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A Call from Jerusalem

WE ARE impelled by a sense of urgency that can only be described as awful to share with our churches at home and overseas the need which God has made known to us in this holy place. Through the common witness of representatives from many lands we have been led to realize that the unchristian social and economic order is presenting the most powerful opposition to the Gospel that the Church has yet been called to meet. Moreover, many features of the life and witness of the so called Christian nations in particular still offer an almost insuperable obstacle to the acceptance by non-Christian races of the salvation which is in Jesus Christ.

The International Missionary Council earnestly calls Christians everywhere to a new and deeper repentance; to a fresh reliance upon the power of prayer; and to an unmeasured offering of sacrificial service. We believe that the life of the Church can only be renewed so that its power can be commensurate with its task if it resolutely seeks the first things, and from all ecclesiastical concerns that deaden its witness, turns again to God.

—*From the Report on the Home Base, Jerusalem Conference.*

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We Thank Thee, O Lord!

For the life that we share with all mankind,
For the heritage of wisdom and of faith wrought out through the
ages and now intrusted to us,
For our dependence upon our fellowmen and for their need of us,
We thank Thee, O Lord!

For all the hours when Thou hast seemed most close,
For hours of silence when we heard Thy voice,
For hours of joy that found its source in Thee,
For hours of pain that felt Thy healing touch,
We thank Thee, O Lord!

For women's greater opportunity to serve,
For freedom to give mind and heart and strength where need is
greatest,
For open doors to truth, and for the right to enter,
We thank Thee, O Lord!

—From *The Retreat Service, used at Atlantic City and Dominion
Board Meetings.*

Editorial

A Richer Lustre

THIS may be properly called Dominion Board number. It would be manifestly impossible to transmit to our readers every detail of the crowded hours, but by word and picture we have tried to tell something, not only of past and present policies and the folk concerned therein, but of the larger outlook inherent in all our work, and the spirit which pervaded every session.

Such a gathering is arranged for the purpose of doing business. Immediately after the opening exercises of the first day, there was a plunge into the duty of the hour, and the days following were packed with the scheduled items. Yet many felt there was less of that relentless urge, "so much to do and so little

time to do it," than in the two former meetings; less of adjustment and much more spontaneous unified effort. Indeed, the impression gathered by those who attended the meeting was just that of real unity, a longing to do the work at home and abroad because it is *our* work and the Master's.

There was another impression which gathered force as plans and purposes were unfolded day by day. We sensed an increasing concern regarding the quality of the work done in all that pertains to our missionary programme. The adequacy of building and equipment, the educational standards of the workers, and business efficiency in organization were all points brought forward in debate and suggestion. We are doing good work, but is it done in the best possible

way? seems to be on the lips of many speakers. And this question, so vital to the success of the whole enterprise, was crystalized in a little story told by one of our missionaries from Japan.

A silk manufacturer said lately to a Christian worker in Japan, "We can always tell the Christian girls by the kind of work they bring out; the silk is finer and more lustrous!" Nothing said at the board meeting held for us more suggestiveness than that. It is not in the number of converts that the real success of our missionaries is found, but in these strong reactions against an old way of living and the glad and conscious effort to relate the whole of life into the imitation of Christ. And it is not the amount of work done by us in this new year of the Society which will count in the total amount, but the qualities of mind and heart which we bring to it.

Is our work finer and more lustrous because of fellowship with the Master?

Gifts of Friendship

LAST year the Committee on World Friendship of the Federal Council of the Churches of America sent a number of dolls from the children of the United States to the children of Japan. Some time afterwards a wonderful collection of dolls was sent from the Japanese back to America.

This year American children are sending friendship school-bags to Mexican children, each bag containing pictures of two Mexican heroes and one of Lindberg. These two episodes are efforts to translate the great issue of world friendship into a language which can be read by every child concerned. Who shall say what effect such a gesture of goodwill may have on to-morrow's citizens?

At the Dominion Board meeting a suggestion was brought forward by the Secretary of Honan, Mrs. Inksater, from Mrs. Donald McGillivray, Shanghai, regarding friendship-dolls from the children of Canada to the little folk of China. This matter was finally left to the Executive for further consideration.

