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## The Givers of Life

Who called us forth out of darkness and gave us the gift of life?  
Who set our hands to the toiling, our feet in the field of strife?

Confident, tender, courageous, leaving the low for the higher,  
Lifting the feet of the nations out of the dust and the mire;

Mothers, unmilitant, lovely, moulding our manhood then,  
Walked in their woman's glory, swaying the might of men.

They schooled us to service and honor, modest and clean and fair—  
The code of their worth of living, taught with the sanction of prayer.

If we be the builders of beauty, if we be the masters of art,  
Theirs were the gleaming ideals, theirs the uplift of the heart.

Veiled in mysterious beauty, vested in magical grace,  
They have walked with angels at twilight and looked upon glory's face.

—Bliss Carman.

## EDITORIAL

### Women and the Home

THE ADVENT of May, bringing with it Mother's Day, an anniversary which is being widely observed on the American continent, if not elsewhere, recalls us again to that ancient and powerful institution, the home, and the central figure in it, the mother.

A nation, a wise man once said, rises no higher than its homes. Every community is rooted in these humble beginnings and from them the nation is born. And yet the history of the world is one of woman's absolute bondage to man, and

an acceptance of her own inferiority. And the reason is not far to seek. The religions of the world, with one notable exception, have imposed upon her almost intolerable burdens, and her bitter wrongs have sprung from the very source from which she might well expect to find comfort.

What are these wrongs? We may well ponder over the list. The submerging of women's personality so that both mental and moral outlook was impossible; the ease with which she could be cast off by her husband, and the conditions under which she was forced to live

with him; the sufferings of even normal motherhood through native doctors and midwives; female infanticide which has by no means disappeared in some countries; suttee, now a thing of the past, but a tragedy of the ages which persisted in India till 1829; the nameless evils of polygamy and concubinage, with their degradation of the women of the house; purdah, which still holds sway in India, with its accompanying deterioration of health and morals; child marriage and premature motherhood which have taken toll of countless innocent lives. Much has been written of the sufferings of the children of non-Christian lands, but none strike the heart of the missionary as this last does. "These shadows," writes one, "they are so intensely deep that it hurts even to attempt to sketch them here. Some cannot be put in. Read it when you are alone. You may want to kneel down and pray. It is too unutterably sad to be read lightly or lightly forgotten. *But the part that is not written is the saddest.*"

The founder of the religion which sanctifies these, says: "Woman was created out of a crooked rib of Adam, and therefore if you wish to straighten it you will break it, and if you leave it alone it will always be crooked." To Confucius, the Chinese sage, submission in woman was the crowning virtue. There is a famous Hindu saying which runs thus: "There are many sects in India, but upon two main points we all agree—the sanctity of the cow and the depravity of woman."

This is the contribution to women from the great pagan religions of the world. Thank God, there is one religion which crowns her a queen in her own right, and the shining chapter in the history of missions will be called *The Emancipation of Womanhood through Jesus Christ*. He it is who has led her out of mental darkness through the efforts of our missionaries. "Ask Christian women," said Ramabai, "to help to educate these child widows, for I solemnly believe that this hated and despised class of women, educated and enlightened, are by God's grace to redeem India."

The hand of Christ has been on the

hands of the Christian doctors. "When you opened my eyes," said a Chinese woman to a missionary, "I thought it was Jesus' hands touching my face."

And it has been the same Lord whose ministry has opened up the new world of spiritual reality which is possible only to those who can say, "Our Father." Missionary annals are full of the radiant joy born in the hearts of women when they first know and believe that some one loves them. "All I learn here," said a Mohamadan woman in a missionary hospital, "is of love. We have no love in our religion."

Is it not a heartening thought that the revealing of Jesus Christ and His religion of love to women is the supreme business of our society? Shall we remember these other mothers on the day in which our sons and daughters delight to honor us, and renew our determination to spread the good news to every land?

### A Leader from China Speaks

A DISTINGUISHED visitor, Dr. Timothy T. Lew, M.A., Ph.D., Dean of the Theological Faculty of Yenching University, Peking, addressed a number of men and women linked together in work and interest in the missionary activities of the churches, at a luncheon prepared in his honor at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, March 22. A slight, dark man, almost emaciated, clad in a dark, silk suit with coat in the mandarin style, he spoke rather haltingly in good English. Occasionally, when the subject aroused him to indignation or appeal, fire broke through, and his voice rang out in singularly choice phrases. There were no platitudes in that address. It was full of living ideas that could not fail to take root in many hearts.

It was inevitable that the subject of Nationalism should receive first place. Dr. Lew spoke as a champion of his own country, but he denounced that blind patriotism which he assured us had been implanted in China from the Western nations. And the plea for brotherhood which he gave us was more powerful than the finest sermon. It was contained in a simple story written by a non-Christian



girl of nineteen, in which the superiority and exclusiveness of selfish patriotism was placed against that great new brotherhood which, as we all believe, shall one day save the world. The little tale was a splendid vindication of the lines:

"Let child love child and wars will cease.  
*Disarm the hearts, for that is peace.*"

It is, as Dr. Lew said, the youthful heart, "whether that heart be sweet sixteen or sixty," which is ready to accept this doctrine.

He spoke also of the materialistic spirit which has grown with such sinister rapidity in his land, and the new freedom of thought and action prevalent among the youth of the nation. Many of the girls are going to France and there in the Paris streets are looking to find expression of that spirit which they think may bring them happiness. A book recounting these experiences and having the sex appeal prominent, has been published recently and has had a phenomenal sale in China.

The industrial situation is one which, according to Dr. Lew, the Chinese themselves will have to solve. There are tremendous problems involved, many of them emphasized by contact with Western conditions. He touched also upon the delicate question of church property and advised a far-sighted policy which would overleap difficulties instead of lagging behind.

Dr. Lew was the guest in the afternoon of the School of Missions at afternoon tea where an opportunity was given to many interested men and women to meet this outstanding Chinese gentleman.

### Back to Japan

**M**ISS CONSTANCE CHAPPELL, Japan, who has been on furlough during the past year, left for her adopted country March 21. She has been filling most acceptably a position on the Editorial Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society and although new to the organization at the home base, she took a keen and intelligent interest in all the discussions relative to the carrying on of

the work. The link that binds her to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY will not be broken. Miss Chappell has already contributed some splendid articles for the magazine and we have promises of others in the near future.

We wish her a good voyage and a happy resuming of those activities which have been so fruitful in the past at the Woman's Christian College, Tokyo, Japan.

### Home Mission Property

**I**N ACCORDANCE with the Dominion Act, a share of the Home Mission property, belonging to the Woman's Missionary Society of the former Presbyterian Church, passed April 1 to the non-concurring section of that society. An agreement has been reached between the respective Mission Boards and accepted by the Federal Commission. By it the following W.M.S. properties have been given over:

Our interests in the Chalmers Jack Mission and Redemptive Home, Nova Scotia.

St. Pierre School, Hull, Que.

Indian Boarding Schools—Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey, Man.

The Hospital and School Home, Canora, Sask.

Lucy Baker School Home for Girls, Prince Albert, Sask.

Hospital and School Homes, Vegreville, Alta.

In addition, two lots at Rossburn, Man., and our interest in the work of Scott Institute, Toronto.

In all these institutes the staff are members of the United Church, and are willing to remain for a time that the work may not be embarrassed. In the difficult situation which has been created, a message of remembrance has been sent to them by the Executive. In Birtle, Cecilia Jeffrey, Canora and Vegreville the staff in hospitals and schools as well as the pupils have known no other Church Home than that of a United Church. For years the churches at these points have been union and many of the older boys and girls, as well as the staff, have had their membership there. Birtle is the

centre of several Indian reservations and the boarding school cares for about ninety pupils. The Indians at Birdtail have one of the oldest of our Indian churches, and desired to go forward into the United Church, but their church building is part of the property handed over with the other reserves immediately connected with the Birtle agency.

Cecilia Jeffrey School cares for about seventy Indian boys and girls in the Lake of the Woods area. There is a great field of work yet to be developed here among the Indian tribes. The government has promised to build a government school for this district, and the good will for this new building goes with the school.

Canora and Vegreville are centres of large foreign populations, mostly Ukrainian. The hospitals at these points are two of our largest and best-equipped, the former a sixty-bed hospital given some years ago in part by the late Mrs. Hugh Waddell, of Peterboro, who stipulated that it should not pass on to the United Church. Vegreville is a twenty-five bed hospital. Both have also nurses' homes in connection with the hospitals. The two homes at Vegreville, Boys' and Girls', are two of the largest, and have given to Western Canada some of our best trained youth. Several of the older boys came from the junior homes at Wahstao and Radway Centre, formerly belonging to the Methodist W.M.S., but now under the United Church, so that they might attend the high school at Vegreville and continue under the kindly ministry of the Church.

The Lucy Baker Home, at Prince Albert, cares for about fifteen to twenty girls of high school age, mostly of Anglo-Saxon parentage. They come from pioneer districts, girls who have been chosen as worthy of our care and who under Christian environment are looking forward to Christian service as teachers or nurses.

The Presbyterian Board will assume the maintenance of this work from June 10, 1925, from which period it has been carried by the W.M.S. of the United Church until a definite settlement of affairs was reached. The date agreed upon was March 31, 1927.

Further adjustments of reserve funds

have yet to be reported by the Dominion Commission. All the agreements were signed by Dr. J. H. Edmison and Dr. A. S. Grant, representing the two Churches, before being presented to the Federal Commission for acceptance. In these the representatives of our Woman's Missionary Society concurred.

### The India Jubilee

THE MISSION JUBILEE is already a thing of the past, but there is no doubt that its inspiration will remain for a long time, especially with those in the field. Splendid accounts of the ceremony and attendant meetings have come to hand within these last weeks, and it seems almost a matter of regret that the India number of the magazine had perforce to be published earlier so as to appear in the month set aside for the celebration in Canada. We can only repeat what was said before, that these good things will yet appear month by month through picture and story for all those who are interested in them. Some of them we present in this number.

A letter from Rev. J. F. Taylor, Indore, India, tells of the Jubilee: "It was good for our younger Christians to see the sea of faces that each day looked up towards the platform, and hung on the words of the various speakers. They will go back to their lonely villages with a new vision of the Kingdom of God in India. . . . It was a time of fine fellowship. Our own people, members of the United Church of North India, were glad to welcome the delegates of the United Church of Canada. It was a great message that they brought us. And we had delegates from many other churches in India. All are rejoicing in the fact that we are one in Christ, and one in the great work of winning India. . . . Our thoughts were mostly toward the future. If you want to know what optimism means, come to the mission fields. And the old veterans were the most optimistic of all. It was a fine sight one morning to see the veterans gathered on the platform, Indian and foreign, and to hear from one and another brief testimonies to what Christ had

meant to them in their long pilgrimage. But, perhaps, the most moving sight of all was to be present one afternoon and see the Indian leaders, the village men, the converts of recent years, and to hear their story . . . living messages from men whose faces spoke as movingly as their stammering words. These are some of the things we like to recall as we find that time drifts us away from these days of privilege and we turn again to our unfinished task."

### A Child's Gift

A DELIGHTFUL little incident is recorded by the Field Secretary, Miss Evelyn Mitchell, who has just returned from her Eastern trip, an account of which will be found in the last issue of the magazine. While at Schumacher, Northern Ontario, she addressed a little company of children, and showed them some pictures of little ones in other lands. One of these portrayed a closed hospital, with several tots in padded clothing sitting disconsolately on the steps waiting for it to open; another, a closed kindergarten with a like appeal and the caption: *We want a kindergarten too!*

A short time afterwards, Miss Mitchell received two dollars, accompanied by the following letter, painstakingly put together, and with a gay picture of a little girl gummed to the corner:

"This two dollars are for the missionaries that go to tell the little people about God. (signed) Ellen McCadden."

At the back of the letter a friend had written: "This was Ellen's own idea after hearing Miss Mitchell speak on Sunday, and the money was drawn from her own savings."

### China

EVENTS in China have moved, as all such are apt to do, with startling rapidity. With the capture of Nanking and Chingkiang during the last few days, the whole Yangste valley has fallen to the victorious Cantonese, with but little effort on the part of the Northern troops to retain it. Nanking is at the moment of writing, the centre of importance, be-

cause already a serious clash has occurred between the foreign troops, British and American, and the Cantonese, and the lives of foreigners have been, not only threatened but forfeited by soldiers in National uniform. These outrages have projected into the affair a most serious political problem for all the nations involved.

In the meantime, refugees are streaming into Shanghai, which at the present time is quiet after the horrors committed in the native section of the city. Inland evacuation of our missionaries is complete save for the ten men missionaries who have elected to remain at Chengtu and Chungking, and those who have returned to Canada assert that there is still a good deal of work being done at these centres. The total number stationed at the international settlement, Shanghai, is about 137 persons, including women and children. With them are Dr. and Mrs. Donald MacGillivray, resident in that city, Dr. Endicott and Dr. and Mrs. Gandier. Besides these, there are nearly two hundred missionaries still working in Honan and South China who will be visited by the Canadian deputation if conditions allow.

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Later cables give the following news: Dr. Gandier and Dr. Endicott left Shanghai in the beginning of April, the former for South China and Formosa, the latter for Japan. All missionaries have been ordered to leave Honan, and are going to Tientsin, on the coast, while a further evacuation is taking place in Tsinan, where the missionaries, including those of the United Church connected with Shantung Christian University, are gathering at another coast town, Tsingtao.

Surely in these days, not only at such times as we gather together in our common meeting place, the Auxiliary, but when each seeks the secret sanctuary of prayer, there should arise to God deep thanksgiving that our missionaries arrived safely at Shanghai, and a fervent hope that all these trying experiences may be but a fresh sowing of the seed of a deeper spiritual life for China and her Church.

## Making a Man

CATHERINE CAMPBELL, BANSWARA.

AMRA was a Bhil who lived a happy-go-lucky existence in a stony region of a hilly country. At times he was roused to indignation at the way in which his people were exploited, alike by Hindu and Mohammedan. The Bhil toiled but others ate the fruit of his toil. How to better their condition was the question.

One day an R.R.O. (Rum Revenue Officer), perhaps in need of money, agreed

not endure it. Then some one suggested the mission, and laying hold of his courage with both hands, he came.

He had never met any of us before, and was doubtful of his reception. Seeing a Bhil wandering about, I asked him if he had come for medicine?

"No."

"What then?"

Evidently it was hard to explain. Shift-



BHILS DANCING AT THE OPENING OF BANSWARA HOSPITAL

to teach in Amra's village any who cared to learn to read. For wages, he would take flour, ghi, milk, and pulse, sufficient for his daily need, and Rs. 20 a month.

Amra caught a vision of how to help his people. He would learn to read and write and become a Patwari—an honest Patwari—who would deal justly with his people. It was an ambitious programme, but Amra was young and hopeful.

However, R.R.O's are not hired by the state to teach Bhils, and the school was suddenly and emphatically closed. Undaunted, Amra came into the capital to attend the State school. For a man of twenty-six to sit and study with primary children is a trying process, and he could

ing from one foot to another, he finally blurted out, "I want to learn to read."

"Oh! that's easy," we said, "we will teach you."

At once we proceeded with arrangements. He lived far away, had no relatives near, so we said he could have a room in the compound. But still he lingered.

"What about the food? Will you feed me?"

