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## The Prayer of the Trees

The summer long, the tall trees prayed  
In all the speech they knew,  
Uplifting tremulous hands of green  
To heaven's eternal blue.

God heard, and on the waiting wood  
His sudden glory came;  
The trees in buff and crimson stood  
And spoke with tongues of flame.  
—Claribel Weeks Avery.

## EDITORIAL

### A Fellowship of Suffering

A GREAT modern drama is being enacted in China before our eyes from day to day, and the end is not yet. When the final scene draws to a close it will be fraught for all the world with tremendous possibilities of good and ill. Some day when the facts emerge and are recorded, we will know something of the stupendous significance of the struggle in which this ancient people is engaged.

In reading the fragmentary stories of every day as they are presented to us through the press and magazine, but above all through the pen pictures of the men and women actually present in these latter days, one is impressed anew with the quiet fortitude of the missionaries and the loyalty of the Chinese Christians. A new chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is being written in China to-day, a shining story of friendship and conspicuous heroism. And the experiences through which both Chinese and Westerners have passed together, have forged a chain never to be broken.

The Nanking incident is already a thing of the past. There seems little doubt now in the minds of those who are able to judge, that it was a deliberate plan

of the Communists divorced from any action of the Nationalists. "It was the rabid Moscow Communists that engineered the Nanking incident," writes one from that city. Bad as the facts are, two things should not be forgotten: First, the saner, constructive group were neither the authors nor perpetrators of the outrages; and the second, that in the storm sweeping over the city, the Chinese Christians stood in the forefront, risking their lives for their foreign friends, and in some cases, dying for them. Not only so, but many non-Christians took their own lives in their hands in the same forgetfulness of self. "Many of our friends were not Christians," writes a missionary. "I know my boy, who saved me, was not, and many of the humble folk who hid the foreigners did not know them personally. We had all gone to China to love the Chinese and to teach them of a God who is love. When the time came they all proved how they loved us."

During the day of terror in Nanking, groups of Chinese, preachers and laymen, boys and girls, worked frantically to save their foreign friends, and held

little prayer meetings in hidden places for their safety in the intervals.

"They had foreigners—in their own houses," says Searle Bates, in the *World Call*; "they guided them to places of concealment; they provided information and food for those completely cut off; they paid scores of ransoms from petty sums to hundreds of dollars; they pleaded with soldiers in the act of shooting; they stepped between the missionary and his attacker."

Indeed, it seems reasonably certain to the missionaries that few would have escaped but for the Chinese Christians. When the soldiers rushed to kill Miss Lulu Golisch, her school girls kneeling, made a circle around her, three deep, and said to the soldiers, "If you kill her you must first kill us." Until this tragedy," wrote Miss Golisch, "we never knew how deeply Christ had taken hold upon the lives of our believers."

It is in times such as these that the real value of things essential is discovered. "We came to realize," writes a missionary, "that the things people spend all their energy and time in seeking—clothes, food, luxuries, comforts—that these things were not worth a flip of the finger; that, after all, things fade into nothingness and realities take their place, love, life, friendship, service, gratitude, faith, sacrifice. These, we proved to be the things that really matter. We found our faith sufficient."

"I believe," says another, "more was done for the cause of Christianity through what was suffered there, than could be done by months or years of service. The Gethsemane of Nanking will mean an Easter for the foreigners who were there, and for the Church in China."

Mrs. Charles Roys, writing in *Women and Missions*, sums it up in the fine words: "They (the missionaries) were marching out that night apparently defeated. But were they really a defeated army? The work that had been done in Nanking throughout the years, the Christian homes built up, and the churches established, all of these belie the idea of defeat. A retreating army, indeed, but not a defeated one. Even though the members may never return, the conquests

made in the name of Christ cannot be blotted out."

From our own missionaries and many others come testimonies to the fine spirit of the Chinese Christians. Dr. Gandier, writing in the *Honan Messenger*, says: "The Chinese converts, organized as a Synod of Honan within the Church of Christ in China, will accept responsibility and carry on with such financial assistance as the Mission is able to give. The infant church is being called upon to assume heavy responsibilities in times of great stress. This is God's way of helping the Chinese Church to stand upon its own feet."

"The spirit of a Mission," says Dr. Endicott, "is revealed in a white light in the day of adversity, and the Honan Mission stands the searching test triumphantly."

Miss Sparling, of Chengtu, West China, quotes a letter from one of the Chinese pastors to a missionary. He wrote: "How I wish you would return at an early date to help bear the yoke and direct the work. During the last two months my face has grown pinched and my eyes sore, but my heart is happy."

Miss Florence Jack, describing the struggle to leave her work in Chungking, so precious to her and in such good condition, says: "When Miss McRae and I were pulling out of Chungking, my heart glowed with thankfulness for a reopened spring term of the Boarding School and a group of teachers, who, in spite of genuine sadness over our parting were ready to shoulder additional burdens and carry on, at least till the summer holidays. How overjoyed I was to see my girls troop back again. I remember how one beamed her joy and said, 'O teacher, we were afraid our school was going to close too!'"

"I am telling you these things that you may know, grave as are these international questions, hard to bear the ingratitude so astonishingly shown in many places, we have had in our W.M.S. work deep joy and cause for gratitude. No one who had been in our home and school the days preceding our departure could doubt whether the W.M.S. workers there were loved and wanted."

Surely, in the face of such evidence, we cannot be discouraged. True, pillage and destruction have swept over the country, our schools are closed, some of our property is destroyed, and the missionaries' homes looted. But what is left is undying and indestructible. Through a fellowship of suffering, Chinese and Westerners together have emerged into a new relationship of love and loyalty, and, in the Chinese church, a new spirit of responsibility and independence has been born.

But let no one think our work is done there. From all sides comes the plea for speedy return. Only one-fifth of one per cent. of the population of China is in the Christian Church! How can the others hear without a preacher? Dr. Fong, the editor of the *Commercial Press*, of Shanghai, says: "We need the stabilizing power of Christianity as never before, to guide our thinking and give fibre to our moral and spiritual life. This is not the time to withdraw the material and moral support of Christians of Western lands. For them to do so is to desert the cause of Christ at a very critical moment."

In the meantime what can we do for China? Will the great United Church not respond to the appeal for prayer and continued support? Missionaries and families are being transferred to other places. Buildings will have to be repaired, equipment restored. The Chinese Christians, out of their poverty, gave till there was no more to give for the needs of their friends. Surely our own Society will not forget how, in time of pressing danger, these stood faithful to the trust committed to them, and are now, with a spirit worthy of those who served them carrying on the work alone.

### A Visitor from China

**D**URING the last few months the interesting little figure of a Chinese woman has become a familiar sight at many of our Toronto gatherings. She does not speak our language nor does she understand it much, but she has the bright, intelligent look and sparkling eye of one who means to learn all she can!

Miss Ethel Virgo, one of our West



MRS. TSEN

China missionaries, friend and interpreter for this visitor from far away, introduces her as Mrs. Tsen, of Tzeliutsing, and in some of the intimate talks a few of us have been privileged to enjoy with them both, Miss Virgo told us the following: "Mrs. Tsen came to Canada because of a strong desire to see the activities of the church at the home base, and to meet some of the members of the W.M.S. The fact that she financed the trip herself, indicates her earnestness in this regard.

"Mrs. Tsen is the widow of one of the most earnest and faithful members that the church in Junghsien ever had, and since his death she has gladly given herself, for the past twelve years, to the service of the W.M.S. at Tzeliutsing. Mrs. Tsen entered the Tzeliutsing School at thirty, she and her daughters obtaining their Lower Primary certificates at the same time. She continued her studies afterwards, and for some time has been Chinese principal of the Woman's School. She has also been treasurer for several years of the Quarterly Board of the Chinese Church in Tzeliutsing. She is a keen business woman in her own country, and her advice has been most valuable to the missionaries.

"Much in Canada has been of interest to her, but nothing has more deeply impressed her than the growth and activities of the United Church. Our facilities, too, for transportation are a constant source of wonder and curiosity, and she can scarcely credit the fact that we can travel in less than an hour, what is considered a day's journey by chair in China.

"Mrs. Tsen's daughter, Tsen Feng Ni, has lately written from Tzeliutsing telling of the yearly examinations just completed in the Woman's School. The attendance at this institution is most satisfactory, forty having registered after the Chinese New Year. No trouble has been experienced, and all branches of work are being carried on as usual by the native Christians.

"The visit of Mrs. Tsen to Canada will mean not only a broadening of vision for herself, but a great source of enlightenment and help to many in the native church of China."

### Designation Services

A LARGE congregation gathered in Erie Street Church, Watford, for the designation service of Miss Mary Mansfield, who is now at work in her new field, Kolakreeka, Alta. Miss Mansfield volunteered for Africa, a country in which she was deeply interested, but her medical adviser found her constitution better fitted for work in Canada, and she cheerfully made the change.

The designation service was conducted by the Rev. W. O. Workman, Chairman of Lambton Presbyterial, and Dr. Millson, of Saskatoon, a personal friend of Miss Mansfield, and one who is familiar with her new work, gave the address.

Bibles were presented by Mrs. McLennan, Presbyterial president, on behalf of the Dominion Board of the W.M.S., and from Mrs. Stirrett, of Lambton Presbyterial. Miss Mansfield, in a short address, spoke of the decision to give her life to the work.

In late June, representatives from Cobalt, New Liskeard, Uno Park, Thornloe, Clover Valley and Swastika gathered with those of Haileybury for the designation service of Miss Annie Bradley. Rev.

N. Rawson, Chairman of Presbytery, presided; Rev. D. A. McKeracher, the pastor of the Haileybury congregation, gave the invocation, and Rev. M. N. Omond read the scripture lesson. The message of the day came with peculiar significance from Dr. R. P. McKay, of Toronto.

At the close of the service several presentations were made. On behalf of the Dominion Board, Mrs. McKeracher gave a Bible; Mrs. Mabel Carter Harvey, a beautiful travelling bag from the Presbyterial; and Mr. McKeracher, a purse of money from the congregation. Mrs. McKeracher adds the following interesting commentary: "Best of all was Dr. McKay's address on, 'The Development of Christian Missions,' and his concluding words to Miss Bradley. We all felt that it was good for us to be there. And when, at the close, we gathered in the schoolroom for a cup of tea and a word with Miss Bradley, we had time to note those pressing forward to grasp her hand, the boys and girls from the Mission Band; old ladies, who had known and loved her from childhood; the big mining man who came up from Cobalt, because she had been in his Sunday School class, and so many other friends, all drawn nearer one another, and to the Master because of the decision of this child of His. But the face that spoke to me was the face of her mother, with eyes brimming over, but full of joy to know that her only daughter had been called to this service."

### Gifts for Overseas

SEPTEMBER is the very best month for sending gifts for our overseas missions, as they then arrive in time to plan for distribution. But October is the second best, and we hope that all those who have been busy in Auxiliary, Circle and Band during the past year at the delightful task of preparing for this, will pack the articles up at once and send away as soon as possible.

Last year some of our missionaries wrote giving timely suggestions as to things most suitable for the recipients, and careful directions as to the manner

of packing and mailing. Some of these will bear repetition. In sending post-cards, mail them separately as they cost less than other articles. Wrap each thing most carefully and by itself, as many of the gifts are spoiled when one is broken; especially is this the case when tooth paste, cold cream, soap, and dolls are packed together in the same bundle! Write the donor's name very plainly more than once, as one of the pleasures of receiving gifts is that of later acknowledging them. If the articles are not new, label them "*Of no commercial value,*" and in this way custom toll is saved.

Mrs. Robert Grierson, Sung Jin, Korea, gives the following suggestions for gifts to the Mission there:

1. Knitted gloves for big girls, bright mittens for little ones.
2. Colored yarn, silk or crochet cotton.
3. Handkerchiefs—cheap and home-made ones do well.
4. Small toys, such as balls, balloons, pencils, writing paper, toy watches, tops, crayons, dolls and more dolls, toy dishes, sewing cards, beads, books with colored pictures, jackknives, etc.
5. Scissors for the women.
6. Brightly colored pictures cut out of magazines, especially pictures of children, animals, fruits and scenery.
7. Christmas cards and colored post-cards.
8. Soap, fine combs, face clothes, cheap towels, tooth brushes.
9. Christmas decorations of all kinds.
10. Work aprons for girls, cut out, made up or stamped.
11. Buttons of all descriptions.
12. Safety pins by all means, pins and needles.
13. If you have good sweaters, even if a little worn, send them.
14. If the feet are good, cut off stockings below the knee, as the Koreans wear short stockings.
15. For the babies, heavy cotton shirts, flannelette nightdresses, diapers, soap, wash-clothes, towels and safety pins.

Mark your parcel, "Gifts for school children," writing a note at the same time indicating the donors. A box should be mailed by November 10th to reach us in time to plan for Christmas.

November 1st would be better still. After packing the box, five-cents from each of the donors would probably pay the postage.

### Foreign Missions Conference

THE NEXT annual meeting of the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions will be held January 6-10, 1928. The theme selected by the programme committee is, "Increasing Power for Increasing Obligations." Present-day situations in lands where missions are at work will be presented by nationals. Mrs. D. J. Fleming will conduct the Retreat on Sunday morning, seeking the way to "Increasing Power."

The Foreign Missions Conference will be held, January 10-13, 1928. There will be joint meetings of the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federation, Tuesday afternoon and evening, the subjects to be considered: "The Jerusalem Conference," "Union Colleges," "Christian Literature," and "The Home Base." A joint Young People's session will be held on Sunday afternoon.

### A New Field of Service

MISS J. F. YEMEN, who accepted the position of editorial secretary in the spring of 1925 as a temporary change from her vocation as teacher, resigned in August, after a year and a half of faithful work. She left shortly afterwards for her new position in Dr. Lamont's hospital, San Haven, N. Dakota, U.S.A.

Miss Yemen's knowledge of all the practical aspects of literary construction, and her close intimacy with W.M.S. work, not only through association, but in ways of real service, have made her an invaluable assistant to the editor in the work of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, and in the editing of the Annual Report. As a friend and co-worker of the whole office staff, she is much missed.

Her place has been taken by Miss Jean G. Cox, Hopewell, N.S., graduate in Arts, '27, of Dalhousie University. Besides her educational training, Miss Cox brings good literary ability to the new work she has undertaken to do.



KATE RUTHERFORD, B.A.



MARY L. MANSFIELD



DELIGHT HILLIARD, R.N.



MARION TOWNSEND



CATHERINE WHITTIER, M.D.



EDITH BROWN, R.N.



MARGARET A. BARKLEY, R.N.



FLORENCE CAPSEY



ANNIE E. BRADLEY

## Our Outgoing Missionaries

IN A FINE passage to young folk who, like these of ours, were going for the first time on the high adventure of missions, Dr. G. H. Morrison, of the United Free Church of Scotland, had this to say: "Love beareth all things, and it is love that has constrained you to your work. Stiek to it through headache and through heartache. Hold fast. Keep on keeping on. That is the spirit the Master loves to bless. That is the road to spiritual usefulness, for you abroad just as for us at home."

In the same high faith may these ambassadors of Christ adventure forth, sure of the loving interest of the whole Church, upheld by the knowledge of the many prayers rising on their behalf.

From Miss Jean Macdonald and Miss Winnifred Thomas we have received the names of the following missionaries:

Margaret Arvilla Barkley, R.N., graduate of the Training School, 1924, and of the Woman's College Hospital, 1927. Her home is in Chesterville, Ont. She has been appointed to the W.M.S. hospital, St. Paul's, Hearst, Ont.

Annie E. Bradley, Haileybury, Ont., a graduate of the North Bay Normal School, a qualified teacher and Primary Director. She has just completed her year's work at the Training School, and has gone to Portugal for the language study necessary for work in West Africa.

Edith Brown, Stratford, Ont., who received her education at the High School and Business College, Stratford, and at the Training School, Toronto. Later she took the Nurses' Training Course in the Harper Hospital, Detroit, and was graduated in 1925. Her field of service is West Africa.

