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## THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

AT

DOMINION BOARD, 1959

# Mission to the Uttermost

*Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round  
Of circling planets singing on their way,  
Guide of the nations from the night profound  
Into the glory of the perfect day;  
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
Guided and strengthened and upheld by Thee.<sup>1</sup>*

Times that are transitional make imperative a simple and effectual core of belief. Trends tending towards new patterns in thought, work and organization highlight the necessity of clear understanding of basic purpose and function in the present situation. This Society during the past year has sought to fulfill its present responsibilities and considered the challenge of future commitments, for our ways of witnessing in the Christian Mission need constant re-examination because the cause of Christ is a constant mission finding a varied expression in each generation.

As we accept ongoing responsibility for maintaining administration of accepted Canadian and overseas areas of Christian outreach, we must ever seek ways of building advance. The constant pull between a complacent joy in achievement and the challenge of future commitment whether it be found in an individual or incorporated in an organization like this Society, is the tension that constitutes the "growing edge". Year after year we have pondered upon the everlasting purpose of God and the changing possibilities of His Mission, as we caught glimpses of it in immediate situations or projected beyond the horizons of our vision to the Uttermost in time and space.

<sup>1</sup>*The Hymnary*, 370.

With acceptance of His commission to the first Christian disciples, this Society has ever sought to find a tangible response to the "Why", the "How" and the "Where" of Mission. The Purpose, or the challenge and the practical expression has been the undergirding power in our Home Organization units. Their outreach through Finance to churches and institutions and through the lives of many missionaries is inestimable in its impact on this continent and in lands beyond the seas that lave our shores.

The facts and the figures summing up the highlights of the past year and policy-planning for the future are explicit in all the departmental reports and executive recommendations which will be presented to this Board in our sessions. It is not so easy to make definitive the underlying basic purposes implicit in the outreach and of which the organization is the visible medium of expression. Before we delve into the reports and business which are the essential function of this annual meeting, let us spend a few moments in pondering upon our commission and whether it does today challenge us to the "uttermost".

### THE CREATOR ILLIMITABLE

A tendency to think of God as "earth-bound" or in orbit in space may be the

outcome of man's efforts to penetrate beyond our planet's bounds. This is contrary to the great Bible affirmations or to the questing spirit of man. The creative spirit and power of God is defined or confined neither in time or space. The mystic has always declared, "Le dieu défini est le dieu fini." Let us recall a few verses to suggest the affirmatives and imperatives of our faith:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Gen. 1: 1)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega . . . the beginning and the end." (Rev. 22: 13)

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself." (1 Cor. 5: 19)

"All authority in heaven and in earth has been given to me." (Matt. 22: 18)

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1: 8)

If we did not so believe, none of us would be present in this assembled Dominion Board today. This basic faith has strengthened the effort to witness as individuals and as a Society in the Christian mission. It has sent out missionaries to follow the high calling of God in Christ. It has inspired the wording of all pledges in missionary membership, for example:

As a member of the Fellowship of the Woman's Missionary Society, I will STUDY, PRAY, GIVE, WORK for the Growth of the Church and the Extension of the Kingdom of God.

So, it is fitting that we should dwell in this first session on the glory and grace of the Creating God and the wisdom and the wonder of His Eternal Purpose including His mission among us. At the same time, it would be folly to think that we can grasp fully the

imaginative sweep of God's purpose or man's response today for that has taxed man's comprehension from the Job of yesteryear to the space man of tomorrow. We can but suggest in our thinking together a few glimpses of the eternal truth and a few examples of its present application.

#### THE IMPETUS IS GOD

Undergirding our affirmations and aspirations is the basic confidence then that God is Lord of heaven and earth. To the missile expert whose remarks prompted the question, "Will space travel affect our faith?" we might quote the words to Job of the Creator:

*"Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion?"*

*Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children?"*

*Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?"*

*Can you establish their rule on earth?"*

(Job 38: 31-33)

The awesome mystery of the universe deepens as our comprehension increases, whether our spirit reaches out towards "a new heaven and a new earth" or searches for understanding of the Word which "became flesh . . . full of grace and truth." (Rev. 21: 1; John 1: 14) The admonition to be "imitators of God" (Eph. 5: 1) challenges us to personify the loving God in Christ, as the Psalms remind us of an awe and wonder of a God whose glory appears in the heavens and whose handwork in the firmament. Do we dare in humility to receive the Christ's injunction: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" or to accept the command: "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you . . .?"

Man does not project his missiles and satellites into an empty space, nor is God in orbit there. His lordship extends



beyond the visible universe, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent today as it did for the psalmist: "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost part of the sea, even there thy hand shall lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." (Ps. 139: 9) This was the understanding of the risen Christ as it is of a modern prayer:—

Dear God and Father of all mankind:

In this dread hour when man hurls satellites to circle the earth, when he multiplies missiles and atomic warheads, when he seals himself into cylinders to find whether he can survive being fired at the moon, we pray the prayer of our forefathers:

"Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!"

Lest we forget that Thou still art Lord of space and Master of time.

Lest we forget that Thine ancient laws and Thine eternal verities still stand, outwearing time and circumstance.

Lest we forget, in this hour of mingled hopes and fears, that Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, unshaken and secure.

Lord God of hosts, of atoms and of satellites, be with us yet, lest we forget. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

It makes a tremendous difference whether we really accept this God or simply pay him lip-service or ignore Him altogether. His mission will have little meaning for us and less challenge if we centre our lives about the lesser gods delineated in a recent magazine article—the realities of gadgets, of cars, the myths of equality and efficiency, the material rewards of our age. "Mission" can never be something we accept or reject as a program subject, rather than a driving sense of God's purpose at the heart of all our meditation, and projects,

or ongoing responsibilities. It makes a real difference to us and our organized life how we answer these questions regarding the Son of God: Was His a mission of security or of salvation? of safety for us or of redemption of all mankind? In very practical terms of planning can we become involved in God's mission and be content to give a "bulldozer" but withhold "the Bible"?

These are not theoretic questions as in these sessions ahead of us we

*ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.*

#### HIS IMPACT CATCHES US UP IN THE MISSION

Accepting the Lordship of the God who was in Christ involves us in a far-reaching Mission. The impetus is with God and His Holy Spirit, but the impact of the Mission *may* be through all committed Christians.

*We are of Thee, the children of Thy love,  
The brothers of Thy well-belovèd Son;  
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,  
Into our hearts, that we may be as one;  
As one with Thee, to whom we ever  
tend;  
As one with Him, our Brother and our  
Friend.<sup>1</sup>*

God is the divine missionary, but the experience of Pentecost involves us who take His name, in His Mission. This we have accepted as members of this Society. All that we do at home, or abroad, as "official" or "unofficial" missionaries is an explicit working out of this divine association. It should never be a projecting of ourselves in satisfaction of a hunger for service, or the achieving of power in a strong organization. The organization is the tool not the end, the tool whereby God's Mission can be carried to the uttermost parts of His

<sup>1</sup>The Hymnary, 370.

<sup>2</sup>Lawrence E. Nelson in "The Family at Prayer". Used by permission.

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# THE FIRST MILESTONE

ALICE IRWIN,\* KOREA

"Go in peace, but let's meet again!" sang the five-year-olds.

"Stay in peace, but let's meet again," chorused back the six-year-olds.

So ended the first Kindergarten Graduation at Fellowship Hall. Proudly but a bit sadly, thirteen little six-year-olds, certificate in hand, bowed deeply to their teachers and left kindergarten for the last time.

A milestone had been reached, both for the children who will now enter primary school, and also for the staff at Fellowship Hall. Just a year ago thirty little boys and girls began coming to the Hall for a play and story hour. Students in Social Work at Ewha Women's University came three afternoons a week to supervise the children. By the fall, however, with an increased staff, the

\*Mrs. M. M. Irwin and her husband are United Church missionaries in Seoul, Korea.

program was enlarged to that of a full-fledged kindergarten. Now the children come five mornings a week and are led by Miss Kim and her assistant, Miss Kang.

Miss Kim is a graduate of Hankuk Seminary and a former W.M.S. scholarship student. Miss Kang, a minister's daughter, found her course at Ewha too expensive and had to leave to find employment. Now, however, thanks once more to our W.M.S. in Canada, Miss Kang will be able to resume her course in history in the new semester.

Before kindergarten opens each morning the children come to play with toys sent by friends in Canada. At first each child ran eagerly to the toy cupboard, grasped a doll or stuffed animal to his breast and walked aimlessly about the room until the play period ended. Toys were so new to most of them that they scarcely knew what to do with them. Bit



PLAYTIME AT THE KINDERGARTEN

Notice the Korean dress on some of the little girls.



MISS KIM SHOWS THE CHILDREN BIBLE PICTURES FROM CANADA

by bit, however, they are learning that dolls and dishes are wonderful for playing house and toy animals and blocks make good farms.

"This is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands," sing the children at "milk time". Like Miss Gwen Suttie of our Japan Mission who visited us, you would recognize the tune but not the words. Just a few months ago most of the little hands the teacher inspects each day, would have arrived dirty. Now the children proudly hold out their clean little palms as they sing their song.

The most important aspect of the kindergarten is the opportunity it affords for telling "the old, old story". Wednesday is Bible story day and scarcely a week passes but what a Bible picture, sent by Sunday School children in Canada, is taken home. Since most of the homes from which these children come are non-Christian, a simple child's Bible story becomes a family's introduction to Christianity.

From time to time the mothers of the children have expressed their appreciation for our kindergarten. At Christmas they insisted on presenting each leader with a small gift. The missionary's gift

was a pair of beautiful, rose-coloured Korean rubber shoes. What the mothers had not foreseen, however, was that her feet were much larger than any Korean woman's dainty feet. To their astonishment they could not find any pair large enough! What they could also not foresee, I'm sure, was that these same pretty shoes would make lovely flower vases!

The interest of the mothers encouraged the staff to begin a Mother's Club. To the first meeting twenty-four mothers came and decided to meet monthly to learn more about child care and Christian family life. And so a simple children's play group has reached its first milestone.

But the kindergarten program is only one of the activities at Fellowship Hall.\* The scope of Youth Work and Social Work is limitless and the program is exceedingly rewarding. Our sincere hope is that someone in Canada, vitally interested in spreading Christ's gospel through these channels will hear His call and answer, "Here am I, Lord, send me!"

\*Fellowship Hall is a community centre in Seoul, provided by The United Church of Canada. Purchase of the building, its renovation and upkeep are shared by the Board of Overseas Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Irwin directs the work at Fellowship Hall.

## The Dominion Council of the W.A. Meets

May is, indeed, "meeting" time for the women's Boards of our Church. The annual meeting of the Dominion Council of the Woman's Association usually falls just about two weeks before that of our Dominion Board of the Woman's Missionary Society. This year the Dominion Council of the W.A. met in Emmanuel College, May 11th - 15th. Just before going to press we have the opportunity to include a few items from the sessions at which Mrs. K. R. Rose, president for the past two years, presided.

Registered delegates numbered 150, coming from all the provinces of Canada. They represented 218,942 members and 6,259 local Woman's Associations.

The Woman's Association, the president said, is now fully organized on Conference level. Twelve Presbytery W.A.'s have been formed in the past year, three in the Newfoundland Conference, eight in the Maritime Conference and one in the British Columbia Conference. The Woman's Association in 1958 raised \$5,327,857 for all purposes.

"Only a dynamic Church is big enough for this dynamic age," declared the Right Rev. A. J. MacQueen, D.D., of London, the Moderator, speaking at the annual dinner. The Woman's Association, he said, should stress among its members the development of the spiritual life, courage to be Christian and world-mindedness.

"The great weakness of the Christian Church today is the failure of its members to speak out for Christ," the Rev. G. G. D. Kilpatrick, D.D., Toronto, told the Council at the dedicatory service. The strength of the Church, he pointed out, lies, not in financial resources, but in faith in the sovereignty of God and in the living power of the risen Christ and also in Christian witness.



MRS. J. Y. MACKINNON  
President, Dominion Council, Woman's  
Association

Presidents of Conference Woman's Associations reported W.A. activities in their areas. These were of wide variety: training schools and camps, often in co-operation with the W.M.S., some for officers and others for all church women; bursaries and scholarships established for young men and women training for full-time service in the Church; help for the United Church's 15 homes for senior citizens from the Atlantic to the Pacific; help, too, for Christian Training Centres such as Five Oaks near Paris, Ont., the Prairie Centre at Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., and Naramata, Alta.; for the United Church hostel for alcoholics in Edmonton; for MacKinnon House at the University of Western Ontario, London, where plans are being made for building a \$750,000 church for United Church students who form the majority of the student body. Givings to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund of \$104,804.93, and to the Woman's Missionary Society of \$118,448.00 were reported.

Miss Rita Snowden, of New Zealand, who serves on the Methodist Board of Publications in that country, was the

guest speaker at the farewell luncheon. "An idea, when wrapped up in a person, can be best got across to other people." She urged them to pass on to others what they had received. The United Church of Canada was of special interest to her, Miss Snowden said, in view of the fact that in New Zealand steps are now being taken for union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches and the Church of Christ.

Speaking on publicity, Margaret Cragg (Mrs. Kenneth C.), Woman's Editor of *The Toronto Globe and Mail*, defined a good newspaper report of a woman's meeting as one that a person outside that organization would like to read.

Miss Frances Bonwick introduced literature on Africa, the United Church's field for mission study in 1959-60, and the Rev. Anson Moorhouse showed a sound film he had made in Angola.

The report of the Committee on the Work of Women in the Church, made to the Executive of General Council the previous week, was presented in full detail at one of the sessions by Miss Beatrice Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Dominion Council, and discussed by the delegates.

Mrs. J. Y. MacKinnon of London, Ont., was elected as the new President. Mrs. MacKinnon has been active both in the W.A. and the W.M.S., and has always had a keen interest in C.G.I.T. and given leadership therein. Other officers elected were—Vice-Presidents: Mrs. G. A. McMullen, Toronto; Mrs. A. McK. Porritt, Montreal; Mrs. C. H. Searle, Toronto; Mrs. James Swinton, Brantford. Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Webster, Toronto. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. M. McIntyre, Toronto. Treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Crowle, Oshawa. Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. Samuel Hanna, Toronto.

## Editorial

### "News Worth Sharing"

This is a phrase that caught the editor's eye as she was getting ready for the printer a section of the reports which will appear in "Facts and Figures", 1959 edition, and which were presented at the Dominion Board meeting in May. The phrase comes from Miss Dorothy Young's report as Home Organization Executive Secretary. In referring to the reports "which are returned year after year with astonishing efficiency," Miss Young says, "They (the reports) do not carry startling news but they do have news worth sharing." In pages 24-39 of this issue, some of this "news worth sharing" is presented for our reading, and we hope each reader will do it full justice, for, in a sense, it is each reader's

own report—the report of *her* W.M.S. organization and all its sister organizations across Canada. Fortunate are we to be able to present these reports in the same issue as our President's message, "Mission to the Uttermost" because it spells out in more detail some of the phases of our work in the Home Church to which she refers. In turn, the volume and variety of activities reported by our organizations make very real to us the "necessity of clear understanding of the basic purpose and function in the present situation." "News worth sharing" is, we trust, applicable to all the contents of this issue, stories, articles, news items. We believe it would be interesting to ask ourselves, as we read each one, "Is there news worth sharing in this? What is it?"

We believe you will wish to keep and review our President's Message on page

1. The story of the Dominion Board meeting will appear in the August issue.



# Where Birthdays Are Worthwhile

ISOBEL MCFADDEN

Three members of the Musicians' Union were still rendering an Irish jig but the monthly party at Greenacres was drawing to a close on the lawn. A few of the senior residents with their friends from the city lingered with the enthusiastic, somewhat weary women of the Home's Auxiliary over a last cup of tea. In front of them the long tea table was as lovely as ever with flowers although little was left of the enormous frosted Birthday Cake which had rivalled the June roses.