Evidently he was not poor. His father had three plows, mark of a well-to-do cultivator, and if he could pay the R.R.O., we felt that he ought to feed himself if we taught him gratis. So we suggested

that he go home every week and bring back his weekly supply.

Amra shook his head. His parents were opposed to his being taught and would give him nothing.

"Then you can cut the thorns on the compound," we said. We often had to hire Bhils to do this job. Half the day at work, and half a day at school. Again Amra shook his head. He wanted a whole day's school! In vain we pointed out that a whole day's schooling would not be profitable—he was obdurate and so were we.

He then suggested that we speak to a grain merchant to loan him supplies. This too we refused. It would mean debt, 150 per cent. interest, and slavery for poor Amra. Well, then, he had an ox, he would sell that. We knew he would need the ox to put in his crop, so again we opposed him. All added their arguments. Half a day's work and half a day's study they said would keep him in health, keep him independent, and make a man of him.

When a Bhil takes a notion into his head, he is immovable. Amra said he would go to the home of a friend and come back to-morrow for his lesson. We had our doubts. But he was there, and the next and the next. But it was clear that he was tightening his belt. Kashuri, on the quiet gave him rice and flour occasionally. The struggle lasted a week, then hunger conquered, Amra took the sickle and went to the thorns!

For those who do not know, this seems an unequal, perhaps unworthy fight. To us, it meant awakening the man in a Bhil.

For a long while he cut his half-day thorns, got his half day pay and his half-day lessons, big lessons that overflowed into the night. Under Kashuri-bai's tuition, he did his marketing and cooked his food. After his Bible lesson, he retired to the room given to him on the compound. One night, seeing a much-too-bright light in his tiny room, I surprised him with a visit. Amra lay on his back on the ground, a little fire beside him, at which he had lighted a long bamboo sliver, stuck it into the ground for a candle, and was busy at his studies.

One day he remarked, "It is wonderful! I am a Bhil, but no one is watching how I work. Only God sees. I ought not to sit and idle when I am trusted."

He took to visiting Bhil patients in the hospital. Sitting reading his lesson to a friend one unlucky day, he heard music and the revelry of a "tamasha." Tucking his book under his arm, he ran to see. Alas! the tell-tale book!

His chief saw it. "Ho! ho! you come here!" he called. "What is that? A book? What are you doing with a book? Can you read?"

His companions laughed.

"Yes, Sahib," said Amra.

"Here, then, read." Amra read a few sentences.

"Where are you? At the mission?" asked the chief, "come to me tomorrow and I will have you taught."

"But excuse me, Sahib, masters do not teach in the way they do at the mission."

"Never mind, you come."

Dejected and tearful, Amra returned to us. We had to let him go, carrying his little account book in which was entered every day he had worked, every pice he had earned, everything he had bought and the balance.

This book interested his chief greatly.

"Then they did not give you your food?"

"No, Sahib, I cooked my own."

We saw Amra occasionally after this, giving him books which he and his superior officer both read. His chief fostered as we had the ambition of Amra to become a revenue officer, in order to save the tribesmen from the oppression of these gentry. When we were last on tour Amra visited us, proudly and conspicuously displaying a pencil above his ear and an elaborate notebook. He was full of amusing stories of how he circumvented the collector at his tricks.

How far-reaching may be the influence of this little service who can tell? One result has been that half a dozen young Bhils have asked us, "will you do for us what you did for Amra?"

## A New Idea

THE HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL of North America, through its Committee on New Americans—which includes New Canadians—is featuring as its special work this year the cultivation of local responsibility to the new comer, and has suggested as one method the issuing of a diploma to these churches which measure up to a good proportion of the suggestions contained in the programme. To do this satisfactorily those interested are asked to enroll themselves in "The Friendly Order of the Good Neighbor," a new order which requires neither budgets, nor by-laws, but only an idea backed by willing hearts and hands.

In line with this programme, the Woman's Missionary Society through its Department of the Stranger will present a card of membership in the order to any organizations, which report to their Presbyterian Strangers' Secretaries that they have attained this year to thirty per cent of the suggestions below, some old-fashioned, some new, but most of which have been carried out spontaneously from the early days of settlement in Canada. Local Strangers' Secretaries will report progress through their Presbyterian Strangers' Secretaries from whom they may secure duplicates of this page where they wish to retain their magazines intact. (Mrs. Joseph M.) Ethel West.

## The Friendly Order of the Good Neighbor

*In the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada.  
(Through the Department of the Stranger)*

In the spirit of neighborliness and co-operation members of our society last year evidenced their interest in the newcomer in the ways checked:

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## Wanted—A Day Nursery!

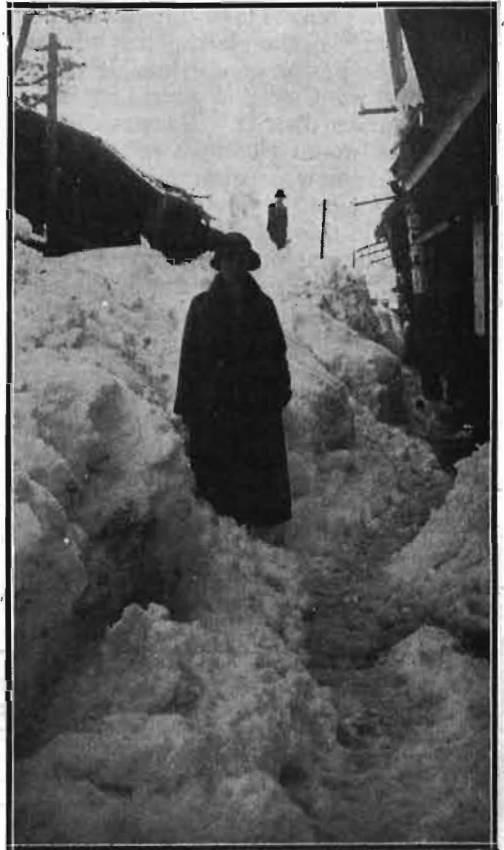
ADA KILLAM

WE HEAR often of the "great snow" which occurred in Fukui about ten years ago, when numerous houses and a big theatre collapsed under the weight of the roofs. So it is not without anxiety that we welcome the coming of snow. All day Christmas the soft snow fell in big flakes. As it was not cold the snow packed heavily, and when it had kept on for two days, and doors in houses and kindergarten became difficult to open because of pressure from above, then, fearing the snowfall might continue, we consented to have neighbors mount our roofs and shovel off the snow.

When I left the house in the morning, the carpenter and his wife were on our roof hard at work and happy as children. The little woman, with her red skirt and smiling, rosy face, made a bright picture on the snowy roof. No doubt her pleasure was in doing something to help keep us in safety. She is a good neighbor. She can not read nor write even the simplest syllables, and she feels her home too poor to invite us into it, but the kindness of her heart to us is shown in many ways. We are not so grateful for our neighbors close at the other side. The "Mochiga San" has been making *mochi* (pounded rice paste) every night for weeks past. As the New Year approached, he and his assistants grew ever more diligent, and the sound of rhythmic pounding has been accompanied through the night by loud laughter and cheerful gossip. Perhaps by next year we shall be in our new home and shall be missing our cheerful neighbors.

Our days are full—full of interest and of opportunity. Our contact with women in the kindergarten and the cooking classes helps us to find some of those whose hearts are hungry for God and His Word. We have permission to open a second kindergarten in Kukui in April, and Mr. Holmes plans to have the building at Jonohashi made over so that it will be more suitable, both for church service and to accommodate the new kindergar-

ten. The year has taught us that Fukui Ken, in general, still attempts to keep its doors fast closed to the Gospel. We tried to open work in a near-by factory town. A member of one of our Fukui churches had his home in that town and a position in the town office. We asked him to find us a place for a children's meeting and to get us entrance to a factory. We were introduced by him to the manager of the largest factory. He was interested and for a time we had hope of a favorable answer. But his fears conquered and we could not persuade him to let us have even one meeting with the operatives. He said that even though the girls themselves desired to meet us,



A SNOWSTORM IN JAPAN

and though we spoke no word of religion to them, the parents would take their girls away from the factory if they heard of our being there—so great their dread of Christians! At the same time we were frankly informed that the hours were long and the work monotonous and that moral conditions in the district were unspeakably bad. A little later we had a letter from the church member saying that it was impossible to get a room for a children's meeting in that town, and that he must ask us not to visit his home again, since he was not known as a Christian, and would probably lose his position if he were found to be one. And so the way seems closed now, and we must wait; and yet we must neither forget nor abandon this needy field.

Away out in the interior is the little town Katsuyama, with high hills close on two sides and a river tossing its way under the long bridge which must be crossed in going from the car station. Katsuyama is the birthplace of Mr. Kihara, the pastor of our leading church in Kanazawa City and presiding officer for Hokuriku district. He was cast out by his well-to-do Buddhist relatives, one of whom is now a priest in Katsuyama. Two years ago Mr. Holmes stationed an evangelist in this town, who is an earnest, faithful witness for Christ among prejudiced people. This minister makes one persistent plea to the Woman's Missionary Society—that we should start a day nursery in Katsuyama. Most of the women work in factories all but two days a month. Sad stories are told of the neglect of children, and of cruel accidents to little ones starting in search of mothers, and being caught in the machinery. Mr. Y— says the town officials greatly desire a nursery to be opened. Then why not appeal to the priests of the numerous temples with their large rooms and spa-

rious grounds, and ample support from the public? But the priests show no interest and the public are ignorant and apathetic. What could be better, says Mr. Y—, in this atmosphere, than such a work of pure unselfish philanthropy, as a practical demonstration of the real Christian spirit? Last May we carried their report to council and we were advised to add to our estimate enough to cover salaries for a matron and assistant for the undertaking. But where could we find a woman of the right age and experience—a woman with the heart of a Christian mother, willing to go to the interior of Fukui Ken, to a life of unremitting hardship and self-sacrifice. "Oh, let me find you the women," says Mr. Y—, "right around here."

"But they would not be Christian."

"I shall convert them," replies the impetuous old pastor—at which we can only smile in sympathy.

"How can we acquire land and building for such a purpose?"

"The town officials are so much interested they will surely find us a suitable place," declared Mr. Y—.

In September there came into view a woman seemingly of the right kind, a widow with a child, one already well interested in our mission, willing for the difficult task, and to be available in January. We requested Mr. Y— to consult his town officials at once as to whether they would provide a suitable home and space for fifty children and guarantee us a free hand in the conduct of a day nursery.

Mr. Y— was then in the midst of a strenuous campaign, as chairman of a committee of our pastors, for the abolishing of licensed prostitution in Fukui Ken. There are quarters in ten towns with about six hundred girls. This took all his attention until parliament opened, the middle of November. And the move-

Prayer is the clearing of the blocked roads which are crowded with all sorts of worldly hindrances. It is the preparing of the way of the Lord. When I turn to the Lord in prayer I open the doors and windows of my soul toward the heavenlies, and I open them for the reception of any gifts of peace which God's holy love may wish me to receive. My reverent thought and prayer perfects communion between my soul and God.—*J. H. Jowett, D.D.*



ment met not only with active opposition, it met also with quite unexpected encouragement, and the petition was given serious attention in the Assembly and was discussed for two days.

When Mr. Y— was able to turn his attention again to the matter of a nursery, the town official on whom he had most depended for interest and influence was

very ill, and Mr. Y— wrote that probably nothing could be done before March, and reluctantly we relinquished our chance to secure a good matron. Will you remember this proposed undertaking? There are many difficulties in the way, and even when these are met there can be no success unless we are given a God-sent woman for the task.

## Greetings from India

*An address to Mrs. Gunn as the representative of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church.*

THE CHRISTIAN women of Banskara extend greetings to you! We are all very happy to see you, and do appreciate your kindness in coming so far to meet us. We are especially grateful that the people of the United Church of Canada, out of love to God, sent their missionaries, who came, and by labor and prayer told the good news of the Lord in our dark land, and thus brought the light. Before their coming there was no hospital, no school and no place where women were taught of the Christian religion. Nobody had any thought for the spiritual and physical welfare and enlightenment of the women of our country. By the coming of the lady missionaries, hospitals and schools were opened in which the women and girls of all classes were given religious and secular knowledge. We also learned cleanliness of which you see evidences amongst us.

In the days of the famine, the missionaries took care of a large number of women and children, fed and clothed them, and not only that, but gave them a knowledge of God. By the blessing of God on their labors, many women and children have come to know God, and have surrendered themselves to Him. This is all the result of your work.

It is fifty years since the Lord began this work through His people, and we are shortly to celebrate with gladness the jubilee. We know that you will see all of our mission work and tell about it to the ladies who sent the missionaries to us. By their labor, prayer and money,

so much benefit has come to us that we thank you from our hearts.

We know that you pray for us and we desire that you should continue to do so. Please convey our thanks and our greetings to the members of the Woman's Missionary Society in Canada.



THE LADY OF THE DEPUTATION

"In Mrs. Gunn, we saw all the Woman's Missionary Society coming to greet us.—A Missionary in India.

## Young Saskatchewan

REV. G. A. SUTHERLAND, M.A.  
Principal of Battleford School Home

**T**HIS introduces Young Saskatchewan! The parents of these boys come, in the order of numbers, from Eastern Canada, from the British Isles, the United States, and the continent of Europe. They pioneered a comparatively new district in the north-west of Saskatchewan, and here is the first crop of native born!

Last year, one of fair crops and good prices, has filled the people with hope;

study and the benefits of a good boarding school at minimum cost.

These are real Westerners! Most of them have grown up on the homestead and know no other land than the broad prairies. Their first school was the little prairie schoolhouse which was also all the church they ever knew, when a missionary or student was able to be present. Many of them lived too far away even for that. Now, however, they can



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they feel that the first stage of settlement, fraught with uncertainty, hardship and often with failure, is past, and they wish their boys and girls to get as many as possible of these advantages which were denied them in their youth. They shrink, however, from sending the young people to a boarding-house, and few of them can afford the expenses of boarding school, but in the school home the Church provides just such a place as these parents desire, utilizing the government collegiate for education, but giving supervision in

challenge any group of school boys regarding their church attendance, every one has his one hundred per cent., and the majority have joined the Church. The boys have been training for service in the Tuxis groups and the girls in their two C.G.I.T. bands have qualified as standard groups.

They can also play a bit! The Battleford Collegiate has held its own with the larger cities in rugby and hockey, and out-classed them in baseball. The girls have a similar record in athletics. But studies

are emphasized, lessons are supervised, the parents know the students are not wasting time and the results show it. The largest group look forward to teaching, but their dreams have the usual variety. Some purpose remaining on the farm; others are thinking of missionary work. We hope a larger proportion of the lads, who are to be the farmers of the future, will pass through the school

homes, for the farmer rules Saskatchewan. But our aim and hope is, that whatever vocation our students enter, they will be fitted and ready for service to the Church and community, and will give leadership to all that is best. And we want them in every community we serve—one hundred miles north and south, and one hundred miles east and west. This is missionary work worth while!

## A Friend of Missions

MRS. ALEX. HAMILTON

GOD'S finger touched him and he slept." So wrote Tennyson of the passing of his loved friend, Arthur Hallam, from the close companionship and friendship of years. The members of the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society would appropriate this incomparable sentence to express their feelings at the passing of Miss Laing from their companionship in a cause dear to the hearts of all. Through an accident she was compelled to look forward to weeks of enforced idleness, but another future was in store for her, free not only from these trying experiences, but full of the joy of reunion with those she loved, and the perfect service of Him whom she strove to honor here.

