United Church Hall there was held on March 19th a very fine meeting under the auspices of this presbyterial. The President, Mrs. A. L. Melvin, was in the chair, and the speaker of the afternoon was Miss Mitchell, recently returned from Honan, China. Miss Mitchell is at present night supervisor of the Children's Hospital, Halifax, while waiting until the time when she may return to China. Her address was most interesting.

ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAL.—This presbyterial met in its second annual session in Kirk United Church, February 6th. Mrs. George Dawson, Vice-President, occupied the chair in the absence through illness of Mrs. F. A. Wightman. Welcome was extended the delegates by Mrs. John Mowat, President of Kirk Auxiliary. This was responded to by Mrs. William Hunter, Harvey. Reports were given by secretaries of departments; the Treasurer's report showed \$2,164 raised by fifteen societies. At the evening session devotional services were led by McColl C.G.I.T. Rev. C. R. F. MacLennan, Chairman of Presbytery, brought greetings from that body. Mrs. C. F. Sanford, Saint John, President of the Conference, was present. She gave a most informative address at the afternoon session. An illustrated lecture of Africa was enjoyed at the evening session. The closing session was held in the Memorial Hall of Kirk United Church, with Mrs. George Dawson in the chair. Mrs. J. H. McLean, Temperance Secretary, gave her report, stressing the need of education along this line. The question box was opened and all questions satisfactorily answered. The reports of committees were then read and adopted. Mrs. C. F. Sanford, Saint John, gave an address on the value of the budget. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. C. R. F. MacLennan; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. Everett; and Treasurer, Mrs. John Mowat.

Montreal-Ottawa

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

Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth C. Antliff, 111 Blenheim Place, Westmount, Que.

The third annual meeting of the Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch was held at Cornwall, May 7th, 8th and 9th, with 106 delegates registering. The delegates were put in the right frame of mind when they stepped from the trains by the welcome which they received from the citizens of Cornwall, a welcome which was only equalled by their hospitality during the three days' sessions, which were held in Knox and St. Paul's Churches, and were presided over by the capable and efficient President, Miss Tweedie, Montreal, whose personal magnetism and quiet humor made every session a joy. The musical selections from the choirs, too, were beautifully rendered, and added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening sessions.

The young women of Knox Church entertained the delegates on Tuesday evening to supper, after which the meeting for young people was held. The devotions were conducted by the senior girls of Knox and St. Paul's. The Young Women's Secretary, Mrs. MacLean, Montreal, gave a brief summary of the work of the young people for 1928. She reported a membership of 824 in young woman's auxiliaries, and 1,003 in mission circles whose total contributions amounted to \$15,234.41. Mrs. MacLean (as did all other secretaries) paid grateful tribute to the work done by devoted and self-sacrificing presbyterial and auxiliary secretaries in their loyalty and untiring efforts in the duties of their office.

Mrs. James, Cookshire, gave an interesting address entitled "But We Have No Leaders." The speaker deplored the fact that while work among our young people is being carried on on a far larger scale than ever before, there is a shortage of leaders to undertake and supervise their activities, as the demand has outgrown the supply. The solution is to select promising young girls and train them in leadership.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Stokey, a missionary from West Central Africa, Mrs. Shearer, who had been a missionary in Calabar, the station next to that of Mary Slessor, gave a vivid picture of her work there. She told

of their little mud churches and the wonderful result of the labors of the missionaries. The work is largely dependent on native Christians, for on account of the climate white people cannot live very long in this part of Africa.

A feature of the evening session was the short but stirring appeal of Miss MacGregor, who referred to Church Union as a tremendous step in religious progress, and counselled the young people to take advantage of their opportunities, never before equalled in the history of the Church.

On Wednesday the reports of secretaries were given. These reports gave a record of achievement which was most encouraging. The treasurer's statement showed that 77.56 per cent. of the allocation had been remitted. The supply secretary stated that supply work is now confined to our own province with the exception of emergency calls. That the work of the Strangers' Department is being faithfully carried on was shown by the large number of strangers who had been helped by the immigration officers and our paid secretaries "through the gates and along the path to the doorway of their new homes." Friendship is the keynote of this department.