From across the high fields a breeze brought the smell of clover, orange blossom and bridal wreath to the tea-drinkers and to those who promenaded the paved terraces and stretches of lawn level with each of Greenacres' three floors. (To the visitor this seems a bit of ingenious building construction! Was the site of this home for senior citizens chosen so that a side of each floor could be at ground level? Or was the land piled up into hills, or hills cut down into terraces to fit the three levels? It means that a man or woman on the top floor can walk or sit as near to green grass and robins as his ground floor neighbours.)

Each month the senior citizens who live at Greenacres are given a Birthday Party. One month the staff members act as hosts; the next, some of the hundred members of the Auxiliary provide the cake and the fun and the friendliness. Their turns come conveniently at Christmas, Valentine and June Garden Party time. What scope this gives to active imaginations and joyous planning! In between parties these same women, in pair or trios, visit the residents many of whom are bed patients. Among the women responsible for all this is Mrs. A. Taglialatela, for many years Treasurer of our W.M.S.

Within doors, the Irish dance lilted up and down the corridors where many who had been outside were returning to their rooms. A young nurse and a lively resident in a clown's costume danced a few high steps around a wheel chair as gaily decorated as Cinderella's coach. A contest for the best decorated chair, and prizes for costumes had been colourful events of the afternoon and a chief topic of conversation among the residents for days. The music, through a P.A. system, danced into wards and rooms where bed-fast occupants were being served their share of tea, pink ice cream and cookies. Those boasting a birthday within the month, received a wedge of the birthday cake.

Mr. Drew — the tall young assistant superintendent — steered a couple of visitors around the tea-and-ice-cream cart and into a four-bed ward, cheerful with coloured blankets and gay bed jackets. The wearers of the bed jackets greeted him as a favourite nephew might be greeted by indulgent aunts. "It makes me think of the nephew who always turned up at the right moment in the Tish stories", whispered one of the visitors to the other, as one patient began to unload some anxiety upon his wisdom and another in a wheel chair by the window shared a bit of good news from a grandson's letter.

In this room the visitors restricted themselves to vivacious smiles, but in the single room next door one visitor admired the blue silk bed jacket and the other asked the bright eyed patient if she had enjoyed the music.

"Enjoyed it! My feet almost danced themselves out of this bed" was the buoyant answer, and under the rose blanket her toes wriggled a rhythm. "If





*Miller Services*

SHARING A BIT OF GOOD NEWS

you'd come along we could have jigged or waltzed together, Mr. Drew."

Encouraged by the happy response the visitor put the same question in the next room. But there is no regimentation of opinions at Greenacres.

"Music?" exclaimed this resident. "Do you call that music?"

The visitor was taken aback. She herself had enjoyed it.

"Well," she began, "I suppose . . ."

"Why couldn't they give us real music?" interrupted the critic. "Bach's Fugue in C Major or Beethoven's Ninth . . . or even . . ."

"Now, Miss Smith," said Mr. Drew. "You know that an accordion and a guitar couldn't do Beethoven justice."

"She used to be an excellent musician and music teacher," Mr. Drew explained as he escorted the visitors down the hall. "Of course she gets very good music over her little radio. But the Musicians' Union and the Salvation Army Bands are most generous to Greenacres. And last time the Auxiliary had a Ukrainian choir here."

"It must be especially lonely for people like Miss Smith who have had special interests," remarked one of the visitors. "Especially when they are con-

fined to bed and can't go looking for a fellow musician or visit the Occupational Therapy Department. What about Occupational Therapy here, Mr. Drew?"

The women's Occupational Therapy room was bright with embroidery, plush animals and looms; the men's had a more subdued glow from polished woodwork, red and brown leathers, copper and pewter. Handwork by women is usually skilled and abundant. Have they not always dressed dolls or children? But men have been busy building big things or fixing household gadgets. How can they learn to produce paintings, jewellery and calfskin bags after retirement? The Occupational director is usually part of the answer, Mr. Drew explained. "Tell the ladies your secret," he said to the genial instructor at the work table. The instructor denied any secret magic beyond his liking for older people and the friendly efforts of all the therapists to find what each resident might enjoy creating. Sometimes it was easy. A man who had whittled all his life or kept his home equipped with shelves and cupboards soon learned to

handle any tool—unless his hands were stiff or his vision poor. There were gardens for the gardeners. Some, like modern retired people everywhere, discovered latent talents for oil painting, sketching. Pride of achievement and the small income from the sale of articles were added incentives.

"One man, however", said the instructor, "didn't respond to any suggestion at first. Then he admitted that his great ambition was to learn to read. His youth in an inaccessible wilderness had made this impossible at the proper age."

"Could he learn to read at eighty?" asked the visitors.

The Occupational Therapist nodded. "He's reading and as proud as a flock of peacocks," he replied. "More than that, he has discovered a new world!" . . .

Out on the lawn the women were folding tablecloths and dividing the flowers into vases for Greenacres ward sitting rooms. There was relaxed laughter . . . planning for future visits . . . and talk of a bus ride for up-patients during the summer.



## GOOD NEWS

### A Fall Subscription Rate for WORLD FRIENDS

Announcement is now made from Dominion Board—allowing for a Fall rate for a four months' subscription to **WORLD FRIENDS**—primarily for newly organized groups—

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MARY R. HARTON,  
*Secretary-Treasurer, Periodicals*



# IN THE NEW JAPAN

A Canadian Missionary Writes about

A CANADA-JAPAN  
SPORTS EVENT

AND

THE WEDDING OF  
THE CROWN PRINCE

(For the opportunity to print this newsy letter from Rev. L. Keighley,\* of Kokura, Japan, we are indebted to Rev. R. M. Bennett, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches.

The letter was written April 20th.)

We had a touch of Canada here in North Kyushu a couple of months ago when the B.C. Totems stopped by for a few days to tangle with the rugby team of the Yahata Steel Company. "Our" steel company team looked small beside "our" Totems, but I must confess our cheering became a bit confused. I think the Japanese folk around us, who soon discovered that we were Canadians, were rather amused at the way we managed to cheer for both sides. We must confess further that we were rather happy to see the small Japanese team battle the Totems to a 3-3 tie. Our little 5-year-old Paul was with us and did his best to let the Canadians hear him cheering them on. From our place in the cheap seats however, he never did seem quite to manage it. Seizing an opportunity we sneaked him into the dressing room after the game where he could say "Hello" to some *real* Canadians (a rare commodity in Japan). He was quite proud when a Totem pinned one of their little branches on his sweater and gave him a picture of the team. He still prizes that little totem pole with its suspended rugby ball.

The big excitement here in Japan, of course, has been the wedding of our Crown Prince to Michiko Shoda, a commoner. It really has been quite remark-

able. One cannot help but admire the young man's pluck and the young lady's good common sense and dignity.

The whole story is only gradually being unfolded, of course, but one can read a good deal between the lines. Traditions have been broken right and left. The marriage to a commoner, of course, ended an era that has covered thousands of years. Then Miss Shoda quietly suggested to the Crown Prince that the wedding did not need to cost the Japanese people as much as such events have in the past. To dramatize her meaning, she suggested that she might wear a costume already available instead of having a new wedding costume made. She wore the Empress' coronation kimono and another tradition of centuries was shattered but the Japanese government saved two million yen on the arrangement, and the wedding in toto cost only one-tenth of the present Emperor's wedding.

Everywhere the young couple have been since the wedding they have been unguarded and have been surrounded by wildly cheering flag-waving crowds. They have responded in the manner we associate with British royalty. When the present Emperor and Empress were married the crowds were kept at a great distance and were not permitted to even

\*Rev. and Mrs. L. Keighley are missionaries of our Church who are working with the Church of Christ in Japan in one of Japan's most heavily industrialized areas. Through the occupational Evangelism Committee of the Kyushu district, Mr. Keighley is working with those who are chiefly concerned with finding an adequate approach to the problem of evangelizing the working man. "We think we are working with some of the most devoted and finest pastors one could find anywhere", says Mr. Keighley. Their two children are Marie and Paul.

clap—they stood with heads bowed as the Imperial couple passed.

The wedding itself was celebrated according to traditional Shinto rites and was very simple indeed. The rites were centuries old but on the day of the wedding Japanese radio stations celebrated by playing love songs like "I'll Remember April".

One other very human touch came when a petition from some of the Crown Prince's schoolmates at the former Peers' School moved the usually rigid Imperial Household Board to invite the Crown Prince's former tutor, the Quaker, Mrs. Elizabeth Vining as the only foreign guest at the wedding ceremony.

Young people here, of course, are jubilant—they feel that at last some of the shackles are falling. The Crown Prince chose Michiko, so Tanaka-Taro

San now feels more confident of success should he also meet his Michiko. What may the full repercussions of this be? One prays that this young couple who have made an auspicious start may be harbingers of a new Japan in the very best of meanings. The dropping of age-old shackles, unfortunately, all too often leads to licence rather than to true freedom.

There is indeed hope for the future if the new Imperial couple continue in the spirit they have started. Miss Shoda, herself from a wealthy home, is credited with inspiring the Crown Prince's express wish that presents received for the wedding, totalling millions of yen, be turned over to the government to use in welfare projects. Apparently our quiet unassuming Crown Prince plans still one more tradition-shattering precedent. He has asked that a nursery be included in the new palace which is being built for him and his bride. It has been the tradition that the children of the Imperial family be put in the care of others from an early age. The future Emperor intends to have his children remain with him—therefore for the first time in its history, Japan will see an Imperial family live as a family. In this he is to fulfil a hope that was always that of his father. In fact in much that is going on here today, one can see the hand of the present Emperor.

All this has older people in Japan shaking their heads and fathers and mothers with teen-agers rapidly approaching marriageable age have a few more grey hairs in their heads. Things are happening too fast in their Japan. They feel out of tune. The young people themselves, of course, are still confused too. The next few years will see more and more changes in this remarkable land. It is rather thrilling to be here to share in it all. Our ardent prayer is that the Church may more and more provide the sort of witness that will help shape the future.



# One Young Man's Life Work

GWEN SUTTIE

We were three women in the car and we were trying to find a building which, I suppose, would be called a settlement house, for lack of a more modern term. We knew the general direction but the only real landmark that we had was the city dump. It was in a rather poor district, an area of reclaimed land, reclaimed from the waters of Tokyo Bay, and we knew it was quite near the city dump, where garbage and refuse of all kinds from the whole of Tokyo were treated to make fertilizer.

Finally, we asked a woman where the dumping place was.

She had never heard of it.

We gave the name of the street for which we were looking.

She had never heard of it.

We gave the proper Japanese name for the social welfare institution for which we looking.

She had never heard of it.

Then someone, inspired, said, "Well, it's where the children go to Sunday School."

"Oh, the children. Yes, where the children go. It's down that street and around the corner," and she gave us a friendly grin.

That is typical, I thought, of the people of this country, where the children are so well loved and cared for. If something is for the children, it will be known and valued.

The institution proved to be a fair-sized frame building in reasonably good repair with a small playground in which there were several pieces of play equipment, such as a sandbox, a jungle gym and several other things. The place was full of children shouting and playing, but strangely enough, they were neither shy nor rude to us, although we were

three large foreign women. They cooperated very pleasantly when I wanted to take their pictures, which fact was certainly one star in the crown of the young director who appeared in the doorway. Anyone who can tame the children of that area deserves considerable recognition.

Mr. Yamamoto (this is not his real name) produced a pair of slippers for each of us and took us into a small room with the regulation straw matting on the floor. Since I have the kind of bones that do not appreciate being doubled up on the floor, I was happy to find an open window with a low sill on which I could sit. I sat back and took life easy for a few minutes, while the others talked, I listened to the stories that the young man was telling and recalled others that I had heard before.

Reiji Yamamoto, a young man in his early twenties, was attending night school in one of the Christian universities in Tokyo. He came into his class one evening with a flame in his eye and an idea in his mind. To a group of friends, he said, "Over near one of the big stations on the fast electric line there is a big bridge, and there are ten families living under that bridge in terrible squalor. Have you seen the place? I was there today and I've seen the awful conditions. They have made little huts about six feet by six out of tins and scraps of wood which they can sometimes pick up along the railway. I was talking to some of the people today. Some of them can't get work and some are rag pickers and make only a few yen a day. They eat whatever they can find and live like animals. Can't we do something to help them?"

Before many days had passed, the little group of six Christian students



began going over to the slum-dwellers under the bridge to give what help they could to the sick and the orphans and other children whose parents were away all day in some kind of work.

It soon became evident that such help was touching only the outer edges of the problem and not reaching the heart of the situation. People as far down as that cannot be rescued except by someone who is himself inside the problem. So Reiji Yamamoto gave up his night school classes and moved in among the people he wanted to help. He built himself a tiny wooden hut under the bridge, and, taking in as many children as could squeeze in, he gave them instruction in the school subjects.

This was in 1950. By April 1951, some Protestant missionaries had become interested and donations were beginning to come in from friends in Tokyo and in North America. They were even able to build a "church"—a very tiny hut with a cross on top—beside the bridge, which they used not only for Sunday services, but also to extend primary education, and to care for homeless orphans and aged people. Soon they were able to clean up the children, get clothes for them, and send them to the local primary school. They were also able to get the seriously ill and the contagious cases into hospitals, and conditions generally were brighter.

For a while Mr. Yamamoto kept in the back of his mind the idea of returning to his own study and classes as soon as it would become possible, but after a year or two he realized that he would never be able to turn his back on the people he had served so devotedly.

At the end of 1952 the Tokyo Metropolitan Government was in a position to clear up the little colony under the bridge, so they were all moved to land which had been recently filled in and belonged to the city. Mr. Yamamoto went with them and he found an old factory house which would give them

enough room for a chapel, a nursery and kindergarten, as well as small living quarters for himself and the girl he married within the next year or two. Here, he ministers to his community of working people who are mostly poorly paid, unskilled laborers, subject to seasonal lay-offs and frequent unemployment, but definitely a good step above real slum conditions.

There is a small but slowly increasing congregation at the church services every Sunday; there is a large nursery school full of children whose mothers are working all day; there are groups and clubs of various kinds for children after school; and there is opportunity for some women to make a few extra pennies by remaking and renovating used clothing for cheap sale to their friends and neighbors.

Many of Mr. Yamamoto's problems are similar to those of welfare workers in almost any country, but one or two are perhaps less typical of North America. One of these is the problem of water, not the lack of it, by any means, but the deluges or rather the inundations which frequently occur. Last September 26th brought a typhoon which will long be remembered in this part of Japan. The newspapers claimed that the rainfall at that time was the heaviest on record—14 inches in 18 hours. All the low-lying areas of Tokyo were under three to six feet of water. There were streams running down the main streets of downtown Tokyo. Not only did the heavens descend in rain, but the drainage system rebelled and the water came up through the manholes on the streets. All public transportation ceased and in many districts the lights were off for hours.

As one can imagine, the settlement house suffered severely. They are only a block or two from the ocean and salt water mixed with fresh, and flowed at will through all the downstairs rooms. Fortunately there is a second storey on



part of the building, to which they carried most of the destructible things from downstairs. The water subsided after a few days, but it was weeks before the straw matting on the floor could be dried out enough to sit on.

In any underprivileged district in Japan the matter of unregistered children is always a serious one. On entering a government school every child must show proof of birth registration somewhere at some time. In other words, every child must have a legal sponsor, his parents or some other guardian. Mr. Yamamoto has a fair share of this problem which, in some of the cases he told us of, is heart-rending. One little girl whose father had been killed

in the war, had been abandoned by her mother and was now living in an orphanage. Any legal documents the family may have had had been destroyed by fire during the war, so in the eyes of the government the child did not exist. She was an unusually bright child and desperately anxious to go to school. Mr. Yamamoto tried to trace the family back to its original district or town but with no success. However, the story has a happy ending, because he was able to persuade the matron of the orphanage to become the legal guardian of the child, and after the registration had been made with the proper authorities, the child was accepted in a school, to her very great delight.