Florence Capsey, Camrose, Alta., a graduate of two years' standing in the Training School. She has valuable experience in Extension Work under the Board of Religious Education of the Church. Miss Capsey has been appointed to school work at Wahstao, Alta.

Delight Hilliard, R.N., Waterloo, Ont., the daughter of a physician, an experienced teacher and a graduate of Toronto General Hospital. She completed this spring her year at the Training School, and is ready for her field in India.

Mary-L. Mansfield, Watford, Ont., trained in London Normal School with four years' experience in teaching. Her purpose was to go to Africa, but her health did not permit the foreign field, and she is happily stationed at Kolakreeka, Alta.

Kate Rutherford, B.A., Leith, Ont., a graduate of Toronto University, and the College of Education. She has had had experience as a Collegiate teacher in Port Arthur, Ont., and attended the Training Home in Toronto for one term. She is appointed for West Africa.

Marion Townsend, Summerside, P.E.I., educated in her native province, and a graduate of two years' standing in the Training School, where she specialized in Religious Education. Miss Townsend has been appointed to Extension work in the Home Missions Department at Toronto.

Dr. Catherine Whittier, a graduate in medicine of Toronto University, afterwards gaining experience as interne in the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, Pa. During her medical course she was resident at the former Presbyterian Deaconess School, and availed herself of classes in the Canadian School of Missions. She sailed for her chosen field, India, in September.

The following missionaries have been transferred to other fields:

Miss Isabel Elliott, R.N., formerly of Taihoku, North Formosa, to the English Presbyterian Mission, South Formosa, where she works as a missionary of our W.M.S.

Miss Mary Haig, from the same field, to a station in the Japan mission to be determined by the council on that field.

Miss Millicent Howse, who worked for some time in All Peoples' Mission, Hamilton, has gone to Portugal, preparatory to service in West Africa.

*The Lord bless you and keep you, and make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, and lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

## Our Magazine

WHEN this issue of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY reaches its subscribers the second annual meeting of the Dominion Board will have been held and reports received from all Departments of the Society. It may be of interest to our readers to see the latest data given the Dominion Board in regard to the number of subscribers to Our Magazine.

The circulation of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY for 1927 is 64,962 copies each month, (nearly 5,000 increase over last year,) an average of fifty-seven per cent. for the total Auxiliary membership. The following figures give the number of subscribers and the percentage of subscribers to Auxiliary members in each Conference Branch: Alberta, 2,563—59%; Bay of Quinte, 6,148—45%; British Columbia, 3,445—65%; Hamilton, 6,587—52%; London, 8,490—52%; Manitoba, 6,224—70%; Maritime, 8,919—59%; Montreal-Ottawa, 6,029—58%; Newfoundland, 568—40%; Saskatchewan, 5,814—83%; Toronto, 9,510—59%; Foreign and Complementary, 665.

*Let Us Now Plan for a Larger Part for 1928*

### Missionary Monthly Week

*These plans are merely suggestions which may prove helpful. Many of you will find other methods better adapted to your particular needs.*

Arrange with the President of your Auxiliary for a place on the programme at your October meeting. Distribute samples of the magazine and copies of the new leaflet, and call the attention of those present to the proposed plan for MISSIONARY MONTHLY Week. The date of the week decided upon should be the one most convenient locally. Ask each member to co-operate by offering her services as canvasser, or by having her subscription fee ready when the canvassers call.

Ask your pastor to announce from the pulpit your plan for MISSIONARY MONTHLY Week; or, arrange with him to give a brief talk at a service, on the value of missionary information in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY.

In large city churches, the young people might like to take over the canvass. Have a meeting and divide them into teams; rivalry among the groups will add much to the interest. Supply the canvassers with a list of the families in your church, and impress upon them the importance of placing a MISSIONARY MONTHLY in every home. Close the campaign with a dinner when the name of the winning team may be announced.

Small churches often cover a large territory, especially in the rural districts. Divide the work among leaders, assigning to each the canvass in her immediate neighborhood.

Each member is urged to become a subscriber to the official organ of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church, and to use it in some way at every meeting.

Is there a copy of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY in your Sunday School, your Hospital, your Doctor's Office, your Public Library, and on your hotel table?

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## Barbara Heck

MRS. W. H. GRAHAM

**R**IGHT in the centre of one of our beautiful winding country roads stands a huge wide-spreading elm tree, dividing the traffic, which passes on either side. One comes upon it rather suddenly, after turning a corner of small bush. Almost under its canopy we stop to ask

of high purpose pioneer spirits who otherwise might have spent their energy only in adventure.

To obtain a good view of this wonderful old tree, it was necessary to drive down the road, where an unobstructed view gave a clear perspective. Distance



BARBARA HECK'S BIRTHPLACE

directions from a passer-by and to speak of the wonderful old tree. "The tree," he replies, and one feels the under-tone of pride and love and comradeship, "Ah, yes, the tree! But when ye get to the corner yonder, look back—then ye'll see the tree." And so it was—seen from the corner it was a thing of beauty, of virility, and of matchless symmetry. In the same way Mrs. Barbara Ruckle Heck stands as a commanding figure in the highway of religious life on this continent. Her sweet and serene character, with its high conception of piety and loyalty to duty, left its indelible impress on life in the early days, both in New England and Upper Canada, and turned into channels

is always necessary to perspective, so from that great corner of history, the Reformation, comes the first glimpse of the antecedents of this remarkable romance. In the days surrounding the Reformation, through the haze of wars and alliances, offensive and defensive, which occupies the forefront of the history of that time, can be seen a shifting background of religious thought. Shortly after the death of Luther, northern Europe became almost solidly Protestant. As a natural consequence the people began to think for themselves, and the reigning monarchs of these countries found them increasingly harder to coerce politically. Near the close of the

seventeenth century, when Louis XIV of France had conquered the states of northern Germany, he became so enraged at the strong Protestant spirit displayed there, that he poured an army of ruthless soldiers into the land with orders to devastate the whole area. The work was done well. Great cities with fine buildings were left mere mounds of ruins, village and country homes were wantonly destroyed, crops burned and trodden underfoot, cattle killed or driven off, and a population estimated at 14,000 left destitute and homeless. Thousands perished, others wandered into surrounding countries, many finding their way, after trying experiences, to English soil. The English Government made these Palatines (as they were called) very welcome, granting them small parcels of land with immunity from taxation. A large company of refugees found their way to the west coast of Ireland, where they soon became prosperous and well-to-do, the names of Ruckle, Heck and Embury being mentioned, among others, with respect and esteem.

A very warm welcome was extended by this Palatine community to the early evangelists of Methodism. Its fervor and enthusiasm appealed to these folk, whose adherence to their Protestant beliefs had brought to them, not only loss of property and friends, but exile. Methodism became so strong here that Wesley speaks with wonder of the absence of vice and lawlessness in "this remarkable community."

But Protestantism, and especially Methodism, found no easy berth in Ireland, and the star of liberty and religious toleration again beckoned elsewhere. The English colony in the New World offered much to those who had suffered for conscience' sake, so in the year 1760 a small vessel freighted with a handful of young folk, most of them just newly married, left Ireland to find homes in New England. Through the weary weeks of a prolonged sea voyage, the abounding zeal of Philip Embury, the spiritual leader of the little band, the sincere piety and cool judgment of Paul Heck, and the happy optimism of his young wife, Barbara, kept strong the faith of the little party through storm

and sickness. At last the shoreline was sighted. New York, with its atmosphere of ambition and enthusiasm, its abundance of work and interests, its prophecy of riches and wealth, gathered the newcomers into its arms of peace and plenty.

Gradually the fervor of religious zeal faded before the glamor of prosperity. The work days were full of strenuous labor, and the Sabbaths were all too few for the interchange of visits with old friends. Only Barbara Heck seemed to keep her poise under the new conditions. She grieved over the neglected family altars and desecrated Sabbaths, prayed much, and studied more than ever the old German Bible, which had come out of the tragedy of the Palatine with her grandparents. She was greatly in demand throughout the community by reason of her clear-headed common sense, and as she went hither and thither, she never failed to sow the seed of righteousness and truth. But she was young, and it was hard, single-handed, to combat the spirit of materialism and pleasure.

In the autumn of 1765 the apathy and careless sinning of relatives and friends drove her to action. Coming out of her brother's house after sternly rebuking him and his companions for their gambling card games, she hurried to the Embury home.

"Philip Embury, you must preach to us, or we shall all go to hell together, and God will require our blood at your hand."

"But," he remonstrated, "I have neither church nor congregation."

"This house will do for a church," she said, "and I will bring the congregation."

She was as good as her word. Next Sunday the first Methodist sermon was preached in America! The quiet unpretentious home of Philip Embury in no way proclaimed the importance of the event, but results have pronounced it momentous. The congregation was small but thoroughly representative, including not only the prosperous artisan, Paul Heck, but also his hired man, John, while Mrs. Heck's colored maid, Betty, sat at her mistress' side. It was a time of tears and confessions, promises and prayer. After that Methodism never lagged in its service to the new land, growing in

numbers, increasing in congregations, preaching the gospel not only in crowded centres, but in outlying log cabins, always following the frontiers as they were pushed further back. The name of Philip Embury, as the first Methodist preacher in America, has been justly hal- lowed and revered, for he continued to hold together his growing congregation until the Home Church sent ordained preachers to take up the work.

A few years later the pioneer impulse sent the Emburys, the Hecks, with other kindred spirits, up the Hudson River into the wilderness, which they cleared and found wonderfully productive. Here a Methodist cause was immediately started, with Embury as "local preacher," which grew and flourished as the country filled up. The valley soon became a scene of exquisite loveliness and quiet contentment. But the year 1775 brought unrest and disquietude. Relations with the Motherland became strained, rebellion was in the air, and suddenly came the clash of arms. The little community on the Hudson grew anxious and fearful. Embury died early in the year before matters had come to a crisis, and was reverently buried on a beautiful hill- slope. After much deliberation, the other members of the Palatine com- munity, whose forefathers had found, under the British flag, a refuge from persecution, felt that they could not revolt against the Government which had be- friended them, and decided to make their way to Canada. It was a terrible blow to leave those beautiful fields of rich grain and the cosy white farmhouses, but to these folk it was a call of patriotic conviction. Several small boats were loaded with the families and what few household necessities could be stowed away. Then began a long, tiresome journey by paddle and sail, via the Hudson River and Lake Champlain, to the swift St. Lawrence, which they were able to navigate only by creeping along its shores. Many and varied were the experiences during those days which lengthened into months— storms, scant rations, cramped quarters, narrow escapes, both on sea and land— but finally eager eyes sighted the old flag at Montreal.

They were made very welcome, and royally received, when they landed at the old fort, but they found that they had not left "wars and rumors of war" be- hind them. Indeed, they had come into the very midst of them. When the Major in command heard that some Methodists had arrived from the scene of rebellion to the south, he was delighted, as he had had some experience with "Methody" soldiers in the Netherland wars, and knew them to be fearless and brave. But Paul Heck could not be induced to enlist. "I'll have to make you hospital sergeant then," the Major said, and Bar- bara became a valuable assistant.

Soon the little hospital was full of wounded soldiers. Events shaped them- selves rapidly. On the night of Novem- ber 11th the little handful of men, unable longer to hold the fort, withdrew to Quebec, and until the next May the Americans retained command of Mon- treal. It was an anxious winter for the little community. Before, however, the spring rains had carried off the winter's snow, news came of the raising of the siege of Quebec, and soon all American troops were hurrying across the St. Lawrence. Huge bonfires reflected happy faces, and happy hearts welcomed back those left of the little company which had helped to defend Quebec. There was also an influx of Loyalists from the South who brought abundance of work to Paul Heck and his friends, and Bar- bara Heck and Mary Embury greeted all with open hands of hospitality.

But the busy streets of the growing town of Montreal could not efface the picture of green fields and cosy farm- houses, always in the mind of these agricultural folk, nor stifle the yearning for broad acres of their very own. Surely there must be some place in this great wide country to fill this desire! Once again the wilderness called. This time it was Upper Canada, newly surveyed and opened up. Gathering together their worldly goods and growing families, the little band of Methodists, augmented by recent arrivals from New England, again set their faces toward the unknown. "We go forth like Abraham, not knowing where we go," said Barbara Heck, "but



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I have faith to believe that God will give us a home. Many changes I have seen. I seek now a quiet resting place and a grave among my children and my children's children." So again, a little fleet of small boats was called into requisition and the company, embarking above the Lachine Rapids, started up river. As the boys drove the cattle along the shore, the men paddled against the current of the St. Lawrence, and all were ready to camp together in the evening. After a week's travel they came to their allotted properties, for which they held the patents of the Crown, and there, on the slope of the great river near the present site of the town of Prescott, the little community began to hew out of the forest its new home. "A goodly heritage has the King granted us in this fertile land," said Paul Heck, "and Nature has made it correspondingly beautiful." Here on the uplands, trees were felled and log cabins erected, brush removed and ploughing done by the sturdy oxen, grain sown and corn planted, until when winter came, it found a community prepared with provisions, fodder and fuel. Busy months had flown by, willing hands had found abundant work, but from the first Sab-

bath Day in Upper Canada, each Sabbath had been carefully reserved for worship and quiet. First in the open forest, then in a log cabin, later in the great parlor of the Heck house, which was several years afterwards superseded by the Old Blue Church, the class-meetings and services of these Methodist pioneers were held for at least five or six years before the first regular Methodist preacher, William Losee, arrived. With the inpouring of settlers into Upper Canada the frontiers of settlement were being continuously pushed back and events moved rapidly. In the course of a few years, some members of the Heck community moved on to the Bay of Quinte, and here at Adolphustown, on the little inlet of Hay Bay, the first Methodist meeting house was erected, under the leadership of Rev. Reginald Pembleton, who had married the eldest daughter of Paul and Barbara Heck. Thus did the influence of that godly household permeate many avenues of Canadian life.

Paul Heck lived to see pioneer life pass through many stages, then God called him home at the early age of sixty-two. He was reverently buried in the Old Blue Churchyard in 1792. Twelve years later his wife, Barbara, followed him. As she sat in her big chair, with her German Bible on her knee, her children and her children's children around her, she quietly passed to be with God which is far better.

It has been the privilege of many women through the centuries to guide the feet of little children into the ways of righteousness, but to few women has it been granted to stand at the forefront in the life of a young nation, and give definite leadership in a great Christian movement. Only eternity will reveal the influence which Methodism exerted on the peoples of these new lands; an influence which radiated from one centre to the very ends of the earth.

It was Barbara Heck's mission to kindle that fire "which wrapped a continent in its holy flame and which by God's grace, shall never be put out while the world lasts."

# China in Wartime

JEAN W. GANDIER

ALTHOUGH not one of the official delegates sent out by the United Church of Canada to visit the mission fields in China, Korea and Japan, I shared with my husband and Dr. Endicott, our Church Moderator, the many kindnesses received and opportunities given of seeing those great Eastern lands with their multitude of interesting people. The efficient, alert Japanese, with the charming gracious women and bright-eyed children, the more easy-going but industrious Koreans, and the quiet, steady, dignified Chinese, whose women and children are toil-worn in a ceaseless effort to overcome starvation, all alike tug at your heart-strings the moment you see them.

Before leaving home, I wondered often what my feelings would be towards these people, meeting them in their own countries. I return home loving them. There is a gracious kindness about them that we Westerners, who are brusque and even rude, might well imitate.

Dr. Gandier and I made a hurried trip through Japan, out through the beautiful inland sea, one of the most wonderful waterways in the world, and on to meet Dr. Endicott in Shanghai. Nearly all our missionaries from West China had already gathered to meet in conference with the Canadian delegation to discuss their many difficulties, and decide on the wisest policy for the Mission during this difficult period. The first thing that

struck me was the courage and fine spirit with which the missionaries met the trying situations of the day. They were being forced to leave home and work, not knowing what lay before them, or when they might return to their field in West China. During these first Shanghai days it was specially hard for the mothers with little children crowded into rooms and with few comforts, but we did not hear a murmur even from these, the greatest

concern of all seemed to be for the work itself.