Miss Eliza Laing was the daughter of Rev. Dr. Laing, Presbyterian minister of Dundas for many years. She was closely identified with the Woman's Missionary Society in the Hamilton Presbyterial and later became a member of the Executive Board, and secretary of the Jewish work, to which department she devoted herself until it was merged into an All Peoples' Mission. Her interest in the work of the society was very broad, and when she was deprived of a portfolio, the work as a whole claimed the same conscientious attention. To her the former Presbyterian Society is indebted for a history of its work published in the jubilee year, 1924.

When negotiations for union were under way, she filled the position of secretary through a very difficult period.

Does our constituency grasp even imperfectly the work of the Interim Board of which Miss Laing was a member? To be a member of that board was no sinecure and we owe all the members deep gratitude. For her who has gone we wish to put on record, even thus tardily, our appreciation of her part on that historic board. Her single-eyed devotion to duty, her sense of justice to all, contributed not a little to the solution of that great problem.

Like many women of the past, many in the present and many more to come that finest comment will be hers, "She hath done what she could."



MISS ELIZA LAING

## The Story of Kashi Ma

FLORENCE E. CLEARIHUE

*Kashi is one of the veterans in the women's work of Central India, having given thirty years of service, but she was unable to be at the Jubilee because of failing health.*

OVER thirty years ago, Kashi Bai, and her only son, Lalli, then a small boy, left her home village and found themselves in the city of Ujjain. It was in the days of famine, and Kashi Bai, like many others, came to the sacred city

of Ujjain hoping that the gods would have mercy and provide food for herself and her boy. They were Brahmins and had relatives in the city, but there was no pity for the Brahmin widow and the child. They refused to help.

One day Miss Jamieson, one of our missionaries, having gone down to the riverside where many unfortunate ones were congregated, spoke to this woman, invited her

to come to the compound and told her about the Saviour. The woman accepted the invitation, went to the compound and received food for the body and the Bread of Life for the soul. When her caste people in the city heard that she had gone to the Christians, they came with offers of help if only she would leave the place. This she refused to do, saying that in

her day of trouble they would do nothing for her, but among these new friends she had found love and kindness and was learning about their Saviour.

Not many months later she was baptized. She learned to read, and at one time, fearing she should lose the sight of her eyes, and not be able to read her Bible, she learned to read Braille with her fingers. She has held the position of Bible woman now for many years, and for the past fourteen has been one of the workers in the Kharua district, having come here with the late Miss Goodfellow. She has preached the Gospel in all the surrounding villages and no one could be more zealous for the Lord. She is old now, her strength is fast failing and she is unable to take the long walks to the villages. But in the village here and on the compound she is always willing and ready to tell of Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Kashi Ma loves her Bible, and it is a common sight to see her sitting at the door of her house poring over the sacred book.

Her son, Lalli, is employed as a catechist. He is now the proud father of four sons—James, John, Peter and Andrew, and their grandmother's hope is that every one of them shall become preachers of the Gospel. Although many years have passed since Kashi Ma last saw the Miss Sahib who told her first about the Saviour, she never forgets her, and whenever she leads in prayer she gratefully remembers before the throne of grace her first Christian friend.



KASHI MA



## Letters from Our Fields

### CHINA

35 Scott Road, Shanghai, January 5, 1927.

We are just opening a Home for destitute foreign children and I have been getting furniture made, etc. Christmas was very busy this year. We had a Father Christmas, a tree and an entertainment at our office for the staff, their wives and children. Then we are giving a great deal of attention to our literature now. There are rocks ahead, I fear. It is a marvel that so far we have not suffered much, but there seems no doubt that the South is gaining. Yesterday there was trouble at Hankow, and the marines were landed. Two days ago there was fighting here and at Hangchow, which is four hours away by rail, and to-day Ningpo, twelve hours distant by boat, is reported in the hands of the enemy, and flying the red flag. The anti-British feeling is strong.

I must tell you of one little incident. Near our home there is a small independent church carried on by some Chinese Christians. It is a very poor district, they have no pastor and might be called a kind of home mission work. Some of our staff in the Christian Literature Society are interested in the little church and are helping. On Christmas morning one of them, Mr. An, came to our house to borrow something they wanted for their Christmas service. We gave him some paper decorations and some little books to give away. The next day he told us that in the middle of the service some so-called students entered, shouting and throwing out anti-foreign and anti-Christian tracts. The police wanted to arrest them, but the Christians said "no." The deacons then said to the students. "Do not throw about your tracts. Give them to us and we will distribute them." They also invited them to mount the platform and speak.

"As the students shouted their anti-Christian sentiments," said Mr. An, "we also shouted, 'Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!' And we kept it up until the students just walked away."

The simple people confounded the students. Foreigners at that service would have complicated matters, so we are glad that we did not go.

To illustrate the difficulties in the way of language study from the Chinese standpoint, let me give you a report of a recent conversation. Mr. Lui, who speaks very good English, came to me and said:

*Lui*—Will you kindly explain something?

*Self*—Certainly. What is it?

*Lui*—Will you tell me the meaning of the word "Gosh"?

*Self*—Oh! well, it has no real meaning.

*Lui*—Why do foreigners say it? Is it English?

*Self*—It is slang.

*Lui*—What is slang?

*Self* (rather embarrassed)—Well, slang has no meaning. It is not good English. It is a kind of exclamation.

*Lui*—Is it swearing?

*Self*—No, not always.

*Lui*—Do educated people use slang?

*Self*—Yes, sometimes. Why do you ask?

*Lui*—I have been teaching Chinese to a foreign gentleman in the evenings, and he says "Oh! Gosh!" all the time. I was afraid of being impolite so did not like to ask him the meaning. I am afraid I do not yet understand why foreigners should say it if it has no meaning.

I could explain no further.

(Mrs. Donald A.) Lizzie MacGillivray,

S.S. I. Ping,

Yangtse River, near Wanhhsien,

December 1, 1926.

I do wonder where we are going to spend Christmas. It may just possibly be Chengtu, but more likely it will be spent somewhere on the road. We are travelling as fast as we can, but we have had many delays and we cannot hope to get right through to Chengtu.

I have enjoyed the trip so much, first across our wonderful Canada, then across the mighty ocean, and now up this powerful Yangtse River. The Pacific was a little rough, but Mother and I did not mind, and we both enjoyed all our meals. I suppose she has told

you how we were held up in Shanghai and how we were fortunate enough to be able to keep house, almost all of us, in the former Presbyterian W.M.S. home. We were so comfortable and we four new ones made quite a start in the language study. Then came the decision to break up our party, in order that some of us might make a start up the river, and here we are!

We have had a wonderful trip up the river, and I realize now, in a way I could not as a child, what a magnificent country this is. We have just passed through the most beautiful part of the whole river—the gorges—and they are absolutely past description with their stupendous grandeur, one pile after another of towering rock with the rushing river driving along its course away down below. The coloring at this time of the year is beautiful, a low scrubby red bush covering the whole hillside, and here and there a bit of green where a field is cultivated.

It is great to be back in China, especially in the heart of it, here in the Szechwan province, but if only the country were at peace and our work could go on unhindered by wars and rumors of wars! We have soldiers everywhere, and although they have not bothered us, beyond searching the ship once or twice, we know what it means to the people, they are starving and suffering with everything at top price.—*Cora Kilborn.*

## INDIA

*Rutlam.*

*A Retrospect.*—This Miss Sahiba was more fortunate than many of those who go to India for educational work, as she had a chance to grow rather than be plunged into it, by having the responsibility of a large boarding school thrust upon her. First she was sent to Hat Piplia, where there was a village school with a large percentage of non-Christians in attendance. What a trial it was to have these youngsters wandering in at any time during the morning or staying away altogether if they were in the mood. Then when one did find a girl who would attend faithfully, she would be sent away to her father-in-law's house just when she was beginning to learn something, or her people would hear that she might become a Christian and her school days would end abruptly.

From Hat Piplia the Miss Sahiba went to Ujjain, where she was responsible for the

day-school work alone. Almost all the children in this school were Christians, whose parents were anxious that they should have an education, so they attended fairly regularly. The Ujjain boys may not always have shone very brilliantly in their school work, but when it came to giving a circus with strong men, jugglers, trapeze artists and clowns, these boys could hold their own with any group of boys in Canada or elsewhere! For this proficiency, however, the Miss Sahiba can claim no credit.

The next move was to Rutlam where she had charge, not only of the day school, but of the Girls' Boarding Department as well. There were seventy girls in the hostel last year. Practically all the work was done by the girls themselves. Those whose turn it was rose about five a.m. to cook the chapaties, the pancake-like native bread for breakfast. Two girls mixed the dough, two more rolled it out, and two more cooked it on hot iron plates. Before seven all the girls were wakened and after they had rolled up their bedding, which consisted of a sheet, two blankets and a mat, and put it on a rack in the sun, they were ready for morning prayers and breakfast.

School opened at eight. The school work itself is not unlike that in a school at home. The children are taught all the subjects they would learn in Canada in their own language and English in addition. There is a welcome break at twelve, when we have drill to the music of a phonograph which I was able to purchase with some personal gifts from Canada. How they enjoy the drill period, and it is a joy to watch them going through their daily dozen in perfect time and rhythm.

When I think of our work among the children of India, I remember two experiences I had. When I was in Hat Piplia, a little boy was brought to our compound from a village not far away. The woman who brought him said that his father and mother had died some time before. They had been fairly well-off, but after their death the money disappeared and this child, of about seven years was allowed to run wild in the village. Finally he became ill, so the headman of the village sent him to us with the message, "He is your boy, you may do with him what you will." We soon found that he had been sent too late for us to do anything for him. He could digest nothing and

lay on the verandah moaning for bread until he left us two weeks after his arrival.

The other experience was in Rutlam. Early one morning word was brought to me that the mother of two of our hostel girls had died in the hospital during the night. The father had died some years before, and we knew of no relatives who could look after the children. I went over to the hostel at once and as I sat with my arm around the elder girl trying to comfort her, the little sister, Tara, came up to me, slipped her hand into mine, and put her head on my lap sobbing as if her heart would break. Then I thought of the poor boy in Hat Piplia. If these girls had not had the missionary and the Mission School to care for them I shudder to think of their fate. Our school is giving the girls a chance to live the happy, normal lives they were intended to live and a splendid opportunity to develop into fine women, teachers and leaders among their people.—*M. Irene Stewart.*

## AFRICA

*Dondi, January 10.*

Three times I have been able to give the boys bananas from the mountain garden and have now three bunches hanging up. We have set out many new plants, so there should be lots next year.

We had a busy time at Christmas, just two days' holidays for the boys and ten days for the girls. They did extra work in the fields. They had their entertainment on Wednesday night; and on Thursday night, and Friday afternoon, the boys had a Christmas tree for the Sunday School. Every one received a gift according to attendance. In making out the books first we were surprised at the perfect attendance. There was a class of fifty-one women, nearly as large a class of girls and two or three junior classes of girls. The Intermediate school of boys had a large perfect attendance, for which I gave a copy of a Gospel, a hymn book or an Old Testament with a marker in each. For two Sundays absent, a bag with a needle-book was the gift; for three Sundays absent, a lead pencil with rubber; the next group pencils without rubber, and finally, a picture card. Our classes sang or recited and did very well. The wee tots were so cute—they always are.

Miss Melville sent down a load of things

from the bales, which arrived Christmas eve, but we had not time to open them just then. The things sent last year were especially helpful to the women and children.

Last week we kept the Week of Prayer, Ngulu, of Bailundu, coming to assist. We had four meetings each day and one in the evening. All Bible class hours were given to meetings for the study of the "Life of Paul." Five of my boys made a public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ, a number had before, and were either members of the Church, or catechumens. It cheers one's heart to see them take the stand and to watch the development of your own boys in life and face. Kindly remember me to any who may remember me.—*Florence B. Rawlings.*

*Chisamba, January 2, 1927.*

A few medical cases required attention from my dispensary, this morning. A baby had lost two teeth, leaving a cavity from which pus was discharging. Last night, after having put out my lamp for retiring, I heard the tramp of shoes on the verandah. "It must be Mr. Steed or Mr. Lloyd," thought I. The footsteps came climbing the stairs, but still no voice.

"Who's there," I called out.

"Eyuya," was the reply, so I hurried into a coat and learned that Sindikile had cut a great gash in his knee. It required stitches, but after cleaning out the wound, I applied strips of adhesive plaster to hold the edges together.

This time the bales had some very nice things for the hospital, for which we are all truly thankful. I received twenty-five letters by last boat. Surely all the members of the Girls' Circle sent me cards. It was lovely of them to be so thoughtful.—*Sybil Hosking.*

## CANADA

*Teulon, Man., January 21, 1927.*

We began the year 1927 with twenty-five boys all in good health. We have them from Grade I to Grade XI so you see we have both big and little. One of the Grade XI boys has been with us since 1919 and another since 1920 and it will be like parting in a family when they leave next June. This is the only home they have ever had and I think they will feel it is leaving *home* not the *Home*. I certainly

hate to see my boys leave, but I also want them to get in their life-work.

We have passed the Christmas and New Year festivities and we had a fine time. We had one hundred guests, all the teachers, Sunday School teachers, leaders of Trail Rangers, Scout leaders, and all who are especially interested in the boys.

We have just one other festivity which is annual and that is the birthday party. Some years ago some of the little boys who had no home felt very badly because they didn't know when their birthdays really were, so I told them since we could not have a party for each, we should select a day and have it for a general party. They asked me when my birthday was, and although it is near Christmas—January 14—they wanted to have the general birthday party on that day. So we always celebrate January 14, and New Year is no sooner over than they all begin to talk about it. I allow a few guests in and we have

lots of fun, especially with the cake; in it we hide a number of things, the finding of which creates a good deal of excitement.—*Isabel Beveridge.*

## KOREA

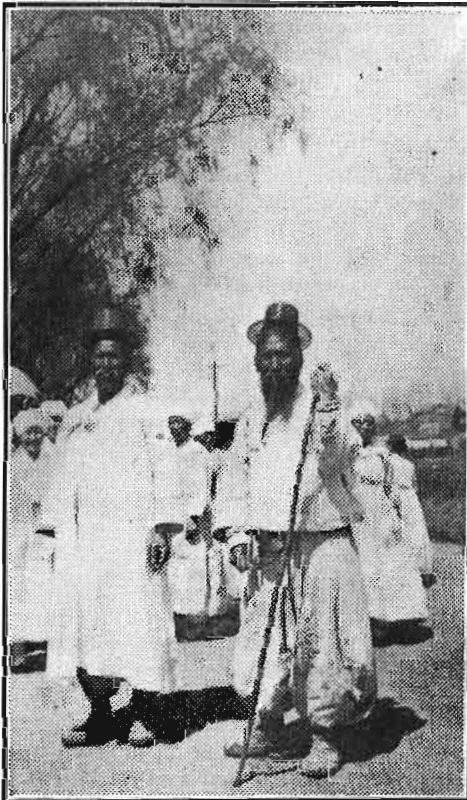
*Keisanjin-Chosen, October.*

We arrived in Kobe August 17, and left that night for Korea, arriving in Seoul on the morning of the 19th where we remained one day and night before going to Genzan. There I introduced Miss McMillan to the missionaries still at the Beach, and Mrs. McRae took her to Hamheung, her future home.