## OPEN HOUSE

### at Portage La Prairie Indian Residential School

On Saturday, April 11th, at the Pow-Wow at the Open House of the United Church W.M.S. Indian Residential School at Portage, Mr. Jack Harris and his wife Eleanor, were honored by the names "White Buffalo" and "Wenona" (meaning first born girl) being bestowed upon them. The Indians who gathered for this Pow-Wow were from the Sioux, Saultaux and Cree tribes. They also gave Mr. Harris a pair of miniature snowshoes, reminding the many friends who gathered to watch the Indians dancing in costume, that Mr. Harris twenty-two years ago had won the world championship for the half-mile snowshoe race.

In his reply, Mr. Harris mentioned that when he worked with the Six Nations Indians in Ontario, they, too, had honored him and his wife in a similar way, naming them "the one from across the garden" (or from the West) and his wife was called "the woman picking flowers". Mr. Harris is a native of Winnipeg and has returned to his

own area to a vital task as principal of this Residential School with over one hundred older boys and girls in residence, most of whom attend the schools in Portage la Prairie.

Indian and white friends, some of them from a distance, visited this school during the three day Open House, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The guests were taken on a tour through the attractive buildings with modern dining room, kitchen, laundry, sewing room, recreation rooms, study and school room. The big barn with little calves and horses attracted the city visitors, and three friendly cats scampered in the sunshine. The students who acted as guides did a good job explaining the student's routine and pointing with pride to the changes and improvements.

There was a fine display of home cooking, dairy produce, and farm products, arranged around the walls of the Auditorium. The Art Display was outstanding, and this included large colored posters of winter birds in Manitoba and

also figures in costume for the Carnival which was held during the winter. Indoor curling games appeared to be popular.

The new crest for the School was designed by a fourteen year old student, Jackson Beardy from Island Lake. This design was first in a competition with 44 entries. The crests were for sale and the students wear them on their sweaters

and their blazers. Inside the front door, a copy of the crest greets the visitors. It is a formalized design with three stars above an eagle, with outstretched wings, and the words "PORTAGE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL" in cardinal and gold colors and "United Church Woman's Missionary Society."

NANCY CLEAVER

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### Mission to the Uttermost

(Continued from page 3)

creation. To this end we have accepted the many and far-reaching responsibilities about which you will hear in every session of this Board and in every report of every department. In this sense to be a Christian is to be a missionary. In a specialized sense for full-time special service "official" missionaries are sent forth, and for their support we have accepted responsibility. It is a high privilege and a constant trust for the Church to have given into our care the 200 commissioned single women missionaries and associate workers. For those retired and those now in active service, and those to be appointed today, we need the prayers and financial support of the women of the Church through W.M.S. givings.

By their service and our support the outreach in mission can be to the uttermost.

#### IS THE "UTTERMOST" A MEASURE OF OUR RESPONSE?

A thoughtful writer has emphasized recently that giving in self-sacrifice is not necessarily Christian. To give as service in God's mission, to participate in His purpose, is a stewardship response in life. The commission from the Mount of Ascension at first glance seems to describe the scope of service and the part we should play, in geographic terms. On second thought can it be that

the significance of the words in Acts 1: 8 is not in the geographic areas of living, but in the broadening horizon of vision?

Christians must testify wherever they happen to be living, but growing awareness of the wider concerns of God take them beyond the local habitat, beyond the known neighbourhood, to the unchristian elements in community and to the unknown territory at the ends of the earth. Further it is only in the power of the Holy Spirit that a Christian can so venture forth not only to the "uttermost" in content of service but in the "uttermost" effort of discipleship. At the same time there is the same validity of God's outreach whether it be expressed across the room or across the world.

Indeed, it is at this point that the realization breaks through that the Kingdom of God is not only without geographic limitations but that His Mission is unlimited in time or the areas of its concern.

*We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
One in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
One with the joy that breaketh into song,  
One with the grief that trembles into prayer,  
One in the power that makes Thy children free  
To follow truth, and thus to follow Thee.*

The hand of God is upon the minute details of this world, the very lilies of the field and the birds of the air or the hairs of a human head. His hand is upon the movements of mankind so that Isaiah could describe Cyrus as His servant working out the divine plan. His word is spoken by the lips of the teacher or evangelist and His message is demonstrated in healing whether it be at Cold Lake or Wonju. The ways of sharing in God's mission are legion if we have eyes to see the vision and ears to hear His call. We too murmur

How precious to me are thy thoughts,  
O God,  
How vast is the sum of them.

It is almost terrifying to realize how easily we may be excluded from participation. I wonder how you would describe the present-day equivalent of the Gospel story of the young women who were excluded from the wedding festivities through carelessness or indifference to the need of providing oil for their lamps? Sins of omission may be costly indicatives of our insensitivity of spirit.

So Mission to the uttermost in life demands of each of us that positive use of the "Means of grace" which will make us aware of the tasks to which God calls us today. "Pray" and "Study" thus become channels of service as well as "Work" and "Give". They do not end in the cultivation of the spirit nor in the increase of understanding. All four objectives may reach out to the uttermost in the community, and penetrate the fringe areas of Christian witness. Where does such Mission end in time and space? How can we assess its value?

Similarly we may gather statistics of membership and money gifts but how can we evaluate a program of action and information? Who can tell the ultimate value of the many concerns of

Christian Citizenship? Who knows how far is the outreach of Christian Friendship to the newcomer, the shut-in, the ailing? Who can tell how high the compassionate Christ has been lifted through "Supply" and "Relief"? Who can delimit the service of those who work in missionary education with the 170,000 in Youth groups?

I spoke of compiling statistics for *Facts and Figures* but the figures there do not really total the sum of the impact of life upon life in the use of material possessions. God in His mercy enables us, in the 11,000 adult and youth organizations which make up the Society, in Canadian congregations, to share in His Mission by many means. The "unofficial" missionary who lives in our community or travels abroad on business or pleasure supplements as well as supports the work of the "official" missionary.

It is at this point that we can clarify function in the present work of women. We have tended to emphasize aspects of program common to various groups within the Church. Now the uncommon features of work have special significance in the transition from old to new media. The direct participation in mission administration that has been distinctive of the W.M.S. and which includes full care of women missionaries involves much more than donating money or raising and spending a specific budget amounting now to \$1,360,000. It takes the Society into many places around the world, into many varied institutions and situations. Who can measure the influence of missionaries like those we shall appoint this afternoon? Who can measure the influence upon us of the distant Christians whom we may never see, but whose churches are linked with ours?

The impact of the divine Mission upon the life of man is like the winds of heaven which blow far beyond our

ken, or like the tides which in their ebb carry out to sea driftwood to cast it up on another beach. In the divine Mission the cosmic God meets man in two-way communication. "Come, See . . . Go, Tell" was the task given women two thousand years ago. It was the theme of the first Asian Church women's conference in Hong Kong last November. Once Mission was conceived in terms of the outreach by western European or North American churches to Asia or Africa. Now it is a deepening and widening communication of the Gospel by all the people of God.

*O clothe us with Thy heavenly armour,  
Lord,*

*Thy trusty shield, Thy sword of love  
divine;*

*Our inspiration be Thy constant word;  
We ask no victories that are not Thine:  
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure  
be;*

*Enough to know that we are serving  
Thee.*

#### MEANS OF SERVING THE MISSION

The chapel windows in the new United Church House seek to portray in pictorial form the revelation of God, the worshipping community, the Church's Mission in teaching, healing, compassion and vocation. Through people and organization the Holy Spirit has found instruments to carry Mission to the uttermost. The movement is blocked when we have neither eyes to see the path ahead nor ears to hear the call to follow. In considering new patterns of service we use as criteria their effectiveness for mediating the Gospel message.

In the meantime we continue to carry present mission responsibilities and look to their advance. Requests come from the Canadian and overseas churches for the enlisting of new missionaries, for opening new areas of work. Our own Society hopes for revision of the Retirement Fund, for increased co-operation within our Church. As each department

reports, watch for the co-operative grants which are the outward sign of the unity of purpose within the Church. For example with the Board of Colleges we share responsibility for the United Church Training School's budget; with the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Information and Stewardship responsibility for youth groups and projects as well as Missionary Education for all ages; with Evangelism and Social Service concern for service institutions and for moral issues; with the two Mission Boards we share administrative mission burden; and upon our Finance budget and that raised by the Church's Unified Plan of Finance relies the whole mission outreach of the church.

This long-time sharing responsibility with the Church not only challenges us to seek adequate provision for the ongoing work and the missionaries involved in "home and overseas missions", but also makes imperative the continuing participation in Mission of our membership. These aspects of responsibility are explicit in Board action of recent years. The study of the work of women in the church has now involved us all in the study of three possible revolutions in the pattern of our Church's life and work: the "Work of Women", the Administration of both Home and Overseas Missions, and the Structure of the Church itself.

We live in momentous days which challenge our faith and our understanding of God's Mission to the uttermost in energy, time, and space. We look back to the growing response of Church women during the long years of our history as a national administrative body and pay humble tribute to their consecration and vision; we are deeply grateful for the committed lives and outstanding service rendered by the women missionaries appointed by this Board for the Mission of the Church; we feel the pressure of responsibility for the



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Her many friends rejoice in the honor which Mrs. J. K. MacInnes received at the recent convocation at Mount Allison University — the degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*). As registrar of Mount Allison, editor of the W.M.S. Page, *The United Churchman*, leader in the Woman's Missionary Society and friend of countless students, Dr. MacInnes has richly earned such honor.

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Ongoing mission without limitation. We pray that concern for it may ever be at the heart of the Church and its supporting organization. May God's spirit ever bring "new days — brave, free and strong". (*Hymnary* 151)

**MISSION UNLIMITED IN PURPOSE,  
PROGRAM, PARTICIPATION, PROPULSION**

Our thinking began today with the glory, majesty, and activity of God, and His mission to the uttermost. This is not something to be enshrined in a "Purpose" and a "Program" though it must undergird all organizational life. It is not confined to Literature, Periodicals

and Missionary Education for Adults and Youth, though it is basic to it. It is not limited to Finance which flows out to sustain and support many institutions and missionaries. It is found in Service Projects, though it could never be limited to them. It is found in Leadership Training though the leader herself, whether she be in Canada or overseas, is only an instrument of the Mission. "Mission" or "Missions" is never something embodied in a "purpose" or "tacked on" to a "program" though its propelling power may be intensified by participation in the "study, pray, give and work" plans of an organization. This propelling power must be found both in the members and in their administrative arm. The "unofficial" missionaries within the congregations and church jurisdiction carry its spirit and drive into whatever organization or church Board carries "the work" responsibility. No changing pattern of organization can sidestep participation in the Mission outreach of the Church's members. As women members this Society has pledged participation in the Mission; it has appointed missionaries; it has promised support to them. Co-operative bodies have relied on the Society's backing. This has been a program and work the Church has carried on through the women of the Church. It remains the present responsibility of the Woman's Missionary Society. Wherever the administrative responsibility may reside in the future, the propelling power must continue both with the "unofficial" and "official" missionaries who have heeded the words of Jesus: "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you."

We may sing of the city of God and the vision which "bids us seize the whole of life and build its glory there". (*The Hymnary*, 382) The propulsion which can carry us in "Mission to the uttermost" remains the power of the living God which was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.



## OUR TRIBUTE TO Mrs. J. G. McKecknie

Mrs. J. G. McKecknie was born in Glen Morris, Ontario. She took her Normal School training in Toronto and afterwards taught there. She was married to the Reverend J. G. McKecknie and came to Saskatoon as a bride in 1895, where he had pastorates in the Presbyterian Church at Lumsden, Wolseley, Tantalton and Moosomin. They moved to Regina in 1913 where they retired from the active ministry.

Mrs. McKecknie travelled widely throughout the territory, now known as Saskatchewan, organizing the women of the Presbyterian Church in the cause of Missions. She organized the first Mission Band in Wolseley in 1896. As a result of her promotion, at a meeting in Sintaluta on December 2, 1902, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Qu'Appelle was organized, with Mrs. McKecknie appointed Provisional President for one year. In September of the following year at a meeting held in Indian Head in conjunction with the Presbytery, a complete slate of officers was elected with Mrs. McKecknie as president.

In 1908 a new Presbytery of Abernethy was authorized and the Rev. J. G. McKecknie was appointed Moderator. In September of the same year, Mrs. McKecknie was instrumental in forming a Presbyterial for this area, at a meeting held in Balcarres. It was known as the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. R. W. Motherwell (then missionary at File Hills) states that this movement for union of "Home" and "Foreign" work was initiated by Mrs. McKecknie about 1905 and it grew rapidly throughout all the Presbyterian Church in Canada. This movement resulted in the amalgamation of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and

the Woman's Missionary Society of Montreal and became the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Western Division.

When the Provincial Society was set up in 1915 in a meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Regina, Mrs. McKecknie presided and was elected the first president. She continued in this office until the time of Union in 1926, when she was elected first president of the Saskatchewan Branch. She held this office for four years and continued active in an advisory capacity until 1945.

During those years under the Presbyterian Church work was established among the Indians, and hospitals and School Homes were opened. The whole of the Province was organized into Presbyterials, due in large measure to the vigorous leadership given by Mrs. McKecknie. Those who have held office in this Conference Branch since Union continue to marvel at the great foresight and wisdom displayed by Mrs. McKecknie and those of other communions associated with her at that crucial time. Much of the democratic and correct procedure and wide interest in the Courts of the Church and Society, deeply imbedded in the hearts of so many women, would seem to have their roots in foundations so well and truly laid in those pioneer meetings, whether held in the growing cities and towns or more often in farm homes.

Mrs. McKecknie died on March 15 at the age of 92. She is survived by one son, T. S. McKecknie of Sarnia, Ontario, and two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Isaac of Winnipeg, and Mrs. R. J. Davidson of Regina, presently president of Saskatchewan Conference Branch.



# THE LITERATURE PAGE

MRS. E. W. HICKESON

*The Secretary for Literature, The Woman's Missionary Society*

**STAND BY FOR AFRICA** If (as we are certain) what happens in Africa is terribly important for the Christian community as a whole we can be alerted to momentous developments through up-to-the-minute materials on Africa. July is the time to get ahead by reading—

**THIS IS AFRICA, SOUTH OF THE SAHARA**, Newell Booth ..... 75c  
Here's the story of the year in a nutshell—compact interesting information about economic conditions, political and social life, Christian concerns and the Church's role in modern Africa. Contents include 25% photographs and 75% reading text.

**BLANKET BOY'S MOON**, as told to Peter Lanham by an African Chief ..... 50c  
When a first-rate story revolving around the case of a ritual murder serves at the same time to answer scores of questions about the state of human relations in South Africa, it adds up to a well written novel of our times.

Note: Watch for complete listing of Africa Packets and Bookshelf in the August issue.

## BIG PACKAGE OFFER

\$5.00

Provides enough material for several solid hours' fare:

1. **ANGOLA AWAKES**—a new filmstrip in color; 20 mins.
2. **AFRICAN MUSIC**—recording, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  rpm to complement filmstrip.
3. **AFRICA DISTURBED**—a popular new book, 185 pages, highlighting interviews with Africans and thoughtful insights written up by two seasoned travellers and skilled writers, Myrta and Emory Ross. (Main study book for 1959-60.)
4. **INSIDE ANGOLA**—pamphlet.
5. **INSIDE NORTHERN RHODESIA**—pamphlet.

—This "Package" available about the end of July—

FRANCES BONWICK

**MRS. HART RECEIVES A SHOCK** is a story written for adults by Isobel McFadden. Using her keen sense of humor and setting a familiar scene, the author demonstrates the right and wrong ways of presenting the work of the Woman's Missionary Society to disinterested people or to those who know little about it. This should prove useful in Auxiliaries or Federations and particularly to leaders who "have to make a speech". It is an attractive leaflet selling at 10c a copy. If you would like to adapt it for use as a skit, order several copies.