While at Shanghai, we were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Donald MacGillivray in their home, some little distance outside the foreign concession, and we were evacuated with them later. All through these weeks when refugees were pouring into the city, Mrs. MacGillivray gave of herself without stint in thought and care for those in need. I never saw more unselfish service.

We were much struck, too, with the quietness and orderliness of the Chinese during the days when the city went over to the Southern Army. If we had such an upheaval in any of our Western countries, I doubt if we would go through it so quietly. The Chinese, I am convinced, do not want disturbance and war, but to live at peace, if live they can. So many seem to be near starvation point. As we saw the multitudes on the beggar boats in the harbor at Shanghai, where many are born, live and die, and coolies jogging along



MRS. GANDIER  
The Other Lady of the Deputation

with their rickshas or carrying their loads of merchandise in baskets or bundles hung on the ends of a bamboo pole, half clad, many with bare feet on the cold, wet pavements in the month of March, while we were wrapped in warm winter clothing, one could not think that these people were eager for war of any kind.

We were not permitted to enter the interior, but in the few coast cities, where we came in contact with crowds of Chinese, we never received anything but kindness. I feel that they are worthy of the best that we can give them. Any people who can endure, in quietness, as they have endured through the ages past, and who are capable of such beauty in art, such as we saw in the Museum at the Imperial Palace at Peking, have something fine and lasting to contribute to other nations.

As the Conference with the West China missionaries drew to a close, Dr. Gandier and I left for Hong Kong to visit our South China Mission at Kong Moon. We were sorry, indeed, to find on our arrival, that the women and children of the Mission had been urged to leave. Some were already down at Chung Chow, an island near Hong Kong, where they often spend summer holidays, but most of them were remaining at their post, hoping that danger of disturbance would soon pass.

We have fine school and hospital equipment, with five missionary residences at this centre, and a whole-hearted, enthusiastic staff. Dr. Victoria Chung was the only lady missionary on the field when we were there. Miss Dulmage had died some months before, while Miss Carrol was still busy with language study, not yet ready for work. Mrs. McKay has been in charge of the Girls' School since the death of Miss Dulmage, and has carried on with others of the married ladies, native teachers helping. They had almost seventy-five attractive girls in attendance when we visited them, not quite up to capacity since the boycott some months before, when the missionaries had to leave for a time. The hospitals were taking in patients, but were not full. All were a trifle disturbed as a general strike was expected any day at Canton, a short distance up the river, which threatened

danger for them; fortunately it did not take place.

We spent two days with the missionaries and had conference with them about the work. Just before we left the final word came from the Consul that all must leave. It was very hard for Mrs. McKay, with her deep affection for the girls, to close the school, and for Dr. Chung to send away mothers with their newborn babies. But it had to be done, and the missionaries left for Hong Kong and Chung Chow. We were glad when, some weeks later, we received word from them that the situation in the Province of Canton had improved and that they were able to return, and open the schools and hospitals again.

After leaving Kong Moon and Hong Kong we took steamer by way of Swatow and Amoy to Formosa, stopping over for a week with the Canadian missionaries carrying on in that field. This Mission was given over to the Church of the non-concurring congregations one year ago, although only one missionary and his wife, from all the group, stayed out of Union. We had a delightful visit with them. Mrs. Gauld, who has been in the work there since some years before the death of Dr. George Leslie McKay, is like a mother to those younger missionaries, as young in spirit as any of them, and beloved by all. Since our visit, some have gone to other fields, to make room for workers from the non-concurring church: Dr. and Mrs. Black, to Lung-chingtsun, Manchuria, connected with the Korean field; Mr. and Mrs. Coates, to Nagoya, Japan. Mr. McLeod had already gone to work with the English Presbyterian Mission in the south of the Island, remaining a missionary of the United Church of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and more of the lady missionaries expect to join them this autumn.

Our next visit to China was to Tientsin, where we again met Dr. Endicott and the missionaries evacuated from the Honan field, another courageous, optimistic group. Here we were crowded into close quarters in a number of small houses, with fifty or sixty of the missionaries, men, women and children, where we soon became as one big family. Dur-

ing these days the Moderator, who came as a stranger to many, won all hearts and brought new courage to this group of exiled missionaries.

The same difficult problem had to be dealt with here, that came up at Shanghai and Kong Moon, how to have the work go on while the missionaries are absent, and how far the native Christians are capable of taking responsibility. A group of eight pastors and elders came out from Honan to meet the delegation at the council and discuss the question. They were men of keen mind, who knew their need, as they saw it, and what they wanted. All felt that much was gained by free discussion with them. Responsibility was given to them, and arrangements made for the period when they would be left to carry on the work by themselves. They were also to receive funds for the different departments, and carry on, as far as possible, along present lines. They went back satisfied and anxious to do

their best, but I imagine they will be glad when the missionaries return, and they can come again to these true friends for advice and guidance. These days, when thrown back upon themselves, may be their testing time, and develop an independence in their church life, which has been lacking in the past. In former Presbyterian missions there was but one council, where all the work was discussed as one, and this rule continues in those fields, as in the past.

With continual unrest and lack of stable government in the past, Christian missions in China have steadily advanced, and we have confidence that in the future, when the present disturbance has subsided, the Christian missionary will have an ever increasing influence among this great people, drawing them away from the darkness of heathendom, with its superstitions, into the light and freedom, which the knowledge and love of Christ alone can give.

## Mary Workman Savage

### An Appreciation

EFFIE A. JAMIESON

THERE passed away on August 5th, in Montreal, Mrs. Mary Savage, widow of Joseph Savage, in her eighty-eighth year. It is fitting that THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY should take special cognizance of her passing for she was for many years Editor of *The Monthly Leaflet*, one of the magazines incorporated in its pages.

Mary Workman Savage, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Workman, well-known Montreal physician, was born in 1840. She graduated with distinction from Miss Hannah Lyman's School, that important educational institution of Montreal which sent forth so many graduates not only soundly educated, but with ideals of service and with true missionary zeal. She was widowed while still young, but it was at the age of sixty years that she assumed the duties of Editor of *The Monthly Leaflet*, then just in its infancy. She laid down the task

twenty years later, but, in the meantime, she had made her little paper so vital and living in its missionary message that it was a welcome visitor and greatly beloved in the homes of the section of the Church to which she belonged. It was her "child," and she relinquished the work only because of physical necessity. But, though shut within her home during these later years, no one rejoiced more than she at the blossoming out, with sister publications, of the paper into which she had put so many years of devoted service, into our fine new magazine, and no one had more joy in its success. If you visited her invalid couch you would find that the latest copy was always near at hand and she read it from cover to cover.

It was on her eightieth birthday in June, 1920, in Calvary Church, Montreal, that she tendered her resignation. The Board set aside all other business that

afternoon in order to do her honor. She was presented with an illuminated address, with a purse of gold, and a sheaf of roses. The memory of her as she presented her last report and received the gifts of the Board is unforgettable, her stateliness, charm and sweetness were so unusual, and the member of the audience, who was to be her successor, uttered a prayer that, as she assumed her duties, some small measure of Mrs. Savage's mantle of charity and winsomeness might descend upon her.

The years since then were largely shut-in, but with mind and heart just as fresh as in the days when she was active. At the last meeting of the General Council, held in Montreal, when several Afri-

can missionaries were present, she had an afternoon tea party, listening eagerly to all they had to tell and taking great delight in renewed fellowship with them.

She will be mourned not only by her immediate family and members of the Board with whom she was associated in the past, but by many far away whose need she kept before the Church for so many years. At Chissamba, the first Boarding School built by the Canadian Woman's Board bears her name, it is called "The Savage Dearborn Boarding School for Girls." It has already had quite a history and will continue in the days to come to serve the girlhood of that district and give them an opportunity, too, to grow in beauty and fulness of life.

## Waiting and Serving

FLORENCE FEE

*Language Student at Shanghai*

A LARGE upstanding home, just one of many similar houses on a lane running back from the street proper. In front is an irregular stone wall, a small grassy yard; at one side, a mulberry tree, and a tall plane tree; at the other, some small palm trees, and morning glory vines climbing over the neighbor's fence.

It is late forenoon. The sun is shining in all its dazzling brightness, so you are glad to enter the hall below, with its comparative coolness and dimness. How dark the sitting-room and dining-room seem since the shutters are closed to keep out some of the heat!

You see no one downstairs excepting the Chinese servant, who is busy with his work of cleaning, so you climb the long staircase, and as you reach the top you hear voices immediately before you. You peep in and see a pleasant room, bright and airy, for through the two French doors that open from a sleeping porch a pleasant little breeze is blowing. In the centre of the room is a desk, at one side of which a Chinese gentleman is sitting, and opposite him are his two pupils. How intent they all are, both teacher and

pupils, upon their conversation together! One does not need to ask these newer missionaries if they are finding their study of the Chinese language interesting.

You pass along the hall. The next room shows signs of being used as a study as well as a bedroom, but at present no one is in sight. You continue on your way, and down a few steps at the end of the hall you find a tiny study where also are three persons, a Chinese teacher and two of your West China missionaries. They are reading a book, one whose name is well known in China these days, namely, "The Three Principles," by Sun Yat Sen. It is a book which one who hopes to understand the present revolution in China, will find helpful. As they read, Hsia Sien Sen (Mr. Shaw) is ready with explanations and meanings for the many new words and modern expressions not met with previously.

Up above you hear the steady click, click of a typewriter. Here in another little room that has been converted into an office, is your West China Secretary-Treasurer, working at accounts and statements, or writing letters to the folks now

at home in Canada. At another desk in the same room sits her trusted assistant, Yui Sien Sen (Mr. Yui). He is writing to teachers, Biblewomen, nurses, and school girls, the letters she has dictated, which seek to solve some of their many problems, and also to encourage and help them in their carrying on for Christ in far Szechwan.

A pleasant room it is, in spite of plain board walls with scantlings, and cement floor, for the roof is lofty, and the windows are many. All about are comfortable reed chairs, tables covered with books, a piano and equipment for games. It is evening, and the room is well filled with men in uniform. Some are playing games—ping-pong, bagatelle, checkers,



SHANGHAI

What an interesting room! This you will say, when you see another room on the third floor. What an assortment of trunks and boxes, camp beds and rolls of bedding, lanterns, and all the other things necessary to travelling in interior China! This is the Shanghai storeroom of the Woman's Missionary Society, and here are stored many things belonging to the workers now home on furlough, as well as to the present occupants of the house.

Where is she of the pleasant front room? Perhaps out at a canteen serving British and American soldiers and sailors, or at the Door of Hope Mission prescribing for the sick, or at a meeting where Mission problems are being discussed.

As you came, so you leave, silently. Come with me down town to this large room in a temporary building in Shanghai.

chess. Many are sharing in group games or contests conducted by missionaries, taking their turns at the piano that never seems to have a time of rest. Some are writing letters; others are reading; others are talking to the workers in charge.

What is this place, and why is it here? It is the United Gospel Mission hut, and it seeks to serve those who have come from over the seas to protect this cosmopolitan community. It is not merely a recreation hut, but seeks to keep the spiritual side always in sight. The greater number of its volunteer helpers are refugee missionaries. One night a week the Canadians are in charge of the activities here. After an hour spent in playing games, a lecture or varied programme is usually given, and afterwards all gather round the piano and sing the

old, old songs and the hymns that mean so much to us all. Many, too, are the talks that are had with these soldiers and sailor lads. Not always is it the trifling and inconsequential that is discussed, but the great and abiding realities of life.

And thus the days go by. You have seen a part of the W.M.S. family in

Shanghai as you might have seen them almost any day in weeks that are past, or as they may be seen in weeks that are to come. Always their thoughts and prayers are with their friends in Szechwan, but until they can return to that far-western province they are trying to spend their days in Shanghai profitably and well.

## Above the Clouds in Hamheung, Korea

EDITH FRANCES McRAE

*High mountains are a feeling.—Byron.*

"MOUNTAINS," did you say? Who does not love them with their shining tops and mysterious shadows, speaking strength and grandeur, inspiring poets throughout all ages. David thrilled to their music; we all do. And mountain climbing! What man, woman or child ever can fail to enthuse over that which has been a science as well as a keen pleasure, symbolic of life's aspirations from time immemorial? Some climb because of the fine exercise; others because of the popular crowd, such are apt to fall back when the ascent becomes difficult or dangerous. The vast majority, however, realizing not only the value of attainment, but the treasures unfolded from the summit, persist to fulfilment.

But, why all this about mountains and what have they to do with the recent visit of Dr. Endicott and Dr. and Mrs. Gandier to the city of Hamheung? Let me explain in a few words. They have come to us; they have taken our hands in their own firm, loving grasp and we have been transported to the mountain tops. Yes, and we are still there in the Glory, above the clouds of doubt and fear. Still in the sunshine of noonday, we are gazing out with a new vision upon the wonders which were becoming common-place, as well as the fresh new fields within our vision. Still, when the purple shades of evening fell late upon us, we are resting in quiet peace awaiting another glorified dawn. God grant we may not slip back too soon into the shadows.

Some of us, you know, have been climbing nearly thirty years, realizing our own pitiful weakness and inefficiency, falling back so far at times we scarcely could regain a footing. A few of our number have turned back; others God has called to Himself; some who started later have left us behind; some are just beginning the ascent, and here we are plodding along, often discouraged by the new and rapidly changing conditions. To us in particular, the visit of the Moderator and Dr. and Mrs. Gandier, has been the uplift we pictured. The missionaries, with the Korean Christians, thank God and the Church at home for making this visit possible. Heretofore, the United Church of Canada was not without its own fine promise and beautiful significance to us; now it has become a great reality. If it did nothing more for us than give us the benefit of the new fellowship of the Moderator, Dr. Endicott, and of our co-workers who have come to help us, from West China, we should have been enriched indeed.

The Moderator and the Hamheung Koreans just naturally fell in love with each other, to say nothing of the way he captivated the missionaries, so that when the train carried him from us, we felt a keen sense of loss, and our hearts followed him. We speak of him first because of this new relationship through the Union in Canada. Of Dr. and Mrs. Gandier it is scarcely possible for us to express what their coming has meant to us all, especially to us pioneers. Some of us have memories of a gifted young

minister addressing rapt audiences in Fort Massey Church, Halifax. He was no small factor in the shaping and moulding of our ideals during our university days, and his burning messages of thirty years ago are still fresh in our minds. Then was he not the enthusiastic young promotor of the opening of this Mission to Korea! He was the mover of the resolution that made our coming a possibility; thus bring to the Church in Canada the privilege and inspiration of sharing in this great work.

Consider how all the years we have longed and waited to show Dr. Gandier Korea and her beloved people, even as a child carries to his parents the treasures he has discovered. It is easy to understand how it is that we are on the mountain top to-day, God with us; the United Church of Canada on one side; the Korean Church on the other; the Moderator, with Dr. and Mrs. Gandier, before us as our culminating joy, one with us, for a short time at least, in this bundle of Oriental life.

I wish you Canadians could have seen the grand way in which the distinguished visitors were welcomed by the Koreans of Hamheung; it would warm the heart of an iceberg. Immediately the date of arrival was set, Koreans met and committees were appointed. Just as would be done at home, the banquet was given to the ladies of the Korean W.M.S. to plan and prepare. Presbytery had a special meeting here, and the Mission a special Conference in Hamheung also. It would take too long to tell you the details of that busy five days, from Saturday night, May 21st, to Thursday night, May 26th. A few incidents briefly related will give an idea and the fuller story can be told later by the visitors. At the station were the dignified Korean pastors, elders, church and Y.M.C.A. officials and the Hospital staff, then the freshly white-

robed women of the W.M.S., the pupils and teachers of the boys' and girls' schools, numbering nine hundred pupils in all, lined the road. As the visitors approached, each group of students sprang to attention, then bowed low in Oriental fashion. A pretty touch was added by the presentation to Mrs. Gandier of a handsome bouquet of yellow roses on behalf of the Girls' School.