I have had to plunge into a series of classes and visitation of churches so that it already seems years since I left Toronto. It seems hardly possible that this time last year I was making daily trips to the School of Missions and Knox College. We had a Normal Class for our women workers for two weeks, beginning three or four days after I arrived in Joshin. Then we left home for a two-months' visit to the other parts of the field between Korea and China. We have our quarters here in two rooms in a Korea house. Of course, we brought most of our food, such as bread, milk, butter, but we are able to get meat and vegetables from the Chinese gardeners here. Probably the greatest hardship is the necessity of sitting on the floor practically all the time. Even if we carried folding chairs, it would be inconvenient to use them when all our visitors and students sit on the floor.

*Kai-un-song*

This is a small town on the top of a mountain how high I cannot say, but while the thermometer in Sungjin, when we left last week, had not gone below 54 degrees, the people here had all their crops, except potatoes, in; and we saw icicles about an inch thick, on our way down one of the passes yesterday. Here, 160 miles from Sungjin, only potatoes and oats are grown. They hull the oats like rice, and boil the grains whole with potatoes. They get dried fish and shred it, they keep hens and use eggs for panchun, a side dish or condiment. Occasionally, when a guest comes, they kill a chicken and on rare occasions they go to market, sell a fowl or two, and, as a special treat, buy a bit of meat. Perhaps once a year a cow or ox that has grown



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too old for work is killed and the meat divided among the homes where they have beef soup for several days.

In this township there are about 300 houses, and among these there are ten or twelve Christian homes. This group began with a young man who came in from one of the larger towns to live here. He had been a colporteur for some years. In time several families moved from the same district and one after the other began to believe. Our host is a man who had such an uncontrollable temper that people said he had an evil spirit. Even the officials in the county offices and the police were all afraid of him in one of his fits of rage. He had fields but refused to work, so his property was going to rack and ruin. Last spring he became a Christian and since then has never had a return of his malady. The fame of his cure has won from everybody great respect for the Christian faith, and many others have gradually come in until there are about sixty or seventy gathering here

for worship in a radius of four or five miles.

Coming here we crossed three very high passes. The first I rode up on our pack pony; the second was so steep and the road beyond it so rough and uncertain that I walked about forty li; part of the road on the third pass was fairly good but most of the way was up-grade and for the last ten li we walked through a forest over rocks and on a narrow path, in the darkness. Then over a road of felled trees we reached the place where the welcome made up for the difficult journey.

We arrived home in Sungjin at midnight in pouring rain, but there were quite a few of the Christians down at the wharf to meet us. Then we talked for an hour or more and got to bed about two o'clock, and had to get up at three to take our baggage in. We had given it in charge of the red caps to deliver in the morning and they brought it up at once.—*Maud Rogers, Sungjin, Korea.*

## News of Our Missions

THE FOLLOWING was sent by Miss Bessie Cairns, of Shekki, South China, who is waiting until conditions in her adopted country warrant her return. In the meantime she is engaged in work in Montreal.

The Chinese United Church, Montreal, had an interesting service not long ago, the ordination and induction of elders into the newly-formed church. It was formerly known as the Chinese Mission of 159 Dorchester Street West.

The church has a pastor, Mr. Tang, recently arrived from Canton, China. There is a large Sunday school in which voluntary workers teach classes and help in various ways; there is a Women's Club, a Girls' Club, and a band for smaller girls. The men, too, have their clubs, and a reading-room, supplied with newspapers and literature of various kinds, gives an opportunity to spend a quiet hour.

Into this church then in a late Sabbath afternoon, the Chinese Christians and their non-Christian friends gathered to witness the little ceremony. The service was conducted by Dr. Ritchie, President of the Montreal-Ottawa Con-

ference and of the Montreal Presbytery. Dr. Noyes, of Toronto, Superintendent of Chinese Work in Canada, addressed the people briefly in Chinese, and the pastor, Mr. Tang, offered prayer.

Dr. Ritchie read the questions to the three elders elect and for the benefit of any of the members who could not follow the English, Dr. Noyes interpreted them into Chinese. Dr. Ritchie offered the right hand of fellowship to the ordained men, and we realized that the service was over. About it all there was a dignity and solemnity that was very impressive.

The children of the Sunday school sang several hymns and Mrs. James Lee sang "Open the Gates of the Temple." Mrs. Lee is an interested worker among the women and girls of the church, and it is to women such as she that we must look for the strengthening of the church. There are now quite a number of young girls born in Canada ready to take their places as church members and workers.

The same is true of the young men. There are a number of them earnest and interested

ready to carry on their part of the work. We expect great things of the Chinese United Church, Montreal.

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Incidents in the life of that splendid veteran, Dr. J. Fraser Campbell, of India, were recalled at the Indian jubilee supper held in January, in Toronto.

Dr. Waters, who knows him well, spoke of the early trials of the good doctor. He had prescribed a solution of carbolic acid to wash the foot of an ox. The family, finding it efficacious, applied it as a mouth wash to a poor baby and the doctor's services were again in demand. He felt after this unfortunate occurrence that his days as a medical missionary in India were over.

Next day, however, as he walked forth he heard himself enthusiastically acclaimed on all

sides as the man with "the strong medicine," and found that his reputation was established!

On another occasion Miss Clearihue, out on an evangelistic tour, was catechizing some of the workers and the following question was asked: "Who wrote the Ten Commandments?" Immediately the reply came back: "Dr. Campbell!"

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Miss Lilian Bouchard decorated her twenty-fifth Christmas tree in December for the little French and Syrian children in her kindergarten at the Syrian Home in Montreal. It was the occasion of her silver anniversary in this service, given so lovingly and so whole-heartedly.

Just before the gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree, the ladies of the Committee for Foreign Work in Montreal presented her with a beautiful white gold pin set with three small diamonds and two sapphires. Miss Bouchard was taken completely by surprise, and could only assure those present that she felt as Moses did when he wanted to speak and found himself tongue-tied! But her bow and smile spoke to all of her gratitude.

After the programme she was asked, "How do you manage to train all these little ones?" Her reply was, "By love, patience, and trust—and then faith in the Maker of all that is lovely."



WAYSIDE GROUP IN JAPAN

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In a very striking way, says the Secretary of Japan, the girls of the Azabu School, Tokyo, show the true missionary spirit. She sends the following item from a letter from Miss Robertson: "Perhaps you know that each year we make a collection at Christmas time for the poor and needy. There are several objects in which the girls are interested: two leper homes, the social centre of the W.C.T.U., known as the Kobokwan, and the Near East Relief, besides other smaller charities. This year without any effort, except the usual appeal, the contributions amounted to five hundred and twenty-five dollars, mostly from students and teachers. The father of one little primary girl sent fifty dollars, and the mother of another sent twenty-five, but otherwise it was quite within the school circle. Don't you think, for school girls, the girls did well?"

# Through the Windows of the World

## Criticism that is Praise

A TURKISH journal, the *Djumhouriet*, in a recent article, speaks critically of Christian methods in the following terms: "First, they get people to love them, and then they make them novices in their order. Their schools are each a great danger. There the great deeds of Jesus are sung. The persuasive abilities of the members of this association, both men and women, are so great that, like ants caught in a spider's web, people cannot again be rescued from their hands. *The greatest secret of their success is love.* . . . The Protestant young Christians begin with example and lead up to rule. They go from the concrete to the abstract. This sort of propaganda is fatal. They do not proclaim the principles of Protestantism. Nay, they do not even talk about religion, but by their attitude, their actions, their manners, by the compassion they show to animals, by the help they give to the poor, by loving what is good, by mercy to the unfortunate, they try to show the loftiness of their religion. The number of innocent Turkish children captured by these charms is constantly increasing, and these children are becoming each . . . not only a Protestant, but a missionary."

## China Arming Against Vice

JAPAN has long been leading a slowly victorious fight against organized vice. It is encouraging to know that China, through its National Christian Council, has inaugurated a campaign against gambling, prostitution and concubinage. Almost every denomination in China joined forces, and thirty-six groups, not definitely linked with Christianity, added enthusiasm and practical help. Speakers were heard in many centres and a number of societies were organized to carry on the work.

## Liquor and Crime

SHORT time ago, a Toronto paper made an interesting comment on the small group of volcanic islands, called Tristan da Cunha, in the South Atlantic ocean, and so far from the line of traffic that few people know

that they are there. They were formally annexed to Great Britain over a century ago. Of this little community the paper says:

"They manage their own affairs without any written laws, and are described as moral, religious, hospitable to strangers, well-mannered and industrious, healthy and long-lived. They are without intoxicating liquors and are said to commit no crimes."

## Stanley Jones and India

DR STANLEY JONES is still bringing Christ and His message with tremendous force to the educated Indian. Rev. Benson Baker tells of a series of meetings in the Meerut District where there were enthusiastic meetings. "At one convention," he says, "groups came marching in from various towns and villages with banners flying, drums and cymbals making delightful music, and the people shouting: '*Yisū Masih Ki Jai!*' (Victory to Jesus Christ.) Then in the evening we had a meeting for educated non-Christians, addressed by Dr. Jones for an hour and a half. These leaders from among the Mohammedans and Hindus listened with great earnestness to a great message concerning Jesus. At the close of the address, the people broke out in spontaneous applause; they seemed to be tremendously moved. Really, in all my years in India I have never seen people so eager to hear about our Christ."

## The Mill and the Girl

MISS McINTOSH, Industrial Y.W.C.A. Secretary in Osaka, Japan, speaks of the hard life of the girls at the mills. So many break down that recruiting agents are busy all the time going about from one little fishing village to another, tempting girls away, and the life in these villages is so hard that many of them are allured by the seemingly easier life at the mills. The villagers, in their effort to distract these agents, often put up signs on the houses: "No Girls Here."

Many of these poor girls return within the year, broken in health. It is good to know that night work is gradually becoming illegal in Japan and will eventually disappear in factory life.

# The General Secretary's Department

EFFIE A. JAMIESON

*New Board Members.* The resignation of Mrs. Broddy as Secretary of Supplies and the passing of Miss Eliza Laing, made it essential to elect two new members of the Dominion Board. Mrs. A. N. Burns, 54 Playter Crescent, Toronto, takes Mrs. Broddy's appointment as Secretary of Supplies and Mrs. E. Turkington, 316 Heath Street, East, takes up Miss Laing's work and is chairman of the Nominating Committee.

*Completing Organization.* The Home Organization Committee had under consideration the aim of our society—"An Auxiliary in every congregation and every woman a member." As a result a letter was sent to the Corresponding Secretaries of the Conference Branches, in order that we might seek to perfect plans for carrying through this objective. The Bay of Quinte Conference Branch made a very thoughtful survey and sent such valuable suggestions, that it was decided to publish these in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY. We know that some of these methods are being used in many Conference Branches, but it was felt that these suggestions, if passed along, might bear fruit in many directions. That is what we wish to do, share with one another proved methods and suggestions.

- (1) Invite a representative woman from each congregation where there is no Auxiliary, to attend the Presbyterial meeting as the guest of the Presbyterial, travelling expenses to be paid. She would be the link with the women of her church; the hope would be to interest her and it should also create material for leadership.
- (2) Send a copy of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY to one or two of the leading women of a congregation where no organization exists, thus creating interest, subscriptions to be paid by Presbyterial.
- (3) Only one speaker for a Presbyterial and the time devoted to discussions and suggestions for the consolidation and extension of the work. The use also of the Field Secretaries to assist in inspiring and organizing.
- (4) Choose vice-presidents from the different sections of the Presbytery and make these responsible for the organizing, the arousing of interest and the presentation to all Auxiliaries of the reports of the work of Presbyterials and Branches. Sectional meetings are also advised, and to these should be invited the women of the church where no organization exists.
- (5) "Unoccupied places." Under this theme, one Presbyterial discussed the subject. Attention was directed especially to those places where there is a Mission Circle or a Mission Band, but where as yet the women have not organized. These places are especially needy as the younger organizations should have someone to "mother" them and to aid in keeping the fires glowing. There are other places where the Circles and Bands could be organized; they are waiting for a lead from the women of the congregation, so that it would mean not only a new Auxiliary, but possibly additional work among the young people. In these places it is a double loss, for the young people are lost to the missionary cause. This, too, should be the work of the vice-president of a district, who would come into close contact through visitation and sectional meetings.

All realized the necessity of the pastor's interest and support and advised that all leaders keep in close touch with the pastors and their wives. May we add to these very fine suggestions, that to aid us in this work, we have our two Travelling Secretaries, Miss Eliza MacGregor and Miss Evelyn Mitchell, who visit the various Conference Branches on invitation and assist in extension of the work along all lines.

*Diamond Jubilee of Confederation.* The suggestion has gone out that a special Confederation meeting be held in either June or July. Programmes will be prepared and the same number of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY available.

*Agreement with the American Board.* In the past the work in Angola, Africa, was carried on in co-operation with the American Board, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Congregational Churches of the United States. The two Boards worked as associated societies and as one Mission, under an agreement. This has now been replaced by an agreement between the American Board, the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada. It makes provision for the organization of a separate Canadian Mission, but conserves the relationships of the past and safeguards the interests of the whole Mission and the native Christian Church, so that there should be no appearance of schism. The Training Institutions at Dondi, Currie Institute

for the Boys, and Means' School for the Girls, become co-operative Schools, serving both the American and Canadian Missions.

*Co-operation with the Board of Religious Education.* An agreement has just been reached between this Board and ours covering the services of Miss Bona Mills, in which we undertake to supply one-half salary and expenses, thus securing a share in the fine service of Miss Mills to the C.G.I.T. groups. As she goes about on her work, which, by the way, is planned by a joint committee, she will get into touch with our Woman's Missionary Society secretaries and we wanted our constituency to know that Miss Mills is devoting one-half her time to the missionary side of C.G.I.T. work and is ready to give help wherever she goes.

## Candidate Department

IT WAS a clear, crispy day when Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Smith left the little red brick church to the east of the village. They had been delayed after the meeting of the Auxiliary to finish up those small, but tricky, details that deal with members' names and finance, and now they were homeward bound, chatting, as Auxiliary members will, over the meeting of the day.

Mrs. Brown was President, a quiet, kindly, capable woman, whom everybody loved and trusted. Mrs. Jones, the competent secretary, was a rank conservative, who stood always for "the way we used to do," but she had sufficient logic and good sense to accept the new way in the end, though after considerable protestation against it. Mrs. Smith was Treasurer. She had not belonged to an Auxiliary before, and her eager, enquiring mind made her a constant questioner.

It was Mrs. Brown's belief that if her Auxiliary members did not know the Blue Book of the Woman's Missionary Society, they would fall short in understanding the comprehensiveness of the work for which the Society stands, and so she used it as a text-book, and she put her members through a grilling drill on it, not omitting the Constitution, on which she spent ten minutes at each meeting. On this particular day, they had arrived at the Candidate Com-

mittee (p. 425, Blue Book). So far it had been plain sailing, for the need of officers, an Executive, Foreign and Home Missions was patent. But the Candidate department and the Candidate Secretary! Now what might these new creations be? Mrs. Jones remarked that she thought a Candidate Committee was quite unnecessary. Had societies not done magnificent work in the past without such a committee; and why this innovation? Had not Auxiliaries, and Presbyteries, and Conferences found candidates before; and had there not been Training Schools; and had the missionaries not gone to the mission fields; and was that not all there was to it—candidates, Training School, field—nothing could be simpler? This new committee was merely more machinery, and there was plenty of that now.