**THE MISSION BAND GRADUATION CEREMONY** as printed in the April **MISSIONARY MONTHLY**, is ready in leaflet form at 3c each or 30c a dozen.

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## Concerning NEIGHBORS

**CENTRAL AFRICA**—Two Canadians, Rev. and Mrs. Maynard W. Booth make their home in Southern Rhodesia where Mr. Booth is the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Mrs. Booth is a former officer of Montreal Presbyterial Executive. Mrs. Booth writes of an interesting angle encountered in their work, "Bible translation and revision is proceeding in several languages. A tentative version of St. Matthew's Gospel has been produced in Shona. While working over the first draft of the Acts for the Shona revision a number of interesting points came to light. You recall Peter's dream while on the housetop at Joppa—of a great sheet being let down from the opened heavens. What word could we use for the 'great sheet'? Blanket might do; every African carries a blanket with him when he travels but he seldom ever uses a sheet. As the event took place at Joppa overlooking the Mediterranean, the great sheet mentioned was more than likely a sail. Unfortunately Mashonaland is land-bound and there is no word for sail. Similarly in the preceding chapter, Acts 9, where the narrative of Paul's conversion on the way to Damascus appears and the saying 'It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks', the word 'pricks' could be an

ordinary sharpened stick or an ox-goad. Again the Shona people do not use a stick to prod their oxen. A small matter perhaps, but in the translation of the scriptures a degree of care and exactitude is necessary that is seldom found elsewhere."

**KENYA** — Once the arduous tasks of translation and publication are completed there is no sales problem in parts of Africa where more and more people are learning to read and asking for the Bible. Here is one example, from Kenya, "Everywhere groups of excited people lingered. Arrangements had been made for seven selling outlets at the seven windows of the school office and soon at every one of these windows there was a long queue in which old and young mingled alike all with their money ready and most eager to buy. There were broad smiles as they walked away with their Bibles under their arms and some paused and wrote their names in their own Book. Some of the people went away with three or four copies to be distributed amongst the members of their families and friends. By the end of the morning nearly one thousand Bibles had been sold".

FRANCES BONWICK

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### Literature Page (Continued from page 21)

There is now a retail store in the new United Church House on St. Clair Avenue East where people may browse or buy literature,

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THEME: THE JOY OF LIVING

"Earth shall be fair and all her people one."

**Call to Worship:**

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together!  
For, lo, the winter is past.  
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

**Hymn 587:** Birds are singing.

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 104: 1-3, 10-28, John 15: 9-12.

**Litany:—**

**Leader:** With thankful hearts we come before God today, praising Him for all His goodness to us. We have joy in living in this fair world which He has made. For the delicate beauty of flowers in garden and field, for green lawns to bring us pleasure, for pastures to feed our cattle and fields of waving grain to give us our daily bread,

**Response:** We give Thee joyful thanks.

**Leader:** In this holiday season, the lakes, rivers and streams, the fertile prairies and the green-clad hills and mountains are a joy to our eyes. For all these beautiful things which Thou hast made,

**Response:** We gladly praise Thee.

**Leader:** The gay carolling of birds and the happy laughter of children are music to our ears. For all these joys of eye and ear,

**Response:** We thank Thee, O God.

**Leader:** For our homes and loved ones, for the opportunity of service to others,

**Response:** We give Thee thanks.

**Leader:** All these blessings and many others Thou hast bestowed upon us, Thy people, O God, but greater than all these by far, is the gift of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who died that we might live. Thou hast said that if we keep Thy commandments our joy will be full and Thou hast given us, as a guide, these words: "Love one another, as I have loved you."

**In Unison:** "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. I will be glad in the Lord."

**Prayer:** "That earth shall be fair and all her people one."

**Hymn 29:** All creatures of our God and King.

**Prayer in Unison:** O Thou who givest all good and perfect gifts, create in us a deep joy in the realization of the beauty of Thy handiwork. Thou hast created a world which is fair; help us so to live that Thy kingdom may come, Thy will be done and all people become one in Thee. Amen.

—Adapted.

## "WIDEN THE PLACE FOR YOUR TENT"

Auxiliaries, Federations  
and Affiliated Societies  
1958-59



"Widen the place for your tent, lengthen your ropes, drive in the tent pegs." So wrote one of the Hebrew prophets centuries ago. "Lengthen your ropes, drive in your tent pegs," women have been calling to one another during the past year. What has it all meant? Is there any evidence to indicate that the place for our tent is any larger than it was a year ago? It is difficult to judge, yet in reading reports from Conference Branches one feels that there have been some gains.

Last year's records left one with the sense that we were marking time. This year there is a greater sense of movement. New Auxiliaries continue to be organized and 57 more Federations are reported than there were a year ago, making a total of 244 now registered. Some increase in membership is recorded. The response to an appeal for more generous giving to balance the budget was immediate and Branches exceeded last year's allocation by \$98,247. Reports sent in more promptly

than usual were on the whole more complete and orderly. Comments of corresponding secretaries indicate that the study packets are holding their own, yet more visual-aids and tape-recordings are being introduced into programs.

During the year there was a marked increase in the amount of Supply work done and bales for Overseas Relief were more numerous. Community Friendship reports indicate an increasing variety of concern and there was more evidence than usual of attempts to take a more alert and active stand in relation to Citizenship issues. More Associate Members were reported and wider use of Press, Radio and TV were indicated. Sales of "Missionaries Reporting" and "Facts and Figures" exceeded previous records and MISSIONARY MONTHLY subscriptions show a slight upward trend.

These "signs" do not mean that we can assume a much larger floor space for the W.M.S. tent, nor does it allow us to be smugly pharisaical about the effectiveness of our missionary witness. They

may mean, however, that there is a greater preparedness throughout the Society to enlarge our tent still more when occasion seems to require it.

But we dare not forget that many tent ropes are still slack and unsteady for many negative factors are prevalent in our work. Many Auxiliaries are still not using program outlines at all, some reject the worship and Bible Study help, many do not bother with audio-visual aids, the amount of visiting is infinitesimal in proportion to the size of our membership, the initiative shown in Community Friendship and Citizenship projects needs to be multiplied if any great impact is to be made; the number of *MISSIONARY MONTHLY* subscriptions is far from equivalent to our adult membership and we need five times as many missionaries as are being enlisted. How far can we widen our tent floors during the coming year?

**Lengthen Your Ropes!** This warning too has been heeded by many groups. Reports speak of efforts to increase interest in reading and sometimes in cooperation with libraries, of attempts to strengthen missionary education in the congregations, to introduce stories of world mission into church calendars, to reach out in fellowship to women of other communions not only in Day of Prayer services, but in other meetings planned locally.

There has been a definite lengthening of ropes in intercultural or racial contacts and many contacts have been on a personal basis with folk of Japanese, Chinese, Canadian Indian, Hungarian, Finnish, West Indian, Nigerian and Indonesian background. Understanding has been deepened with films like "The Longer Trail," "The Long Stride" and "Fires of Envy." Reports of the Tokyo convention have stretched the imagination of many women. One inter-faith experience is reported by a group who visited a Jewish synagogue during Brotherhood Week and one group,

becoming interested in penal questions, visited the local jail.

**Drive In Your Pegs!** Only so can tent ropes be kept firm and taut when storms arise or strong winds blow. Reports make one feel that many groups are trying to do just that in order to make sure that the universal mission to which they are committed is always given local expression as well. An Indian-Canadian woman is sharing in Auxiliary fellowship; a friendship is begun as two women of different racial backgrounds work together on a community committee; Auxiliary members volunteer to assist with wheel chair patients in a sanatorium, others are joining with White Cross visitors in serving a ward in a mental hospital; one officer attends a School of Alcoholism; a group shares in welfare work during a prolonged strike in the community! Parcels are sent to missionaries and nylons gathered for refugee weaving projects. Thank-offerings and parcels for missionaries are given generously. Vacation School Kits for students on summer fields are assembled and leadership is given or found for Younger Groups. In some strange way these expressions of concern become all of a piece and all seem to be so many strong tent-pegs firmly driven into place.

Attendance at Schools of Instruction, at Workshops, at Leadership Schools, Rallies, Annual Meetings, Executives is reported. One officer took a special training course at a Christian Workers' Centre, members of at least 300 Auxiliaries shared in Bible Study groups in congregations. These too are tent-pegs that are keeping the tent of our dwelling in place. And how many more need to be driven! how much more canvas needs to be stretched out! how many more ropes lengthened—if we are to be ready to move into a larger place together with other women of the Church in the days ahead!

DOROTHY M. YOUNG

*Home Organization Secretary*

## CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

1958-59



Congratulations to all Christian Citizenship Secretaries in Auxiliaries, Presbyterials, Conference Branches. I see great strides in the direction of better understanding of the aims and areas of responsibility of the Christian Citizenship Department toward all-embracing Christian Citizenship.

### TEMPERANCE

Alert and vital interest is evidenced in Alcohol Education. The loss by the use of alcohol, in working hours, family neglect, injury to health and mental outlook, to say nothing of spiritual well-being, efficiency and good health is enormous. How can we help people to understand this? All reported an amazing amount of work being done. One Branch submitted a Brief on Alcoholism to the Provincial Cabinet. Briefs and submissions were sent to the Temperance Commission of our Church. Most Auxiliaries had one program during the year or some time on several programs for Temperance Education. All Branches reported distributing literature secured from the United Church or from Provincial Federations or Research Foundations. There was much protesting of liquor advertising in magazines or on TV. Efforts were made to secure local option votes where new liquor outlets were being sought. Opposition was expressed to beer parlours in airport terminals, to cocktail lounges on planes and to reduction of grants for Alcohol Research. Temperance films were reviewed. Requests were made for elimination of cocktails from entertaining and alcohol from recipes. Concern for Allied Youth and Toc Alpha projects was expressed.

### WELFARE

Active sympathy for and awareness of various angles of welfare work was reported. Speakers and discussions and buzz sessions were used. Visits were made to Girls' Homes, Homes for the Aged, Mental Health Institutions. There was concern for Cancer Drives, Blood Clinics, Clothing Collections. There were programs on Penal Reform, Immigration and Capital Punishment. Co-operation with Elizabeth Fry and John Howard Society was mentioned. Hospitalization Plans were discussed. A government campaign against salacious literature was supported.

### RACIAL BROTHERHOOD

Help to off-reserve Indians was given—both finding work and helping with education. Some Auxiliary members attended receptions and served after Citizenship ceremonies for New Canadians. Fellowship with Chinese, Japanese and Negro women was reported in Auxiliary meetings. Films about Canadian Indians, "The Longer Trail" and "No Longer Vanishing" were used. Co-operation with Committees on Friendly Relations with Overseas Students was shown. Some members took University Extension Courses in Citizenship and courses in Alcohol Education. Human Rights, and Canadian Bill of Rights and Immigration were discussed.

### WORLD PEACE

Some Auxiliaries made a study of the United Nations. UNICEF was stressed and UNICEF shell-out was commended to Sunday Schools. United Nations Christmas cards were sold. Prayers for



peace were used in programs and in World Day of Prayer services. One Auxiliary taking a Sunday service stressed the claims of Christian Citizenship and the work of the W.M.S. Two services were based on the N.E.M. booklet "Christianity and Community". Interest in Dr. Laubach's work was shown. The use of Nuclear Power was discussed.

#### GENERAL

From Eastern Canada came the report of a joint meeting with Negro ladies; from the same area mention was made of hospitality for students from Hong Kong. Western reports mentioned planned visiting of Chinese brides with English-speaking women acting as interpreters. The Prairie Provinces and the far West sponsored Indian families, discussed problems of Canadian Indians, served at a banquet of an Indian Association, entertained Indian Canadians taking part in cattle drives. Chinese children needing medical aid were helped and from Central Canada were reported closer contacts with United Church institutional work among Canadians of Asian background.

One group made a study of Women's Rights in their province; another petitioned that women be appointed to the National Parole Board; another presented a study of "The Church Woman's Civic Responsibility".

We need to have an interested, active, Christian Citizenship secretary in every Auxiliary. The number is increasing. Let's try for perfection!

(MRS. WILLARD) ALBERTA GORDON  
*Dominion Board Secretary for  
Christian Citizenship*

#### About Our Cover

Who is to say which is more beautiful—this lovely East Indian girl or the franjipani flowers? Both add loveliness to the island of Trinidad especially since the former has come to know Jesus Christ. She accepted Him first in Iere Home for Girls, Princes Town, Trinidad. We see her just at the time of leaving Iere Home, ready to begin her course at Archibald Institute. Although she feels lonely when she thinks of leaving the Home, she is happy because she knows she has a Friend who will go with her even into the unknown future.

Iere Home for Girls emphasizes Christian teaching but follows that up with all the things that go into everyday living—cooking, cleaning, washing, ironing, sewing, school lessons and music. Trinidad, the capital site of the West Indies Federation, is looking to its citizens to become the kind of people who can find joy in living and share it with their neighbours. Under The United Church of Canada Mission in Trinidad, the Iere Home for Girls is planning its program to do just that for girls six to fourteen years of age.

—LEOTA WERNER

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## QUESTIONS! QUESTIONS! QUESTIONS!

Literature, 1958-59

Now that Literature reports for 1958 have been received and studied, several of your questions keep coming to mind. They all require answers.

You missed counting the number of books read for an award, so you asked, **Should Auxiliaries keep a record of books read?** The answer is "no" if it means time wasted on deciding what books "count", and "no" if quality of books read is sacrificed to quantity. The answer is "yes" if it means a record for future reference, a device for keeping book titles before the membership, or a way of interesting new readers.

You ordered books from two places, so you asked, **Why can't we get more devotional books from the Literature Distribution Centre?** We explain that the Centre has only books stocked by the Boards of the Church. When the Board of Information and Stewardship with which we co-operate, finds a devotional book with special value for Missionary Education, such as "IN HIS NAME", they do stock it and we tell you about it, but to have an adequate supply of devotional books to suit ever-changing tastes, is too costly and so it is necessary for you to order them from the United Church Publishing House which sells them commercially.

You also wondered, **Why are "samples only" sent in a book display? We would like to buy books when we see them.** The reason is cost again. With many displays out at one time, stock would be depleted so that the Distribution Centre could not fill orders, and then many books would be returned in unsaleable condition, or after demand for them had ceased.

In several different ways you have asked something like this, **Why do we not have our Study based on a book about the work of our own missionaries?** This is difficult to answer briefly, but one reason is that the work our United Church missionaries are doing is only part of the picture of the total mission of the World Church, and to study their work apart from that of other denominations and separated from the National Churches with which they co-operate would not give a complete picture, in fact it would be almost impossible to do. We have reports of the work of W.M.S. missionaries in this year's "MISSIONARIES AT WORK" (60c) and sometimes in other books such as "ANGOLA AIR-MAIL" (40c). Publishing biographies of living people is always hazardous in many ways. Even living relatives can create problems!

**NOW LET ME ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS.** Why do so many of you omit discussions after showing a film? Audio-Visuals are tools or devices for creating interest and sparking action. If an Audio-Visual is used only for viewing it becomes entertainment and a good opportunity for Missionary Education is lost. Open up some lively discussion the next time you use a film and watch your audience come alive.

**Why do you share the use of Audio-Visuals with other groups, but not the cost?** Most reports comment on the high price of films and film-strips but few groups do anything about it. The Church does not make profit on the service charges. Initial costs are high and repairs and service are not cheap, so the user must pay a fair share. Before you order, it would be well to consult groups in your congregations who could share

the use and cost of Audio-Visuals so that they may be used more frequently at less expense to one organization. We believe they are well worth the charges. There is a whole complement of new ones for Africa year!

There are requests on almost all reports for new, or more, Literature on many subjects. Are you sure you know what

is available now and how helpful it could be if you used it?