A timetable for every day, forenoon, afternoon and evening, included addresses by the visitors, Sunday morning and evening, in the two central churches of Hamheung, a mass meeting of the Sunday Schools, addresses to Boys' and Girls' Academies, visits to Hospital and Y.M.C.A., conferences, dinners and a Korean banquet, a call on the Governor of North and South Hankyung, union celebration of Korean Christians, taking of photo of visitors, missionaries and Korean Christians, meeting of Korean Presbytery, and, of course, the climax, the meeting of all the Koreans to honor their guests. After a hymn, prayer and scripture reading, came choruses by the schools, solos and the address of welcome, and then the presentation of gifts to the visitors by all the organizations: silk hand-painted scrolls, silver jars, carved stone ornaments, views of Korea, brass tables, brass dishes and books, all expressing welcome and gratitude.

Never in over thirty years have we seen such a fine spirit of mutual fellowship between Koreans and Canadians, or such delight in each other's society as marked this occasion; we felt as if we could sing with Kipling, "And the East and the West are one." We know part of this was due to the pleasure and commendation the Koreans have shown towards the union of our Canadian Church and the demonstration given by Drs. Endicott and Gandier of this great and glorious fact.

Posterity will reveal the value of Christian mission work in Africa during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, not only in ethics but in contributions to science, more especially to geography, ethnology, zoology, and above all, the study of African languages.—*Sir H. H. Johnston.*

## Letters from Our Fields

### Going Far Afield

*Miss Mary Robertson, of Azabu, Japan, writes as follows:* Last week Miss Hamilton and I took the graduating class off on their yearly excursion, a very nice custom obtained by having the students go off in a body once or twice a year to visit the historical and beauty spots of this country, so rich in both. The two lower classes of this school, Azabu, go for a day to some place near; the next two classes go farther afield, taking two days for their jaunt; and the graduating class have a whole week, for we go 350 miles to our farthest point. We left in a third class express on Monday morning and arrived at Futami, our first stopping place, at nine at night. The place was swarming with students of all sizes, for many are the hotels there catering to the thousands of visitors frequenting places of interest.

The scenery here is very fine, two famous rocks out in the ocean being the objective of numberless superstitious pilgrims. Early in the morning we were astir traversing the sandy beach with its wilderness of tall pines like sentinels around our hotel. Soon after breakfast we were off in the train to Ise, to visit the ancient shrines of former Emperors, wonderfully beautiful structures with their simple lines and thatched roofs like velvet. The immense park-line surroundings with tall cystomeria and pine trees against whose sombre green the lighter shades of the hard woods just leafing out, made pictures of ravishing color, heightened by great bushes here and there of azaleas in flaming red, white and scarlet. That night we came down to Nara, once in the very long ago, a capital of Japan, now famous for its park, its temples, its immense bronze Buddha and its multitude of tame deer that feed from one's hand or nose into one's pocket for biscuits.

Again on the march the next day after "doing" Nara in the morning, we stopped part way to Kyoto to visit the mausoleum of the great Meiji Tenno. To this remote solitude topping a hill, from which one has a magnificent view, 330 stone steps lead up. At night we arrived in Kyoto where we had three nights and two days. We visited its two fine palaces, a goodly number of temples, went out to Arashi Jama (storm mountain) to gaze on its beauty, went up Heizan in a cable-car, walked two

miles over the top and took the cable on the other side which brought us down to Lake Biwa, sixty miles long, where we took a small steamer and cruised about the upper part of the lake, stopping off over one boat to visit a famous temple. Leaving our boat farther along the lake, we took electric car to Kyoto.

The next day, Saturday, we left Kyoto for home, returning as we had gone, in a third-class express. Everybody was tired, but happy, over one of the most successful excursions I have ever participated in. The girls were such good sports! We had slept on the floor in Japanese hotels, eaten Japanese food, climbed hundreds of stone steps, taken off our shoes numberless times and walked miles and miles! We had but twenty-seven with us this year, our graduating class numbering but thirty-two. The government allows a reduction of twenty per cent. on railroad fares to all students and teachers, and the hotels take us for half price. We did our whole excursion, including railway tickets and everything, for yen 31.00 each, or about fifteen and a half dollars!

### An African Parable

*Mrs. Marian Webster, of Means' School, Dondi, writes the following:* This is a real African spring morning. The sun is shining in all his glory. The birds are singing their best. All nature is awake and growing. I wish I could take you for a ride over the hills and through the valleys; we should be refreshed both in body and spirit. But, though duties keep us at home, just to look abroad, as we come and go about our work, and inhale the sweet, pure air, gives new vigor to body and soul.

School keeps every day and the days are filled with varied but pleasant, happy occupations. Field and garden work is being rushed for it is the early planting brings the increase.

I think it was about a year ago I told you of two girls whom we rescued from unhappy marriages. One was sent to Bailundo. She is there still, happy and doing well. Her family have not even inquired where she is. Her brother threatened to be on the lookout and catch her. That was why we sent her away. The second girl, Nahondo, is with us in the

boarding department of the Practice School. She went home for a time, but came back when her father's creditor began to urge payment of the debt. But now Nahondo is a free girl. Her brother paid the debt with an ox. He is a brother of a different stamp from the other one. Though young he shows by this act of kindness to his sister of what stuff he is made. To save enough out his small earnings to buy an ox meant sacrifice on his part.

A week has passed. It is evening. I am in the school room. It is my week to have prayers and study hour. While the girls study I read, write, crochet, or do other work. To-night I shall add some more to my letter. It will be short, I fear, snatchy and disconnected, but it must be ready to go on this next boat going north.

The preacher of the morning, Kanjila, one of the church elders, read the first five verses of Matthew 7, and took his text from the same verses. He spoke very well, not taking an accusing attitude, but in a helpful, admonishing way showing how easy it might be to err unconsciously, and pointing out many things in the life and work here folk should do well to beware of. Also how they could help and advise without being critical and over-righteous in their attitude. He ended with the following story:

"Once, upon a time two caravans from different parts of the country were travelling to the coast. In one was a man with very long, prominent teeth, and in the other a cross-eyed man. The two caravans met in the trading house at Benguela. The man with the cross-eye called attention to the long teeth of the other fellow, and twitted him about them. A big row ensued. Many did not know what it was all about, but each one took sides with the man of his own caravan. A leader among them called for silence and advised the hearing of the dispute between the two men. This they proceeded to do. When the case was heard all agreed that the cross-eyed man was the one at fault for having made fun of his neighbor's defect, when he himself had a worse one. 'Why beholdest thou the mote that is in

thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?'"

### Carrying the Burdens

*From Shanghai, China, comes this letter from Miss Eliza Marshall, formerly of Jenschow:* No doubt you at this time are receiving many letters from China, telling about the happenings of the last few months. It will undoubtedly be discouraging to the home church, and yet we who had to leave our stations at the time of the revolution thank God for the growth of the Church since then. At that time there was very little organized work to leave. Now we have been able to make provision for the carrying on of the primary schools under loyal native leadership.

I left as the principal of the higher primary school at Jenschow, Miss Whang, who was one of the orphans. She is a young woman of great force of character, and of more than ordinary ability. She has shown in every way her devotion to the work of the church. She acted as organist, helped in the Sunday School, and led a Christian Endeavor service for the girls on Sunday afternoons. The women are left under the leadership of Mrs. Uh, a Bible-woman, trained in Junghsien. She lives with the two teachers in the downtown day school. Altogether six W.M.S. schools are being carried on in the city and district. Our hope is through correspondence to help them to solve any difficulties that may arise, and to encourage them to endure persecution.

The out-station work of the Jenschow district has been very encouraging. In one town fifteen adults have united with the church during the past year. The chapel has become the social as well as the religious centre of the little Christian community. The people in these places visited only occasionally by a missionary, feel that the church is their church, and are willing to carry its burden. Whatever the future may hold in-store, Christianity has won an enduring place in China.

**The reason why you do not trust Him more is that you obey Him so little. If you would only ask what God would have you to do, you would soon find your confidence growing.—George MacDonald.**

## News of Our Missions

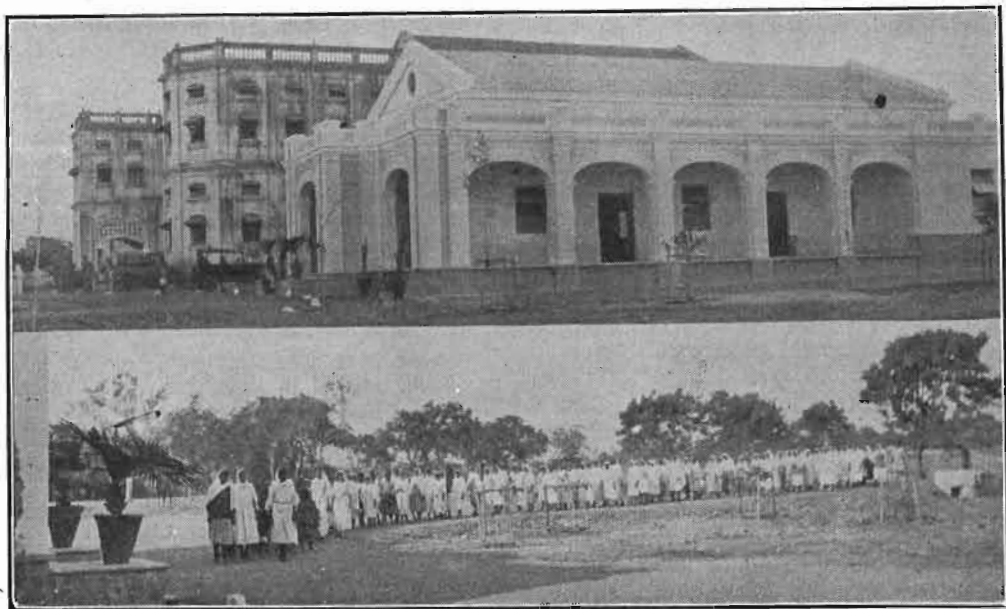
### India

EARLY in February, when the Canadian deputation was at Indore, the new Assembly Hall of the Girls' School was opened. It is a very beautiful building, a gift of Sir Hukm Chand, a wealthy cotton merchant of Indore.

"The programme on the opening day," writes Dr. Gunn, "was just such as might be given

Dundee,' which, as it is used as a well-known British Cavalry canter, was possibly more adapted to keep the doll babies awake, but this blended into the more quiet, 'Sleep, baby sleep,' and all the dolls obediently went off to slumber.

"A very pretty flag drill went through also to the tune of 'There's no luck about the hoose.' Evidently, young India is going to know Scottish tunes when it grows up! There was



THE NEW ASSEMBLY HALL, INDORE. (Lower) INDIA'S GIRLHOOD ON THE MARCH.

by a girls' high school in Canada. The keynote of the opening hymn was very fitting, "We build for Eternity," and it was delightful to hear the earnestness of the clear young voices as the whole school joined in the singing. After that there came various songs in English with a kindergarten song by the juniors, and a 'Topsy-turvy' presentation, after our Canadian fashion, when the little hands uplifted, with boots upon them, gave a very realistic imitation of walking. The junior girls gave a beautiful doll drill, marching in to the tune of 'The Campbells are coming,' and the doll babies were put to sleep to the tune of 'Bonnie

also a delightful motion song, 'John Brown's Knapsack,' and several recitations and dialogues, the whole ending up with a beautiful hoop drill out upon the lawn and refreshments for the many guests."

Indore Girls' School has from the beginning been one of the most prominent centres of education in our Mission work anywhere. Miss Jessie Duncan is the capable principal, and she is supported by the good services of Miss Patterson and Miss Caswell, with a staff of Indian teachers. That the work of this splendid institution has not merely a local reputation is evidenced by a letter from the Honorable Mr.

Glancy, the Acting Agent for the Governor General of India, an office which corresponds very much to our Lieutenant-Governor of a Province of Canada, but which has more work and authority. In it, through his secretary, he thanks Miss Duncan for her courtesy in showing him the Canadian Mission School, and the secretary adds: "He (Mr. Glancy) considers this quite the best managed Girls' School he has inspected during his thirty years' service."

Sometimes when our missionaries arrive at a village the women are just going out to the field to cut the coarse grain. Around Hat Piplia country, Miss Hilda Banks tells us that they almost invariably sit down with the sickles in their hands to listen. Sometimes they ask the missionaries to stay all day. If there is any one in the village who can read it does not seem so hard to leave. In one Mohalla of a large village, a Brahmin was pointed out as the only man who could read, and he said: "Where would a Brahmin get a cent to buy a book?" Whereupon two neighbors each supplied half a cent on the condition that he could read the "words of wisdom" to them! The bargain was completed and as the missionaries left, they heard him beginning to read the gospel according to John.

### Japan

Miss E. A. Preston, 243 Roehampton Ave., Toronto, who served many years in Japan, is "At Home" to the Japanese community of Toronto, once a month. On the evening of June 27th, at one of the city restaurants, Miss Preston was entertained at dinner by the Japanese, who met to do her honor in appreciation for her untiring efforts in their behalf. Twenty sat down to the table.

Mr. Egashira, of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, presided, and several addresses were given.

One speaker expressed his appreciation of a sympathetic interpretation of the Japanese. Another, a young man, told of his experience at North Bay, where he was welcomed to a Christian home. The evening worship after supper with singing, Bible reading and prayer made a great impression upon him. Coming to Toronto he missed this Christian fellowship greatly, and it was a joy to him when another Christian home was open to him.

### Canada

Mrs. Chas. Clark, Secretary of North-West Indian work, returned from the West in mid-summer. Her holiday took the form of informal visits to many of the Indian Boarding Schools and Reserves, in which the W.M.S. is interested.

In one of the former, Round Lake, a very pleasant function took place. The Mission Band there has attained the distinction of being one of the best of its kind, and during Mrs. Clark's visit, the young folk made a presentation to Mrs. Clark, accompanied by the following letter:

"We, the pupils of Round Lake Residential School, appreciate your continued interest in us and many other Indian children in Canada. We take this opportunity of thanking you for sending us teachers and so much suitable clothing every year. We do not know how much time and energy you expend in this good work, but we feel sure that the God of Indian children will not forget what you have done for us.

"We are very happy in the home you have provided for us, and although we are not always as good as we might be, we are continually trying to improve, and we promise you we will do our best to be a credit to our school.

"We ask you to accept from us a gift, the poems of Doctor Duncan Campbell Scott, who, like yourself, understands and sympathizes with Indians.

"As you journey from school to school, we hope you may be encouraged by the progress the numerous children under your care are making. You have our very best wishes for a safe and delightful tour of the work you superintend.

"In memory of your visit to Round Lake, June 2 to 4, 1927."

### Korea

Miss Ethel McEachern, Principal of the Girls' School, Hamheung, Korea, has been granted early furlough, in order to recuperate after a serious operation last April, in the Severance Hospital, Seoul. The operation was successful, but the Korea Council decreed that in the end it will be to the best interest of Miss McEachern and the Girls' School, that she be allowed to return to Canada. She expects to sail August 12th, and will have as travelling

companions, Mr. and Mrs. Brockman, of the Korea Y.M.C.A.

Her place as Principal of the School will be taken until her return, by Rev. Kim Kwan Sik. Mr. Kim has spent several years in Canada and the United States, and after his return to Korea was appointed to a position of great influence as Director of Religious Education in the Korea Mission Schools and Institutes. The Council also decreed that he be released from these duties to enable him to become Acting Principal of the Girls' School. Mrs. D. M. McRae, the official founder of the School, has been requested by the Korea Council to co-operate with Mr. Kim in an advisory capacity.

When Dr. and Mrs. Gandier were in Korea, Mr. Kim acted as interpreter for the Moderator.

### Oriental

Miss Bock tells of one girl at the Oriental Home and School, Victoria, B.C., who is her pride and joy. In September last when she came, she knew no English. She was put with the babies in their lessons, but soon outstripped them. She was allowed to work at her own rate, and in nine months this girl almost completed the work in grades I and II.