"What I can't see," broke in Mrs. Smith, before Mrs. Brown could make any reply, "is how a committee in Toronto is going to discover and select candidates all over this large country; and what are applications and credentials anyway, and why does a committee do the recommending, and is there any link of the committee with us, for example?"

Mrs. Brown smiled. "Allow me to answer Mrs. Jones first," she said. "All you say is true. No one can question the magnificent work of the past; but the present is not so simple as it

looks. Think of the changed conditions in Japan, China, India and Africa; surely we have learned the need of a new approach to Missions. Besides, our field is so large now, that some persons, somewhere, will have to be in a position to make a closer study of all the fields, and what each post in each field requires, than we can. For instance, in Japan the government has established kindergartens of the first quality, with well-trained teachers. We cannot send our teachers more poorly qualified than the Japanese. Suppose a Japanese lady came to this country to teach in one of our private schools; we should not want her if her standing were lower than ours? And China has a national system of education of high rank. We would not, in Christ's name, carry a lesser education there?"

"That is clear enough," said Mrs. Jones, "but I think we are getting away from the old idea of missions, which was to send out evangelists to convert the heathen to Christianity, and there are many places in these countries where the people are ignorant, and where missionaries with the right spirit and not so much education would do just as well."

"There is always a long vision and a short vision," replied Mrs. Brown, "and we must think ahead. To begin with, do you think that, if we were Chinese, we should like being called heathen, and would it not be more difficult to present a Christ of love to us, if some one came to us in a spirit of superiority over us? Is not the very message of Jesus that we are one family in Him; 'One God and father of all'? Then, as we are to be messengers carrying on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, should we not try to be the best messengers we can? If a firm

wants to start a business, it searches for the best agents to put on the road. There can be no question with any of us as to spiritual preparation—no messenger can carry the real message of Jesus, and what He can, and does, do for us, unless she has that message in her own heart. But is it so easy really to present to our brothers and sisters of other lands, the Christ?"

"No," said Mrs. Jones, "I don't think it is easy—I never did—and I do think we ought to send our best; but what is our best? Don't you think that, if God calls a young woman to missionary work, she is the best?"

"Not necessarily," answered Mrs. Brown. "Primarily, she must know Jesus Christ herself, and believe that He wants her to serve Him on the mission field. But her consecration to Him will not take the place of an accurate knowledge of the language or languages of the people. In Africa, for instance, 244 different languages have been reduced to writing. The missionary will enter into the spirit of the people, and become one in heart and sympathy with them, and she will have larger fellowship with them, and present her message with greater power if she knows the history, language, customs and the way of thinking of her foreign sisters."

"Yes, I suppose so," replied Mrs. Jones somewhat reluctantly, but more convinced than she seemed.

"If candidates," resumed Mrs. Brown, "will only make themselves known to the Candidate Committee early in life, it is a part of the work of this Committee to advise them as to how to get an education, and what kind of education they should seek, for, in these days and in this country where every one who wants an education can get it, any one who feels called to mission work will be only too glad to qualify herself as well as possible to serve her Lord."

Just then the women lifted their eyes. Glorious rose and gold flooded the sky and were reflected upon the glistening snow. The delicate branches of the leafless trees stood out against the gorgeous coloring, as the crimson sun slipped down behind the western hill. It was the loveliest sunset of the winter. After they had stood some time in silent awe, Mrs. Brown said, gently, "If God makes His work so perfect, do you not think He wants us to try to make ours as perfect as His?"

(To be continued)

## Thy Will

All those who journey, soon or late,  
Must pass within the garden's gate;  
Must kneel alone in darkness there,  
And battle with some fierce despair.  
God pity those who cannot say,  
"Not mine, but Thine," who only  
pray

"Let this cup pass," and cannot see  
The purpose in Gethsemane.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

# Auxiliary Interest

## Prayer

O God, the Father of mankind, who hast made of one blood all nations of men, hasten the day of Thy coming that all flesh may know Thee. Forgive us for the many shortcomings as individuals and a nation whereby we have hindered the free outpouring of Thy holy Spirit upon the peoples of the world, and grant us Thy help to renew once more our vows of consecration to Thee and of love to all mankind. We ask Thy peculiar blessing upon China in these difficult days, that out of the clash of opposing forces and the blood shed by many there may emerge a new spirit of brotherhood and good will. May Jesus Christ be revealed more clearly than ever through the clouds that gather over the land. Sustain the Chinese Church, and give to her members peace and constancy in the midst of persecution. Keep us all faithful to the great task committed to our care, and whether at home or abroad, enable us to live to the honor of Thy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Suggestive Programme

For Auxiliaries, Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Mission Circles

June, 1927

Study Book: *New Days in Old India*

1.—Opening Exercises.

Hymn—"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

Prayer—

2.—Minutes and Business.

3.—Hymn—"The Morning Light Is Breaking."

4.—Devotional Period—Faith and Its Obstacles.

Scripture Reading—Matt. 14: 25-36.

\*Leaflet—"Faith and Its Obstacles."

Prayer—

\*Price 3 cents.

5.—Watch Tower—Facts from the Fields.

6.—Mission Study—

†Leaflet—"The Development of the Christian Community," Chapter VII. The Christian Community, its various elements, characteristics, influences and needs. See reports and letters of India Jubilee.

7.—Hymn—

8.—Benediction.

†Price 5 cents.

Order from Mrs. A. M. Phillips, Room 410, Wesley Buildings, Toronto 2.

## Practical Talks

ETHEL M. H. SMITH

### No. 5. An Emergency Programme

WE HAVE been sitting, my friend and I, discussing the various problems with which one must deal in Auxiliary work. The regular monthly meeting came in for its share of comment. We agreed that all the small detail, as well as the obviously important things, must be carefully planned. Then we faced the fact, that in spite of careful planning, there

will come a time when something goes wrong and we are left stranded. A situation arises, such as the failure of a speaker to appear; material cannot be secured quickly, but something must be done. At this point my friend said, "Now is the time to make full use of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY."

"Yes, but how?" inquired I.

Then she demonstrated a plan which I shall try to pass on, hoping that you will agree with me that it is a practical and timely suggestion.

"We are creatures of habit," she began, "and almost invariably we do things in regular ways. The morning paper comes. We pick it up and glance *first* at the headlines. We must know what the most important news is. *Second*, the average woman looks at the personals such as birth, marriage and death columns and society notes. Next come advertisements, for there are always things for sale and we are always keen for a bargain. Having satisfied our natural curiosity, we may now settle down to a serious reading of worth-while things."

I nodded approval.

"Now," she continued, "may we not apply the same plan to the current, or indeed any issue of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, and so provide, upon short notice, a good programme? You see it will be possible for more members to take part in a programme of this kind, than in one of the average type. Even a visitor who reads well and has a bit of humor in her make-up might contribute her bit. We should try to call forth all latent talent. An original manner of presenting news items is a real asset."

## Women of the Church, Arise!

*Tune: Innocents*

Women of the Church, arise!  
Hear ye not the Master's call  
To life's nobler ministries?  
Rise, and bring to Him your all.

Tend them, lowly, in the home  
All for whom Christ asks your  
care,  
Gently guiding those who roam  
To the love beyond compare.

Mother, sister, daughter, be  
To the needy everywhere,  
Reaching far across the sea  
Riches of the Christ to share.

Till all lands shall learn His grace  
Who can touch the soul with  
might,  
Cause the shining of His face  
To make all earth's darkness light.

—Bessie A. Rae

"Let us imagine ourselves with a copy of the magazine in our hands. Each issue is colored by special subject or seasonal event. It is the *main news item*. There are to be found editorials, articles and suggestions bearing thereon. Enumerate and comment upon them, asking different members to read or give the substance of such. Reserve one long or two short articles on the main topic to read later.

"For *personals and notices* we shall find that our missionaries are always going to and fro. They are passing on to some one in address the story of the work, or it may be that some auxiliary is honoring itself in honoring one of them. We find, too, that missionaries, like other women, marry, and we must note the fact and rejoice with them. All too often, too, we are called upon to mourn the death of a splendid missionary upon the battle front, or a valued worker who has stayed loyally by the staff at the home base.

"Just here, to follow the parallel, we may remember that it often happens that, as we read our morning paper, the postman arrives, so now, we may welcome our missionary postman, and a letter or two chosen from the many given each month in the magazine. Be sure that every one knows who the missionary is, and where she does her bit of service.

"Having read our mail, back we go to the paper—those advertisements—we have them here too. First, and most important, if this programme is to be made use of, THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY page. It is always a bargain and sometimes it is an extra special. Be sure that our Auxiliary does its bit to send the subscription list over the top. There is, too, the literature page. It tells of new books and leaflets, just the very things we need, and did not know we could get, but here they are. There are the lantern slides as well and surely we realize how much of the best of our knowledge comes to us through the eye-gate. Do not forget the *news items* to be found in *News of Our Missions* and *Through the Windows of the World*, and have some one tell these bits of news rather than read them.

"Now for the *serious reading*, the article that shall be the main address, I am only sorry that you must choose, but what a pleasure to know there is always fine stuff from which to make the selection.

"Try this some month. I shall be much surprised if you do not have a programme that is workable, informative and interesting."



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

## A Service of Worship

### Thy Kingdom Come

QUIET MUSIC:

LEADER:

"Thy Kingdom come, O Lord,  
Wide circling as the sun;  
Fulfil of old thy word  
And make the nations one;—

"Speed, speed the longed for time  
Foretold by raptured seers—  
The prophecy sublime,  
The hope of all the years;—

"One in the bond of peace,  
The service glad and free  
Of truth and righteousness,  
Of love and equity.

"Till rise at last, to span  
Its firm foundations broad,  
The Commonwealth of Man,  
The City of our God."

—*Frederick L. Hosmer*

LEADER:

God hath made of one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, that they should seek God if haply they might feel after Him and find Him though He is not far from each one of us.—Acts 17: 26, 27.

INVOCATION HYMN: Tune, "Yorkshire"—(Standing).

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

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

—Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: In unison—(Standing).

A PSALM FOR ALL NATIONS: In unison—(Standing).

God be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
And cause his face to shine upon us,  
That thy way may be known upon earth,  
Thy salvation among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God;  
Let all the people praise thee.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy:  
For thou wilt judge the peoples with equity,  
And govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the people praise thee, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise thee.  
The earth hath yielded her increase;  
God, even our own God, will bless us.  
God will bless us;  
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.—Psalm 67.

READING: By five girls chosen for the purpose (Seated).

1ST GIRL:

"There is an enticing dream: the dream of wise freedom made contagious. The dreams of nations in love with each other, without a thought of hatred or danger."—*Ernest Crosby*.

2ND GIRL:

"Dreams are they, but they are God's dreams!  
 Shall we decry them and scorn them?  
 That men shall love one another,  
 That white shall call black man, brother,  
 That greed shall pass from the market place,  
 That lust shall yield to love for the race,  
 That man shall meet with God face to face—

Dreams are they all—  
 But shall we withstand them—  
 God's dreams!"

—Thomas Curtis Clarke.

3RD GIRL:

We remember the lad of long ago who with dream-filled eyes roamed the hills of Galilee. We remember the Man Jesus, who lived and died, to make his dream, which he felt to be God's dream, come true;—a dream of a time when all men would live together, loving God as Father, and man as brother; when all forms of oppression, injustice, hatred, indifference, would cease; when each man would give first place to the doing of the will of God, the Father.

4TH GIRL:

An old legend pictures the angel Gabriel greeting Jesus on his return to Heaven, and eagerly asking him what further plans he had made for the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth. "I left it in the hands of my friends," was the reply. "But if your friends fail, what other plan have you?" persisted the angel. "I have no other plan," said Jesus.

Jesus' dream for the Kingdom can only come true through us, his faithful followers.

LEADER:

"You who are young, it is you, it is you -  
 Who must make the dreams of the world come true.

You who are young have a world to build.  
 The future shall be what you have willed.

Learn and practise, plan and do;  
 Hold to a vision and shape it true;  
 And you'll find at last that a dream or two  
 Because of you, because of you,  
 Has out of the mist and the dark, come true!  
 Heed what you build with hand and tongue,  
 You who are young, you who are young!"

—Mary Carolyn Davies.

5TH GIRL:

"What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase  
 The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
 What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,  
 When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

—Arthur Campbell Ainger.

LEADER:

Let us think again of some sayings of Jesus which show us our part in the Kingdom.

(To be given by the leader or girls chosen for the purpose.) "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation! Neither shall they say, lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17: 20, 21.

"Be not, therefore, anxious saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed? Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6: 31-33.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in Heaven." Matt. 7: 21.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10: 27. Matt. 22: 39.

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you." Matt. 5: 44.

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7: 12.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof." Matt. 13: 31-32.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." Matt. 13: 33.

LEADER:

O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

LEADER:

For our part in making thy dreams come true.

RESPONSE:

*We thank thee, O God.*

For our "Comrades of the Way" the world over who are seeking with us to bring in thy Kingdom.

*We thank thee, O God.*

For all the opportunities which are ours to know thy love and thy desires for us and for thy children everywhere.

*We thank thee, O God.*

"For all missionaries of the cross of Christ; for all ministries of healing, consolation and encouragement; for all who have loved their fellows with devotion and served them with understanding; for all pioneers in the way of discipleship, and for all who have sought to establish the Kingdom of God on earth"

*We thank thee, O God.*

That we may be worthy followers of Jesus, seeking like him to do thy will,

*We pray thee, O God.*

That we may do our part in spreading the "good news" of thy love throughout the world so that thy Kingdom may come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,

*We pray thee, O God.*

That all world brotherhood agencies within and without the church may be strengthened in their effort to bring peace on earth, good will among men,

*We pray thee, O God.*

LEADER:

"O thou strong Father of all nations, draw all thy great family together with an increasing sense of our common blood and destiny, that peace may come on earth at last, and thy sun may shed its light on a holy brotherhood of peoples." Amen.

—Rauschenbusch.

CLOSING HYMN: Tune—"Canonbury or Maryton" (Standing).

O Son of Man, thou madest known,  
Through quiet work in shop and home,  
The sacredness of common things,  
The chance of life that each day brings.

O Workman true, may we fulfil  
In daily life thy Father's will;  
In duty's call thy call we hear  
To fuller life, through work sincere.

Thou Master Workman, grant us grace  
The challenge of our tasks to face;  
By loyal scorn of second best,  
By effort true to meet each test.

And thus we pray in deed and word,  
Thy Kingdom come on earth, O Lord.  
In work that gives effect to prayer  
Thy purpose for the world we share.

Amen.

BENEDICTION:

And may the love of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

# Girls, Your Telephone is Ringing!

By MRS. J. H. RUSH

*The author suggests that this article be read aloud at your next meeting.*

## TING-A-LING!

Hello! This is THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY speaking. You have heard my name, but do not know me?

Well, that is why I called up—to get acquainted with you. As soon as I came into being, as the magazine of the United Woman's Missionary Society, thousands of women took me to their hearts as a dear friend, having been accustomed to a paper of my sort and having learned its worth. But I want to be a friend to every one, because of what I have to give.