A plea was made for a more extensive use of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, especially in our regular meetings. Fifty cents a year paid for a subscription to this worth while magazine is money well invested. The associate helpers' secretary reported a deepening interest and a growing understanding of the value of this department. One hundred and sixty-eight associate helpers had "graduated" into the Society during the year. The members were invited by the literature secretary to visit the literature table where much helpful material and the newest publications were to be had. The report of the young people's department showed in C.G.I.T. 60 groups, 122 mission bands and 24 baby bands. The Ottawa Presbyterial reports the name of one mission band changed to Missionary Parliament, to induce the boys to attend. Now its membership has more boys than girls. Rev. James Faulds conveyed the greetings from Conference, and Rev. Frank Coop conducted a Quiet Hour Service. His subject, "The Noise of the Quiet," led his hearers into a new realm of thought. The President, Miss E. Tweedie, in welcoming the delegates expressed the wish that the third annual meeting would be a great uplift in our spiritual life. A beautiful

memorial service was conducted by Mrs. D. C. MacDougall. Miss Isaacs described in a fascinating way her work in Community House, Montreal, where secular and religious training is being carried on among the children and women of eight nationalities. Mr. Joliat, also of Montreal, gave an interesting talk on his French work there. His little mission church last year raised \$7,000 and gave \$700 to missions.

Wednesday night the members of the conference branch were guests of the ladies of St. Paul's at supper, when greetings were brought from local churches and societies. The speaker of the evening session was Rev. James Mowat, who for a delightful half-hour transported us by word and beautiful slides to that picturesque little country, Japan. Dr. G. G. D. Kilpatrick's address was one of the outstanding addresses of the conference, and thrilled the audience. At the closing session of the conference, Mrs. W. O. Johnston read a splendid paper on Christian Stewardship. The installation of officers was led by Mrs. Wm. Usher, Pointe Fortune. Mrs. W. H. Henderson closed the meeting by giving a survey of the business and aims of the Society.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL.—Two successful Easter meetings were held, one in Dominion Douglas United Church, Montreal, when all the auxiliaries of the island were invited to attend. They responded in goodly numbers and were addressed by Mrs. Lavell. Mrs. MacKay, India, occupied the pulpit on April 14th, and gave a most interesting address. The other Easter meeting was held in Lachute, Mrs. MacDonald, South China, being the speaker. The offering amounted to \$103. The members of this auxiliary are greatly encouraged and feel they will meet their allocation.

Saskatchewan

Press Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Box 9, Davidson, Sask.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Gundry, Regina, Sask.

ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL.—This presbyterial met in Trinity Church, Limerick, January 16th, 17th and 18th, with representatives from twenty-one auxiliaries. Every one was greatly pleased that the allocation had been exceeded and that there were three new auxiliaries. Work among the young people is

being well looked after, as was proved by the impressive affiliation service of the Limerick C.G.I.T., and the presentation by this group of the pageant, "Canada." Such topics as "Attitude of the Society to Temperance," "Relation Between the Society and C.G.I.T.," "Things for Which to Aim This Year," and "The Problem of Leadership in Young Women's Work," occupied the attention of the delegates during the sessions. Two noteworthy resolutions were endorsements of Temperance Education and of the importance of pledging the W.M.S. members to assist in prayer and service to carry out in full the programme of their church. Mrs. Enticknap, Kincaid, is the President for the new year, and Mrs. Harper, Kincaid, is the Corresponding Secretary.

QU'APPELLE PRESBYTERIAL.—On January 29th this presbyterial met in Wolseley United Church, with Mrs. George Powell, Grenfell, presiding. In her presidential address she spoke of efforts to organize and encourage extension work in hitherto untouched districts. Rev. H. S. Cobb brought greetings from presbytery, and the ladies of St. George's W.A. sent a message of good will. Miss E. Mitchell, Toronto, described her work as travelling secretary in a graphic manner.

The Saskatchewan Conference Branch met in the Metropolitan Church, Regina, March 12th-15th, 1929. The programme outline filled five pages, and embraced every phase of missionary effort in its topics, every one of which was sagely piloted to an attentive hearing before a large and provincially representative delegation. Each session was presided over by Mrs. J. H. Laird, Moose Jaw, President of Saskatchewan Conference. A series of devotional addresses had been arranged by Miss Harriet Stewart, Regina, dealing with the varied aspects of Unity and Consecration, and taken before each session by the ministers of the city. Mrs. Bennee, Balcarres, so recently recovered almost miraculously from a dreadful accident, conducted a beautiful and impressive memorial service, assisted by Mrs. Massey, Wadena, her fellow sufferer. The pastor of Metropolitan Church, Rev. E. S. Bishop, assisted by Rev. J. G. McKecknie and others, administered the Sacrament to the conference.