The splendid Mission Band in the Vancouver Mission, under Miss Etta De Wolfe, again distinguished itself. The members raised \$345.60—\$60.60 beyond their allocation!—and were presented at the annual meeting with the B.C. banner for highest achievement. The children were delighted at their success and are very proud of the banner.

### Community Missions East

Our work at St. John, N.B., where our deaconess, Miss Mabel K. Smith, pursues her busy rounds from day to day, is a most interesting field. There are many nationalities, Swedes, English, Scotch and Bulgarian perhaps predominate. At the mothers' meetings there is one Bulgarian woman who cannot speak a word of English. They all answer the roll call by a verse of scripture and, in this way, are both learning the language and getting a knowledge of the Bible. There is always a great deal of need and poverty, caused by unemployment and sickness, and it is, Miss Smith says, a real joy to be able from funds provided by the United

Churches in the city to minister to the needs of these folk.

The River Hebert Mission, N.S., consists of three different places: Joggins, where a great many people have left, due to lack of work in the mines, Kimberley and Strathcona. The Kimberley people come from Germany, Russia, Belgium, etc., and are most interesting to work among. Miss Fullerton, our worker, testifies, as so many of our workers do, to the musical ability of the new citizens from these countries—they never tire of singing, and music is the easiest approach to their hearts. The attendance at Sunday School, which has a roll of sixty-two, is very good, and many come who cannot speak a word of English or understand it, just to hear the music.

There is a fine Sunday School also at Strathcona, sixty-seven on the roll, they appreciate the help received from the day teachers who give of their time each Sunday to assist us in the work.

### Medical Work

How worth while the work seems to the workers themselves! In spite of heavy responsibilities, loneliness and never ending toil, they write of deep happiness in the tasks accomplished. "I think it is an ideal life," says Miss Shipley, of Bonnyville. "You can do so much for others and I much prefer being here to any city position. There is a certain quietude and one can get close to nature. God's beauty is wonderful!"

Rev. J. E. Duclos adds the following: "The financial statement of both hospitals is very good. The support from patients is gradually increasing, due to an improved monied condition, and to a greater sense of appreciation on the part of the people who are benefited by our hospitals.

"I have bought two Remington typewriters, one for each hospital, at a reduced rate of \$40 each—sold new for \$180. They were repaired and put in perfect order and guaranteed for a year. They are of wide carriage and suited for Government reports. This was a very much needed necessity to expedite and facilitate the nurses' work.

"I thank the Woman's Missionary Society for the support given to our hospitals and assure you that we appreciate most heartily the interest so generously manifested in this beneficial work."

# Auxiliary Interest

## Prayer

O God our Father, we would commend to thee all those who by word and deed are making possible the great end of Christian missions. Bless at this time those, who, having been designated for that work in countries far or near, are going forth as missionaries of our society. Add to the enthusiasm of youth the quiet faith that shines like a star through the darkest night, and the love that never fails. Bless all those, too, who have borne cheerfully the burdens of the days gone by and have now come home in the evening to rest. May their latter days be filled with friendly intercourse and a deep spirit of peace. We thank thee for all thy goodness to us during another year. Accept the offerings we bring to thee. Strengthen us for all new and old duties, giving us that real unity with thee without which our union with others must always be incomplete. May we live as those who wait for their Lord, that when thou shalt appear, we shall be like thee and see thee as thou art. For Christ's sake. Amen.

## Suggestive Programme

For Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries and Mission Circles

October, 1927

Subject for Study: New Occasions, Chapter 1, New Paths for Old Purposes, by Margaret E. Burton.

Subject for Prayer: That all nations and their rulers may recognize the Lordship of Christ in all international relationships.

- 1.—The President will read the subject of prayer.
- 2.—Silent Prayer.
- 3.—Repeat Lord's Prayer.
- 4.—Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation."
- 5.—Minutes and Business including: Discussion of Plans for Mission Study Classes. Complete detailed arrangements for a successful ingathering of the Confederation Thanksgiving Offering.

6.—Three Sentence Prayers for Faith to claim the promise, "Certainly I will be with thee."

7.—Hymn—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

8.—Devotional Leaflet—"Who is Sufficient for These Things?"

9.—Hymn—"O God our Help in ages past."

10.—Study—Introduce the study book stating briefly its scope and giving a word about the author. See page IV.

11.—Leaflet—"New Occasions."

12.—Hymn—"Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing."

\*Price 3 cents.

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## Practical Talks

ETHEL M. H. SMITH

### No. 9. The Autumn Thankoffering and Retirement Fund

ONCE again the festival of the thank-offering is with us, and there seems danger of its becoming a commonplace. We are so young, so active, so efficient; so apt to consider things as money-makers or the reverse, and so apt to lose our backgrounds of devo-

tion and romance; so, lest any such dire calamity befall us and our institutions, it is well to take the backward look and try to understand.

Some five and forty years ago, when this big society was nothing more than a dream,

there was an auxiliary in one of our smaller cities that was so conscious of God's goodness to it, that it called its members together and held what was termed a "Praise Service"; and, as they praised God, they also rendered unto Him tangible thanks for manifold blessing. This, in 1881, was the first thank-offering of its kind.

The following year, in the capital of the Dominion, another auxiliary thought to follow up the idea, taking means whereby a depleted revenue might be augmented. It was successful, and resulted in the suggestion that a thank-offering meeting in the month of October be made general throughout the Society.

The first meeting of the kind held in Toronto was in 1884, and the Auxiliary instituting it was the "Murray-Mitchell," of St. James' Square Church. Thus was the October thank-offering sanctioned by the General Council, and recognized as a regular activity in the Presbyterian section. It was not, however, until 1890 that a regular form of envelope was adopted and sent forth for use at this season.

Let us keep in mind these stories of beginnings, as we approach this season, and as we remember them, may we try to catch the spirit of those women, who almost two generations ago, planted the seed, and nursed the seedling which has become a tall and spreading maple, giving sustenance and comfort to the nations.

But there is another story. The Constitution of our Society (Retirement Fund) says in Article V, Section 4, that certain things are to be brought to the attention of the membership, "preferably at the times of the thank-offering." Thus we make of this festival a time of remembrance, since it was at this time of year, that, in the Methodist section, the custom was to take an offering so that those who had served in hard and distant parts, during the years of their strength and vigor, might, in the evening time be assured of some truly earned ease in life. The fund is no longer supplied in this way; there is an appropriation in the budget of the Society which covers it. Nevertheless, there are those who will always think of it at this time of year, and there are others, who would gladly add another "special" on memory's calendar. In consequence, at this time when the flood-gates of the heart are open, an opportunity is given.

The old idea is not lost. It is carried on in a related continuity, and still there shall be "The Chapel of Heartsease in its purple setting," and, for the workers, through their gathering years of service, there is a knowledge which fills the heart with peace.

So may the Autumn Thank-offering come to us with renewed meaning and interest.

## Y.W.A., Mission Circles, and C.G.I.T.

### Trinidad Girls in Training

*Constance Young*

**I**N THESE days the letters C.G.I.T. are familiar to all in Canada. But perhaps the girls do not know that there are groups in other countries that bear the same name with the exception of one letter. Let me introduce you to two fine groups.

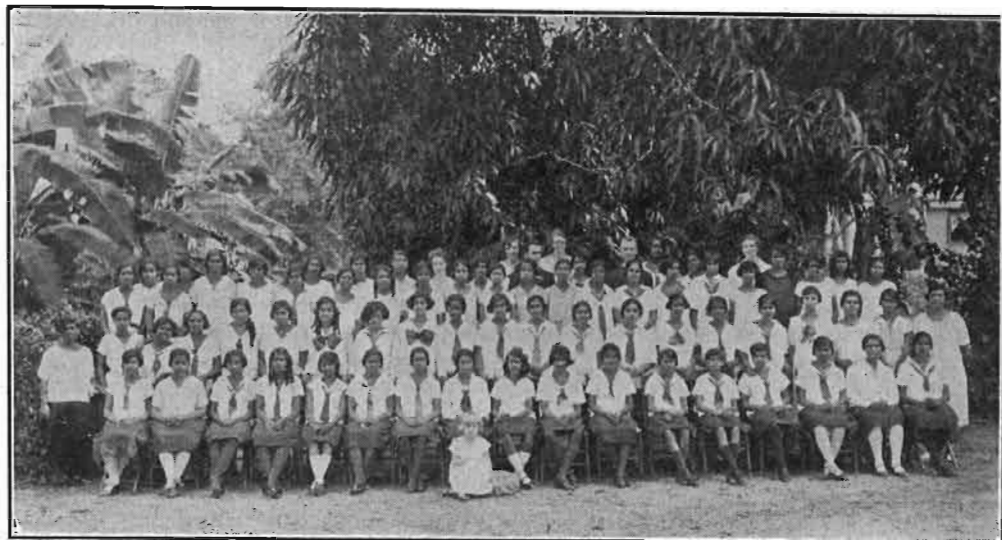
Here is the T.G.I.T. who have had their very first Conference.

To the girls of Canada, perhaps, the word Conference does not give such a thrill as it once did, in these days of many Conferences and Camps. But with us it is quite otherwise, and perhaps Canadian girls would like to look through our eyes for a little while, and feel with

us something of what our first Trinidad Girls' in Training Conference meant to us.

It was held in April, a month in which a rainy day is a rare occurrence. Bright, sunshiny days—hot, but very beautiful—were the days from April 8 to 10. For weeks before plans had been made by leaders, and the interest and enthusiasm of the five groups made it apparent from the beginning that the Conference days would be happy ones.

Finally the day came and the opening meeting was held. I wish you could have seen the girls—over one hundred of them—as they gathered, heard the singing, and felt the re-



TRINIDAD GIRLS IN TRAINING

sponse to the opening service. The C.G.I.T. hymn was the keynote of the service. Miss MacPherson, whom Ottawa girls would know, gave the evening's address, on the T.G.I.T. programme as a way of life, and all who heard her were impressed by the challenge of it.

Early next morning at seven o'clock, a group of seventy was gathered in the church for a quiet half-hour's Morning Watch, most effectively led by Mr. McLeod, our minister. Then came a walk by the whole group before the sun had become too hot, and the procession called forth many comments from the passers-by, who wondered what was happening. A short meeting followed, in which Mr. MacLeod, in telling words, drove home the truth, that religion to be of worth must express itself in living.

The girls dispersed, while the leaders met in conference to discuss problems of leadership. Out of this conference grew the idea of a department to meet once in two months and thus unite all the groups in a wider fellowship.

As in all well regulated Conferences, sports were held in the afternoon, and these were entered into with all the enthusiasm of energetic teen agers. Then that evening came the Mother and Daughter Banquet, something altogether unique in Trinidad. Much of its success was due to the efficiency of the Senior Group, which was the first organized group, with Mrs. Kemp in charge. The toasts and

sing-song were much enjoyed, especially the old favorite, "It isn't any trouble." Afterwards the girls put on a short pageant, "The Way." Well acted, it made a most effective close to the evening.

The Sunday morning service at nine o'clock marked the close of Conference days. The church was well filled with girls, and the girls' choir added much to the spirit of the service. Miss Young gave the address on the Conference theme, "Dreaming True."

So ended an event, unique in the history of Susamachar Church, the success of which encourages us to expect greater things in succeeding years. Girls of Trinidad and girls of Canada may differ in some things, but they are alike in believing that through four-fold development lies fullness of life.

### Hindustani Girls in Training

*Christina U. Baxter*

In India, too, we have our G.I.T. Different as they are in many ways, there are likenesses between these slim, brown Indians and the Canadian girls. They love their homes, their schools and daily tasks. They enjoy an outing and like pretty clothes and ornaments. Canadian girls would find they had quite a lot of things in common if they could mingle with the Indian girls in their every-day life. The

following incidents will bear out the above statements.

Some months ago, the younger teachers, the new Indian doctor, and the older girls asked permission to form some sort of club. Accordingly, a date was set for organization and in real parliamentary style officers were nominated and elected by ballot. A tentative programme was arranged for three months. The name chosen was Hindustani Girls in Training, owing to references to the C.G.I.T. Hand Book. Following the four-fold programme in part, we have had hikes, sewing meetings, story-hours, a brief talk or two by the girls, group games etc.

Before Christmas extra sewing meetings were held in order to make ready the rag dolls which the girls were making out of khaki cotton, embroidering the hair, eyes, mouths and noses in suitable colors. One day, a brief discussion was overheard about the dolls having short hair, it being the easiest to embroider, in the course of which such remarks as "English bob" and "Niya fashion" (new fashion), were prominent. A competition was arranged for

dressing the dolls, each girl being allowed to choose the color scheme, style, etc., for her little charge. All worked well and there were no two dolls alike. Since it was impossible to make a fair decision, all were awarded prizes for their efforts. The prizes consisted of old Christmas cards with blotters attached, which though inexpensive, proved satisfactory. On Christmas Day, the little girls were as delighted with their dolls as if they had come straight from Paris.

A week or so before Christmas, the mystery which had made itself felt, was partly solved when the girls asked permission to have a concert during the holidays and give the drama they had been practising. They attended to all the arrangements themselves and the concert was a success in every way. As a result of their efforts they handed over more than ten dollars for the Building Fund of the new church building, which we hope to have in Dhar some day.

So, in these ways, the girls are trying to "Cherish Health, Seek Truth, Know God, and Serve Others."

## Mission Bands

### Prayer

We thank thee, O Father, for all the great men and women who have helped to make Canada Christian. Let us never forget how, in the midst of loneliness and hard work, and far from schools and churches, they gathered the children around them to hear the Word of God, and join in prayer together. Help us also to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, that we may stand firm in every trial and do our bit to make Canada good. Give us grace to be loyal to our Mission Band, giving our best to it, ready in prayer and service to make this the most successful year yet. We ask all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Suggestive Programme

October, 1927

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| 1.—Hymn—"O God of Bethel."               | 8.—*Study—Pioneers in Church Work in Canada.   |
| 2.—Scripture Lesson—Psalm 46.            | (a) Barbara Heck.  |
| 3.—Prayer—Leader. Sentence Prayers.      | (b) Dr. James Robertson.   |
| 4.—Minutes and Business.                 | (c) Rev. John McDougall.   |
| 5.—Hymn—"Come to the Saviour."           | 9.—Hymn—"The Son of God Goes Forth to War," or "Stand Up for Jesus, Christian, Stand." |
| 6.—Reports from four heralds.            | 10.—Prayer—Mizpah, Benediction.  |
| 7.—Hymn—"Lord, a Little Band and Lowly." |  |

\*Leaflets at Room 410, Wesley Buildings, Toronto 2.

## St. Matthew

Jean L. Chant

**A**S WE are to hear from Station WORD in our new study book, "Please Stand By," by Margaret Applegarth, it may help us to know a little about the lives of the four writers who tell us of Jesus. Two of them, Matthew and John, were with him in his ministry, were actual eye-witnesses, and Mark and Luke were no doubt closely associated with the disciples of Jesus. These were men of quite different types. Matthew was a business man when Jesus called him, Mark was a writer who helped Peter in his preaching and teaching. Luke was a doctor loved by all, and John was the close friend and beloved disciple. Matthew, Mark and Luke write of practically the same things, but John in his beautiful Gospel gives us much that the others do not record. It seems as though he wanted to give us more of the Spirit and teaching of Jesus' life. How thankful we are for all the records. The word "gospel" means good news. What priceless news these four inspired writers have given us!

Let us now see what we can learn about Matthew. Matthew was a tax-gatherer employed by the Roman Government and he sat every day in or near the market-place of Capernaum to collect the dues from the people. Capernaum, on the sea of Galilee, was an important city in those days. Living here he came in contact with many people travelling from Italy and Greece to the Far East, as it was directly on the way. A tax-gatherer had many temptations to be dishonest; he was called a "publican" and looked upon with some degree of contempt. *But Matthew recognized Jesus.* Matthew knew all the prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. This is shown by the fact that thirteen times in his gospel he makes use of the phrase, "that it might be fulfilled." When, after seeing and hearing Jesus for some time, he heard him say, "Follow me," he left his business and followed his Master and Lord. After this his object in life was to convince the Jews that Jesus was the promised Messiah.