I am not very big, but just wait till I tell you some of the good things you will find between my covers. I'm a real treasure-chest, I am. There are always jewels of wisdom from the pen of the Editor, and other gifted writers and gems of poetry dotted here and there. The letters from our missionaries are golden chains that link up the workers at home with the workers on the firing line, and the outlines for monthly programmes are as valuable as ropes of pearls.

Do I hear you aright? You believe all I say is true, but you cannot find time to read the magazines you have. Why buy more?

How about giving up some of them and giving me a trial? It is a good plan to change one's line of reading occasionally and so open up new avenues of thought. Besides, I believe that, if you would be real wide-awake, well-informed members of Young Woman's Auxiliaries, Mission Circles, or C.G.I.T. groups, you need my help.

Did you say you cannot afford it?

Although I am invaluable to missionary workers, I am not expensive. Those who look after my welfare are giving you the opportunity of trying me out for a short period, feeling sure that if I once find a place in your reading hour, I shall make a lasting impression.

In June, I am going to blossom out as a Confederation number. They say I shall be intensely interesting and enlightening. Now, beginning with the June issue to the end of December, each of you may have me sent to your own address for twenty-five cents, but if you appoint a Missionary Monthly Secretary, which I strongly advise, you may have all the magazines subscribed for by your members sent to her for distribution and by doing this, your subscription will cost only twenty cents—about three cents a copy, see below.

You say you simply must subscribe, if you are going to receive so much for such a small outlay?

I was sure you would see it that way. The Missionary Society is one place where small investments bring large returns.

My address is THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, 415 Wesley Bldgs., Toronto 2. I shall be happy to hear from you, and look forward with delight to making my home with you. Au Revoir!

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# Mission Bands

## Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for the beautiful spring and all the good gifts that come with it. All that we have comes from Thee. Keep us from the selfishness that would give nothing out when Thou hast given so much. Bless all the boys and girls of other lands. Some of them do not yet know Thee, and so let us work more diligently that we may do our bit for the coming of Thy Kingdom. O Thou who didst suffer little children to come to Thee, may we never forget what Thou hast done for us. Help us to remember Thine example, and try, at work and in the home, to be more like Thee. Amen.

## Suggestive Programme

June, 1927

### *A Mite Box Meeting*

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| <p>1.—Opening Hymn—"Oh, Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea, To Thee All Praise and Glory Be."</p> <p>2.—Scripture Lesson—Matt. 6, verses 19-24.</p> <p>3.—Prayer.</p> <p>4.—Minutes and Business—Report of the Mite Box Secretary. Every member of the Band to be supplied with a Mite Box for the summer.</p> <p>5.—Hymn—"There is Work to Do for Jesus."</p> <p>6.—Reports from Four Heralds.</p> <p>7.—Hymn—"Lord, a Little Band and Lowly."</p> | <p>8.—Study—*How to Use a Mite Box.<br/>(a) A dialogue entitled, "A Mite Box Convention and Song." 6 cents.<br/>(b) A Family Mite Box. 3 cents.<br/>(c) Ella's Mite Box. 3 cents.<br/>(d) How to Use the Mite Box. 2 cents.<br/>(e) The Doing Without Box, 2 cents.</p> <p>9.—Prayer for increased zeal and faithfulness in the form of service.</p> <p>10.—Hymn—"Will Your Anchor Hold in the Storm of Life."</p> <p>11.—Benediction.</p> |
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\*Leaflets on the subject may be obtained at Room 410, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, 2.

## Of Course You Can!

LOUISE M. PAGE

TAKE the leadership of the Mission Band? Oh! I couldn't think of it! Yes, I do love boys and girls, and I certainly am interested in missions, but I never took charge of a meeting in my life. I shouldn't have the least idea how to go about it. I'd love to, but I really can't."

Dear prospective leader, of course you can. On your own admission you are possessed of the two fundamental requirements for this piece of work. You love the boys and girls and you are interested in missions. As for your lack of experience, everything must have

a beginning. Never having done this kind of work before, you will be unhampered by pre-conceived ideas of how it should be done, and you will bring to it a freshness and individuality that will prove an invaluable asset in working with the children.

Needless to say, there can be nothing hazardous about conducting a Mission Band. This work has been organized for a very definite purpose, and this purpose is, in a nutshell, to instil into the hearts of the children a genuine love for missions, to help them to realize the joy and value of service, and through intelli-

gent instruction, secure their devotion to the missionary enterprise for all years to come.

The majority of bands hold two meetings a month, a work meeting and one for study. For the latter, a book is carefully selected each year and presented to the leaders as the basis of their study. As our Mission Band membership is made up largely of quite young children experience has taught us that the story form is by far the most successful means of imparting the lesson, but, however interestingly the study-book may be written, never, never simply read it through! Take time—to master thoroughly its contents, and put the story in your own words, thus insuring that animation and enthusiasm which is so essential in working with little folk. We want the children really to learn many things about missionary lands, about the missionaries themselves and the people amongst whom they are working, but we must guard against turning the meetings into history or geography lessons. When it is necessary to introduce these subjects let us cover them with a rich coating of sugar!

It is a truism to say that children learn quickly through the eye, and we should keep ever before us the value of the pictorial in this work. Make all the use you can of lantern slides, and always keep your weather-eye open for pictures illustrative of the subject of study. These may often be obtained from unexpected sources, and be easily adapted to illustrate the very lesson which we are trying to teach. If we can show articles which have actually come from the land of our study, a real Chinese idol, a *sari* from India, or a pair of straw shoes from Korea, it is an asset indeed.

While we realize the value of giving the children as large a part as possible in the meetings, we have proved that it is advisable for the leader herself to keep the actual presentation of the lesson in her own hands. Never allow the study period to drag, but make that precious half hour such a delightful excursion into the lives and experiences of "other boys and girls" that the members will feel like the wee lassie who said at the conclusion of the lesson, "Why can't we have a meeting every day—it is so long to wait till next time!"

We once asked a most efficient Mission Band leader who was known to be a very busy woman, but whose presentation of the lesson was a delight to any chance visitor as well as to the boys and girls, to share with us the secret of her success.

"Well," she replied, "if I am successful it is because I have adopted the Boy Scout motto, *Be Prepared.*"

"But you are such a busy person. How do you find time for preparation?"

"Oh! if I couldn't prepare the lesson while I do the routine work of the house, I'd never manage at all. The first time I can get to myself after the meeting is over I take the study book and any material I may have gathered together and make a general plan for next lesson. I put this away back in my brain to simmer, and it is amazing the ideas that bubble up as I wash the dishes and make the beds. I often find myself energetically holding forth to a phantom Mission Band when there is no one there to overhear, but I always find when I face my own Band that I have something ready for the children and I have not neglected the work of the house either."

A young woman, leader in C.G.I.T. groups, who was most enthusiastic and much beloved by her girls, showed a marked reluctance to link up with the work of the Missionary Society. She was delighted to help the girls with any practical missionary work, but when it came to having a missionary meeting once a month, her enthusiasm deserted her. In time we learned the reason. When she was a little girl she had always been *sent* to Mission Band and it had proved such a drab and uninteresting experience that she never wanted to link up again. Truly a serious indictment against the Mission Band, and although it was, I am sure, an isolated experience, it brings us face to face with the fact, that boys and girls receive their first contact with missions through the Band and we must see to it that their introduction to this great work is a happy one.

"Well," you say, "if I were to consent to take the leadership of a band, I might manage the study meetings, but what about those work meetings?"

Scrapbooks and quilts! You hold up your hands in horror. "Is there no new thing under the sun?" Well, it is true that there are not many things that little children can do well enough to be of real value, and the despised scrapbook is one of the exceptions. I think that it is we, the leaders, especially those of us who have been years in the work, who find the pasting and stitching so monotonous and uninteresting. It may be the one hundredth scrapbook we have supervised, but it may be the very first that the eager little Mission

Bander ever had a part in making! We have established a point of contact between the small worker and those for whom he is working, and forged a bond of sympathy invaluable for the days to come.

One of the delights of working with children is their responsiveness; once they realize a need, they are eager to meet it. We tell them of the children in the school homes and hospitals or in centres remote from civilization, we talk to them of the boys and girls in far away lands, many of whom have so little to make their lives happy. We tell them that our missionaries are depending on *them* to provide the gifts that shall make a real Christmas for the little people. And if the appeal is convincing enough, they are filled with enthusiasm and put their whole souls into the work we plan for them to do.

There are many other activities for these work meetings which might well find a place in another article. In the meantime, get in touch with your Presbyterian Mission Band Secretary, who ought to be able to give you help and information, and also the Presbyterian Supply Secretary as to the gifts which are most needed and where.

There is another phase of Mission Band work that is always successful—the pageant and play. Children are born actors, and how they love to take part! Mission Band leaders are quick to see the educative value of the play, for the children cannot help imbibing an immense amount of information concerning the manners, customs and beliefs of the people they are trying to imitate. So let us not grudge the time and the work involved in the presentation of such. Plays are good too, because

co-operation with the mothers is essential, thereby bringing them into touch with the work, and the presentation of them introduces the Band to the congregation.

Let us not miss the opportunity of having our Band take part in the larger missionary gatherings, in District Rallies and Presbyterial meetings in their Mission Band hour. It is good for the boys and girls to realize that they are part of the great organization and that many other boys and girls are one with them in the work.

Will you take the leadership of the Mission Band? A certain leader said lately: "You know, I was a conscript. I was very reluctant to undertake the work. I was very busy and felt that many others could do it better than I. But I can never be thankful enough to the members of the Auxiliary who simply insisted upon my taking the leadership, for it has been a most delightful experience. It has really rejuvenated me, broadened my sympathies, ripened my interests and brought me into touch with so many charming people engaged in the same kind of work. For sheer joy and satisfaction in the doing of it, I commend you to Mission Band work."

Still there comes the insistent call for leaders. May we not count upon you to respond to this call? Make a success of Mission Band work? Of course you can!

*Some good little plays are "Mother Goose and Her Family of Mission Workers," "That Sweet Story of Old," "How Some Dollies Came to Go as Missionaries," and many others. Write to the Literature Department for lists and prices. Room 410, Wesley Buildings, Toronto 2.*

## The Palm Branch

**A**T THE request of Miss Mary Allison, Secretary of the National Girls' Work Board, G. Dolen is writing a series of stories for the "Palm Branch," explaining in vivid and entrancing language beautiful and vital but difficult truths of Christianity. The second of these appears in the Easter number and is specially dedicated to all affiliated Canadian Girls in Training. You need this paper in your work.

Send all correspondence, money orders, etc., to the Editor. Subscription price: Single copies, 25 cents a year; for clubs of ten or more to one address, 15 cents a year.

Editor, MISS E. B. LATHERN, Box 149, Yarmouth North, Nova Scotia.

## Personal Notes

News by cable tells of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, Tamsui, Formosa.

Miss Jean Holt, of Junghsien, West China, is now in Canada, arriving the middle of March, and is at her home in Wheatland, Man.

Rev. J. B. Hattie, Hwaiking-fu, Honan, has returned to China, but Mrs. Hattie, and children are remaining in Canada and are residing at Weston, Ontario.

Much sympathy is extended to Miss Mabel Clazie, of Formosa, recently home on furlough, on account of the death of her mother at Thurlow, on February 8, 1927.

For one dollar, Miss Margaret Barteaux is again ready to send to any Auxiliary, Circle or Mission Band, missionary dolls, stamped in strong cloth for use as Christmas gifts, etc., in missionary work.

Dr. Ada B. Speers of the West China Mission was married at Chengtu, January 17, to Rev. W. E. Smith, M.D. They left Szechwan immediately for the coast along with other out-going missionaries. The friends of both unite in hearty good wishes.

Miss A. J. Archibald, of Trinidad, who has been for some time in California with her sisters, recovering from a somewhat serious

illness, has quite recovered. She sailed for Trinidad via Panama in March, and will, we know, receive a glad welcome from the workers there.

Miss Ida Webster, who has been deaconess in First United Church, Truro, for nearly six years, is about to sever her connection with the church. Much regret is felt at her departure and a round of teas and banquets have been held in her honor, and gifts bestowed upon her as tangible evidence of her worth to the community.

Mrs. J. R. Turnbull died at the English Mission Hospital, Jerusalem, January, 1927. As Maud Russell Smith, she sailed for India in 1917, a missionary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and a number of friends there and here join with the many new ones who mourn her loss in Arabia in expressions of deep sympathy for her infant son, two older boys and her husband, so sorrowfully bereft.

Three missionary ladies, who are making a temporary home in the congregation of Westminster, Weston, Ont., Mrs. J. B. Hattie, Honan, Mrs. A. H. Barker and Mrs. Harry Hilton, nee Miss Edna Cruickshanks, both of Korea, were the recipients of life membership certificates and pins from the Auxiliary at its Easter Thankoffering meeting.

## News from the Conference Branches

### Bay of Quinte

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

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

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL.—The subject "Publicity" formed a large part of the discussion at the sub-Executive meeting of this branch, held lately at Port Hope. Does the public know what the W.M.S. is doing, not only in the large cities and towns but in rural and outlying communities where so much earnest

devoted work is being accomplished for the cause of missions?

Let not the smallest Auxiliary deem their meetings of so little importance that there should be no report of them. There is always something said or done at every meeting which, if made public, may be an inspiration to others. Not only so, but, if you would have your meetings well attended, let the report of your meetings show the indifferent and careless ones that they are missing something worth while.

Many of these meetings are addressed by excellent speakers, often returned missionaries



with their stories of the wonderful work in foreign lands, intensely interesting and instructive. Editors of local papers and other journals welcome such items if the Auxiliaries will send them. It is a poor compliment to both editor and speaker if such meetings pass, as we know they too often do, without the slightest notice of them being sent. If we expect to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the public, we must let them know something of our aims, our vision and our activities. We read daily of the doings of this and that club or society, many doing noble work for others, but have any of them a nobler purpose or higher aim than the Woman's Missionary Society?

The speaker secured for the Bay of Quinte Conference Branch cycle of annual Presbyterian meetings is Miss Susie Smyth of Hamilton All Peoples' Mission.

As this is the Diamond Jubilee year of Confederation, the policy of this Board is to stress the all-Canadian note at our Presbyterian meeting; hence the speakers will be workers on the

home field. Miss Smyth has been strongly recommended by Miss Jamieson, General Secretary, and the Presbyterials are looking forward to hearing addresses of both pleasure and profit.

Mrs. Tucker, of West Africa, will take the W.M.S. Easter-offering service at Bethany and will also address the Sunday School. Rev. T. E. Holling, of Lindsay United Church, has been giving a number of excellent addresses in the Cobourg and Lindsay Presbyterials during March, which have been much enjoyed.