Singing Our Way to Unity

WE ARE speaking much in our missionary work about New Canadians and the rich and picturesque contribution which they are making to this conglomerate nation which is ours. I wonder if we are in danger of forgetting the older Canadians, equally picturesque and possessing a heritage of infinite value—our French-Canadian friends?

A most interesting experiment is being worked out by the Canadian Pacific Railway for the purpose of drawing the attention of thoughtful Canadians to the wonderful possibilities inherent in a closer union of East and West, of English- and French-speaking peoples. Under the clever originator of the movement, John Murray Gibbon, the Folk Songs and Handcraft Festival, which was inaugurated last year in Quebec, has been repeated with even more success this year in the old city. It is another evidence of the spirit of friendship abroad, the effort of two peoples to understand one another and their delight at the discovery of mutual tastes and ideals.

"Singing Our Way to Unity" is the happy manner in which Blodwin Davies puts it in *The New Outlook*. Nothing was so surprising and delightful to the French folk as the appreciation of the folk songs and chansons of old, given by their English-speaking brothers. "We discover," they said, "that we have something in common." What a significant phrase!—And if that is so with our love of music, may it not be so in many other fundamental things of life?

Christian Literature

THE "Children's Bible," by Mrs. Donald MacGillivray, has had a wonderful reception. A second edition of 3,000 copies is on the press, and it has been adopted for use in the Daily Vacational Bible Schools.

Other good books are being published, although their number, compared with the flood of harmful literature, is pitifully

small. One of the most recent is Moffatt's "Everyman's Life of Christ," just translated into Chinese. The touching little book, "The Life of an Unknown Disciple," is also finding its way into the homes of the Chinese. The Old Testament, too, is coming to its own and "The Prophets" is now in its second edition.

Ready for Service

IT IS a happy coincidence that, in publishing the September programme for Mission Bands, which stresses our Canadian kindergarten work, we can also record the signal success of two Japanese girls who came under the influence of our missionaries in Victoria, and who had their early training in the Oriental Home there.

Mrs. A. M. Scott, President of the Alberta Conference Branch, sends an account of the graduating exercises in Lamont Hospital, Alberta. Japanese, Danish, Ruthenian, and Canadian were represented in the group of young women who had prepared themselves for this great service. Among the rest were two charming Japanese girls, Ohiyo Kuba and Grace Oyama, "two of the most efficient graduate nurses," says the printed record, "that Lamont Hospital ever put the seal of approval upon." One of them, Miss Oyama, headed her class, and was awarded the gold medal for general proficiency! As she and her classmate mounted the platform to receive their diplomas lovely bouquets were handed them from their good friend, Miss Annie Martin, of the Oriental Home, Victoria.

It is a startling commentary on our Canadian prejudice to be told that no hospital in British Columbia was willing to accept these two clever and interesting girls as nurses in training and they went out of the province into Alberta, to the United Church Hospital at Lamont.

A New Church

IN THE midst of dark and stormy days the new Church of Christ in China is born. It is most significant that the Chinese, in these days torn with disunion in the nation, should have accomplished, through their religious leaders, the first step towards union in the churches.

The new church does not yet include Methodists or Baptists, but represents about a third of all Protestant communicants in the country. Very few missionaries have desired to perpetuate denominationalism, and the Chinese Christians themselves have rarely been able to understand our differences.

So it is that the future, in spite of much that is insecure and dangerous, is yet full of promise. Perhaps the withdrawal of the missionaries and the responsibility subsequent upon it, may give the Chinese Church a renewed energy growing out of a great need for the guidance of God.

A Great Convention

AT THE time of writing, bulletins are arriving telling of the Tenth World's Sunday School Convention to be held at Los Angeles, July 11-18. There are expected 200 Japanese Christians, the greatest pilgrimage in history, says the Federal Council Bulletin, from a non-Christian land to a Christian gathering.

There is no doubt that the interest of these delegates was aroused, or at least stimulated, by the eighth convention, which was held in Tokyo. The Japanese are deeply concerned with education, but a number of them for the first time became convinced that there was a growing need for religious education, and that it should be put upon a permanent basis. As a people they have raised the largest sum of money for the work that has ever been given from a non-Christian country.