It was at the time of a feast, which Matthew had prepared in his home for Jesus, that the Pharisees criticized him for eating with publicans and sinners. Jesus answered this by

saying, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5: 27-32.

Matthew alone tells of the wise men from the East, Herod's fear of sentencing Jesus, the dream of Pilate's wife, and how Pilate washes his hands. He also tells us of the Roman watch at the tomb. He tells the parable of the dishonest servant, Matthew 18: 23-35, and gives other illustrations relating to matters of business which Jesus used.

The fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of Matthew show that he has learned the mind of the Master and our special broadcast text, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," Matthew 7: 12, is one we must take as our rule and guide if we too would follow Jesus.

### Introducing Yoshi

Miss C. M. Davis, Victoria

**J**UST about as bright as they make them is Yoshi. This little Japanese girl came to stay with us at the Oriental home last autumn. Speaking her own tongue only and amongst strangers, she never grieved about loneliness, but from the first won her sweet way to all our hearts. She soon made rapid progress in English, and has always quite a lot to say.

I was working at my desk late in the afternoon, and three of the children were looking at a book of reprints from the great masters, and occasionally bringing the book to me to ask a question. Many of them were copies of pictures of our Saviour, and one was a study of "The Kiss of Judas," by Geijer.

"Oh! the bad, bad man!" was the exclamation on beholding this, and the eldest one of the trio proceeded to tell the story of the betrayal. Presently, eleven-year-old Yoshi came to my side and in her pretty lisping way said, "I want to go to heaven."

"Why do you want to go there?" I asked.

"I want to see Jesus, and if I go there can I come back again?"

I looked at the little soul so earnest in her manner and said, "Yoshi, do you ever pray to Jesus?"

"Yes," she replied, "but I don't know how, I can't speak English."

"Jesus can understand Japanese," said I.

"Jesus knows Japanese!" was the surprised exclamation, "I will talk to him in Japanese." And a contented and happy child went back to her play.

*For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

### The Fire of Friendship

At the Helsingfors Conference, in Finland, attended by boys representing over two dozen countries, a significant ceremony was conducted called the "Fire of International Friendship."

The procedure was for two boys of each country to come together to the fire, one carrying the flag of his country and the other carrying a stick of wood which he threw upon the fire. The boy who threw the stick upon the fire then read a message from the boys of his country to the boys of the world.

The message from Egypt was: "The delegates of the land of the Pharaohs bring the heartiest greetings of the Egyptian boys and young men to the youth of the world, whom they count as brethren." That from India was: "The attainment of a worldwide brotherhood in Christ is the sincere wish of the Christian youth of India."

The Canadian message ended with the words: "Be assured that the youth of Canada are

eagerly following the standard of Christ, who came to establish 'peace on earth, good will to men.'"

At the conclusion of the ceremony, all joined in "The Pledge of the Fire," "We leave this fire with a vision of a great Christian fellowship, conscious of differences, but resolved to love."

This pledge by boys from countries recently at war, is an encouraging illustration of the way in which the spirit of Christian love may promote international friendship.—*Onward.*

### Two Boys

Two boys were growing up in New York City. A city mission got hold of one of these boys and brought him to Christ. The other boy was not won for Christ. The night before he sailed back to his native land he said to his followers in a room in East Side, New York: "I want you to remain in this country and bring on one revolution after another until you overthrow this dirty, rotten American government, while I go to Russia and overturn that government and stop Russia's war against Germany."

This speaker was none other than Trotsky. The destiny of millions of souls would have been far different if a church had succeeded in doing for the second boy what it did for the first.—*Selected.*

## The Palm Branch

**M**Y MAGIC BOOK-CASE" and "News Hunt" are sections in "The Palm Branch" that are going to help and interest. Magic Book-Case will always glimpse a specially readable book. That in September issue introduces you to two study books for younger groups, "Heroes of the Home Lands" and "Please Stand By"; while the same Book-case in October illustrates the works of Mary Entwistle, who has been visiting in Canada. She begins with the baby in the Overseas home and presently we have the whole family life before us.

"News Hunt" will help you search local papers for latest items that will do much to make Study Books live. Do you remember that the small Michael, lately crowned king of Roumania, is great-grandson of "Carmen Sylva," the second hero in "Heroes of the Home Lands?" Oh, these News Hunts are a fine field, with or without a book. Join us!

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## Personal Notes

MISS VIOLA CARDWELL, nurse in Hamheung Hospital, Korea, has returned to Canada and is receiving medical treatment in Toronto. Her place has been taken by Miss Ada Sandell, R.N., from the West China Missions, who will remain permanently in Korea. Her first letter from this field appears elsewhere.

Miss Margaret D. Keagey and Miss Blanche I. Magaffin have arrived recently on furlough from Japan.

Miss B. Louise Foster, West China, has been appointed Dean of Women in Columbia College, New Westminster.

Miss Cronkhite, of the Oriental work, has been appointed matron nurse of a small hospital for Chinese patients in Vancouver.

Miss Ide, our W.M.S. scholarship student from Japan, has successfully completed her first year's course in Religious Education at our National Training School.

Miss Martha R. Swann has been transferred to Korea in a teaching capacity. She writes that she is enjoying the work immensely, and teaching a class of 120 girls.

Three children of Mr. Ubukata, wholesale merchant of Tokyo, and of the Silks Limited, Toronto, are at school in Toronto. The two daughters, graduates of our Mission High School, Azabu, Tokyo, are studying at Branksome Hall; the son is at Upper Canada College.

The Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, has given a two years' scholarship to a Japanese student in memory of Miss Hama Kobayashi, a Japanese girl, one of their students, who died there about one and a half years ago. Miss Masuda, a graduate of our Mission Kindergarten Training School, Azabu, Tokyo,

was selected as the first scholarship student, and recently arrived to begin her studies in September.

The Assiniboia School Home accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Christie, who has ably filled the position of matron for the past two years, and Miss Kerr, the house-keeper. In honor of these two ladies, the Women's Auxiliary and Woman's Missionary Society of St. Paul's United Church, entertained at a farewell tea, at the home of Mrs. R. D. Coutts. During the afternoon Mrs. Christie was presented with a hat trunk and set of brushes, and Miss Kerr with silver candlesticks and candles. Miss Coon, late of the West China United Church Mission, will be in charge when the Home reopens in September.

Miss Mary McDonald McIllwraith, Durham, Ont., a deaconess of the W.M.S. in Toronto, was married, August 11, to Rev. John Edwin Bell, B.A., of Brookdale, Man. Congratulations!

Mrs. Alvah Green, formerly Miss Dorothy Duchemin, a graduate of Dalhousie University, and a teacher for some time at the Prince of Wales' College, Charlottetown, P.E.I., has gone to Trinidad to help in the establishing of an Industrial School, at San Fernando.

Miss Alberta F. Gould has retired from the superintendency of Atlin Hospital, B.C., after four years' faithful service at our most northerly outpost. We are glad to know that Miss Gould, after a short rest, will return to one of our hospitals in the north.

Miss Lucy Pringle, R.N., who has been superintendent at Burns' Lake, B.C., has been obliged to go to the Hazelton Hospital for treatment. It was necessary to close the hospital at Burns' Lake during her absence. We are glad to state that she is back again in such a needy field.

# News from the Conference Branches

## Alberta

*Press Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Brandow, 944 13th St. S., Lethbridge, Alta.*

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**LETHBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial met in Wesley Church, May 3, 4.

Without doubt the outstanding feature, as revealed in the reports and Mrs. Chas. McKillap's fine address, was the wonderful spirit of harmony which prevailed in the Presbyterial during the past year.

Miss MacGregor, our Field Secretary, gave a most inspiring and helpful address. Her theme was developed about the resultant river of influence that was formed by the union of streams of the United Church. She urged that we continue to work unitedly for the further development of the cause.

Mrs. McGowan, of Medicine Hat, delegate to the Dominion Presbyterial, spoke to the Convention about the work accomplished there.

Officers of the Executive were returned for another year with the addition of two new secretaries, Literature and Press.

**ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAL.**—At Bellis Alberta, on April 1st, 1927, the first annual meeting of St. Paul Presbyterial convened. Twenty-six delegates were present, the entire attendance reaching sixty-five in number.

The morning session was opened by devotional exercises in charge of Smoky Lake Auxiliary. A Press Secretary was appointed, and regular business transacted. Reports from every department showed a decided gain. Notwithstanding the almost complete crop failure in this district, the allocation was exceeded by \$63.05. Selection of a Nomination Committee completed the morning period.

The afternoon session, after prayer by members of Radway Auxiliary, approved a resolution expressing appreciation of the twenty years of devoted service of Miss E. G. Chace, Wahstao.

Other interesting features of the session were: An excellent financial conference, conducted by Miss Hawken, each auxiliary responding by telling ways and means in which it reached its allocation; a missionary queries

drill conducted by Miss Chace, testing the knowledge of the members concerning the Mission fields in foreign countries; and a pageant demonstrating the "Spreading of the Light," by students of the Wahstao Mission. Miss Empey, of Radway, contributed two delightful solos.

"How and Why in Africa," was the subject of an address by Mrs. J. W. Francis, who also exhibited some extraordinary articles of African native manufacture.

Miss Nelson, of Kolokreeka, prepared a resumé of Miss Kilpatrick's Camping Experience from "Prince Rama." In the unavoidable absence of Miss Nelson, this paper was read by one of the mission students.

A Junior orchestra, under the management of Mr. Karpoff, added much to the enjoyment of the Presbyterial.

The following is a list of the officers: President, Mrs. E. Davies, Radway Centre; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Francis, St. Paul; Treas., Miss Laycock, Smoky Lake.

**STETTLE PRESBYTERIAL.**—The first annual meeting of the Stettler Presbyterial of the United Church was held in Botha, Thursday, May 27th. The president, Mrs. R. Price, of Stettler, occupied the chair, and a surprising amount of business was expeditiously disposed of during the three sessions that were held. Delegates were present from Coronation, Castor, Big Valley, Botha and Stettler, there being nineteen in all.

A report of the first Conference Branch, held in Calgary last May, was given by Mrs. Adcock, of Coronation. Reports from the different Auxiliaries showed that they had found it difficult to meet their allocations, Stettler being the only one to exceed the amount given, by \$115.43, as shown by report of treasurer, Mrs. F. T. Colley, of Stettler.

Mrs. H. Cullis, of Stettler, reported three Bands, that of Stettler having raised \$69.75 during the past year. Mrs. Helen Thomson reported three affiliated C.G.I.T. groups, two at Stettler and one at Coronation, all doing good work along the lines of World Friendship. Little Miss Edith Aunger reported for the senior C.G.I.T. group of Stettler in a very charming manner.

Following a discussion as to allocations for the different Auxiliaries it was decided that the Stettler Presbyterian endeavor to raise \$550 during the next nine months, (the new Church year ends December 31st), with one-quarter added for expenses.

Mrs. Price, in her report, stated she had received great benefit from her work with the W.M.S. during the past year, and urged those present to invest their time and talent where it would give best returns, and not for selfish pleasures alone.

A splendid paper entitled, "Why I Believe in Missions," by Mrs. Selkirk, of Stettler, was read at the evening session. The event of the evening was a splendid address by Mrs. A. M. Scott, which was very inspirational, outlining the aims of W.M.S., and showing the great need for women missionaries.

The new missionary programme of the United Church consists of an allocation of \$1,360,000 for home missions, \$1,020,000 for foreign missions, and \$1,117,000 for the Woman's Missionary Society. This co-operation of the different Boards with the W.M.S. has done away with any overlapping. The maintenance and Extension Fund of our Church should come first, and the W.M.S. provides an opportunity for women to do a little extra, by way of missionary education and finance.

Mrs. Butchart welcomed the Presbyterian to Pastor for the 1928 meeting, which invitation was accepted with pleasure. The officers elected for ensuing year were: President, Mrs. R. Price; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Page; Treasurer, Mrs. F. T. Colley; all of Stettler.

**EDMONTON PRESBYTERIAL.**—In presenting this, the first annual report of the Edmonton Presbyterian, one's thoughts turn back to the commencement of our work as a united Society, a little over a year ago. One recalls the wonderfully inspirational inaugural service held in McDougall Church on the evening of April 20th.

Next day two very busy business sessions were held and a Presbyterian Executive elected. This Executive has held four meetings during the year, one each quarter and also two additional meetings to which were invited the President, Treasurer and Secretary of Christian Stewardship of each Auxiliary. These two meetings were for the purpose of informally discussing any matters of interest to

all, particularly those concerned with the financial side of our work.

A reception was held in the Ruthenian Home last summer to bid God-speed to Miss Patterson, who was about to leave for mission work in Africa. We were represented at the wedding reception tendered Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Pryor in Knox Church in the fall before their departure, also for work in Africa. To each of these a gift was made as a slight mark of our good will.

The work and aim of our Society was brought before most of our congregations on W.M.S. Sunday, either by the pastor or some officer of the W.M.S. The observance of the Day of Prayer, on March 4, was marked by the deep interest of the women in mission work, as evidenced by the large attendance and the deep earnestness manifested.

In reviewing our finances we regret to state that we have not been able to reach our allocation of \$10,000. We feel, however, that the amount was a large one and our total receipts of \$9,039.60 was an increase of 13 1/5 per cent. over the givings of the two Societies, former Methodist and former Presbyterian, the previous year. The sum raised represented much effort and real sacrifice on the part of our members. In four congregations the allotment was reached, while in eight it was exceeded.

Just here I should like to pay a tribute to the work of Mrs. Dobson, our Secretary of Christian Stewardship. She has been untiring in her efforts to keep before auxiliary members the vital importance of Christian stewardship and systematic giving.

During the year there have been twenty-one life members. Eight of these were from one auxiliary, that of Knox Church. The Strangers' Secretary has visited 1,988 strangers, made 521 calls on patients in hospitals, and visited 3,494 in their homes.

The supply work hardly got started this year as the allocation was not made until just before the year closed. Nevertheless, donations of clothing, etc., to the value of \$346.45, were sent out, and each child in all of the Mission Homes was remembered with a gift at Christmas time. Sunday School papers and periodicals have been sent out during the year.

**THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY** Secretary reports 545 subscriptions. The aim of the Society is to have all its members reading this very valuable periodical. Each will find a great

deal of interesting and helpful information in it.

There are 296 Associate Helpers reported from ten Auxiliaries, with a total offering of \$360.97. Two Auxiliaries are just beginning to work, but have no report for this year.

Our Secretary of Work for Young Women reports three Young Women's Auxiliaries, six Mission Circles, and sixteen affiliated C.G.I.T. groups, the latter from four churches. The total collections of all these amounted to \$1,464.05.

In our Presbyterian we have twenty Mission Bands and five Baby Bands. Total membership, 744, and total givings, \$1,032.41. During the year two new Bands, McQueen Institute and Westlock, were organized.

In closing we wish to express to our members our deep appreciation of their loyalty and work during the past year. We go forward with the fullest confidence of their continued interest and devotion.

**GRANDE PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterian held its first annual meeting, April 19, 1927, in St. Paul's United Church.

The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The treasurer reported total amount raised, \$249.89; amount received, \$182.74; amount sent to Conference Branch treasurer, \$179.09.

We hope, during the summer months, to be able to organize some new auxiliaries in a few of the outlying fields.

As a whole we feel progress has been made with the work already accomplished, and pray for a deepening interest and an increased loyal membership.

**VERMILION PRESBYTERIAL.**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterian was held on April 29th, in First United Church, Vermilion, and was attended by delegates from Lamont, Vegreville, Islay, Mannville and Lloydminster supplemented by a large delegation from the local church. Mrs. Archer of Lamont, the president, presided.

The different auxiliaries reported splendid contributions during the year, Lamont alone raising nearly \$700. The Mission Band report was submitted by Mrs. Earle, of Vegreville, and Mrs. J. Dawson Stephens, Vermilion, reported for the local bands. The report covering the work of the young people's societies was read by Mrs. Williams of Lamont.