Reports were uniformly of a high order, carefully and succinctly prepared to be read

in a minimum of time. There was little overlapping beyond what must occur in secretarial minutes, correspondence, and departmental follow-up work. Committees were appointed to deal with business, credentials, memorials, resolutions, courtesy, and press. Mrs. E. G. Sanders, Grenfell, gave an excellent summary of the year's work in her minutes. Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, Regina, had many interesting items of progress to note from her work as corresponding secretary. Auxiliaries and members showed an increase; great interest was taken generally in the carrying out of the schemes of the Society; a tribute was paid to the highly appreciated visit of Mrs. Hill, for ten years a missionary in Africa; and reference was made to the general feeling that life membership should not be an excuse from active service in the auxiliary. Christian Stewardship was a department in which statistics were freely used by Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Saskatoon, to show how methodically her suggestions were put into practice in auxiliaries. Mrs. Roland Garrett read this statement, showing that in the provinces there were 177 Christian stewardship secretaries, 106 Finance committees, 154 auxiliaries presenting this subject regularly, ninety-eight missionaries adopted in special prayer, eighty-five budget plans, and 152 allocations reached. The basis of allocation was clearly explained, and the unselfish spirit of the provincial societies commended.

Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Regina, Treasurer, reported that for all purposes the sum of \$61,010 was raised from 287 auxiliaries with a membership of altogether 5,812, including many life members. Of this sum \$57,960 was sent to the general treasurer's sheets, giving precise instructions to delegates as to getting treasurer's statement to tally with that of corresponding secretary. There was some criticism of the forms on the score of being indefinite. Mrs. Martin, Sintaluta, gave the dedicatory prayer. Missionaries present were, Mrs. Hill; Miss Forman, Regina; and Miss E. Quick, Maple Creek.

The President, Mrs. J. H. Laird, began her address with the question: What has 1928 done for us in building up character and spiritual life? Mrs. Laird reviewed the situation in our foreign missions in India, Japan, and China, showing the need of the farming population of these Oriental peoples to be modernized, not westernized.

Departmental reports followed the president's inspiring address. Press work was dealt with by Mrs. W. F. Cameron, Davidson, emphasis being placed on the necessity for reports appearing in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY in a long-continued succession, consequent on the fact that all presbyterials, as well as the branch, have reports coming in at one period. Unusual and original efforts should be reported specially. Mrs. Gundry, of the Literature Committee, asked Mrs. Sanders to give an account of the literature purchased. The audited books showed transactions to the amount of \$600.73. Literature to the value of \$18.04 had been given free to new auxiliaries and members. The Annual Report (25c.) and mite boxes are to be ordered direct from Toronto. Mrs. Woods, Pathlow, reported that 5,667 copies of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY came to the province. Several copies were sent to newcomers. In four presbyterials the subscribers outnumber the auxiliary members. Subscriptions for 1929 are coming in well.

Mrs. Culp, Prince Albert, read the report of the new department of Temperance, in the absence of the Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Macdonell. In many auxiliaries the Temperance requirements had been well met. Local prizes had been given for Temperance work in public schools; addresses and programmes at presbyterials and other meetings had proved of value. A good Temperance speaker should be asked to address every high school, and instruction should be given in Christian citizenship and Temperance education.

Mrs. Conlin, Life-Membership Secretary, gave instructions about ordering a life membership, the name of receiver, her auxiliary, presbyterial, and receipt from local treasurer being essential. The local treasurer then reports to the presbyterial treasurer, so that the list may be complete. The style of certificate, whether it is to be framed or folded, should be stated. In the increased life membership in 1928 there were 157 names, besides ten mission bands, two circles, and eight baby band life members. The entire proceeds of this department amounted to \$4,368.

Miss Braine, Moose Jaw, whose report was given by Mrs. Motherwell, noted amazing progress in the work of associate helpers, who are a valuable asset to any auxiliary. In 1928 133 new members had been fully enrolled from this source. Decided interest, according to

Mrs. Colter, is being taken in work among strangers. Many references were made on different occasions to the beautiful letters and papers sent by Mrs. J. M. West, Toronto, to strangers' and other secretaries. Young people are being made to feel at home in church circles; in some places Chinamen are taught English; innumerable visits are paid to sick and lonely in all districts.