### British Columbia

*Press Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Fairley, 2875-29th Ave. W., Vancouver, B.C.*

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

Mrs. C. S. Maharg, 1225, 11th St., Vancouver, Mission Band Secretary of the Conference Branch, has taken charge of the costumes department and for a small rental costumes may be secured. Through the supply work the in-

## Notices of Annual Meetings

*Bay of Quinte Conference Branch, Pembroke, June 7-9. All accredited delegates' names must be sent to Mrs. W. L. Smyth, Pembroke, as early as possible. Failing to do this, delegates will be responsible for their own billets. Information regarding transportation will appear in the June number of this magazine.*

—*K. G. Callery, Recording Secretary.*

*Kingston Presbyterial, Wall Street Church, Brockville, May 3-4.*

—*Sarah E. Revell, Press Secretary.*

*Maritime Conference Branch, Trinity Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., June 14-16. The first session will be on Tuesday, June 14, 8 p.m. The closing session on Thursday afternoon. Meetings of the Executive, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., and Thursday, 7.30 p.m.*

—*Anna MacKelvie Parker, Corresponding Secretary.*

*Halifax Presbyterial, St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax, May 31. Three sessions will be held. Delegates' names to be sent to Mrs. W. P. Morrison, 96 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth, N.S., not later than May 10.*

—*E. G. Morrison, Corresponding Secretary.*

*Truro Presbyterial, Shubenacadie, May 19. A question box will be a feature of the occasion. Box luncheon as usual. Miss Jennie Robb, Korea, will speak at the evening meeting. Miss Annette Rose, also on furlough, may reach home by that time and be with us also.*

—*Sara Cock, Corresponding Secretary.*

*Toronto Conference Branch, Old St. Andrew's Church, May 17-19.*

*Algoma Presbyterial, Sault Ste. Marie, June 3.*

*Sudbury Presbyterial, Sudbury, May 12.*

*Toronto East Presbyterial, Carlton United Church, May 5-6.*

terest of the members of our Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. groups, and Circles is increasing. One C.G.I.T. group made twenty-eight aprons for the girls of Alberni Indian School, another group made pretty chintz work-bags fitted out even to the thimbles; others dressed dolls. Baby clothing was made for the Redemptive Home and for needy families in Vancouver and district. All our institutions were amply provided for the Christmas season and thus the lesson is being early learned: "Inasmuch as ye have done it . . . unto me."

**VANCOUVER PRESBYTERIAL.**—A Mission Band Conference was held in Chalmers Church, January 31, Mrs. T. R. Todd, Presbyterian Mission Band Secretary, presiding. A series of talks were given by Mission Band leaders. Consecration, love of the work, love of children were stressed as qualifications necessary for a leader. In planning the programme, keep in mind your objective, to instil missionary ideals. Remember to draw out the backward children. The papers and discussion on: (1) How to take up the Study Book, (2) How to keep boys and girls in the Mission Band, (3) How to use the Bible, (4) How can we do better work by grouping, were all very helpful.

**VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL.**—The work is reported to be progressing steadily and pleasantly. Miss Eliza McGregor has completed a most successful itinerary of the island. At Alberni she organized an Auxiliary of eleven members and left them very ready to carry on enthusiastically. She came as a stranger to many of our women. When she returns she will find the welcome which is extended only to a real friend. Miss McGregor has lost none of her old vigor. Her exact knowledge of conditions all over Canada, and especially in the Middle West and the west coast, makes her work invaluable to the success of the W.M.S. at this time.

**NEW WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAL.**—A very successful District Conference was held in the United Church, Chilliwack, February 23, with an attendance of over one hundred members and friends. A pageant based on the study book, *Wonderland in India*, was put on by the Carman Mission Band, Sardis, under the direction of their leader. Several inspiring papers were given on different phases of the work. The address at the evening session was

given by Miss McGregor, who gave a survey of the mission work carried on by the United Church in British Columbia, its need, its scope and its success. A telling illustration of the latter was given in the story of six girls, who after being cared for and educated, in whole or in part, in the Oriental Home and School, Victoria, are now, themselves, engaged in mission work, three as nurses in Canada and China, one completing her training for evangelistic work in China, one in Y.W.C.A. work, China, and one a successful doctor in the South China Mission.

At the thank-offering meeting at Hatzic, Mrs. A. Lamb, Presbyterian president, gave a splendid message on the work of our society, outlining her points most clearly and carrying her audience with her. The offering of ninety-two dollars was the largest thank-offering ever received in this Auxiliary.

**KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERIAL.** At the March meeting in Revelstoke the Auxiliary presented Mrs. (Rev.) Aitcheson with a Life Membership Certificate and pin, in recognition of her faithfulness in W.M.S. work.

The Life Membership Certificate, which was to have been presented to Mrs. Dodds, who passed away before its arrival, was presented to her daughter, Mrs. Hanna, at Salmon Arm.

At their March meeting the executive of the Conference Branch sent a message of sympathy to the first vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Sipprell, Victoria, who has been ill since her return from the Board meeting in Toronto.

## Hamilton

*Press Secretary, Mrs. VanNorman,  
Hamilton, Ont.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Gault, Waterdown, Ont.*

**HAMILTON PRESBYTERIAL.**—Thirty years ago Mrs. Kappell, a young woman with three little children, joined the small society in First Methodist Church, Hamilton. Shortly after the treasurer's book was taken to her and the news that she had been elected treasurer. The youngest member of the society, knowing little about missions, and nothing about being a treasurer, she accepted. Another little son came to her; still she carried on. A long, trying illness was followed by the death of her husband—still she carried on. The society increased to three hundred and fifty members and

the treasurer's work grew accordingly. Still she was always there, always in time. Not once in thirty years was her report late or incorrect.

New presidents, new secretaries depended on her. Of the society she joined only five members beside herself are living, but they, with hundreds, who have known and loved her since, united to do honor to the thirty years' treasurer, and presented her with a gift to show their appreciation of her long and faithful service.

**WATERLOO PRESBYTERIAL.**—At a meeting held in Preston, January 24, the Waterloo Presbytery adopted a resolution extending the courtesy and privileges of corresponding members to the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Waterloo Presbyterial Woman's Missionary Society.

## Maritime

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

*Treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Studd, 36 Carleton St., Halifax, N.S.*

With profound regret and deep sorrow we record the sudden passing of Mrs. J. C. Purdy, of Amherst, on February 9th. We are all more or less familiar with what the Woman's Missionary Society owes to Mrs. Purdy's active support. One of our main props has been removed. Before us lies the Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Methodist Church in Canada for 1924-25. Sent as a gift, on the first page is inscribed "Compliments of Mrs. J. C. Purdy." Its pages show that Mrs. Purdy was President of the Nova Scotia Conference. She was a delegate to the Women's Board in Toronto, both of the past years. Last year she was called to give the opening prayer at one of our meetings. Admiringly we thought "No one here can do better than that." Her gracefully appropriate language and familiar confidence showed her no stranger at the Mercy Seat. She adorned the public platform, hers being the gift to hold an audience with her charming personality and eloquence. As our veterans fall, to us they throw the torch with the admonition:

"Men die in darkness at your side

Without a hope to cheer their gloom:

Take up the torch and wave it wide,

The torch that lights Time's thickest gloom."

In the month of March, Miss Webster, who

had been for six years deaconess in First United Church, Truro, resigned and returned to her Prince Edward home. She was facing an operation for appendicitis. It was performed, and the same day she passed quietly away from Charlottetown Hospital, ten days after leaving Truro. Asked about her chances for recovery, she said: "It's all right whichever way it goes, for underneath are the everlasting arms." She lapsed into unconsciousness and the soul winged its flight to realms of day about six. The sun set that evening in such a blaze of glory that it called forth comment in next day's newspapers. Is it wrong to fancy we caught a reflection of the golden streets as the heavenly gates widened to receive her?

Meeting, on the streets of Truro next day, one to whom nature had given a handicap, he spoke of Miss Webster. His voice broke as he finished thus: "I can't believe it. I'm broken-hearted." Truro had but one heart that day, and it was sore.

Rev. John Mutch, of First United Church, and several of his congregations, went to P.E.I. and there in the quiet little country-side known as Marie, they laid her away amid a sorrowing concourse of those who have loved and respected her as neighbor, school teacher and friend. A memorial service was held for Miss Webster in First United Church on the following Sunday morning, when Mr. Mutch paid earnest tribute to her work in the church and town amongst all classes and ages. The pulpit was draped in purple and black, while a spray of Easter lilies suggested our hope of immortality. Some seventy C.G.I.T. girls silently witnessed to her work in that department.

Miss Webster's name will be commemorated in First Church by some form of work not yet decided upon, and no doubt in distant Toronto, where she trained as deaconess and worked in the city missions, many hearts sorrow with us over her early decease.—*E. F. Tait.*

The names of the Auxiliary and Mission Band of Keswick Ridge, Fredericton Presbyterial, were not sent in for insertion in the annual report of last year. There is a strong active Auxiliary here organized in 1913, and the work has grown in strength and zeal. The Mission Band is also in good shape. Mrs. Churchill Moore is Honorary President and Mary H. Mitchell, President of the auxiliary.

## Montreal-Ottawa

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

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

On March 3, the Executive Committee of this branch met at St. James' United Church, Montreal. Mrs. Henderson, president, occupied the chair and gave an impressive talk on "Love," after which Mrs. Woodley led in prayer.

The reports given were very encouraging and it was evident that secretaries of departments had grasped the importance of their duties and were doing their utmost to bring the work of the year to a successful termination.

**DUNDAS PRESBYTERIAL.**—At their February meeting, the members of Shanley Auxiliary presented Mrs. Burton with a life membership certificate. At a later meeting the members of the Mission Circle presented her with a life membership pin. These gifts show the appreciation of the societies for the service and inspiration given by Mrs. Burton.

The W.M.S. of Pleasant Valley held an Easter thank-offering meeting in the form of a birthday party on March 9. A high-class programme was well rendered. A feature was a group of items by the Mission Band, including an original and beautifully impressive illustrated hymn, "The Gypsy Boy." This illustrated hymn is especially suited to small Bands and directions will be cheerfully sent to any Band wishing them, by application to the president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. A. Ennis, R.R. 1, Brinston, Ont.

The Heckston W.M.S. held a very successful St. Patrick's evening, March 17. The hall and table were suitably decorated and an Irish supper followed an Irish programme. The special features of the evening were the presentation of a life membership certificate to Mrs. James Hess, a former president; and a chair and a travelling case to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graham, for thirty years treasurer of the church. A centenary autograph quilt was sold for \$10. The total receipts were almost \$70.

The Heckston C.G.I.T., under the efficient leadership of Mrs. F. Singleton, held a successful birthday party, March 4. Tables representing the seasons were greatly admired. Miss Jessie Smith, Dundas' Presbyterial C.G.I.T. Secretary, gave an address. A handsome clock

was presented to the church by the group and an autograph quilt made by the girls was given to their leader.

The Easter thank-offering of Cardinal Auxiliary afforded an opportunity of welcoming Miss Cora Smith, who has just returned from China. The president gave the address of welcome and Mrs. Jackson presented Miss Smith with a bouquet of carnations. Mrs. Merrill, Dundas Presbyterial president, gave an inspiring address.

**GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL.**—Mrs. W. H. Henderson, of Ottawa, president of the Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch, was the speaker at the Easter thank-offering meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, Cornwall, Tuesday afternoon, March 9: Her inspiring and helpful address, of which the key-note was, "Christ lifted up," appealed to all hearts. She also spoke of the present conditions in China and Japan. In one Japanese silk factory visited, little girls of five and six years worked from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., often falling asleep from utter weariness. Girls from fourteen to fifteen had longer hours, and when through tumbled into beds vacated by the night shift. Mothers lay their babies on the floor while at work. Girls are paid ten cents a week and women thirty cents. The insanitary conditions are appalling; 200,000 enter the factories every year to fill the places of those who fall through tuberculosis and other diseases. These factories are operated under the direction and by capital of American firms.

**OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL.**—Rev. G. G. D. Kilpatrick, of Chalmers Church, was the special speaker at an evening service in Dominion Church in charge of the W.M.S., Y.W.A. and Mission Circle. Mrs. P. Ellis, president of the W.M.S. presided. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Henderson and Rev. A. Eardley. Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick emphasized the universal application of Christ's Gospel. Criticism of the Church showed that men still expect much of her. In reference to the East the speaker asserted that there was no national demand for Christianity, but there was a willingness to accept the Gospel message.

The Easter thank-offering was taken and a social hour was enjoyed at the close.

Dominion Church W.M.S. held a mite-box tea and money shower from which a considerable sum of money was realized.

## Saskatchewan

*Press Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Sanders, Grenfell, Sask.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. Stewart, 2260 Scarth St., Regina, Sask.*

**SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL.**—An itemized account of every month of the year presented in Mrs. R. B. McLeod's report as secretary of the annual meeting of Knox United Church W.M.S. Saskatoon, gave evidence of energy and vision on the part of the large membership. Much good work was accomplished which affected, not only the actual missionary efforts of the society, but practically every branch of the church's work locally. The sum of \$2,352.57 is the total amount raised during the year. Mrs. Wylie C. Clark was re-elected president.

The jubilee of women's work in India was commemorated on February 15, in St. Thomas' Church, Saskatoon, by a mass meeting of the women of the United Churches. The speaker, Rev. Mr. Harcourt, on furlough from India, reviewed the four decades of the work in Central India. In the devotional service led by Mrs. J. A. Donnell, president of Saskatoon Presbyterial, reference was made to the first four brave missionaries sent out by the former Canadian Presbyterian Church and loving tribute paid to Mrs. Douglas, of Tantallon, one of the four, who, at the first Saskatchewan Conference Branch of the United Church, was made an honorary president.

A delightful and instructive meeting was made still more enjoyable by the kindness of the ladies of St. Thomas Church, who were "At Home" to their guests from the other churches.

**REGINA PRESBYTERIAL.**—Tregarva Auxiliary mourns the loss of two life members and most earnest workers in the passing of Mrs. Joseph Webster, formerly of Elkhorn, Man., and Mrs. R. J. Wylie—mother and daughter. Mrs. Webster was recently made a life member by the Tregarva Auxiliary, being the first in the United Church. Her death took place just four days before her daughter's.

Mrs. Wylie was a charter member of Tregarva Auxiliary, and held various offices down through the years. She was untiring in her efforts for the work, and her passing leaves a gap in both church and community which will be hard to fill.

Of both mother and daughter it is said, "They were women of strong, sweet characters, whom to know was a pleasure and a privilege."

## Toronto

*Press Secretary, Miss Florence Robertson, 438 Delaware Ave., Toronto.*

*Treasurer, Mrs. Jas. Lister, 10 Selby St. Toronto.*

At the March meeting of Toronto Conference Branch, a letter from Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, in which she tendered her resignation as Strangers Secretary, was read. Much sympathy was expressed that Mrs. Macdonald was not well enough to continue in office, and her resignation was accepted. Mrs. E. J. Boyd, 54 DeLisle Ave., Hudson 5085, was appointed Strangers Secretary.

An outline of the programme for the annual meeting of Toronto Conference Branch to be held May 17, 18 and 19, was read by Mrs. F. Rae. Wednesday afternoon, May 18, was set aside for Mission Bands and that evening for young women's work.

**TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL.**—The ladies of the United Church of Meadowvale, were very active along missionary lines during the month of February, when a birthday tea was held and also the special missionary Sunday.

The speakers for the missionary services were Rev. A. Lloyd Smith, Brampton, who spoke at the afternoon service, along educational missionary lines, and at the evening service, Rev. J. J. Ferguson, M.A., D.D., of Toronto, who gave a missionary talk, followed by lantern views of India which were enlarged upon by Rev. Mr. McKay.