(MRS. E. W.) ISABEL HICKESON  
*Dominion Board Secretary for Literature*

P.S. Please remind your Auxiliary Presidents that Literature Secretaries need time in every meeting for promotion!

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORTING

1958-59

Thank you for your enthusiastic reports and the warm personal letters which so many included! How I wish I could pool all your energies and ideas and give them all back to you on these pages—with nothing lost.

From what you tell me and the figures I have, the trend seems to be toward fewer Associate Members secretaries but more members and increased givings.

There has been great activity among you. Across this vast country Associate Members have served in, literally, dozens of ways. Many have shared a special talent for singing, writing, book-reviewing and play writing. Some have helped with teas, picnics, parties, special meetings and community service projects. You have read widely, and prayed faithfully. Some have "baby sat" and others have driven in car pools. The list of achievements is thrilling.

Secretaries for Associate Members have given fine leadership. London Conference Branch tells of Associate Members' conferences in Middlesex, Oxford and Lambton. Their report also mentions many posters being used at Officers' Conferences, Presbyterials and Schools for Leaders. They have a Round-Robin letter between Secretaries. Calgary Presbyterial mentions a workshop held to



help their Auxiliary Associate Members' Secretaries. Manitoba had some, too!

Some auxiliaries are making careful plans to increase their number of Associate Members. St. John's in Regina sent along a detailed plan of attack. It has already been adopted in Scarborough. You will hear more of it. Meantime, if any of these ideas seem new to you write to the Conference Branch Secretaries for fuller details. You will find their names in "Facts and Figures."

British Columbia favours local News letters and the sending of minutes of regular meetings to Associate Members. Why didn't I think of that? Such a practical way of keeping in touch!

The Newsletter from Dominion Board was well received. Miss Isobel McFadden prepares the lion's share of this and I pass your appreciation on to her.

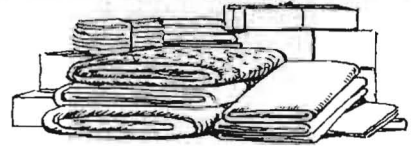
You have made many suggestions. Thank you especially for these. Some of them have already been acted upon and you will see more of them implemented as the year goes on.

Happy holidays to you all.

(MRS K.) GRACE JULL  
*Dominion Board Secretary for Associate Members*

## THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

1958-59



It is with heartfelt gratitude that the Supply Department acknowledges its indebtedness to all the members of the missionary family of our Church. One cannot read the reports coming in from the Conference Branches without realizing the unity of purpose of that family and its willingness, nay, its eagerness, to serve and give beyond the "allocation".

In 1958 this willingness was evident in the large increase in Supply Work done for Home Missions and in assistance to our Church's Overseas Relief Program. Over 75,000 pounds of supplies were reported as going to Home Missions Centres, and many Presbyterial Supply Secretaries received reports on which no poundage was recorded. The greater portion of these supplies went to Indian Reserves and Community Missions where the Woman's Missionary Society and the Board of Home Missions have missionary workers. Here the good used clothing and most of the 2,000 warm quilts helped keep at bay much of winter's icy chill. Gay bed coverings found a welcome on children's beds in Mission Schools and Homes. Similar coverings in more subdued tones gave warmth to patients in our church hospitals. To these hospitals also went sheets, towels, pyjamas, dressing gowns, expressing the desire of our members to share in this mission of mercy.

Can your imagination encompass the happiness which more than 8,500 Christmas gifts must have brought to the children who received them? For many—First Canadian, New Canadian, or just Canadian, it was their only gift.

Everyone loves a layette. Adult Woman's Missionary Society members and Younger Groups thoroughly enjoy the sewing, the knitting and the assem-

bling of garments for a layette, and many are the prayers for the wee newcomer who will use it. Some 730 layettes went, via the mission workers, to babies who would otherwise have had little to keep them comfortable.

From every part of the country come stories of assistance given where fire, sickness and lack of work made assistance necessary.

Assistance in the Christian Education program of the Church took the form of the gift of 235 Vacation Church School Packets, containing handwork material. The leaders of these schools are unanimous in their praise of the Packets, their usefulness in the schools and of the reminder they bring that even remote spots are not forgotten.

Many Younger Groups had a share in assembling Vacation Church School Packets. It is amazing to find to what a degree these Younger Groups share in the many phases of Supply Work. They, too, make Christmas gifts, stuff toys and make ditty bags for the Port Workers, carry cheer to the sick, the aged, and the shut-in, and share in Overseas Relief by collecting clothing, providing Towel Kits and Check-Po's and assisting with carrying charges. Let us make certain that our young people are given every opportunity of sharing in our Supply and Relief projects.

The Overseas Relief Program of our United Church is an area in which decided increase is manifest. Over 1900 groups sent contributions to the Overseas Relief Depots in 1958. This is an increase of 200 groups. The Overseas Relief Depot at 100 Simcoe Street, Toronto, sent 45 tons to Korea and 40 tons to Lebanon; while from the Vancouver Depot, Welfare Industries, First

United Church, 111 Victoria Drive, 38 tons went to Korea. Over 3,000 quilts and 748 layettes were in these shipments. In the bales sent to Korea there were 1130 Towel Kits and Check-Po's, sewing materials, soft dolls and toys, and the welcome discarded nylons.

Personal parcels are continuing to go to our missionaries in Korea. In almost 2,000 parcels went much new material and clothing as well as many of the mid-wifery kits. They also carried a breath of Canada and concern of the folk at home.

This brief survey of the work done in the Supply Department in 1958 does not

attempt to give details and it is in the details that the true story of the many projects is to be found. Each task has been done with hope and prayer. Each gift given has deepened a sense of responsibility and concern. So I ask our Supply Workers to join with me in this prayer of St. Augustine: "O Lord, our Saviour, who has warned us that Thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given; grant that we, whose lot is cast in so goodly a heritage, may strive together the more abundantly to extend to others what we so richly enjoy".

(MRS. P. E.) MARY E. AULT  
*Dominion Board Supply Secretary*

## COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP

1958-59

### REPORTING—

Once again it is a privilege to bring to you excerpts, ideas and suggestions from the reports of Community Friendship secretaries, who, like yourselves, have been doing such a fine service for the people of our churches and communities. I have one very real regret—that all of you did not send in reports although your Presbyterian secretaries felt that, in most cases, you were working. It makes it very difficult to appraise the situation when many reports might have given some Community Friendship secretary a real "lift". Do plan now to report to your Presbyterian Secretary next year. Many of you did send in detailed reports which the Conference Branch secretaries have summarized and have sent on to me. One Presbyterian had 100% of reports returned. Let us share, then, some of the matters reported.

### TRAINING—

To me one of the most significant and satisfying trends reported this year was



that of having conferences, workshops and rallies. We no longer believe that willingness to provide services of friendship for the community is enough. The majority of us feel that to do an effective task requires some form of orientation and instruction. Findings of conferences were sent to absentees and folk too far away to attend. Rallies were held in several regional areas to serve the whole Conference Branch. Let us continue and increase this trend this year.

### OUR MOVING POPULATION—

There were several reports of surveys of New Housing Areas. With the fantastic growth of Suburbia I shall expect many accounts of various ways of making surveys and especially of "follow-up" methods, in the next reporting.

There were efforts to follow with letters young people leaving a home church and, in one case, United Church calendars were sent. Where overseas students were living, entertainment and hospitality were given. Clothing was



distributed to the needy, food to the hungry and family difficulties were resolved.

#### IMMIGRATION—

Though active Immigration has been greatly reduced the integration of New Canadians into the life of Canada has continued. As these new residents have fulfilled the requirements for naturalization our Community Friendship committees have shared in the naturalization ceremonies, helping to make them occasions to be remembered.

Home hospitality has been offered to pupils in English classes. Many New Canadians have been included in Auxiliaries and Federations. One New Canadian has become a life-member. One of our societies sent a get-well message to an ailing mother in Holland which gave her a feeling of kinship with her daughter's new friends. The Department of Immigration in one city was interested to know there was a Community Friendship department to which they could appeal to welcome strangers.

#### THE SICK—

There was a real drive across Canada for regular visiting in Nursing Homes. One large city was organized so that many of the churches took responsibility for the regular visiting of the Nursing Homes. It would be interesting if all would try to set up a visiting service to the residents of Nursing Homes this year or introduce some new projects into their visiting service.

Reports indicated that THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, WORLD FRIENDS, THE OBSERVER, "The Upper Room" and Sunday School papers were distributed to the sick and shut-ins and that Auxiliary meetings were frequently held in nursing homes.

#### THE AGED—

Perhaps the greatest strides of all have been taken in service to and interest in our Aging Population. Many Old Age

Clubs were formed. Transportation, one of the greatest needs, was provided so that older people in the community could attend church, afternoon teas, film showings, a glee club recital, a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, a Sunday afternoon get-together and social evenings.

Tape Recordings were made of special services and taken to Homes for the Aged and to the Shut-ins. Active "oldsters" served as baby sitters. They contributed knitting, quilt blocks and craft work for church bazaars. Anniversaries and birthdays were remembered and many personal services were given to the aging in their homes.

#### OTHER IDEAS—

Community Friendship secretaries used posters, scrapbooks and skits to publicize the department.

One auxiliary reported 600 telephone calls.

The Public Health nurse helped one group to find needy folk.

United Church literature was sent to a county jail where it was gratefully received.

Co-operation was reported with various organizations of the Church and with Social Agencies in order to provide a more effective service for the whole community.

I shall close with the summary made by one of the Conference Branch secretaries: "An increasing emphasis on Leadership Training is reflected in the reports of secretaries. More Auxiliaries are forming committees for systematic visiting in Nursing Homes and Homes for the Aged. Visits are made regularly, not just spasmodically or on special occasions, and care is being taken that visitors are introduced to the do's and don't's of successful visiting.

(MRS. R. E.) LILA THOMPSON  
*Dominion Board Secretary for  
Community Friendship*

THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY

# SECRETARY FOR YOUNGER GROUPS

1958-59

## ON THE GOOD SIDE

- Increases in numbers of Baby Bands, Mission Bands, Affiliated Explorer Groups, and Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups
- More and more children and teenage girls receiving Missionary Education in week-day groups
- Continuing effort to visit in homes where there are small children
- Increases in givings in Younger Groups
- Enthusiasm about having Missionaries, Overseas Students and Student Field Workers at Camps
- General eagerness among Leaders to improve their leadership
- Good response to work done by Student Field Workers
- Widespread presentation and interpretation of Christian vocation in C.G.I.T. and Mission Circles
- Increased opportunities for co-operation with persons concerned about Christian Education

## ON THE NOT-QUITE-SO-GOOD SIDE

- Only some Auxiliaries and Federations taking an interest in Younger Groups
- Only some Auxiliaries appointing a Vice-President for Younger Groups
- Only some Leaders attending Leaders' Conferences
- Some Mission Band Leaders and Mission Circles wanting to support "good causes" outside the W.M.S. budget
- Some Mission Circles not using the

Study Packet, because it is "too difficult" or "too deep"

- Some Presbyterials not appreciating the worth of the Explorer Program

## ON THE SIDE THAT GIVES CAUSE FOR EVEN DEEPER CONCERN

- Many Mission Bands disbanding in some areas.
  - In 42 of our 102 Presbyterials, *lack of leadership* given as a reason for these losses.
- Decreases in numbers of Mission Circles
  - Lack of concern about 18-25-year-olds?
- Large numbers of so-called Mission Circles having members over 25 years of age
  - Of 124 Circles surveyed, only 39 with all members 25 years or under
  - 13 with all members over 25
  - 55 with more than half members over 25
  - 17 with less than half members over 25

1959-60 lies before us with fresh opportunities — fresh opportunities to strengthen existing work, to launch out into new projects, to co-operate with others within the Church who share our concern for the Christian Mission. May we be granted vision and imagination and willingness to use the opportunities presented to us.

R. CATHERINE MCKEEN

*Secretary for Younger Groups*



## MISSION CIRCLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1958-59



**STATISTICS.** 2,259 members contributed \$12,664.28, an average of \$5.60 per member.

24 new Circles organized.

Some Circles graduated to Auxiliaries or disbanded.

Two "graduates" pledged themselves to organize new Circles to replace them.

One Circle doubled its membership and doubled its givings.

One Circle trebled its membership and almost trebled its givings.

One Presbyterial reported 30 new members.

**WORSHIP AND STUDY.** Worship a vital part of meetings. Packet used in most groups with a resulting increase of interest and concern for the Mission of the Church. "The Shadows They Cast" and the C.G.I.T. packet used by a few. Comment from one Secretary: "The study Book should be attacked with enthusiasm and imagination and with a maximum number of members participating". (One Circle used related "props" . . . "even if only a flower in the hair".) Supplementary programs included "The Big Lie about Drinking", "The Christian and Peace", "Immigration" and "Peace and Brotherhood".

**SERVICE.** "Much enjoyed". Visits, cards, gifts to hospitals, municipal homes, paraplegic and geriatric centres, homes for Senior Citizens, orphanages. Overseas students and nurses entertained at homes of "Big Sisters"; Parties for shut-ins; Sunshine boxes to Associate Members; Student in Trinidad sponsored for one year.

In local congregations leadership given in Sunday Schools, Explorers, C.G.I.T., Baby Band, Choir, Junior

Congregation. One Circle led the evening worship at Presbyterial.

To Home Mission Centres and Hospitals: hampers, canned goods, gifts of jewellery, stuffed toys, scrapbooks, filled stockings, books, catechisms, children's records, scripture bookmarks, Vacation School supplies.

To Overseas Relief: midwifery kits, used nylons, afghans, quilts, layettes, knitted garments, wool, check-po's.

**LITERATURE.** "Where records were kept, interest increased".

One Circle read an average of five books per member, one read 55 books, another 36 books.

Every member in one group was a subscriber to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY.

**N.B. Advisory Presidents!** More promotion of Literature Page and of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY as a whole, please!

**RECRUITING.** Need presented in most Presbyterials by Candidate Secretary, speakers, filmstrip "They Serve the Church".

Visits made to our Christian Lay Training Centres and to the United Church Training School.

Two members attending P.C.T.C., one Naramata; one training for full time service at the United Church Training School.

**RALLIES.** More participation and more interest evident.

One Conference brought Circle Secretaries to Annual Meeting resulting in more activity and enthusiasm.

One Circle held a panel discussion with Past Presidents and Advisory Presidents participating to discover the duties

of officers and members and how to fulfill duties more effectively.

Joint Coaching Conference held for Presbyterial Secretaries for Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups and for Mission Circles. "Portfolio Secretaries need these times of refreshment".

**LEADERSHIP.** "Advisory President is a key person in keeping interest high."

"Two heads are better than one. Two Circles have two Advisory Presidents".

At a fall Sectional Rally one Confer-

ence Branch Secretary moderated a panel discussion on "The Work of Our Younger Groups".

Two members attended the World Sunday School Convention in Tokyo, Japan.

#### OUR CHALLENGE FOR 1959

"Strengthen your Stakes,  
Lengthen your Cords."