Rev. George Pringle, the Loggers' Marine Pacific Coast Mission, brought a breeze from unwonted scenes into a prairie gathering, when for almost an hour he thrilled the meeting with the romantic story of life in his mission. The branch banquet was served on Wednesday evening, when, besides the feast, the hostesses, Mrs. E. S. Bishop and Mrs. C. H. Dixon, provided food for the soul in brief speeches and greetings from representatives of the Bible Society, the W.C.T.U., and others. To Miss Nellie Forman, recently resigned from Settlement House, the Branch presented a ring. Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Laird expressed the warm sentiments of the donors, and Mrs. J. G. McKechnie presented the gift. At the Foreign Missions Session Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, Moose Jaw, conveyed the greetings of the conference; and Mrs. Hill, Winnipeg, gave a graphic account of her African experiences. Mrs. Hill's work, as well as her recent service to Saskatchewan, are well known to readers of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY.

On Thursday Mrs. Norman MacMurchy described in detail the supplies received, and valued conservatively at \$3,085.15. Quilts beyond the asking were sent in, layettes were prepared, special gifts from Bay of Quinte auxiliaries, from Moose Jaw for Round Lake, from Regina for File Hills, had brightened many lives. One C.G.I.T. group desired full particulars about the baby that was to wear their layette. They named the recipient, Mary Ellen or James Edgar, wished to adopt him for birthday presents, to get his picture, and otherwise to show their active affection for him. Much time was spent in considering by-laws, and hearing memorials and resolutions. Departmental conferences were useful and well attended. Further reports were heard: Mrs. J. E. Hood spoke for young women's work. The contributions of the young women have grown to the sum of \$2,902.93, and Mrs. R. D. Coutts gave valuable suggestions for

solving the problem of affiliating C.G.I.T. groups with the Society. The best time for group affiliation is January, after which contributions should be made, study to follow this. An affiliation service could be put on each year, as the groups change their personnel annually. In all, C.G.I.T. groups have given \$619.51 to the W.M.S. funds.

Mrs. James Smith had an excellent account of the work of mission bands and baby bands with definite instructions for making returns and forwarding funds. Two boys' bands exist at Sovereign and Redvers. The Palm Branch has 587 subscribers; mite boxes accounted for \$833.81; supplies were valued at \$227.86; in all, this department contributed \$6,256.99, an increase of \$900. Mrs. Dawson, through the Mission Band Exchange, had sent out costumes sixty times. Several sets are being prepared by individual presbyterials, thus reducing transportation. Mrs. Sutherland in a short address took the audience out to the Battleford School Home into her work there among fifty girls and thirty-six boys, where, with good food, a comfortable home and supervised studies, many young people are enabled to pursue their high school work under the finest Christian conditions. The delegates were then entertained to tea at Settlement House, Mrs. E. L. Doxsee receiving with Miss Forman.

The mission band meeting was marked by an interesting address on C.G.I.T. work by Miss Elsie Smith, deaconess, Moose Jaw, and Miss Evelyn Mitchell's eloquent and charming story of her work as she travels "From Coast to Coast."

The closing session was occupied with the election of officers, presentation of reports on resolutions, etc., and unfinished business. Mrs. York gave the installation prayer, and Mrs. Melvin the closing message. The conference was strenuous in the extreme, but undoubtedly beneficial and an inspiration in its record of achievement both to the President, Mrs. Laird, who was re-elected to her office, and to all who in any way bear the burden of Christian missions on their hearts.

The officers for 1929 are: President, Mrs. J. H. Laird, Moose Jaw; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Norman MacMurchy, 1941 Angus St., Regina; and Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Gundry, Regina.

Toronto

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

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

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERIAL.—The annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Parry Sound, May 15th, with well-attended sessions. Delegates were present from many points, and excellent reports were given from all departments of work, showing the devotion and energetic service which has been brought to bear on the work by its many officers and members. Greetings to the delegates were given by Mrs. Gray, President of Parry Sound Auxiliary, in a graceful welcoming address. Following the reading of the minutes of previous meetings, Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, President of the Presbyterial, addressed the ladies, expressing her appreciation of the work done during the past year and the splendid co-operation existing. Auxiliaries reporting numbered nine. At this point the meeting adjourned to the church, where with the members of presbytery there convening, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was partaken of.