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The Outward Look

JANET T. MACGILLIVRAY

Address of the President at the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Board

NO VERSE of Scripture, with its richness of promise, is more timely or oft repeated by the members of this Board than these words, "As thy day is so shall thy strength be," for in the daily and weekly routine of office duties no lesson comes to us more often mid the sense of the importance of our task, its magnitude, its complexity, than our sense of insufficiency. The years pass and each so quickly; already three of them in all since we became a united Board, and as we look back on the work accomplished we see that promise fulfilled in all its beauty, for as the day came so was there strength given. Patience, hope and trust, trust in Him who is our Lord and Saviour. These were virtues which we needed in measure running over and still need. These we can truly say have been the spirit which helped us along our way.

During these meetings we will celebrate in remembrance that historical date of Church union in Canada, June 10th, the beginning of a movement which is becoming more and more a world movement in religious significance and in which we glory to take part.

While the executive, with its departmental committees, has had its many duties to perform in the path of administration, you as Conference Branch Presidents and representatives have had the responsibility of organization and oversight of the Canadian work within the bounds of your Conference. To-day we meet together as a Dominion Board in Annual Council to study our task as a whole and in relation to the Church's greater task.

Outside the Society's immediate interests, we recognize other interests still whose influences act and interact on Church life and work, and which consciously or unconsciously affect our viewpoint. Many of these will occur to you, but outstanding are the meeting of world Christians at Jerusalem, the revo-

lutionary situation in China, and problems within our own country. More immediate is that meeting of the International Missionary Conference at Jerusalem. We are to hear from two of those who were present. To those who were privileged to be of that number, among them Dr. Choné Oliver, one of our own missionaries representing India, those days must be unforgettable in sacred memory and far-reaching possibilities. Surely it is another step forward towards the final goal of peace and good-will on earth. As we look into those pictures already published of this great gathering and think of the nationalities represented, followers of the Christ, meeting in worship of a common Lord and Master, does it not thrill us with its outcome, the triumph of the missionary cause in which we are a part? And now, as they come down from the Mount of Olives and go their way to the ends of the earth, with the ever-new message of the changeless Christ made still more real in power and triumph, may it be ours to help in the fulfillment of their sacred hopes!

Already we are sharing its influence, its viewpoint, through many fine articles released for publication. The International Missionary Council will henceforth stand for a world organization of Christian forces, its object, "Winning the world for Christ, not merely in the geographical sense, but in bringing all areas of human activity under the influence of Christ." Do we catch the new viewpoint that is theirs—not a lessening of emphasis on evangelism, but an expansion of the theme, the Christ life, in its application?

In contrast to the Edinburgh Conference of 1910 when inter-racial and industrial themes had little recognition, the Jerusalem gathering, from the nature of its personnel, could not get away from such questions, and as one outcome there is brought forward a set of industrial standards which missions should hold up

before their governments in dealing with the so-called backward people. It is parallel to the social creed adopted by many of the Christian communions. We think of its application to mission problems in Africa to-day, where primitive people need protection from the dangers of Western contact, such as enforced labor, alienation of the land, social and moral conditions, and Africa is not alone in its needs.

We are part of that great Council and it will be for us as a Board to think deeply and do our part in giving reality wherever we can to the ideas which were born at that meeting. The Committee of Reference and Counsel which represents all the Boards of North America are planning to keep the findings before us in more succinct form.

China's revolution still forms a theme of world interest. Two-thirds of our mission work is there. Last year found us disturbed, but not discouraged, with the chaos in China. The evacuation of our missionaries from all three fields has taken place and there were those who feared the influence it would have on the cause of Christian missions and its effect

on the home Church. To-day we still look on, waiting but hopeful, and, as the months have passed, certain extreme elements in the revolution—the anti-Christian, anti-foreign and Ultra-Communist aspects have passed, while the more permanent elements remain. Questions of education, political unity, nationalism, economic and industrial changes, are emerging, a tremendous programme to work through which will take years to solve. May I quote here from Dr. Henry Hodgkin, a man of rare understanding and knowledge in Chinese affairs, "We must watch the situation with great patience and with great hope, ready to help when she needs help, to feel with China in her struggles, and avoid the irritation and cynical criticism of those who watch from the outside." He paid a high tribute to "The Chinese Christian Church, not yet fully organized as we understand things, and while yet divinely groping, yet it is already Chinese in its point of view; among its members are men and women of deep Christian experience; it is awake to its national and social duty; above all, the Church of China is the Church of the Living God. He is looking after it. Study how we may play our part more thoroughly."