The departmental report covering the work of the auxiliary was submitted by Mrs. Lister, of Vegreville. It showed that for the year, \$1,367 had been raised, while the allotment was \$1,250. Mrs. A. M. Scott, of Calgary, president of the conference branch, addressed the gathering, dealing with various phases of women's work respecting mission fields. At the evening session the principal speaker was Mrs. Scott. She stated that the women in Canada during the past year had raised \$117,000 for mission work. They were supporting 175 women missionaries in the foreign field and 225 in the home stations. A musical programme had been arranged under the direction of Mrs. Stephens.

President, Mrs. Archer, Lamont; Cor. Sec., Mrs. F. M. Baker, Vermilion; Treasurer, Mrs. Lister, Vegreville.

### Bay of Quinte

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

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

Two very interesting sectional meetings of Kingston Presbyterian met during July. One was held in the United Church, Elgin, when an interesting account of the Branch meeting held at Pembroke in June last, was given by Mrs. Warren, of Athens. Miss Mitchell, Field Secretary, was the speaker, and made a most earnest and touching appeal for more concerted effort on the part of the Auxiliaries to supply the missionaries and money needed for the extension of the work at home and abroad. A solo by Mrs. Townsend, of Westport, was much enjoyed, and a rendering in Chinese of, "Jesus Loves Me," by little Miss Elinor Smith, of Elgin, was listened to with interest and delight. Rev. H. E. Warren closed the meeting by prayer, after which a delicious supper was served in Community Hall by the Elgin ladies.

The other meeting was held in Mallorytown United Church, when a comprehensive report of the Conference Branch at Pembroke in June last was given by Mrs. Mahaffy, of Brockville. Miss Mitchell, Field Secretary, addressed the meeting, making a strong appeal for more missionaries, more hospitals, and more nurses for the isolated districts of the far north and west. Canada's greatest needs today are more missionaries and money to sup-

port them, earnest prayer, and the Christianizing of indifferent and inconsistent members of our churches. Two solos added to the enjoyment of the meeting, one by Miss McKay, of St. John's Church, Brockville, and one by Miss Montgomery, of Wall Street Church. Dainty refreshments were served at the close.

**COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL.**—The first annual meeting was held in Trinity United Church, Bowmanville, on April 26th, the President, Mrs. Roberts, presiding. The reports from secretaries of the departments showed very encouraging progress. The corresponding secretary reported seventy-four Auxiliaries, four Y.W.A.'s, twenty Mission Circles, fifty Mission Bands, twenty-one Baby Bands, and seven C.G.I.T. groups, with a membership of 5,656. There are thirty-two new societies, thirteen of which were organized by the third Vice-President, Mrs. Sweetman, of Wooler. The treasurer made the gratifying announcement that the allocation of \$21,000 had been reached. The president in her address reviewed the work of the year, commending the Auxiliaries for their faithful efforts and the success attending them. She stressed the necessity of having more Auxiliaries, more members and more prayer.

At the afternoon session an impressive Memorial service was conducted in memory of thirty-four members called to higher service during the year. Papers were given on *Christian Stewardship*, *Mission Bands* and *The Undeveloped Possibilities of our Auxiliaries*. A solo by Mrs. Geo. Annis, and selections by the Kalon quartette were greatly enjoyed.

Members of the Mission Bands, showing careful training, performed an exercise, *The Conquering Cross*, in the evening. Miss Alice Jackson, for twenty-nine years a missionary among the Indians at Nelson House, Man., gave a most interesting address on *The Need of Medical Work Among the Indians*. Miss S. Smythe, of All Peoples' Mission, Hamilton, gave a vivid word picture of the work among the New Canadians. Pres., Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Grafton, Ont.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Geo. Jackson, Port Perry, Ont.; Treas., Mrs. W. M. Pringle, Whitby, Ont.

A most unique meeting was that of the Silver Jubilee of the Bethesda-Harwood Church, in which the whole community joined. A birthday cake, with twenty-five candles, fittingly found a place in the centre of the flower-be-

decked tables, and many interesting little speeches were given by representatives of various branches of the church's work. One of the guests of the evening was Miss Mary T. Haig, of Formosa, who spoke on behalf of the W.M.S.

Mrs. R. Barbour introduced the charter members, and brought forth hearty applause from the audience by her announcement that to mark the event of Jubilee, every woman in Bethesda Church had joined the Society!

**BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL.**—The first annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Bridge St. Church, Belleville, April 27th, with 200 delegates.

The president, Mrs. M. E. Wilson, took the chair and devotional exercises by Mrs. Way and Mrs. White opened the sessions. The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gay, read the minutes. It was decided to accept the suggestion of the Conference Branch officers that the vice-presidents meet with the committee of Christian Stewardship and Finance when making up the allocation; that books on mission bands and circles be provided through the mother auxiliary or through the Presbyterial Literature Secretary; and that money for supply work be raised over and above the allocation.

Some very important resolutions and memorials were presented by Mrs. Sills from the different Auxiliaries, but these cannot find space in the magazine.

### British Columbia

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**VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL.**—The first Executive meeting of the new year reflected the enthusiasm of the Conference Branch meeting. New officers were welcomed. Two new organizations were reported, a Mission Band at Somenos, and a Y.W.A. at Duncan.

New importance is given to the associate members, since we find that one-tenth of the returns came from that source last year. The allocation of five thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars for the balance of 1927, was accepted.

**NEW WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL.**—At a recent meeting of Queen's Avenue United

Auxiliary, held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Little, President, with forty-five members present, the retiring president, Mrs. F. C. Macdonald, was presented with a beautiful silver basket of flowers. In making the presentation, Mrs. W. H. Orr expressed the appreciation of the Society for the excellent work accomplished during Mrs. Macdonald's term of office. For twenty-two years she has been deeply interested in the Society, filling various offices during that time, and is still a much esteemed worker.

This Auxiliary has made a great success of the group system, i.e., the membership is divided into twelve groups, with leaders. Each group is responsible for one programme during the year, and each leader collects monies due from her group, thus lightening the work of president and treasurer. Last year their allocation of \$900.00 was exceeded by \$50.00, and over \$70.00 was given for supplies, which speaks well for the value of this system.

### London

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OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL.—Three very helpful and inspiring sectional meetings were held in Oxford Presbyterial during the month of June in Tillsonburg (St. Paul's United), Thamesford (St. Andrew's), and Bright United Churches.

Departmental work was reviewed by the different secretaries and round table talks by some of the leaders brought out ideas that would be of very great value to auxiliary work.

Mrs. Sparling, who has been a missionary in West China for twenty years, addressed several of the gatherings and aroused the members to the real value of missionary work.

An appeal was made for Young Women's and Mission Band rallies at an early date. Systematic and proportionate giving was heartily commended. With few exceptions the Auxiliaries were well represented, and the interest taken and enthusiasm shown betokened their zeal for the work.

PERTH PRESBYTERIAL.—Sectional meetings were planned to be held in six different centres under the supervision of the President, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Couch, Mrs. Hart, Mrs.

Leckie, Mrs. Hotson, and Mrs. More. Some of the Presbyterial Departmental secretaries were present at every meeting, and added much interest by their talks on the various activities and needs of their different departments. Objectives for the year were membership drives, expansion in organization, systematic weekly givings and renewed appeals for the support of the W.M.S. work.

Miss Oliver, of Avonbank, a missionary among the French-Canadians in Quebec, who is now ministering to the Italians at Copper Cliff, was present at one or two of these gatherings, and gave them a real touch of active work in her different spheres of labor.

All were unanimous in declaring these sectional meetings were a wonderful help in stirring up enthusiasm among the members.

Perth Presbyterial will be greatly honored by having Miss Edith Brown, of St. John's United Church, Stratford, commissioned as a missionary to Africa in September. Her friends everywhere wish her God-speed.

KENT PRESBYTERIAL.—The first meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Erie Street Church, Ridgeway, April 28th, with 274 delegates in attendance. In the absence of the president, Mrs. McCrea, through illness, Mrs. Henderson presided.

The devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. John McAlpine and Mrs. Coatsworth. Sympathy was expressed for Mrs. McCrea and for Mrs. Charters in her bereavement. The reports were encouraging. All spoke of the help derived from the visits of Miss Evelyn Mitchell, Field Secretary. Reports on the various organizations from the secretaries of each were presented. Mrs. Baker spoke for the Mission and Baby Bands, showing advancement in all branches. Mrs. Hancock in the Strangers' work told of 847 strangers visited, and twenty-five foreigners, of whom there are 5,000 in Kent Presbyterial, under instruction in English. The Supply Secretary, Mrs. Houston, reported that supplies valued at \$1,235 had been sent to various centres. The MISSIONARY MONTHLY Secretary, Mrs. Jeffries, reported that Kent was the third highest Presbyterial in the list of London Conference Branch in the number of subscribers. Several auxiliaries reported one hundred per cent. of the members taking the paper.

The Press Secretary, Mrs. D. MacLaglan, and Associate Helpers, Mrs. Fletcher, also brought good reports.

Mrs. Sydney Davison read the president's address prepared by Mrs. McCrea. Mrs. Austin gave her report on Christian Stewardship and Finance, and Mrs. Wright, of London, brought a fine message to all. Mrs. Carscallen, of China, in a very bright and interesting manner dealt with the situation in her adopted country.

President, Mrs. Jas. McCrea, Merlin; Cor. Sec., A. E. Jones, Chatham; Treas., Miss S. McKerrall, Chatham.

**HURON PRESBYTERIAL.**—A large and enthusiastic gathering of women workers attended the first annual meeting of Huron Presbyterial, held in North Street United Church, Goderich, the President, Mrs. J. E. Hogg, of Clinton, presiding.

The Roll Call showed sixty-three Auxiliaries, three Young Woman's Auxiliaries, thirteen Mission Circles, three C.G.I.T. groups, thirty-one Mission Bands and four Baby Bands in the Presbyterial with a total membership of 4,085 and a total contribution of \$17,482.66.

Splendid reports of the sectional meetings were given by the four vice-presidents and the secretaries of the different departments reported most encouraging progress in every line. An increased allocation was accepted for next year and towards this end, the Presbyterial was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Mitchell, field secretary, for the month of October.

The speaker of the day was Mrs. A. H. Barker who has spent fifteen years in Korea. She gave a vivid word picture of conditions on that mission field where only one in every 114 Koreans is a Christian. She made a strong plea for the women at home to hold the ropes for the missionary on the field. Pres., Mrs. J. E. Hogg, Clinton; Cor. Sec., Miss A. Con-sitt, Hensall; Treas., Mrs. P. Gardiner, Blyth.

### Manitoba

*Press Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Kilgour, 504 15th St., Brandon, Man.*

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**BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL.**—That a splendid spirit of unity and harmony has prevailed during the first year of union was evident from the meetings and the reports given at Brandon Presbyterial at the annual meeting in First Church, Brandon. Although thirty-eight

Auxiliaries reached or exceeded their allocation, the total was not quite reached. A good attendance at the meetings and interest in the discussions made the convention, under the able presidency of Mrs. Thompson Ferrier, very successful. The work among young people was stressed by Miss Bowman in an interesting address, and in the Mission Band Conference talks were given on keeping the older girls in the Band, how to interest the boys, and on interesting the parents in the Mission Band. The work of the various secretaries was encouraging and emphasis was placed on Christian Stewardship, and the need of systematic giving in every society.

Miss Leslie, of Honan, delighted every one with her most vivid word pictures of life in China, and her message of hope that in all the industrial, educational and political revolution China had the Christian Church as a great living force for righteousness, which would influence the result. Mrs. Duncan Macleod took the closing half hour, and read, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." "He that goeth forth in weeping shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing precious seed." She made a strong appeal to our women to pray without ceasing for the ripening and gathering of the harvest.

Mrs. McIlwraith, formerly Miss Young, passed away at Humesville this summer, leaving a legacy of \$300 to the Auxiliary. She was the first secretary, forty-one years ago, and one of the charter members.

The Jubilee service was celebrated by McAuley Auxiliary on the last Sunday in June, and that evening members of neighboring auxiliaries were invited to be present and hear of the work of the local and general societies in Canada.

Miss Coltart gave a vivid and interesting account of her work in India to the United Church Auxiliaries in Brandon, in St. Paul's Church, in June, and Miss Grace Bedford spoke of her work in China at the meeting of First Church W.M.S.

The bars of life at which we fret,  
That seem to prison and control,  
Are but the doors of daring, set  
Ajar before the soul.

—Henry van Dyke.

### Maritime

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**LUNENBURG AND QUEENS PRESBYTERIAL.**—The first annual meeting of this Presbyterial took place in Trinity United Church, Mahone Bay, N.S., May 19, with a large attendance. The special speaker for the day was Mrs. C. F. Sanford, President of the Conference Branch.

Mrs. C. H. C. McLaren occupied the chair as president, while the Rev. Cater Windsor had charge of the evening service. Reports from the various departments showed splendid work done, \$3,301.39 having been handed to the General Treasurer. An interesting part of the afternoon's session was a questionnaire, conducted by Mrs. Sanford. The evening's programme opened with a Young People's Hour, led by Mrs. R. B. Westhaver, and then Mrs. McLaren gave an address full of encouragement and enthusiasm. Mrs. Sanford closed with a talk on "Light." Mrs. I. B. DeLong and P. M. Hartley were elected delegates to the Conference Branch. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. H. C. McLaren; Cor. Sec., Mrs. M. J. Parks; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Nash.

**INVERNESS-GUYSEORO PRESBYTERIAL.**—The annual meeting was held at Mabou, May 25th. The meetings were well attended, 105 delegates answering the call, with Mrs. Fraser in the chair. Interesting reports were received by all departments. The Presbyterial, by a standing vote, went on record as being strongly in favor of prohibition.

We were particularly fortunate in having with us Miss Alice Strothard, of Japan, and Mrs. Young, of Stellarton. Rev. Alex. Murray also gave an interesting talk of work among the East Indians of Trinidad. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. John Fraser; Secretary, Mrs. J. MacMillan; Treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Murray.

**SYDNEY PRESBYTERIAL.**—The annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held at Whitney Pier, Sydney, May 27, the President, Mrs. E. R. Gilmore presiding, and about 150 delegates in attendance.

Miss Pitt graciously welcomed us to Community House, the centre of a very important

social and educational work carried on by Mr. Hamilton and his staff. The reports of the secretaries were varied and interesting. The treasurer's report showed an increase of \$1,200 over last year. An important feature of the programme was the presentation of reports from the Home Mission stations of this Presbyterial—the United Mission, Community House, the Scotchtown Mission, Chalmers' Jack, and the Rescue Home. The last two have been awarded the Presbyterian Church, but the others continue to be a special charge. An exercise, recitation, and song by a group of little girls from the United Mission, under Miss McIvor's direction, was enjoyed.

A note of appreciation was sent to Miss Ella Grant, of Scotchtown Mission, who has been obliged to give up her work through illness. The president's remarks were well received, and she was given a bouquet of carnations as a token of esteem and good-will. Miss Strothard, our missionary in Japan, received a warm welcome and her short address was listened to with deep interest. Mrs. E. M. Boyd spoke on "Christian Stewardship."

The evening session was presided over by Rev. J. H. Hamilton. A solo by Mrs. A. M. McLeod and an anthem by a united local choir, added greatly to the programme. The address of the evening was given by Miss Strothard, on "Women's Work in Japan." Her sympathetic handling of the subject, and her able blending of facts and figures, made the address a memorable one.

**WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAL.**—This Presbyterial is alive and undaunted by the unusual heat. The members who attended the Branch which met the middle of June visited as many auxiliaries as possible after returning home. Especially noteworthy is the fact that a written report of the Branch was sent to those societies which it was not possible to visit just then, thus bringing them all in touch with the Branch work.