The birthday tea was held on the Tuesday in the schoolroom, when over fifty ladies were guests of the Executive. Admission was by birthday bags containing a cent for each year of the age of the guest, and the sum of thirty dollars was realized. Rev. S. J. T. Fortner and Rev. W. A. McKay were present and each gave a short address on general missionary work; and Miss May McClure spoke of the work of her brother, Dr. Wallace McClure, of China. A very enjoyable programme followed, after which supper was served, the candles on the birthday cake being lit by the president, Miss Jessie Gooderham, and later blown out by Mrs.

Charlton, Sr., whose birthday was on that day.

Humbercrest United Church was the scene of a very interesting occasion when the Woman's Missionary Society held a birthday tea in honor of their eighth anniversary. In the absence of Mrs. Henry, the president, who is recovering from a recent illness, Mrs. Agar presided. Mrs. Leadbetter read the Scripture lesson and Mrs. McFadden led in prayer. Mrs. Fisher, from Broadview Church, gave a splendid address on "Christ, the Head of Our Bodies." Mrs. Ellis sang a solo and afterwards the ladies gathered for a social hour and re-

freshments, around tables decorated to represent the twelve months of the year.

**SUDBURY PRESBYTERIAL.**—The Woman's Day of Prayer was observed throughout this Presbytery. A very largely attended meeting was held in Cedar Street Church, Sudbury, with representatives from the Salvation Army, Baptist, Anglican, Presbyterian and United Churches. Rev. R. R. Nicholson presided, and the suggested programme was carried out with the addition of a reading on *Prayer*, by Mrs. A. E. Storie, and a beautifully rendered solo by Miss Doris Shute.

## New Organizations

### Auxiliaries

#### British Columbia Conference Branch

*Vancouver Presbyterial.*—1. St. Andrew's Y.W.; 2. St. Stephen's Y.W.; 3. Riverview Y.W.

*Kootenay Presbyterial.*—Trinity United Church, Creston, Pres., Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Sec., Mrs. W. Kernaghan, Treas., Mrs. John Blinco.

#### Maritime Conference Branch

*Prince Edward Island Presbyterial.*—1. Cascumpee, P. E. I., Pres., Mrs. Margaret Hudson, Sec., Miss Ruth Hierlily, Treas., Miss Ella McKinstrey. 2. Summerside Y.W., Trinity Church.

*Annapolis Presbyterial.*—Waterville, N.S., Pres., Mrs. John MacKay; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Harris Turner.

#### Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch

*Montreal Presbyterial.*—1. St. Andrew's Y.W., MacGillivray, Westmount. 2. Trinity Y.W., Montreal. 3. Community Church, Montreal East, Pres., Mrs. A. I. Young; Sec., Mrs. Coxon; Treas., Mrs. H. Valle. 4. Rosemount; Pres., Mrs. Avery; Sec., Miss E. Oldham; Treas., Mrs. G. Wannamaker.

#### Manitoba Conference Branch

*Rock Lake Presbyterial.*—Rock Lake, Y.W.

#### Toronto Conference Branch

*Simcoe Presbyterial.*—1. Banks, Knox Church, Pres., Mrs. R. W. Wiseman; Sec., Mrs. Hugh MacIntyre; Treas., Miss Annie Graham. 2. Duntroon, Pres., Mrs. J. Brack;

Sec., Mrs. E. Bell; Treas., Mrs. Roy. 3. Kirkville, Pres., Mrs. T. H. Kells; Sec., Miss Lulu Smith; Treas., Mrs. Thomas Hall.

### Mission Circles

#### Bay of Quinte Conference Branch

*Cobourg Presbyterial.*—1. Seymour. 2. Whitby, Tabernacle.

*Renfrew Presbyterial.*—1. Almonte. 2. Hoptown.

#### Manitoba Conference Branch

*Rock Lake Presbyterial.*—Boissevain.

#### Maritime Conference Branch

*Lunenburg Presbyterial.*—Lunenburg, Central Church.

*St. John Presbyterial.*—Gleaners, St. David's, St. John, N.B.

*Prince Edward Island Presbyterial.*—O'Leary.

#### Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch

*Montreal Presbyterial.*—Montreal, Côte de Neiges.

#### Toronto Conference Branch

*Simcoe Presbyterial.*—Midhurst.

### Mission Bands

#### Bay of Quinte Conference Branch

*Cobourg Presbyterial.*—1. Wooler. 2. Gospel Senders, Wooler.

#### Toronto Conference Branch

*Cochrane Presbyterial.*—1. Golden Rule Girls, Timmins. 2. The Lamplighters, Ramore.

*Grey Presbyterian*.—1. Elmwood. 2. Bognor.  
*Toronto East Presbyterian*.—1. Courcellette Road. 2. Cheerful Workers, Scarboro Junction. 3. Carlton Helpers, Carlton.  
*Toronto Centre Presbyterian*.—1. Queensville. 2. Thornhill. 3. Keswick.  
*North Bay Presbyterian*.—1. Sundridge. 2. Trout Creek.

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

Bay of Quinte Conference Branch  
*Renfrew Presbyterian*.—Lanark.

### Maritime Conference Branch

*Halifax Presbyterian*.—1. Fort Massey. 2. Brunswick St. 3. Charles St. 4. Oxford St.—All Halifax. 5. Musquodoboit Harbor.  
*St. John Presbyterian*.—St. Andrew's, N.B.

### Saskatchewan Conference Branch

*Abernethy Presbyterian*.—1. Northern Lights, Strasbourg Senior Group 2. The Golden Stars, Strasbourg.  
*Assiniboia Presbyterian*.—Wide Awake, Invermay.

### Toronto Conference Branch

*Simcoe Presbyterian*.—Orillia.  
*Grey Presbyterian*.—Two Groups, Division St., Owen Sound.

### Associate Societies

#### Toronto Conference Branch

*Toronto East Presbyterian*.—Woodbine, Toronto.

## In Memoriam

*Bay of Quinte Branch*.—Lyn Auxiliary, Mrs. J. C. McCurdy, February 6, aged fifty-two years, a devoted member for twenty-five years, faithful, beloved and much missed.

*Hamilton Branch*.—Hespeler Auxiliary, Mrs. John Tuck, March 4, in her seventy-first year. For many years a faithful member; Drayton Auxiliary, Mrs. J. Fairweather, died January 19, aged seventy-nine, a life member, and Mrs. Oxby, died August 25, 1926, a shut-in member; Bethel Auxiliary (Burford Circuit), Mrs. Wesley Portruff, February 26, 1927, "Faithful unto death"; Moorefield Auxiliary, Wesley United Church, Mrs. Thomas Allen, March 20, 1927; Melville Auxiliary, Fergus, Mrs. Alfretta Mennie, January 27, for many years a dearly loved and efficient officer of the former Wesley Auxiliary of Fergus.

*London Branch*.—Burns Church, Hullett, Mrs. Agnes Hamilton, April, 1926, aged ninety-two, faithful and beloved, charter member and life member; Millbank Auxiliary, Mrs. E. S. Coulter, February 10, aged thirty-five, a devoted and loved president for a number of years, will be greatly missed; Whitechurch Auxiliary, Miss Margaret Martin passed away in Winnipeg General Hospital, February 13, an esteemed life member.

*Maritime Branch*.—Advocate Auxiliary, Advocate, N.S., Mrs. Stuart McAleese, treasurer

for many years, much beloved, and Mrs. (Rev.) H. Cook, a life member, a faithful and beloved president and leader of the Mission Band; Munroe Auxiliary, Gulf Shore, Cumberland County, N.S., Miss Sybella McDonald and Mrs. Sarah Munroe, both active members; Montrose Auxiliary, P.E.I., Mrs. Benjamin Bowness, aged seventy-six, a life member; Cornwall Auxiliary, P.E.I., Mrs. Hannah Crosby, January 1, 1927, a charter member and a faithful worker; West New Annan Auxiliary, Colchester County, N.S., Mrs. John Lepper fell asleep in Jesus, February 17, 1927, a charter member of this Auxiliary forty years ago, and a life member for twenty-five years. She was eighty-seven years old and had been active till within a few days of her death.

*Montreal-Ottawa Branch*.—Lunenburg Auxiliary, Mrs. George Runions, a dearly loved member who went to her heavenly home, December 23, 1926; Mountain Auxiliary, Mrs. John Irvine, December 5, 1926, aged seventy-three; Reids Mills Auxiliary, Mrs. John Skuce, March 9, 1927, aged seventy-four; Pittston Auxiliary, Mrs. Henry Taylor, February 23, in her sixty-first year, a life member and corresponding secretary, a faithful and much loved member; Prescott Auxiliary, Gertrude Heck, wife of Col. A. A. Bennington, and a great granddaughter of the late Barbara Heck, founder of Canadian Methodism, February 17, aged sixty-three, a woman of high ideals and

Christian character; St. Paul's Eastern Auxiliary, Ottawa, Mrs. (Rev.) William Timberlake, a life member whose devotion to the missionary cause led to her daughter offering her services as a missionary to Japan where she remained for seven years, and Mrs. John Hopkins, a faithful member of our Auxiliary and always interested in its welfare; Trinity Auxiliary, Granby, Que., Mrs. S. H. Miner, June 26, 1926, in her

eighty-fifth year, a faithful and devoted member, generously contributing of her means to all church and community objects.

*Toronto Branch.*—Islington Auxiliary, Mrs. B. Johnston, December 13, 1926, most conscientious and tireless worker, greatly missed; Aurora Auxiliary, Mrs. Major, an old and much respected member.

## The Book Shelf

*A Daughter of the Samurai.* By Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto. Doubleday, Page and Co. \$3.00.

*A Daughter of the Samurai* is without doubt as important a book as any which has so far appeared on Japan. It is the autobiography of Madame Sugimoto, one of those Japanese who, born about fifty years ago, has lived hundreds of years in one generation. Its unique value lies in the fact that she has given us a picture of the contact of the best in the East with the best in the West. When it is remembered that the author is now professor of Japanese history at Columbia University, New York, it will be seen how full of contrasts her life has been. Her childhood was spent in a strict Samurai family of the fine old Japanese tradition; in a house cut off by mountains from the Western influences which were beginning to touch the shores of her native land. Then came outside influences, swift changes and fresh impacts on a sensitive and gifted mind, school in Tokyo, the new light of Christian freedom—most delicately touched, the testing experience of crossing the ocean to become the bride of a Japanese business man in Cincinnati, rare friendships in a foreign land, motherhood, sudden bereavement, and the return as widow with two strange chicks, the little American-Japanese daughters. Then come further difficult readjustments before the little girls realize how beautiful Japanese life can be. Through such baffling situations shines like a star the Samurai spirit. The impact of these two civilizations upon each other, surely one of the most romantic episodes in history, is traced more vividly in such candid personal reminiscences than in volumes of abstract dissertation. The book is charmingly gotten up, with a few good illustrations. It is written with unconscious art, in choice English with flashes of delicious humor. To those who know and love Japan,

or to those to whom this delightful land and people are still a closed book, a perusal of these pages cannot fail to bring delight.—*Constance Chappell.*

*The Friendly Four and Other Stories.* Ralph Connor. Geo. H. Doran, Toronto.

In these sketches Ralph Connor reads "between the lines" of the Gospel stories. We all have felt the powerful appeal of these records, told by simple men of the things they have seen and heard and felt, but we have also experienced the longing for something more, for all that has not been told, of the story of Jesus and His associates. And Ralph Connor has reverently allowed his imagination to paint in for us these shadowy forms of men and women who often appear in the sacred story only to vanish again. They speak and act here as we feel they must have so done long ago, and bit by bit as we read, not only they, but the Master himself, emerge so closely intimate with them all in their joys, their problems and their deliverances and yet so divinely apart in His unique love and sacrifice.

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*The Open Gate to Prayer.* By Mabel Nelson Thurston. Introduction by Helen B. Montgomery. Fleming H. Revell Co. 75c.

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## Making Plans for the New Year

For twelve months, March thirty-first has been an oft-repeated date to which Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands have looked forward. That day has come and gone, and very soon Presbyterian and Conference Branch meetings will be held to gather up the threads of the year's effort and formulate plans for the new year that has dawned. What we did last year must be the stepping-stone to this year's achievements.

"Where the vanguard halts to-day  
The rear will camp to-morrow."

New officials have been elected and numerous inquiries have been received as to literature that will help to make the new year's endeavor a success. One can scarcely imagine how an officer can do without an Annual Report. Unfortunately, the stock is exhausted, but a *summary* of the Annual Report has been compiled by the President, and is ready for distribution. It is free, but when ordered in quantities, kindly send postage at the rate of four cents for twenty-five copies. It is a twelve-page pamphlet and is full of facts that every member of the Woman's Missionary Society should know. It is the contents of the Annual Report in a nutshell.

"A Plea for the Twelve" (2 cents). This is a good leaflet to hand to the woman who is usually too busy to attend the monthly meetings. There are a number of arresting worthwhile thoughts.

"A Previous Engagement" (3 cents), makes a plea to hold the time of the regular Auxiliary meeting as a "previous engagement."

"Four Questions With Myself" (1 cent). These four pertinent questions, conscientiously answered by each member, should bring a revival of new interest in the work of the Society.

"No Missionary Meeting Can Be Dull" (2 cents). Send for a copy and try the five recipes given to avoid a dull meeting.

If your Society has fallen into a rut and you want to get out of it, get "Missionary Ruts; How to Get Out of Them" (3 cents).

"Our Aim: Every Woman in the Congregation a Member of the Missionary Society" (2 cents), is an attractive invitation card to attend the next monthly meeting.

If there is difficulty in finding work for each member, send for the leaflet, "What Work Are You Willing To Do?" (1 cent), which suggests seventeen avenues of activity.

"Don'ts For Auxiliaries" (free) with eighteen interesting "don'ts," that if followed will make eighteen active "doers."

A companion leaflet is "Ten Ways to Kill a Society" (3 cents). The first is "Don't come to the meetings," and the tenth and last is, "Don't bother about getting new members. Let some one else do it."

"How Not To Do It" (5 cents), written by one of our Canadian women, is really a splendid leaflet. Your Society may not be guilty of some of the practices mentioned in *not to do*, but it will be worth while to read it. Facts are presented in a terse, practical way.

If you are planning to attend a Presbyterian or Branch Meeting, send for "On Being a Delegate" (3 cents), and find out how you can make the best contribution to that annual gathering as well as how to get the most benefit from it.

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If we were sure that Miss Mary Entwistle would not see this page, we should say much about her charming personality, her work among girls, her official relation to Missionary Societies, and especially her relation to the United Council of Missionary Education in Great Britain, of which she is a member. She is without doubt the most noted of authors of Missionary stories for children. Her "Babies Series," 30c. per volume, are sold the world around and are appreciated alike by mothers and children. These are attractive little volumes, written for children six to eight years old, for use in the Primary Department, or in the home. Their purpose is to create a feeling of friendship for children of other lands; this is necessary if we are to establish world peace and evangelize all nations. The books are charmingly illustrated with photographs and

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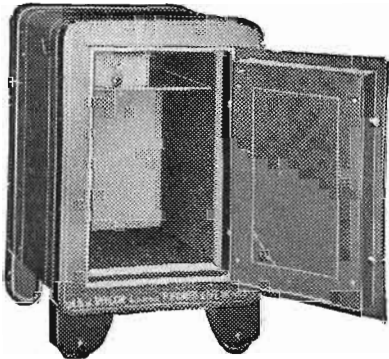
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