What of the reaction of events upon the home Church? There are elements that have sought to sway public opinion to the detriment of Foreign Missions. We must stand between those forces that would destroy and the National Christian Church, and seek to build up an intelligent understanding in the minds of our home Church people as to the place which the Gospel of Christ must hold in the hearts of men and women, not alone of China, but of every land. This was constantly reiterated at the Conference of Mission Boards of North America, "We dare not let the missionary enterprise lapse or languish. People are questioning 'Can we afford to keep it up?' The one thing that is clear is that we cannot afford to let it go." In the business world we go to those lands to give and get the best in material riches. Shall we not seek of their best of their spiritual riches and give of ours?



PRESIDENT YASUI
Women's Christian College, Tokyo

Were our forces normal in China today, the Woman's Missionary Society would have over seventy missionaries in its three fields of West China, Honan and South China. To-day South China is normal again, welcomed and undisturbed by adverse factions, our boarding school is filled with eager students, its Chinese principal is Miss Pak, of whose heroism in the Nanking Affair we have heard. Miss Cairns is her helpful adviser. Dr. Chung is ably carrying her load in the hospital which is to be put in thorough repair, and a Canadian nurse goes out this autumn in answer to cables appealing for help and reporting conditions quiet.

The group so patiently waiting in Shanghai to return to West China received consular permission this spring, and, with the good-will of our executive, went their way up the long Yangtze River journey of two thousand miles. News of their safe arrival has come and an eager group of eight more are awaiting word to proceed from Canada in September, making in all a group of about fifteen of our single women, which would seem a sufficiently large group to go forward till the new situation is reviewed, for, notwithstanding the fact that the Chinese have invited all to return, there are vital changes in policy and procedure which make for wisdom in going slowly and winning back the good-will of the Chinese people. Consular advice to our women permits residence in two of the stations, Chengtu and Chungking. Our missionaries have pressed for their return, as we would expect, knowing their heroic natures, yet they see the wisdom of this gradual return till a public feeling is assured. For the sake of the Church and its new day of responsibility the change must come gradually and willingly.

Postal service to and from West China has been possible and has enabled our missionaries to keep in touch with their workers, encouraging and upholding them as they carried responsibility alone. They left over ninety women as Bible-women and teachers, carrying on in school and church, and reports indicate that the greater per cent. have made good.

The Church has been held together by

a loyal Chinese leadership of men and women. Under the new organization the Conference of the Chinese Church becomes the chief executive, our mission councils becoming more and more advisory.

The test to which the Union College of West China and Shangtung have been put with foreign staff much depleted is another valuable commentary on the calibre of the youth who have passed through primary and secondary schools into the institutions of higher learning. It was a woman who was elected president of the student body at West China College. An interesting story is told of "Cheloo," the college name of the University in Shangtung. At the time of the Chinese New Year, a few months ago, the whole theological body of staff and students started out in preaching groups two by two as in New Testament times, going out into the rural parts or crowded cities where they could find an audience. Mr. Djang, who graduated from Knox College two years ago, was their leader and reports remarkable success and experiences.

Interesting developments in Union work are before us, the request to become a constituent member of the Woman's Department of Cheloo University. We can meet this only in part at present by the appointment of a nurse, Miss Coral Brodie, of the Honan-staff, who is ready to accept. She is the choice, too, of the Honan Council. On invitation of the English Presbyterian Board, we are co-operating in their mission in South Formosa. Two members of staff from our former field in the North are already there.

We can picture what the reopening of work will mean to our missionaries in China. We need to remember them in their work of reconstruction and reorganization. There will be disappointments at the destruction that has come, and news is awaited of the conditions of all property. Our future building policy in China, as in all our foreign fields, must be thought out again in the light of devolution. In the meantime, sufficient has been left in the estimates to make some

of our property habitable again. No indemnity will be sought unless the Chinese voluntarily offer, but the personal losses of our missionaries are another matter.