### Montreal-Ottawa

*Press Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Wright, Cardinal,  
Ont.*

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

A goodly number of Auxiliaries in this Conference Branch have used the Confederation Jubilee programme. Cowansville ex-

presses appreciation and thanks for the forethought which placed such a splendid programme at their disposal; *East Angus* and *Kars* also held special meetings. *Cassburn* united with *Hawkesbury*, *L'Orignal* and *Van-kleeck Hill*, and had as speaker, Mrs. W. O. Johnstone, President of Ottawa Presbyterial.

**OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL.**—The sectional meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in St. Andrew's United Church, Bristol, On June 14th, with a large attendance. Delegates from Fort Coulonge, Campbell's Bay, Shawville, Wyman, and Bristol Memorial Church were present. Several very interesting addresses were given in the forenoon, and at 12 o'clock we went to the basement, where lunch was served by the ladies. In the afternoon a very interesting address was given by Mrs. Raynor, on Japan. An invitation was received from the United Church at Campbell's Bay to hold the next sectional meeting there.

**DUNDAS PRESBYTERIAL.**—A very successful and instructive sectional meeting, under the leadership of Mrs. Clarke Hyndman, First Vice-President of Dundas Presbyterial, was held in St. Andrew's United Church, Hallville, on Thursday, May 26, 1927, morning and afternoon sessions. Between 250 and 300 were present, including representatives from the eleven Auxiliaries, Young Women's Associations, Mission Bands, also the Presbyterial officers. The St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid served dinner to about 150.

On Friday afternoon and evening of June 24th, a meeting of the eleven W.M.S. Auxiliaries of North Grenville was held in Heckston United Church; Mrs. John Anderson, Vice-President of this section, very capably presiding. The devotional exercises were in charge of Merrickville Auxiliary. Miss Connell, Cor. Sec., of Dundas Presbyterial, gave an encouraging report, as did Mrs. Murdock, in reporting for the Mission Bands. The treasurer's report showed that twenty-nine Auxiliaries met or exceeded their allocation.

Mrs. Roy McCarley, Associate Helpers' Secretary, explained fully her department. Mrs. Merrill, Presbyterial President, gave an address, and Mrs. McDougall, of Jasper, gave a report of the Conference Branch meeting held at Ottawa.

Mrs. Johnston, of Ottawa, made a thrilling appeal to the C.G.I.T. group. The W.M.S.

needs the girls with their healthful bodies, their educated minds, their pure hearts. A helpful Round Table Conference was conducted by Mrs. C. Hyndman.

After tea, Rev. T. A. K. Mathewson presided at the evening session, which was of a patriotic nature. The C.G.I.T. and the Mission Band contributed to the programme. Mrs. Johnston gave another interesting address, pointing out the changes wrought in the last sixty years. Rev. A. Lloyd, of Bishop's Mills, spoke on Home Missions. All felt inspired to do better work after attending this gathering.

A very successful sectional rally of eleven W.M.S. Auxiliaries of the Dundas Presbyterial, under the able leadership of Mrs. J. H. Murray, was held in the United Church, Cardinal, on June 15th. After Mrs. Murray's address of welcome and greetings from Mrs. Merrill, President of the Presbyterial, Mrs. B. Newman, of Spencerville, gave a report of the Branch meeting held in Ottawa. Miss Connell, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. F. Elliott, Treasurer, gave splendid reports of the year's work.

Papers on various phases of our Canadian work were given by Mrs. Webb, of Johnstown; Miss Newman, of Crystal Rock; and Mrs. Murray. Mrs. W. E. Wright made an appeal for THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, and Mrs. Merrill conducted the questionnaire.

After lunch in the basement, Rev. W. E. Wright presided at the evening session. Miss Cora Smith, whose home is in Cardinal, and who has recently returned from China, brought greetings from that country. The address of the evening was given by Miss Chace, of Radway Centre. She gave a bird's-eye view of the great work being done, and pleaded for the loyal support of the people at home. By helping these people we are saving Canada for God.

### Saskatchewan

*Press Secretary, Mrs. G. L. Dyke, 1302 First Ave. W., Moose Jaw, Sask.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, 3730 Dewdney Ave., Regina, Sask.*

In what seemed an incredibly short year this Conference Branch succeeded in bringing its first year to a close with most creditable reports, Saskatchewan standing second among

four Western Provinces, which lead in the percentage of gifts to missions.

Mrs. J. G. McKechnie, Regina, President, was in the chair. Speakers at the meetings included Miss McCargar, Oriental Work; Miss Nellie Forman, Regina; and Miss E. C. Bates, home on furlough from Japan. Dr. Wylie Clark, brought greetings from the Conference Branch, and presided over the evening meeting.

Splendid reports were received from all departments. Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Regina, presented the treasurer's statement, and Moose Jaw and Regina Presbyterials were congratulated as having gone beyond their allocations by substantial amounts.

In an impressive memorial service presided over by Mrs. R. A. Miller, and made more impressive by an address from Mrs. S. B. Woods, members who have passed away during the year were honored.

**BATTLEFORD PRESBYTERIAL.**—The first annual meeting of the Battleford Presbyterial was held in Battleford United Church on Tuesday, April 19. The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. Weber, Presbyterial President. Very encouraging reports were brought in from all our appointments save one, which we regret to say has ceased functioning for the time being, owing to local conditions. We hope to welcome them back again very soon.

Miss Bates gave us a delightfully intimate talk on making calls in Japan; and later Battleford Auxiliary banqueted all the delegates in the spacious dining-room of the School Home. Mrs. Eby, Battleford, gave the address of welcome, and Mrs. W. E. Jackson, of North Battleford, responded.

Rev. R. Y. Tindale presided at the evening session, and Miss Bates, of Japan, was the speaker. She possesses the happy faculty of carrying her audience right with her. Special vocal music rendered at both afternoon and evening sessions, added much to the brightness of the meetings. Among the officers elected were: Pres., Mrs. Weber, Battleford; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wm. Veazey, North Battleford.

**ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL.**—The District Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church, held a pleasant and profitable outing at the C.G.I.T. Camp, Woodrow Beach, on July 7th, about one hundred members and friends being present, representing nine different Auxiliaries from surrounding towns and dis-

tricts. The outstanding feature was the rendering of the Confederation Jubilee programme, with the C.G.I.T. numbering about seventy, under various leaders, taking an active part. Mrs. D. A. Johnson, of Meyronne, delivered the address of the afternoon, which was both interesting and inspiring. Others who contributed to the programme were: Mrs. Wallace, of Woodrow Auxiliary, who presided; Mrs. Campbell, Meyronne; Mrs. Stinson, Milly; Mrs. Bell and Mrs. T. Johnson, of Bellmuir; Mrs. Herrien, Woodrow; Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Toland, La Fleche. Special mention should also be made of the wonderful influence for good which Miss E. Martin, as Camp Leader, has over the girls and group leaders.

During the months of June and July, the West Plains Auxiliary held a series of Multiplication Teas, each member inviting other ladies, all of whom paid a fee of twenty-five cents. In this way a very pleasant time was spent and quite a little sum of money raised. Of course, one would have larger scope in a town, but out in the country, this proved very satisfactory, where women are so scattered and distances so great.

On July 13th, a Birthday Tea was given by the Christian Stewardship Secretary, inviting every woman for miles around, each giving as many cents as she was years old. Two Auxiliary members celebrated their birthday, Mrs. Flett and Mrs. Smith. Altogether there were twenty guests, including children, all of whom expressed an enjoyable time.

Although the Girls' Camp at Eastend was cancelled, the West Plains C.G.I.T. were able to hold camp from July 16th to 21st, through the generosity of Mrs. D. A. Johnson, of Meyronne, who took charge of the girls in the absence, through illness, of their leader, Mrs. J. H. Dickson. An ideal place for a camp was chosen on the banks of Battle Creek—thirteen miles north of Senate—where the girls enjoyed a pleasant as well as profitable outing. On Visitors' Day, July 20th, the girls put on a good programme, including singing and dramatization, after which the ladies of the Social Club entertained them and their company to a delightful tea. A fitting closing to camp, was the Union Jubilee meeting in Consul, which the girls attended and took part in.

We would like to call the attention of the readers of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY to the following changes of address of some of our

officers in the Saskatchewan Conference Branch: Mrs. James Smith, Secretary for Mission Bands, now at Riceton, Sask.; Mrs. W. H. Coulter, Strangers' Secretary, now at Mortlach, Sask. It was also decided to have a Life Membership Secretary, and Mrs. J. A. Donnell, 223 Avenue H. South, Saskatoon, was accordingly appointed.

### Toronto

**GREY PRESBYTERIAL.**—The sectional meeting of this Presbyterial was held in First United Church, Owen Sound, June 26. Representatives

were present from most of the nineteen Auxiliaries. Addresses were given by Mrs. Langford, of Owen Sound, Miss Black and Mrs. Patterson, whose subjects were, "Our Boys and Girls," and "Christian Stewardship." Mrs. Carscallen, who has spent twenty years in China, spoke on the three revolutions in China, namely, political, industrial, and educational. Miss Brown, of Meaford, also addressed the meeting. Solos were sung by Mrs. Johnston, of Meaford, and Mrs. J. Howell, of Kemble. The meeting was one of great spiritual uplift and power.

## New Organizations

### Auxiliaries

#### Alberta Conference Branch

*Calgary (Hanna) Presbyterial.*—Craigmyle, Mrs. Crawford, Craigmyle. *Camrose Presbyterial.*—Buffalo View, Mrs. O. J. Gould, Buffalo View. *Lacombe Presbyterial.*—Rimbey, Mrs. T. A. Iddings, Rimbey. *Stettler Presbyterial.*—Monitor, Mrs. R. M. Lay, Monitor.

#### London Conference Branch

*Middlesex Presbyterial.*—London (Trinity United).

#### Saskatchewan Conference Branch

*Weyburn Presbyterial.*—South Weyburn.

#### Toronto Conference Branch

*Cochrane Presbyterial.*—Matheson.

### Associate Societies

#### Alberta Conference Branch

*High River Presbyterial.*—Champion, Mrs. Mandhart, Champion; Ensign, Mrs. Eli Harris, Ensign; Parkland, Mrs. T. H. Hagerman, Parkland.

### Young Women's Auxiliaries

#### British Columbia Conference Branch

*Vancouver Presbyterial.*—1. Vancouver, Grandview; 2. Vancouver, Collingwood "Friendship"; 3. Trinity.

### Mission Circles

#### British Columbia Conference Branch

*Westminster Presbyterial.*—Milner, Mrs.

Aileen Rennie; Miss May Hinnerger; Miss Ruby Brinnen; (—), all Milner.

#### Montreal and Ottawa Conference Branch

*Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbyterial.*—Scotstown, President, Miss Catherine MacLennan; Cor. Sec., Miss Helen Scott.

### Mission Bands

#### London Conference Branch

*Oxford Presbyterial.*—1. Embro, Ebenezer; 2. Embro, Bennington; 3. Harrington; 4. Lakeside; 5. Woodstock (Central).

#### Saskatchewan Conference Branch

*Moose Jaw Presbyterial.*—Huron. *Swift Current Presbyterial.*—Castle Coombe Willing Workers.

### Baby Bands

#### London Conference Branch

*Essex Presbyterial.*—Windsor (Central). *Oxford Presbyterial.*—1. Kintore; 2. Lakeside. *Perth Presbyterial.*—1. Avonbank; 2. Bethel (Munro).

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

#### Alberta Conference Branch

*Stettler Presbyterial.*—1. Big Valley, Senior; 2. Botha, Intermediate; 3. Donalda, Live Wires.

#### Bay of Quinte Conference Branch

*Renfrew Presbyterial.*—Carleton Place, Zion.

## In Memoriam

### Bay of Quinte Conference Branch

Carmel Auxiliary, Mrs. George Moorman, in her thirty-fourth year, a highly esteemed and much beloved member, greatly missed by all; Trinity United Church, Bobcaygeon, Mrs. Thomas Ingram, June 4th, in her fifty-sixth year, a highly esteemed and greatly missed member; Hampton Auxiliary, Mrs. H. Wilcox, Sr., June 22nd, a faithful and esteemed member; Smithfield Auxiliary, Mrs. Smith Hendricks, June 25th, beloved by all; Mrs. Thos. Snowden, January 11th, in her sixty-seventh year, her loss will be keenly felt; Mrs. Wm. Lymer, May 5th, in her forty-eighth year, beloved by all, both of Maple Grove Auxiliary; Mrs. George Booth, September 21st, a charter member; Mrs. Almeron Blanchard, March 30th, an earnest worker and life member; Mrs. Richard Kelly, a much loved member, all of Addison Auxiliary.

### London Conference Branch

Empress Auxiliary, Mrs. John Scollick, May 21st, a beloved life member; Empress Auxiliary, Mrs. Arthur Bond, June 25th, a highly esteemed and active member; Empress Auxiliary, Mrs. Greenaway, July 12th, in her eighty-eighth year, a life member, beloved by all.

### Manitoba Conference Branch

First Church United Auxiliary, Brandon, Mrs. Wm. Brigden, in May, a faithful and helpful member; First Church United Auxiliary, Brandon, Miss E. E. Lewis, in May, a life member and formerly engaged in deaconess work.

### Maritime Conference Branch

St. Paul's Auxiliary, Antrim, N.S., Mrs. Annie McKenzie, April 17th, in her seventy-sixth year; Jacquet River Auxiliary, Mrs. John Miller, August 3rd, greatly missed, though confined to her home for many years; Richmond Auxiliary, Mrs. Joseph Harvey, August 1st, a beloved and faithful member, who resided at Debec, N.B.; Union Centre and South River

Auxiliary, Mrs. John H. MacMillan, July 12th, in her eighty-fourth year.

### Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch

Emmanuel United Church, Montreal, Mrs. Joseph Savage, in her eighty-seventh year. Mrs. Savage was active in missionary work, and was editor of *The Missionary Leaflet*. The Savage Dearborn School in West Central Africa, is named in recognition of her services to foreign evangelism.

### Toronto Conference Branch

Uxbridge Auxiliary, Mrs. Allan Gray, a highly esteemed and faithful member; Bond Head Auxiliary, Miss Alma Hayes, April 18th, a most esteemed and valued member.

### An Appreciation

In the passing of Mrs. W. W. Ogden, of Toronto, July 18, 1927, the Woman's Missionary Society lost one of its pioneer members and oldest officers. Mrs. Ogden joined the Society in 1885, three years after the organization of the first Auxiliary in Toronto. The next year she was appointed Corresponding-Secretary for the Queen Street Auxiliary and in 1888 was elected President, continuing in that office for twenty-two years. The treasurership of the Toronto Branch was entrusted to her for nine years, 1893-1902; this she relinquished to become Treasurer of the Rest Fund of the Board of Managers, which office she filled efficiently from 1902-1914. Mrs. Ogden had a prominent place in many of the Meetings of the Board. She was a woman of marked ability and of rich spiritual nature. To live for her Master "in the beauty of holiness," to serve her fellowmen in the noblest charity and truest catholicity and to extend God's kingdom to the utmost of her power were the ambitions of this noble woman. At the funeral service, July 20, held in the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. M. Hay, sincere and hearty were the tributes paid by her present and her former pastors to her character and distinguished service.

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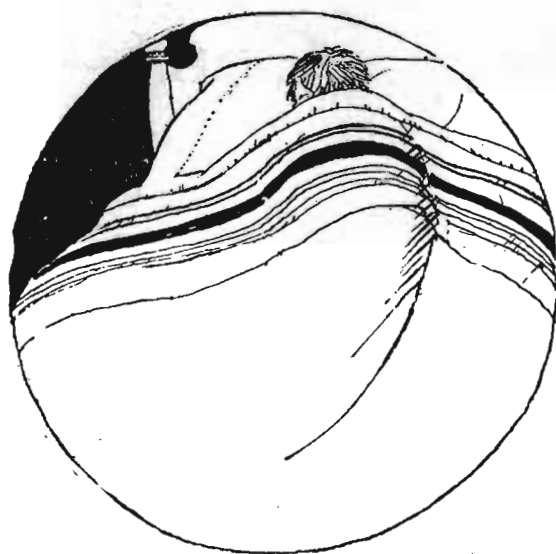
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