The members of presbytery, as well as the ladies of the presbyterial, were entertained to dinner and supper by the ladies of the congregation. At the noon hour Mrs. H. M. Kipp, Board Secretary of Medical Missions, spoke on hospital work as carried on at Matheson and Hearst, and expressed herself in glowing words of appreciation of the services rendered by the doctors and nurses at these out-post hospitals. She specially mentioned the work of Miss Livingstone, a devoted nurse, who has lately passed on to Higher Service. At

this noon hour, also, Mrs. Hawkins introduced to the ladies the Rev. Robert Cochrane, who is taking on her duties as superintendent of missions. Mr. Cochrane replying in a humorous vein delighted his hearers, and paid a wonderful tribute to his predecessors in office, especially mentioning the retiring Superintendent, Dr. Byrnes, whom we have all revered and honored for his years of faithful service. Dr. Byrnes responded in a few well-chosen words.

At the afternoon session an excellent account was given by Mrs. Sharp, Burk's Falls, of the conference branch meeting held in Deer Park Church, Toronto, on March 5th, 6th and 7th. She outlined the work of several presbyterials, told of the \$12,374 raised for supplies by twelve presbyterials, and gave much interesting information. Her report was greatly enjoyed as being both clear and concise. Following the presentation of reports, the meeting was addressed by Mrs. B. M. Johnson, Vice-President of the Toronto Conference Branch, who gave an uplifting talk on W.M.S. work.

The following are officers: President, Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, Parry Sound; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. L. Ziegler, Parry Sound; and Treasurer, Mrs. Wager, North Bay.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL.—The mission band rally of this presbyterial was held on March 9th in Centennial United Church. The programme included duets, Scripture memory work, pictures of Africa, and an address was given by Mrs. Binnie, Superintendent of St. Cuthbert's Mission Band. There were 434 boys and girls present, and the meeting closed with a social half hour.

New Organizations

Young Woman's Auxiliaries

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

KENT PRESBYTERIAL.—Dresden, Mrs. R. W. Tyrrell; PERTH PRESBYTERIAL.—Granton, Miss Jean Radcliffe.

Mission Circles

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

PETERBORO PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Hastings; 2. Peterboro, George St.; 3. Westwood.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

BRUCE PRESBYTERIAL.—Southampton, Miss Wilma Calder. HALDIMAND PRESBYTERIAL.—Jarvis, Wesley, Miss Muriel Johnson.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

KENT PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Dresden; 2. Thamesville, Miss Alice Moore. OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL.—Woodstock, Chalmers, Heart and Hand Circle, Mrs. W. W. Murray, 195 Vansittart Ave., Woodstock.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH

ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAL.—Lyleton, Miss Kathleen Edgar.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL.—Newmarket, Trinity, The Velma Widdifield Circle, Miss Elsie Campbell.

Mission Bands

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL.—Canton, Bluebird, Miss B. L. Cooper. LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL.—Victoria, Mrs. Orine McGee, R.R. No. 2, Cameron. PETERBORO PRESBYTERIAL.—South Dummer, Miss Vera Cameron, Norwood.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL.—Delta, Miss Lilian Senn, 143 Rothsay Ave., Hamilton.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

HURON PRESBYTERIAL.—Bayfield, Willing Workers, Miss Marie Grainger, Varna.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

ESTEVAN PRESBYTERIAL.—Glen Ewen, Willing Workers, Miss E. M. Wood. MOOSE JAW

PRESBYTERIAL.—Boharm, Wesley, Joy, Mrs. McKenzie, Belbeck.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL.—Toronto, Trinity, Primary Band, Mrs. H. W. Gundy, 173 Spadina Road.

Baby Bands

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL.—Cambray, Mrs. S. Barrett. PETERBORO PRESBYTERIAL.—George Street, Mrs. G. H. Rowe, 561 Bethune St.

Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

OSHAWA PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Bowmanville, Trinity, Hou-a-wee, Miss Betty Sargent; 2. Brooklin, Four Square, Miss Louise Robinson; 3. Oshawa, St. Andrew's, Stronghearts, Mrs. Waugh, 161 King Street East.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

WEYBURN PRESBYTERIAL.—Lang, Union, Intermediate, Miss Mary McDougall.