North Honan has been the battleground between the North and South, and loss has been heavy. We know not from day to day who are occupying our buildings. Wanton destruction has followed. General Feng, for whom Honan once had such respect, was among the guilty. With the Nationalist army in control of Peking we are told two-thirds of China will be under their sway. It is unsafe to predict the future; we must patiently wait, hoping that the dawn of better things for China is brightening.

Conditions of famine and misery have followed in many parts, and we in this peaceful land cannot realize what it means. Fortunately the Famine Relief Committee, set up in 1821 in Peking, has been called into action and has made use of money available. It is organized with its thirteen branch committees in thirteen provinces, is philanthropic as an organization, and many missionaries serve on it. Its method of relief takes the form of payment to able-bodied members of refugee families for work done on public improvements, such as river dykes and roads. They are paid in grain shipped into the district; only raw material, no money, goes in. We are told that even armies and bandits respect its flag. An American engineer is at present at the head of the committee. It is the Gospel again applied and, through such means of befriending China, Christian nations are helping to establish her future.

We think of Mrs. Tzen's words as she said good-bye on leaving for China, "Don't keep your eyes on the firing line; keep it on the Christian Church." If the story of her life in the *JUNE MISSIONARY MONTHLY* is a type of China's Christian womanhood, as we believe it is, there is golden material on which to build. The contacts made by her visit to Canada in Church life and daily affairs will react for Canada and the Church as well as for China in days to come.

Bishop White of Honan, adjacent to our mission, addressing the Woman's

Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada the other day, declared the recent evacuation has advanced the cause of missions twenty-five years, and from it will emerge a United Church of Christ for China, denominational lines lost sight of. His prediction of Chinese womanhood was that she would gain a place of equality unknown to women in any other part of the globe. When seeking to form a Woman's Auxiliary in the Synod of Honan, the name "auxiliary" was not acceptable, suggesting inferiority, and in its place the term was adopted, Woman's Missionary Service League!

During the year, conferences have been held with our missionaries from China as we shared each other's concern for the future, for your Executive has been anxious to deal generously and justly with them in a situation over which they had no control. A questionnaire was sent to each, asking if she desired to return to the field under the new order and if she would accept temporary appointment meantime in the homeland under the Woman's Missionary Society. To the first there was unanimous desire to return to China and to the second a most loyal response, which helped to simplify the furlough problem of our home workers. The party going out in September will include Misses Steele, Jack, Wellwood, Rouse, Hambly, Virgo, Ward and Darby. The question of return to Honan is not being considered, nor is there any proposal to ask new missionaries to go to China, except to coast missions. The strain and anxiety has been too great. We must think of the future, nevertheless, and the appeal still stands to be ready to fill the vacant posts especially of doctors and nurses.

There is not time to speak intimately of each foreign field or each department in the home field; that will be for our secretaries. Suffice it to say that our honored Moderator, Rev. Dr. Endicott, will spend the third anniversary of the union, June 10th, in West Central Africa, bringing our Church's message of greeting to the native Church and to the missionaries. The visit of two of our number, Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Sanford, to

the Trinidad Mission at the time of its jubilee has been a time of great satisfaction both to the mission and to the Society and has meant a further link in sympathy and understanding of immeasurable value to our Board. The survey of affairs has been delightfully complete from the little village group and school to the larger institutions and the Church itself. It has made us know Trinidad as never before.

To Japan, India, South China and Trinidad newly appointed missionaries will go this fall, two to each of the larger fields and one to each of the smaller. Five new appointments are also made to Canada. Under the authority of the General Council of our Church these will be designated by that court of the Church, the Conference to which they belong. A special commissioning service for our women missionaries has been prepared by a committee of your Board and will be used for the first time at these services, and eventually find a place in the Book on Faith and Order which the Church is having prepared. This is a step forward for us all in the place which trained women of the Church hold. They are appointed by the Woman's Missionary Society and enter their field of service by the authority of The United Church.

The celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation has made Canada more than ever a centre of world interest as her vast potential wealth has been revealed. Many eyes are turning towards her as a home to be desired. Population of the right type is needed. There is no more touching scene than the arrival of an immigrant train, many of which are crossing Canada to-day, leaving here and there, in city, in country, in mining town, its group of new settlers, strangers in a new land, for the most part people of purpose, who will bring credit to our country. The Strangers' Department therefore represents the most important part of our work, not only as a welcome link between Canada and their homeland but it has its bearing on the World Peace and Friendship programme of the churches.