(MRS S. J.) JESSIE R. PATTERSON  
Dominion Board Secretary for  
Mission Circles



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

### REPORTING MISSION STUDY, 1958

Groups—2,521	Increase—198
Members—26,842	Increase—2,864
Givings—\$15,996.81	Increase—\$2,190.76

#### ACTIVITIES DURING STUDY

Cooking and Sewing  
Japanese meals  
Doll Festivals  
Flower Arranging  
Making miniature gardens  
Japanese games  
Mural, maps, scrolls  
Study of customs of Japan  
Canadian booklets to be sent to Japan

#### CO-OPERATION WITH W.M.S.

Helped with Woman's Missionary Society supply work  
Auxiliary attended banquets and suppers  
Auxiliary provided packets and supply money  
C.G.I.T. girls visited Senior Citizens,

attended World Day of Prayer with Auxiliary, collected nylons for Auxiliary, bales

#### ACTIVITIES FOR OTHERS

Towel Kits sent to Korea  
Visits and gifts to Shut-ins  
Made quilts  
Knitted baby outfits  
Made afghans  
Dressed dolls in Canadian costumes  
Sent doll in C.G.I.T. uniform to Japan

#### GIFTS FOR SPECIAL OBJECTS

Voluntary givings topped the list  
Sale of church calendars, fudge, cards and cookies interested many groups  
Making Christmas stockings, corsages and floating candles kept many busy

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Two Conference Branches held World Friendship Rallies in every Presbyterial.
- Pen pals from Japan were discovered in almost every Conference Branch.
- In one Presbyterial all C.G.I.T. groups attended the World Day of Prayer.
- Some Presbyterials had every group affiliate with the Woman's Missionary Society.

- In many places Japanese people helped with the study by loaning costumes, speaking, and telling of customs in Japan.
- More leaders attended Conferences, Workshops and Schools for Leaders.

Interest was expressed in J'3s.

High praise was expressed for the packet which included "Window On Japan" and "Japanese People and Things".

In every Conference great appreciation was awakened for the culture and problems of teen-agers in Japan. One group expressed themselves this way, "We loved everything except the green tea".

(Mrs. D. J.) ADA SCOATES

*Dominion Board Secretary for Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups*



## WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Affiliated Explorer Groups

1958-59

Each of us — Explorer Counsellor—Presbyterial Secretary—Dominion Board Secretary for Affiliated Explorer Groups —has her own special part in "chalking up the score" of Affiliated Explorer Groups across Canada!

Think, for instance of those blue XXX forms received at the time when you, as Counsellor, signified that your group wished to become an Affiliated Explorer Group. These ask so little! And such obvious questions! Why bother to fill in and return? — Some don't! Still, since the form is on hand, it might be a good idea to send it back to let the Presbyterial Secretary for Affiliated Explorers know that we really consider ourselves "affiliated"!

So, we'll enter the number in our group and the fact that we used the Junior Mission Study Packet and, of course, the "Guide". But how many meetings did we have in our Missionary Exploration? Was it six or eight? What does it matter? We'll leave a blank here!

Then there is that question about

WORLD FRIENDS. Sue and Linda take it for they used it in their group and were showing it to some of the other girls. But it would look silly to put down 2 when there may be others who get the magazine. Is it better to leave a blank? That goes for THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, too. This is where we find out about the Mission Study and sometimes we read the Explorer Page—but that is not exactly using it.

We did have a filmstrip and the girls loved it! — But what was it called? We'll just put a check mark here to show we had one.

We are asked to describe what we did in the Missionary Exploration. What's the use? The girls were certainly interested, both in the story of Kenji and in the activity projects. We'll list some of these—the tokonoma, making cherry blossoms, a carp banner, and the Japanese tea party.

Now comes the question about money. We collected \$14.50 for the Explorers' Special Object. The money order cost a



few cents and there was postage. Still, \$14.50 is close enough and we'll put it down that way.

And what did the Auxiliary do? Oh, yes, they sent us the Study Packet and invited us to take part in a "Japan Night". The Explorers liked that!

The Presbyterian Secretary could not come to an Affiliation Service but she sent us this form XXX. And now that we've filled it in, we'll send it to her.

So our form XXX reaches the Presbyterian Secretary for Affiliated Explorer Groups. Reading it, she is stirred with uncertainty. The reported money gift does not correspond with the amount listed by the Presbyterian Treasurer who received \$14.23. Our entry must be changed to match hers. Then we have not indicated the number of meetings devoted to the Missionary Exploration. The minimum for an Affiliated Group is 6. There is nothing in the report to show we had that many. Reluctantly, the Presbyterian Secretary places our form XXX with those to be listed at the bottom of her statistical sheet as: "Groups making a money gift but not affiliated". This does spoil an accurate "scoring" of Explorer activity in the Presbyterian, but it is the best that can be done with information received!

So, off goes the Presbyterian statistical report to the Conference Branch Secretary for Affiliated Explorer Groups. She, in turn, transfers information received to the Conference Branch sheet and sends all reports to the Dominion Board Secretary for Affiliated Explorers. From these, statistics for "Facts and Figures" are gathered. From these, the Dominion Board Secretary makes her annual report. From these, she reports back to you, through THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, concerning the "score" of Affiliated Explorers across Canada. How accurate is her reporting? — It can be no more accurate than you, the Explorer Counsellor, make it!

While incomplete reporting is all too

common, in fairness to the great majority of Explorer Counsellors throughout our Dominion it must be said that most of the XXX forms are carefully entered. Appreciation is extended to all who have thus made possible a more accurate "chalking up the score" of Affiliated Explorer Groups. Because of your reporting, we speak with assurance when we say:—

1. The Japan study was marked with particular enthusiasm on the part of Explorers.

2. Kenji appealed to Explorers who, through the ups and downs of his experiences, gained a better understanding of life in his country.

3. The activity projects suggested in the "Guide" were warmly received. Most groups seem to have made a *tokonoma*. Many made carp banners, cherry blossoms, shuttlecocks. Some held a doll festival or a Japanese tea party. A few reported making a "Wheat Uncle" (scarecrow). Others dramatized part of the story of Kenji or made a Japanese *Kamishibai*.

4. Many groups expressed their concern for others through "near-at-home" service projects—gifts for New Canadians, parcels to Port Workers, treats for hospital patients or pensioners.

5. WORLD FRIENDS is gaining in circulation among Explorers.

6. An increasing number of Auxiliaries (Federations) provides the Explorer Mission Study Packet.

7. The number of Affiliated Explorer Groups continues to increase, as also does group membership and money gifts toward Explorers' Special Object.

This, in brief, is the score sheet that you, the Counsellors of Affiliated Explorer Groups, have assembled. Congratulations! And may we hope that the score for 1959 may exceed that of 1958 in completeness and accuracy!

(MRS. S. J.) BEATRICE MATHERS  
Dominion Board Secretary for  
Affiliated Explorer Groups

## MISSION BANDS HAVE HAD A GOOD YEAR 1958-59



Although we must admit that statistics show a decrease in the number of Mission Bands in some areas, the written reports from each Branch Secretary have been filled with enthusiasm and optimism. Our 1,961 Bands are rendering admirable service in their own communities and in the wider work of the Church.

Leaders have expressed appreciation for the study materials provided, and for the help they find in *WORLD FRIENDS* and in *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*. As one leader said, "WORLD FRIENDS gets better all the time. We are convinced that it should go into every home of our congregation where there are children." To provide a copy of *WORLD FRIENDS* for every child, Mission Bands held Friendship Teas, collected *OBSERVER* subscriptions, sold greeting cards and church calendars, and carried out many ingenious money-making efforts.

There is fresh emphasis being placed on the teaching and practice of Christian Stewardship. Children are being encouraged to save and give their own money to missionary work. The use of Gift Boxes is increasing, and leaders say that a Gift Box sent home with sufficient explanation of its purpose can increase the missionary interest of a family.

Many reports have highlighted the importance of the worship experiences of their Mission Bands. Leaders are on the alert for moments of worship that arise while other activities are in progress. They are training the children to take part in the leadership of worship, and together they are creating meaningful worship centres.

The work and the purpose of Mission Bands is becoming more widely known. Most Bands entertained their parents at some time during the year, and presented a program to illustrate and explain their activities. Many took part

in congregational Mission Festivals and W.M.S. Family Parties. Two Bands in western Canada entered world friendship floats in local carnivals—and one of them walked off with first prize!

The variety and ingenuity of the projects reported speaks highly of the quality of leadership our Bands are receiving. Projects suggested in the Leader's Guides were thoroughly enjoyed. In addition, the Bands participated in service projects for shut-ins, for lonely older people, for hospitals and mission stations.

The ever-increasing popularity of Explorer and Tyro groups is held to be partly responsible for the disbanding of some Mission Bands, since some rural churches find it difficult to gather younger children for a meeting when they cannot be brought by older brothers and sisters. A few have solved this problem by holding Mission Band in a home near the church at the same time as the Explorer meeting. Others have the Mission Band meet as a Junior Congregation during the latter half of the church service. Others meet Saturdays.

There is no denying that the main problem in Mission Band work is still the old one—lack of leaders! Members of the Woman's Missionary Society have long been noted for their resourcefulness and ingenuity. This situation calls for the exercise of both. One leader, when forced to give up her Band for a year because of ill health, found a capable sixteen-year-old boy who was willing to fill in for her. She provided him with materials, and reported to W.M.S. meetings for him. He turned in an unusually fine report at the end of the year.

(MRS. J. L.) GENEVIEVE CARDER  
*Dominion Board Secretary for  
Mission Bands*



## BABY BANDS

1958-59

There is no substitute for individual responsibility. This is clearly evident as Branch Secretaries across the country assess the work in their Conference Branches. There are Presbyterials in which the failure of a Secretary means no report of the work in a whole area. In their turn, Presbyterian Secretaries reveal the importance of the individual. Frequently the devoted work of a Superintendent builds up a large Band in a relatively small congregation, while in some large congregations not even one woman can be found to carry on a Band.

In the matter of responsibility one Secretary regrets the fact that there are 265 Auxiliaries or Federations in her Branch but only 132 Baby Bands. Younger Groups, she stresses, are a vital part of the work of the Auxiliary, or Federation. Another Secretary reports a very marked lack of leaders and helpers throughout her entire Conference. There is a general feeling that more effort should be made to include leaders of Younger Groups in Auxiliary Executive meetings.

The co-operation between Auxiliaries and existing Bands has been very good. The Auxiliary members assist financially and with visiting, in preparing parties and in supervising the children to give mothers freedom for more effective meetings. On their part, mothers generally assist with Supply and Overseas Relief work but there is wide variation in the number of mothers who are Auxiliary members.

In marked contrast with former years only one Secretary stresses the importance of visiting but a number are enthusiastic about the results achieved by Presbyterian Secretaries who are in

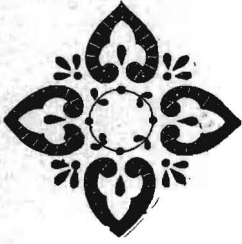
close touch with their Superintendents. A round-robin letter started by one Secretary goes to each Superintendent for her encouragement and for her to add the highlights of her own Band. In another case the short and poorly attended conference at the Presbyterian Annual Meeting has given place to plans for four meetings in homes, one in each corner of the Presbyterian. The hope is to have most of the Superintendents attend. Individual telephone calls—easily made in city Presbyterials—and letters, encourage Superintendents.

There is a pronounced increase in the number of Mothers' Groups and in the frequency of their meetings. In one Presbyterian alone there are five. A morning coffee club is answering the need for fellowship for a group of women who must be at home early in the afternoon when children come from school. Supply work is a vital part of the program of Mothers' Groups.

The enlarged WORLD FRIENDS has received an enthusiastic welcome and has been used effectively. There is a desire for more leaflet stories similar to the ones Miss Isobel McFadden has written in the past few years, for more true stories of children from the mission areas, for new stories of the Gift Box Children, for games, handwork and finger play, for program ideas for large groups and for Superintendents who have been working for a number of years.

The general picture given by reports is one of enthusiasm for a year of good work done and of anticipation of what can be done in the future.

(MRS. J. G.) MARY COBURN  
*Dominion Board Secretary for  
Baby Bands*



## At Work in The Conference Branches

### Alberta

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EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL—Home Mission work in the Northwest Territories, and Indian work in Alberta were vividly brought to the attention of those attending the annual meeting of Edmonton Presbyterial in Robertson United Church, Edmonton. Rev. C. D. Powell, Superintendent of Missions in the north, said, "Home Missions are challenged by the changing conditions in the north, and the United Church should be prepared to meet the needs of our growing northern communities." He spoke of the work in Whitehorse, Hay River, Yellowknife and Fort St. John. Forty-two student missionaries work in the summer months under Mr. Powell's supervision in outlying districts. Mrs. W. G. Morgan gave a close-up picture of the work she and her husband are doing among the 1,000 Indians on the Saddle Lake and Good Fish Reservations. She told of the faithful women, one walking twelve miles each Sunday to service. Vacation Bible Schools held at a number of points were appreciated, and at each school the closing day's program was designed especially for parents. Mrs. W. H. Langman, in her presidential report, said four new Federations were formed in the past year. She urged greater interest in young people and their leaders. Youth groups affiliated with W.M.S. took part in the afternoon program. The Treasurer reported the allocation had been exceeded by \$1,202, and 25 life memberships and larger givings had been made by youth groups. Miss M. B. Manuel brought greetings from the W.M.S. of the Methodist Church in Bermuda and the evening session closed with a number of colorful slides of Bermuda shown by Miss Manuel.

HIGH RIVER PRESBYTERIAL—There was a very

good attendance at the annual meeting of this Presbyterial held in the Stavely United Church. Reports from the 16 departments were encouraging, showing gains in most departments. Our Treasurer's report again brought applause as she announced we had reached our allocation with a small gift for G.B.A. Stavely W.M.S. Auxiliary conducted the morning worship service using the theme, "Strengthen your stakes and lengthen your cords." Blackie W.M.S. Auxiliary took the afternoon worship period with a fine service on "The Strength of Prayer". "We know not whither thou goest" was the theme for the memorial service for seven members led by Claresholm Auxiliary. The highlight of the day was our guest speaker, Miss Grace Beattie, who has been doing evangelistic work in Trinidad. She gave a wonderful description of the geographic position of this field and the work carried on there as a witness of God's power. The Literature Secretary had a fine display and sale of literature.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERIAL—"Strengthen thy stakes and lengthen thy cords" was the theme for the annual Presbyterial meeting held in St. Paul's United Church, Fairview. The morning worship service was conducted by Mrs. H. Miller of Fairview who used the Presbyterial theme. The Rev. H. J. Miller gave an inspiring address and Bible study on the theme after which those present divided into groups and participated in buzz sessions. All reports were mimeographed and presented to each delegate present. The 1959 allocation was accepted. The morning session concluded with a Communion Service after the memorial service. The afternoon worship service was in charge of Peace River Auxiliary. Mrs. R. F. Berry, Conference Branch President, gave a very educational address on the history of the W.M.S. stating that it first began in 1864 as a Foreign Missionary Society. She spoke of the great witness being made for God at Cold Lake, Bonnyville, Grande Centre and Vilna by dedicated people. Certificates of Recognition were

presented to Mission Bands at Beaverlodge, Dawson Creek, Fairview, Grande Prairie and Peace River. Mrs. O. Gudlaugson of Beaverlodge, conducted the evening worship which was followed by the presentation of a skit on the unification of the W.M.S. and W.A. Mrs. Berry's evening address dwelt with "Christian Concerns" and brought forth such thought-provoking questions as "Who is the missionary? Each and every one of us can witness for Him"; "Have we meant business in our Christian outlook?" To conclude the evening session slides on the new Cold Lake Hospital and the film "North American Neighbors" were shown and much appreciated.

### Bay of Quinte

*Press Secretary, Mrs. E. Free, Sunderland, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. A. Scriver, 145 Hunter St. E., Peterborough, Ont.*

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL—Two well attended spring rallies were held the last week of April and two the first week of May. The spirit of worship dominated every session. Discussion groups were led by Presbyterial secretaries for the different departments. As a result of the discussion on Christian Citizenship a resolution was unanimously adopted by the assembly which was to go forward to Dr. Lane, on the Temperance Commission of our Church, and was also to be brought before the fall rally of the Presbyterial. Mrs. D. Ritchie of Lindsay, was the guest speaker at the rallies at Beaverton and Manilla. The first day she spoke on "The Ministry of Women" and chose a few of the best known Biblical characters among whom the foremost was Mary, the mother of Jesus. A point which she emphasized was the custom of church attendance, and she referred to the record in Jesus' early ministry, "He went into the synagogue as was his custom." At Manilla, Mrs. Ritchie's address was on the parable of Jesus feeding the multitude. He asked, "What have ye?" and because there was a willingness to share, Jesus blessed the scanty supply and was able to feed the great crowd. He asks the same question of us today. We have so much material wealth and so many advantages and we have Christ's great example and his commands. At Bobcaygeon the guest speaker was Mrs. R. Zarins of Cannington, a native of Latvia. She quoted two verses of Scripture which have been her source of strength since she

became a Christian—Hebrews 13: 5 and Philippians 4: 11. She said, "Contentment and thanksgiving go hand in hand. What wonderful words too are freedom and liberty, so very often taken for granted." The guest speaker at Lindsay was Mrs. R. Hanscom of Peterborough who told of her recent trip to Bermuda and Trinidad. She showed many beautiful slides taken there.