RE-AFFILIATED C.G.I.T. GROUPS.—One.

Entered Into Higher Service

- Mrs. Landorna Bates, Glen Elbe, Ont., April 19, 1929.
 Master William John Burgman, Wingham, Ont., April 6, 1929.
 Mrs. J. Y. Cass, Winchester, Ont., April 29, 1929.
 Mrs. Margaret Cation, R.R. 3, Brampton, Ont., May 27, 1929.
 Mrs. Richard Evans, Allenford, Ont., April 7, 1929.
 Mrs. Thomas Fillingham, Wellington, Ont., May 9, 1929.
 Mrs. James Gay, Wellington, Ont., April 25, 1929.
 Mrs. Arthur Gibbon, Welland, Ont., May 4, 1929.
 Mrs. Thomas Harrington, New Waterford, N.S., April 4, 1929.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hattie, Caledonia, N.S., April 4, 1929.
 Mrs. S. H. Homans, Port Mouton, N.S., April 2, 1929.
 Mrs. A. Huffman, Blenheim, Ont., April 19, 1929.
 Mrs. L. H. Martyn, London, Ont., May 13, 1929.
 Miss Mary McNeil, St. Thomas, Ont., April 24, 1929.
 Mrs. D. W. Moore, Tintern, Ont., April 15, 1929.
 Mrs. William Nay, Ninga, Man., April 7, 1929.
 Mrs. J. Ranton, Arthur, Ont., April 2, 1929.
 Mrs. Alex. Ross, Winchester, Ont., May 9, 1929.
 Mrs. Charles Saywell, St. Thomas, Ont., May 11, 1929.
 Mrs. Lovetta Sills, Ameliasburg, Ont., April 13, 1929.
 Mrs. John Switzer, Petrel, Man., April 27, 1929.
 Mrs. Susan Wardrope, Enfield, N.S., April 27, 1929.
 Mrs. Jane Wilson, Brampton, Ont., April 27, 1929.

A Re-Creative Holiday

A Story in two parts by Lettie Allan Rush

ALL ON a summer morning, in a pretty suburban home on Windermere Road, the whole household was astir bright and early. Mrs. Loring, the mistress, had trunks and travelling bags packed, ready to leave for a much-needed holiday.

Why should she leave her lovely home, her indulgent husband and her many friends? When a neighbor remonstrated with her, she justified her action by saying, "I simply must get away from everything. I am worn out with the work of the winter—my club and other social duties—don't you know, and my nerves are at the breaking-point."

Yes, she had had a strenuous winter—what with filling her numerous social engagements and "keeping up with the Joneses'" (and going ahead of them whenever possible) in providing novel entertainments, bridge luncheons, etc., for the other members of her set. Now she must gather strength for another winter's effort and so keep unbroken the monotonous cycle of the seasons.

When Mrs. Loring reached "Resthaven," a quiet hotel by the sea, she found many suffering from the same malady as herself, and, having left all carking cares behind, ready to play away the hours and find relief for those jaded nerves.

Like all summer hotels, this one had a variety of guests. Mrs. Loring met many of these people in the dining-room, on the verandahs, beach, tennis courts and golf links. But there was one group that particularly interested her. Though by no means exclusive, these ladies were often together—perhaps because of common interests. They were evidently women of culture, gifted in the art of conversation, having given the worth while things first place in their lives.

They were just different enough to prove diverting to this bored society woman. They spoke so familiarly of other countries and peoples that they aroused Mrs. Loring's curiosity. She liked to pose as an intellectualist, but she was much embarrassed in the presence of knowledge with a background. While at college, she had been a social butterfly and had come from the halls of learning with an intellectual veneer, far from prepared to take the place in life she was rightfully expected to fill.

Though she was ill at ease, when in company with these women, she frequently sought them out, excusing herself thus, "I find them so refreshing, and, 'a change is as good as a rest.'"

Occasionally she heard these ladies speak of bits of current news they had received from India or Japan or some other of those alluring countries of the Orient. Could they be globe-trotters? She did not think so. Their feeling for these foreign countries and peoples did not seem like that of the ordinary pleasure-seeking tourist, but akin to that of the native—vital and sympathetic. To her

amazement she learned that they were real, live missionaries. But, even so, she had to admit they had a grasp of international affairs, which she coveted.