OUR COMMUNITY WORK
Timmins, Ont.

Our United Church is awake to the needs in the building up of our nation. Church union is already making possible the reaching of unchurched areas. Through it, difficulties of serving foreign areas are being solved, for instance, in great cities: from Winnipeg there will go out into Home Mission fields this spring groups of young men, two by two, for we have reached the day when the second generation of non-Anglo-Saxons trained in our public and church schools has the viewpoint of the Church of Christ and the spirit of the Empire. Again, the Church of All Nations in Toronto is but a further example of achievements now possible in cities where large foreign populations congregate. In that church you will find its Canadian pastor with his non-Anglo-Saxon associate ministers, each serving his own group yet worshipping together.

An increase in desire to know more of our Home Missions is evident among our Church people. What an opportunity for power is in our hands as women, for our work as a Woman's Missionary Society lies chiefly among the children and youth of our land and among the

mothers, which means the homes of the people.

“And the spirit of childhood shall show
us the way to friendship
That lasts and to peace that shall
stay—”

a fitting motto to claim.

The capturing of the youth of our land to practice friendship and follow the example and teaching of Jesus is a magnificent aim. With this as their ideal several national Church organizations in which the denominations are co-operating are definitely linked up with the Sunday school and the Woman's Missionary Society. We refer to the National Girls' Work Board and a similar group for Children's Work. They are helping to solve the problem of leadership by such methods as schools of missionary education for Children's Workers and their programmes of help are most attractive, whether for Mission Band, C.G.I.T. or Mission Circle.

That the moral conditions of our country should be on a high plane is the hope of the Christian Church, and the need of constructive work on behalf of temperance and moral reform for the sake of our youth, for the sake of our homes, is being seriously faced by the

Board of Evangelism and Social Service, which has issued a strong educational programme. Our own Dominion Board of the Woman's Missionary Society is recommending that a Department of Temperance be added to our work with a secretary who will study the question and whose work will extend through our organization to the auxiliary. The Home Mission Board is planning an educational programme on Canada and missionary needs. It is operated through the Publicity Committee, of which the Woman's Missionary Society is a part, and has planned to issue a series of attractive books, two of which are ready, “Up to the Light,” the story of French Canada, and “In Greater Waters,” of our marine guard up the Pacific Coast where the hand of love and mercy is stretched out to those pioneer hamlets up the lonely rugged inlets. While West Africa is to be our immediate study course for the year 1928-29, Canada comes next. Let us take every opportunity of adding to our stores of knowledge of our homeland.

There are many phases and problems in Canadian work to which attention should be drawn. A long list of needs faces us in the homeland, passed on to us from the Home Mission Board, from the coast of Labrador out to the Pacific shores, and added to this is a long list from the foreign field. With new policies now being enforced and with the increased cost of maintaining the present work the estimates for maintenance alone exceed our income. The only reason for allowing it to exceed is that these estimates are a maximum figure. Again fields must be warned to guard expenditures and the policy of our building programmes must be thoroughly reviewed. Our building programme alone sent forward by Mission Councils and the home-field reaches over \$357,000.00 so we see these needy lists to a large extent set aside and we are burdened in spirit, yet upheld by the thought of the membership that is ours and their growing desire that the spirit of giving be more worthily expressed. More than ever do we feel the need of a definite survey of the work, especially in Canada. Presbyteries are already facing this to some extent and are



A COMMUNITY HOUSE
Copper Cliff, Ont.

calling on the Woman's Missionary Society representatives to help, as indicated by the joint recommendations which come to us from them. This review of our work is raising questions both of policy and of types of work that should be continued.

The policy of our Church commits to Presbytery the oversight of all missionary work within its bounds, and while the Woman's Missionary Society administers its own work in Canada, it is ever, in a sense, of partnership, for the work of our Church is one. Hence we welcome the knowledge that the relationships suggested are being happily worked out, which means a link right up from Presbytery and Conference to General Council. The impression left as we meet our executive women in Conference branch and Presbyterian is of the strong and representative body of Church women who are shouldering responsibility and who are well able to think through problems of local work, and free the already over-worked Executive of the Dominion Board of the necessary detail. This is the method under which the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery works and is the method carried out in the Councils on the foreign fields, leaving the larger questions of policy and common interest to the Dominion Executive. It is for the future we are building, and as newly formed policies are being tried out and reactions are felt, so we must be guided.