### British Columbia

*Press Secretary, Mrs. K. Crowe, 3521 West 28th Ave., Vancouver 8, B.C.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Fullerton, Ste. 4, 8733 Granville St., Vancouver 14, B.C.*

KOOTENAY PRESBYTERIAL—The joint annual meeting of the Presbyterial W.M.S. and Presbytery W.A. was held in Fairview and St. Paul's-Trinity United Churches, Nelson. Seventy delegates registered for the three-day session. Mrs. P. O. Huse of Trail was named president of the W.A. and Mrs. F. Lowe will head the W.M.S. During the business meetings the W.M.S. Treasurer announced that \$3.150 had been forwarded to the Conference Branch Treasurer. Reports were presented by the portfolio secretaries of both organizations on Christian Citizenship and Stewardship, Community Friendship, Christian Education and the Manse. Home missions and overseas relief, adoption of war orphans, and 12,000 calls made on the sick were highlights of the reports. Literature secretaries told of the presence of libraries in many local churches and the distribution of church reading, and the increasing use of films and slides in audio-visual education. The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. T. M. Karpoff who spoke on "The Four Great Commissions of the Church" and the way women are endeavoring to carry them out. Rev. E. D. Jones of Nelson, directed the thoughts of the delegates in public and private worship and Bible study. The conference broke up into "workshops" to discuss (1) W.A. as a whole; (2) Getting new members; (3) W.M.S. and Home Missions; (4) Christian Stewardship; (5) Christian leadership and education. Under the heading "Highlights of 1958" Mrs. Karpoff reported on the young men of the Kootenays who graduated this year from Union College. She also mentioned the young men who were still at the college and will graduate shortly. All of the Youth Secretaries reported on the progress in their depart-



ments. It was announced that three girls have expressed the desire to do full-time church work and are preparing themselves for this. Overseas Churches are asking for 39 appointees this year but only 11 are likely to be able to go. The Supply report indicated that parcels sent to Korea, Formosa, Yugoslavia and the Home mission fields had totalled almost 2,000 pounds. The senior C.G.I.T. group presented a skit later.

**VANCOUVER NORTH PRESBYTERIAL**—The first conference of all presidents and secretaries of departments of the newly formed Vancouver North Presbyterian was held in Trinity Zion United Church. The Presbyterian President, Mrs. J. L. Todd, chaired the meeting which opened with a worship service and was followed by separate conferences. The afternoon session included Presbyterian business and reports of the morning conferences.

As follow-up of their Mission study the C.G.I.T. girls from Dunbar Heights United Church held a most successful "International Tea". Dressed in the costumes of the various countries the girls arranged stalls for Spain, India, Hawaii, Japan and China, the North American Indian and the British Isles, and served food pertaining to each country. As a special highlight two Japanese girls, sponsored by Miss Grace Namba, W.M.S. worker among the Japanese, did traditional Japanese dances in costume.

**VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL**—Our annual Presbyterian meeting took place in First United Church, Victoria. Miss Eunice Peters, W.M.S. missionary to the Chinese, opened the sessions with a worship service based on "Enlarge the place of thy tent". Dr. H. K. Johnston, formerly of Manchuria, Korea and China, gave an interesting address on "The Impact of Christian Missions Overseas". This was followed by a report on the findings of the Commission on Women's Work by Conference Branch President, Mrs. K. C. Crook, and with Rev. Catherine McKeen assisting. Rev. Laura Butler led us in Bible study both days. After supper we divided into groups for workshops—or School for Leaders—with most of the secretaries from 20 churches present. Some very profitable discussion on varied subjects resulted. A challenging address by Miss McKeen, Secretary for Younger Groups, completed our first day's activities. The next day we paid tribute to departed members in a service conducted

by Mrs. J. R. Downell. This was followed by a communion service with Rev. A. I. Higgins and Rev. Nora Hughes conducting the service. In the afternoon Mrs. R. B. McMillan talked to us about "News from India" describing the changing scene there. Mrs. W. J. McIntyre told us about her trip to Tokyo as our delegate to the World Conference on Christian Education. We entertained about 275 C.G.I.T. girls for supper after which Miss McKeen spoke to them, encouraging them to think of full-time work in the Church as a career.

## Hamilton

*Press Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, Scotland, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. John Inglis, 1081 Huron St., Niagara Falls, Ont.*

In ideal weather, warm and springlike, the annual meeting of Hamilton Conference Branch was held in First United Church, Hamilton, April 15-16, with an attendance of over 300. Mrs. Ross Patterson opened the sessions with a short worship service. Miss Marion Thomson, Field Secretary for Dominion Board, told of her visits to mission fields from Newfoundland to Vancouver. She stressed workshops saying that the work done there gives a vision of missionary education, and suggested getting together in small groups to share problems and ideas. The literature demonstration was presented by Miss F. McNair and Mrs. H. Hopper, Literature Secretary for Conference Branch. Miss McNair told about the set-up at The United Church Publishing House in Toronto, and the way study books are printed. "When we read, it makes us think and we are concerned, so we are motivated to action."

Rev. Miriam Collins, of Port Credit, led the Bible study from Galatians 3: 28, under two headings, "There is neither Jew nor Greek" and "There is neither male nor female". A discussion period followed. The Wednesday afternoon worship service was led by the president of Niagara Presbyterian, and was followed by a very challenging address by the Christian Stewardship Secretary for Toronto Conference Branch—Mrs. Lowrey. Using the theme, "What shall I render unto the Lord", she said that Church leaders have a definite responsibility in the use of their time. There can be no right relationship with God unless everyone takes the time for Bible study, prayer and meditation.

This is a power age—we have power available that could change the world.

“The Church called out and sent forth” was the theme of an address by Miss Wilna Thomas, Associate Missions Executive Secretary. She spoke of the Church as a community that differs in many ways from the society of which it is a part. The Church must have a sense of fellowship with those who consider themselves foreigners in their own countries—their real citizenship is in the Kingdom of God. Because of needed help in various departments, conferences were planned for Presidents, Vice-presidents, Treasurers, Christian Citizenship, Candidate and Affiliated C.G.I.T. Secretaries.

Wednesday evening opened with an organ recital followed by a worship service led by Dr. E. M. Aitken. The candidate work was presented in a very interesting way by Mrs. L. H. Cragg, 2nd Vice-President of Dominion Board and Chairman of the Candidate Committee, and Mrs. G. M. Meyers, Hamilton Conference Branch Candidate Secretary. Mrs. Cragg said it was our job to provide trained workers for full time service; we are all missionaries in our churches, homes and communities. The address of the evening was given by Rev. Harold Steed, on furlough from Africa. He said that the W.M.S. had been in Angola for 75 years and told of the first missionary, Miss Minehaha Clarke, of Guelph, who gave her life to Africa. He spoke of the wonderful work being done in Domestic Science, Health Education and the training of African workers in every part of Church work.

Thursday morning the president of Bruce Presbyterial led the worship which was followed by “Christian Citizenship is everybody’s business”. This was presented by using posters. The Affiliated C.G.I.T. Secretary spoke on C.G.I.T. today. The afternoon worship service was led by the president of Haldimand-Norfolk Presbyterial. Mrs. C. S. Patterson, 1st Vice-President of the Dominion Board, described the committee that was set up in 1953 to study the place of women in the church. She told of the problems they had to face, many of which are still unsolved. With the help of Miss Marion Thomson, Mrs. Patterson presented the report of the Commission on the Work of Women in the Church.

## London

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“Our purpose, reduced to simplest terms, is to have the Christian concern to take the whole Gospel to the whole world. The stating of this is much simpler than its accomplishment. The world picture is black but we are heartened when we recall what the Christian Church is doing in today’s world. . . . The Christian Mission has not outlived its usefulness—it is only in its infancy. As Christian women, let us be alert in this world of tension, alert to things of God and then to the things of the world. Then we shall go forward in confidence and courage born of God to implement in His power the theme of our conference, “That they may all be one’.” With these thoughts Mrs. Edmund Hansuld, President, opened the annual meeting of London Conference Branch held in Victoria Avenue Church, Chatham. There was a warmth of fellowship in the gathering from the opening registration until the last farewells. It may have been caused by Mrs. Hansuld’s challenging greeting, by the Executive which gathered for prayer each morning before sessions opened, by the friendliness of the hostess church, by these and other reasons, but the theme of the conference came to life in our midst.

A fine report of the year’s work was put in the hands of each delegate, allowing the secretaries to use their “two minutes” for a forward look. The three departments stressed were Christian Stewardship, Christian Citizenship and Baby Bands. Mrs. Luella M. Purdy, Treasurer, reported that \$203,550 had been sent to the Dominion Board Treasurer, with all Presbyterials exceeding their last year’s givings. The memorial service was beautifully conducted by Mrs. L. E. Nichols. There was discussion and acceptance of important resolutions; a discussion of the new woman’s organization; a thought-provoking playlet challenging us to choose wisely in filling our lives with “good” or “better” things; a fashion show of Indian costumes described by Miss Marjorie Robson. Outstanding speakers stirred us to deep thinking along various lines. The Moderator, Rt. Rev. Angus J. MacQueen faced us with the fact that in a world of tremendous need missionary zeal is on the wane. He challenged us with reasons why the Church must regain this fire.

Miss Dorothy M. Young, Home Organization Executive Secretary, urged that the laity, all

church members, accept greater responsibility in the mission of the Church. Miss Ila Brown, W.M.S. missionary in Windsor, told of her difficult but rewarding work among New Canadians especially from Italy. There is a great satisfaction to see them gradually taking their place in city churches. Rev. Anne Graham led a panel of three young women in discussing the challenge of the Church for full-time workers.

Then the sessions were over and the delegates left the "mountain top" to put their new inspiration and education to work.

**ELGIN PRESBYTERIAL**—The first Christian Stewardship Conference and Workshop was held in Central Church, St. Thomas, under the direction of the Presbyterial Secretary. There was a good attendance of Presidents, Christian Stewardship Secretaries, Treasurers and interested members from local Auxiliaries. During an interesting Get-Acquainted period each officer pinned their individual color on their own location on a map of Elgin Presbyterial. The Presbyterial President led in worship with a period of meditation on the hymn, "Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store," with the Stewardship of life, abilities, possessions and personality being noted. Small groups around tables were given a Biblical passage concerning Stewardship for discussion and interpretation. This led to a listing of the main principles of Stewardship. Program ideas were exchanged and then shared with all. Different methods of giving were discussed with particular emphasis on the offering as a part of worship, and the opportunity of the Stewardship Secretary to present thoughts on her department at this time. A chart with the over-all picture of the work of W.M.S. missionaries was shown to be necessary in an effective presentation of our Stewardship. Auxiliary objectives were discussed and the G.B.A. projects illustrated with posters. Prayer partners were given prominence in the program and many groups told of their fine relationship with their partners. Annual report forms were examined to give specific direction to the work of the department. Many Christian Stewardship books were displayed and much free literature was available.

## **Manitoba**

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**BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL**—"Women are pillars of the church; no one set of pillars is sufficient; we need all the pillars to build the total and complete Church," said Mrs. H. A. Bayne of Winnipeg, Conference Branch Corresponding Secretary, who was guest speaker for the annual Presbyterial meeting held in Knox United Church, Brandon. "The church can use the abilities and talents of all its members; women have their own special gifts in carrying out the traditions of the early Christian Church. Thousands of women are pillars who in their own quiet way are making history through membership in W.M.S. and in W.A.," she explained. This meeting was attended by approximately 200 representatives from Brandon and points in western Manitoba. The theme of the Presbyterial, "Hold not back, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes", was the topic for both morning and afternoon devotional services conducted by Zion and Roseland Auxiliaries. A fine display of literature was featured, spot reviews of the latest missionary books were presented by the Literature Secretary, and a puppet skit proving both amusing and stimulating. C.G.I.T. groups from the three city churches put on three pageants emphasizing the need and the opportunity for service from the young people in our churches. The increased sale of missionary books and literature was encouraging. The Candidate Secretary stressed the urgent need for workers and pointed out the variety of careers open to candidates today. Rev. R. D. Johnstone, Secretary for the Board of Home Missions, referred to the alarming shortage of candidates for the ministry, explaining that there are 237 pastoral charges in Manitoba, with only 140 active ordained ministers presently available to serve in these fields. Only six ministers are graduating from United College this year. All through this year 40 students from United College have been taking services every Sunday, mostly in rural areas. Rev. Dr. W. F. Clarke, Director of Prairie Christian Training Centre, Ft. Qu'Appelle, Sask., as guest speaker at the open evening session, gave a forceful address entitled "What the Church means and our place in the Church." "Every Christian is a missionary; today when we take a new look, we realize that everyone is a Christian educator. We are teachers, missionaries, evangelists at all times," he said. "Christianity is for the whole of life."

**CARMAN PRESBYTERIAL**—This Presbyterian held the annual meeting in Crystal City, April 23rd, with 191 women registered representing 26 auxiliaries. The theme of the program was "Lengthen your cords" and was divided into headings Fellowship, Giving, Communion, Bible Study and, finally, Lengthen your cords through Younger Groups in the Church. A memorial service was held for 20 members who had passed away. Mrs. J. M. More of Hartney represented Conference Branch and installed the new officers. She gave a very interesting account of her trip to Japan as a delegate to the World Christian Education Conference. She also told of her visit to Korea and the great need there. After dinner Mrs. H. Atkinson gave a brief account of her trip to Trinidad on the *Observer's* Tropic Tour.

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAL**—The annual Presbyterian meeting was held in Neepawa with 165 registering. Dr. Rex Dolan of Winnipeg was guest speaker for the afternoon when he spoke on the theme "Hold not back, lengthen your stakes." He said we live in a strange, frightening, sobering world and we must face it with a new universal vision. Bible study, "The ministry of the laity" was conducted by Rev. W. E. McDonald. Annual reports were available and a short glimpse into the work of each secretary was also given. The financial report showed allocations met even though two auxiliaries were unable to continue. Six groups composed the departmental conferences and each discussed the theme under such topics as Worship, Witness, Fellowship and Service. A special award was presented by the president to Carberry and Southend Auxiliaries for increased membership. After supper cars were available to convey the ladies to visit Osborne Home and Units for Senior Citizens. The evening speaker was Mrs. Ormiston of Tantallon, Sask., who told about her trip last year to Africa where her son is a missionary. She gave a vivid and inspiring word picture of Africa.

## Maritime

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**BERMUDA PRESBYTERIAL**—The annual Presbyterian meeting was held in Wesley Methodist

Church, Hamilton. A short and informative discussion on Christian Stewardship was given by Mrs. G. Frith and Mrs. V. Darrell. The speaker for the meeting was Mrs. S. G. Woolfrey who took as her subject, "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes" and pointed out that just as it is important for a camper to be fully cognizant of the use of cords and stakes for successful camping in all kinds of weather, so must Christians understand the best ways and means of living as true children of God. Mrs. Woolfrey concluded her address by pointing out ways and means in which the W.M.S. might help in furthering these aims. The worship service at the evening session was conducted by the Auxiliary from St. George's which was followed by the installation of officers by Rev. S. G. Woolfrey. The girls of the Bermuda Girls In Training then rendered two vocal numbers, after which Mrs. Woolfrey informed the meeting that while two girls had been sent for leadership training in Canada last year, it was planned this year to send a maximum of six with possibly a leader with them. The remainder of the program was in the form of two religious films. Both of these were put out by The United Church of Canada, the first depicting an interview between Mr. Floyd Honey, Associate Secretary of Overseas Missions, and Dr. Walter Strangway, a medical missionary in Angola. The second film was entitled "By a Dark Valley".

**ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAL**—The annual Presbyterian meeting met in St. James United Church, Harvey Station, with 52 delegates registered representing 17 auxiliaries. Rev. R. H. H. Barker, St. Andrew's, conducted the morning worship service and gave an inspiring message on "The Minister and the Laity". He said that ministers should be able to feel that they are supported by the body of members of their church. The financial report showed that the increased allocation for 1958, accepted with misgivings, had been surpassed. Some of the points mentioned by the afternoon speaker, Mrs. W. Mooers, Fredericton, were that all W.M.S. members should be aware of the W.M.S. aims which could well be read frequently at meetings; "Every Christian a missionary, every church a mission and every country a mission field". She stressed the importance of individual Christian witness, whether meeting people of other countries in their homeland or in ours. Discussion groups dealt with the theme, "Strengthen your stakes,

lengthen your cords". A great variety of opinions was expressed such as: worship is not a program but a means to fulfill universal needs; for successful witness we must be deeply interested and well grounded in the faith; fellowship is enriched by the variety in age, ability, background and opinions of the group.

**SYDNEY PRESBYTERIAL**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in First United Church, Sydney. Miss Helen McDougall, of the United Mission, conducted the opening worship period and appealed for a deepening of spiritual life and a more effective witness. The report of the Treasurer showed an increase of \$1,200 over the previous year, and \$550 over the allocation. \$150 was voted to the Cold Lake Hospital, and \$400 to the library at Ewha University, Korea. At the opening of the evening session Mrs. F. Robertson of New Waterford, played a recording of several songs by a Japanese girls' chorus which had been sent to her by her daughter, June. The audience was thrilled by their beautiful voices. The climax of the day's session was the presentation of "I Heard Him Call". The cast included members of the Anne Archer Mission Circle and Isobel Crowdis Auxiliary of St. Andrew's United Church, Sydney. The various scenes were presented with dignity, sincerity and dramatic skill, and made a deep impression.

### Montreal-Ottawa

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In the beautiful Southminster United Church in Ottawa the annual meeting of the Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch convened April 7-8, the theme being "Christian Concerns". Mrs. V. E. Raymond, Treasurer, reported that \$148,165 had been remitted to Dominion Board Treasurer, the allocation was topped by \$5,165, and 186 of the organizations reached or exceeded their allocation. Miss Helen Mack, missionary at St. Columba House, Montreal, expressed thanks for the privilege of being able to work and serve the W.M.S. and told us of her many interesting happenings as community worker in Sudbury.

Presbyterial highlights were given by the

five presidents and it was noted that all are "keenly interested in all that pertains to W.M.S. principles" giving liberally and willingly of their time and means to the work of the Kingdom. The evening session began with a worship service by Rev. Mary A. Dougherty. Mrs. W. Yeudall spoke of "Our Pressing Need", for women missionaries. Three young women from the Montreal area are registered at the United Church Training School and two girls from Ottawa Presbyterial.

Dr. Dorothy E. Long, President of Dominion Board, brought a helpful and inspiring message. Speaking on "The Constant Cause", Dr. Long said to be a missionary for God is one of the greatest privileges. Speaking on the move towards a new woman's organization, among the new organization's concerns would be Christian education, promoting community friendship and devotional study and helping with Mission supplies. Reports occupied most of the sessions on the second day.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alex C. Low, reported every Presbyterial had an increase in membership and givings. A big increase in poundage and money was reported for overseas relief. Mrs. H. McEwan, Associate Members Secretary, reported that in this department the year's work was most encouraging, showing an increase of 73 members and of \$900 in givings. Only 540 of the Auxiliaries have Associate Members Secretaries; much more could be accomplished with a full quota.

The overall picture presented by the Mission Band Secretary is one of intense enthusiasm and activity, whose membership is 2,981. The number of Baby Bands totals 97, though the total membership is down the givings show an increase of \$230.13 over the previous year. The Affiliated Explorer Groups were most interested in and enthusiastic about the year's study on "Japanese Exploration". There has been a decrease of 8 Literature Secretaries over the 1957 figure but the literature has been promoted by means of displays and reviews.

Statistics show much visiting has been done by the Community Friendship Secretaries. 1958 made a definite step forward as assistance was given to needy families, newcomers to our country and help in securing employment for students from other lands. These have been cared for by the Christian Citizenship Secretaries. Subscribers for **THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY** were 5,462, *World Friends*, 3,044.



Many more Auxiliaries have Press Secretaries and therefore the public is better informed of W.M.S. activities.

Mrs. R. P. Stafford conducted a memorial service paying tribute to those who "from our fellowship here" have entered into that richer, brighter fellowship yonder. The annual observance of the Branch Communion Service was directed by Miss Dougherty.

**GLENCARRY PRESBYTERIAL**—The Spring Rally of the C.G.I.T. Groups was held in Trinity United Church, Ingleside. One hundred girls and their leaders were present from Cornwall (Knox and St. Paul's), Long Sault, Ingleside, Finch, Newington and Lancaster. Prejudices—social, racial and religious—and problems of discrimination were seriously discussed, and active young minds were aroused to seek an answer to the question, "What can we as Christian young people do about these problems?" Quiz, films and buzz sessions stimulated discussion. Following the theme, "Our Town is the World", songs and folk dances of different countries were taught. Worship services led by the girls opened the sessions. Plans were made for some girls to attend Camp Council this summer. The Presbyterial President was chairman of the rally which was planned by the C.G.I.T. Leaders' Fellowship.

## Newfoundland

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**BONAVISTA PRESBYTERIAL**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in the United Church at Port Blanford, May 1-2. "Strengthen your stakes, lengthen your cords" was the theme. The special theme hymn chosen was, "Father of mercies, in whom are one," and was repeated several times during the sessions. Registration showed there were 23 present representing 12 different communities. Miss Mary Haig, missionary on furlough from Japan, as the special speaker, addressed a full church at the evening session to which the public was invited. She told of her visits to various centres in Japan and asked for special prayers on this the 100th anniversary of Christianity in that country. Worship periods were conducted by members of Clarendville Evening Auxiliary

and Bonavista Auxiliary. An impressive memorial service was conducted by Elliston Affiliated W.A. Reports from the various secretaries showed increases in the number of groups, membership and givings. The Treasurer's report said the allocation had been reached and exceeded. A skit entitled "Christian Stewardship" was presented by Bonavista Auxiliary. Book flashes were given by the Literature Secretary. The departmental open forum proved very helpful and worthwhile. When presenting candidate needs the Candidate Secretary stressed the urgent demand for more workers overseas and at home. The C.G.I.T. of Port Blanford contributed to the evening worship by singing the anthem and holding their re-affiliation service. Rev. H. Swain of Musgravetown, conducted the Communion Service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Osborne of Port Blanford. Miss Haig installed the officers for the coming year.

**BURIN PRESBYTERIAL**—The regular Easter morning service at 6.30 a.m. was held by the members of the W.M.S. A pageant, "The Lord is Risen", was staged by the Auxiliary members on Easter Tuesday with a large crowd in attendance.

**ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAL**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial opened on April 15th in Cochrane Street United Church, St. John's, with the theme, "Strengthen your stakes, lengthen your cords." Miss Stella Burry conducted the worship and study period which had as its theme "The Ministry of the Laity in the Church". The highlights of the past year's work were then presented in interview form. Mrs. D. W. K. Dawe interviewed the various departmental secretaries as each secretary gave a summary of the work of her department with suggestions for improvement. The Literature Secretary stressed the importance of members subscribing to **THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY**, which she said, in her opinion, was improving all the time. She said it was important to W.M.S. workers to keep in touch with mission work both at home and abroad and **THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY** helps us to do just that. The Treasurer's report showed a successful year with \$946.44 raised above the allocation, which would go toward **G.B.A.** A very interesting discussion between the Secretary of Christian Stewardship and the Treasurer was given. During the supper hour a tape-recording of an interview with the late

Dr. Marion Hilliard was heard. Miss E. Bolton, Christian Education worker at Cochrane Street Church, led a discussion on the main points of the recording. Mrs. V. Barnes and Mrs. R. Wells conducted the evening worship service. Miss Haig gave an illustrated talk on her work in Japan. Particularly impressive was her account of some of the reasons the Japanese women gave for attending her Bible classes. This year the Christian Church in Japan is celebrating its 100th anniversary and great preparations have been going on in this connection. A filmstrip on candidate work showed clearly the many ways in which young people may serve the Church throughout the world. Thursday's session began with the memorial service. Miss Haig introduced the theme, "Strengthen your stakes, lengthen your cords" and said we all need to be constantly deepening our spiritual life, giving of our talents, time and thoughts to further the work of the Christian Church. Discussion groups were formed which dealt with various aspects of the theme. Some excellent findings were brought back to the group.

## Saskatchewan

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**SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL**—A "Family Night" was enjoyed by five W.M.S. groups at Second Street United Church, Saskatoon. Mission Band, Affiliated Explorer and C.G.I.T. groups, the Mission Circle and Auxiliary all took part in presenting the program which consisted of songs, a puppet show, question and answer period, a film, and a depiction of Trinidad by calypso pantomime. The puppets, dress and scenery had been made by the Explorers.

**YORKTON PRESBYTERIAL**—In Kamsack the United Church representatives with representatives of the Anglican and Salvation Army congregations shared in the World Day of Prayer service. Nine ladies led the service among whom was Mrs. Hazel Whitehawk, who represented the United Church Mission at Cote Indian Reserve, just out of Kamsack. Slides taken by Mrs. Essie Johnson of her missionary work in Northern Rhodesia were shown. At Spy Hill the World Day of Prayer service was supplemented by the showing of the film, "The Voice of Prayer Is Never Silent".

## Toronto

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**TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Swastika United Church with 56 delegates registered. The morning session opened with an impressive worship service conducted by the pastor, Rev. Winnifred Bridges on the theme, "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits". This was followed by Holy Communion when Miss Bridges was assisted by four women Elders. Mrs. R. D. H. Wigmore conducted a memorial service honouring four members who had passed on during the year. Printed reports of the year's work were in the hands of all present showing a very satisfactory year of progress. The Treasurer stated that with receipts of over \$4,450, the allocation this year had been exceeded by approximately \$400. This extra amount was voted to go to the John Neil Hospital, Cold Lake, Alta. The Literature Secretary displayed a fine selection of books and announced that the main study book for the coming year would be "Africa Disturbed" and would be ready for distribution early in August. Highlights of Toronto Conference Branch annual meeting were presented by Mrs. H. Pickard and Mrs. R. T. Bowman. Mrs. Pickard spoke on "The future of women in the church". Mrs. Bowman stressed the need of more Bible study. As guest speaker Rev. John Loughheed spoke on "Missions—Past, Present and Future". Today there is a visible increase in Christian thinking. While only 2% of India is Christian that small per cent totals 10,000,000 people. Group conferences were conducted on the various phases of "Strengthen your stakes, lengthen your cords". Findings on these discussions stressed the need of more love—one to another, more time for meditation and greater need of humility. Highlights from the year's work presented by Auxiliary presidents showed considerable increase in membership and offerings, and much more use being made of educational filmstrips. Concern for the well-being of our senior citizens was revealed by the number of auxiliaries that had visited Northdale Manor, New Liskeard, during the year. Miss Muriel Stephenson, on furlough from India, brought greetings from the women of India and spoke

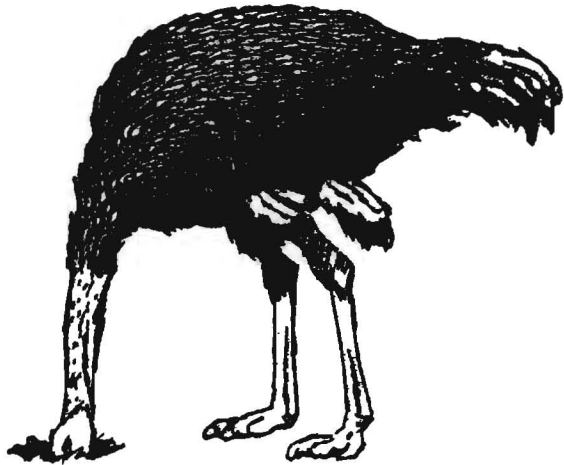
on her work there. It was with deep regret for the Presbyterial's loss that the gathering learned of the departure of Miss Bridges from Temiskaming for work in India under the W.M.S., but with gladness for this addition to the number of workers overseas.

**TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL**—The Presbyterial Executive and Auxiliary Presidents held a luncheon meeting at Zion-Wexford United Church. Miss Florence Fee, a former missionary to West China and now on furlough after serving on the Rama Indian Reserve, reviewed her work with the Indians. She quoted the Bible when she said that to really know and appreciate the Indians you must "sit where they sit". Mrs. A. R. Baggs presented a splendid worship service. Mrs. E. MacGillivray's talk on Christian Stewardship was most inspiring as was Mrs. W. E. Howard's résumé of the General Council meetings which she attended.

**YORK PRESBYTERIAL**—A joint leadership school and spring rally of all women of the W.A. and W.M.S. of this area was held in Stouffville United Church on April 21st. Mrs. W. E. Howard, President of Toronto Conference, conducted the worship based on Psalm

92: 12-17 and St. Matthew 6: 28-30. The Christian life was compared to a tree. "Keep looking up, let nothing bend or break us." Various forms of worship services were outlined and the necessity of at least 15 minutes of worship at all our meetings was stressed. Mrs. G. Paul of Dominion Council W.A., presented the pros and cons of the Group System. The great need of enlisting all the women of the congregation in these groups was stressed. Literature on display was described by Mrs. Rumble (W.A.) and Mrs. Gardhouse (W.M.S.). Group conferences were led very capably by members of the Conference and Conference Branch. Mrs. H. McCague, Richmond Hill, stressed the great need of more trained women for full-time service in the church—39 new missionaries needed overseas, 52 new missionaries needed in Canada. There are only 7 for overseas and 3 for Canada ready for appointment. "Tomorrow might be too late to say "Would you like to be a missionary?" Say it today." The theme used for Bible study by Mrs. H. Price was "Thine is the Kingdom (a) in my life, (b) in my congregation and community, (c) everywhere." Dr. M. Arkinstall outlined the progress to date on the proposed new woman's organization.

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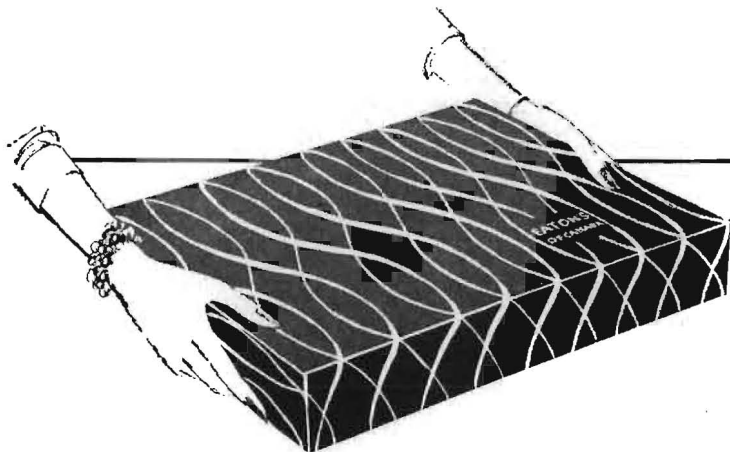


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