The more time she spent with these missionary ladies, the less she thought about nerves and the less she cared for the things that had held her interest for years past. She went about with her social group and took part in the empty chatter and banter as before—yet not as before. She felt a growing discontent.

She begged off from her play-loving friends one afternoon on the plea of fatigue, and later came downstairs to see if, by any chance, she might find the elect group. Sure enough, there they were in a secluded corner of one of the broad verandahs facing the sea. The missionaries were all busy—some reading, others sewing or writing. They welcomed Mrs. Loring graciously, but she did not stay long. She did not feel at home with idle hands in the midst of such industry.

She went to her room to find something to read. As she looked over the books and magazines she had brought, somehow none of them seemed to fit into the picture and atmosphere of that secluded corner of the verandah.

"But wait! What are these?" She brought out two or three copies of an innocent-looking little magazine that were tucked in amongst the other reading material. How did they get there? The magazine looked very like one that a missionary was reading downstairs.

"THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA!" she read aloud, and then the light broke through the mystery.

"This must be sister Margaret's doings. She helped pack these trunks, and she is such a missionary enthusiast. I suppose she thought I might get down to bed-rock in reading matter and be glad to read it to put in time. Well, my dear sister, not to please you, but to satisfy myself, I am going to have a look through one of these copies and see if I can find anything that will help me to converse intelligently with these ladies from the Orient. I certainly am a dumb-'belle' in their presence."

Mrs. Loring thought it best to remain in her room, while she made her initial venture into missionary lore.

A close relation to "Little Faith," she started to read at the beginning of one copy of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. She had not finished the editorials before she realized that her recent association with these dear friends below stairs had opened the windows of her mind to a better understanding of what she found on these pages. As she read on—articles on India, Africa, China, Japan, Korea, Trinidad and the Homeland—she decided that if she made even the contents of those few pages in that one magazine her own, she would not feel like a wallflower at the party when she met those missionaries again.

(To be concluded)

Suggested Topics

For Auxiliaries, Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Mission Circles, 1929-30.

Study Book to be used from January to June, 1930.

"From Jerusalem to Jerusalem"

Price, 60c. paper binding; 85c. cloth binding.

September, 1929

Study—Pioneer Days in Canada.

Devotional—Beginning at Jerusalem.

October

Study—A Bird's-Eye View of Work in Canada, based on the Home Field Section of the Annual Report.

Devotional—He Shall Reign from Sea to Sea.

November

Thanksgiving Month—"World Peace."

Study—New Canadians.

Devotional—Who Is My Neighbor?

December

Election of Officers.

Study—A Bird's-Eye View of the Foreign Work, based on the Foreign Field Section of the Annual Report.

Devotional—Witnesses Unto the Uttermost Part of the Earth.

January, 1930

Annual Meeting.

Study—The Birthday of the Church. Chapter I.

Devotional—Pentecost—A Fulfilment.

February

Study—Expansion of the East and the South. Chapter II.

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March

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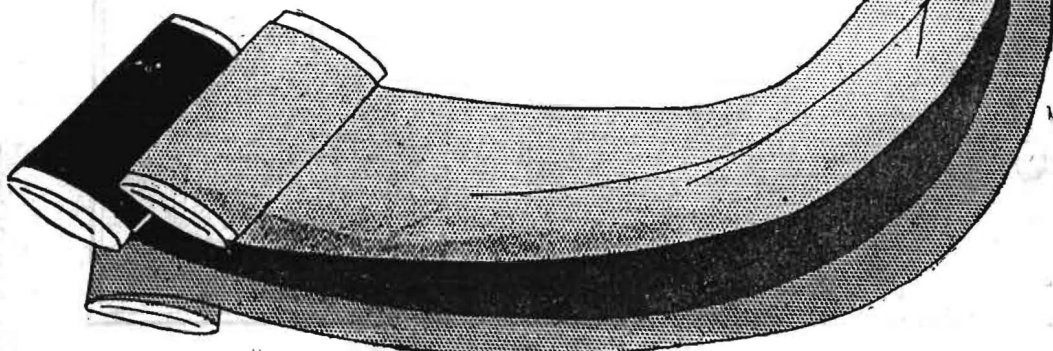
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