There are indications of a lack of knowledge among the lay people of our Church as to why The Woman's Missionary Society is not a part of the Maintenance and Extension Fund, nor is there anything in the literature issued to explain. We wonder if the remedy is not in adding thereto, as information, a supplementary statement and figures of the W.M.S. estimated needs. We believe it would make for better understanding both by the ministry and the lay member. We carry large responsibilities in both the home and foreign fields of our Church, amounting to over \$1,000,000.00,

In Desert Places

Mark 6:13

Steep the path, the burden heavy?
 Jesus knows;
 And in love calls weary ones
 To seek repose;
 Oft apart in desert place
 To rest awhile,
 Where the quiet hours His presence
 Will beguile;
 Comforted, refreshed, and strengthened,
 Heart and nerve,
 Toiling on, or waiting orders,
 Him we serve.

By a W.M.S. "Shut-in."

—Cinda E. Williams.

but the needs and cost of maintaining the work are known only to our own organization. We are anxious to find a more satisfactory basis of allocation, and mutual conference on women's work and the general work of the Church might find a remedy for these problems.

The spirit of the past year's work in the conference branches of the Dominion indicates a distinct step forward toward the achievement of our goal when we shall be able, as a society, not only to maintain fully our present work, but generously to answer the insistent calls which growth demands. During these years since Union we have been putting our house in order. It may take five years, a reasonable time, before we can see our way for any aggressive programme of work. Much has been accomplished in the foundation building, and we rejoice. As we study our work at close hand and then look far down the highway that is ours to follow, four urges meet us, which seem fundamental to the future building up of our work:

The urge for intelligent and planned giving rather than by spasmodic effort, and thus make possible a balancing of needs adequately sustained and a growth worthily met;

The urge for a better understanding of the relationship of our work as an integral part of the Church's missionary programme;

The urge for young women of teen-age and older to consider seriously service in our Church, willing to train and fit themselves for the new and arresting situation in the greater Canada that is upon us, willing to serve also in those other countries where the women's movement for emancipation is one of such complexity and which Christian womanhood must help to solve;

The urge not alone for stewardship of possession, of time, and of service, but for vision, for, while the needs of organization in our Society must take due place, let us not miss those heavenly harmonies which the nature of our work should foster in our own souls, and thus make possible that balanced vision of a great work and a great purpose.

Before bringing this message to a close we would recall with loving remembrance those who have passed into the life made perfect, Miss Lackner and Miss Harper, missionaries beloved in Japan, and Mrs. Colin Young from the Executive of this Board, also Mrs. Gordon, of Montreal, a member of the former Methodist Board for many years. Valued missionaries also have had to withdraw, some but for a season, through breakdown in health or family reasons, also from the Executive we shall miss familiar faces who find it impossible to serve. They go with us still along the way in interest and sympathy.

Two names of those retiring we would mention specially: Miss Eva Smith, Assistant Treasurer since Union, and for many years connected with that office under the former Methodist Society. She has meant much to us during these transition years. Her qualities of mind and heart were recognized from the first. She at once established a confidence among the United Board members in caring for this part of the work. She had the confidence of our Treasurer and of the Auditors of the Society. Hers was a work difficult and exacting and she spared not herself.

It will also come as a matter of deep regret to know that Miss MacGregor lays down her duties as Travelling Secretary. The strain of the years has told. Few know Western Canada as she does, nor is there one more welcome and beloved, for into the highways and byways she went telling our story, organizing and inspiring in the interests of the Church's Missions for over twenty-five years.

Both of these loved their work and we shall miss them. Our prayer is that health may come to them both again and that in the quietness of rest the memory of a work well and faithfully done for the Master may bring them joy.

During these sessions of our Dominion Board may the vision of the nobility of our work be such that each member will go forth with joy and earnestness, eager to bring reality into that vision, eager to put her best of mind and heart into that service given in His name and for His sake.

The Open Gates

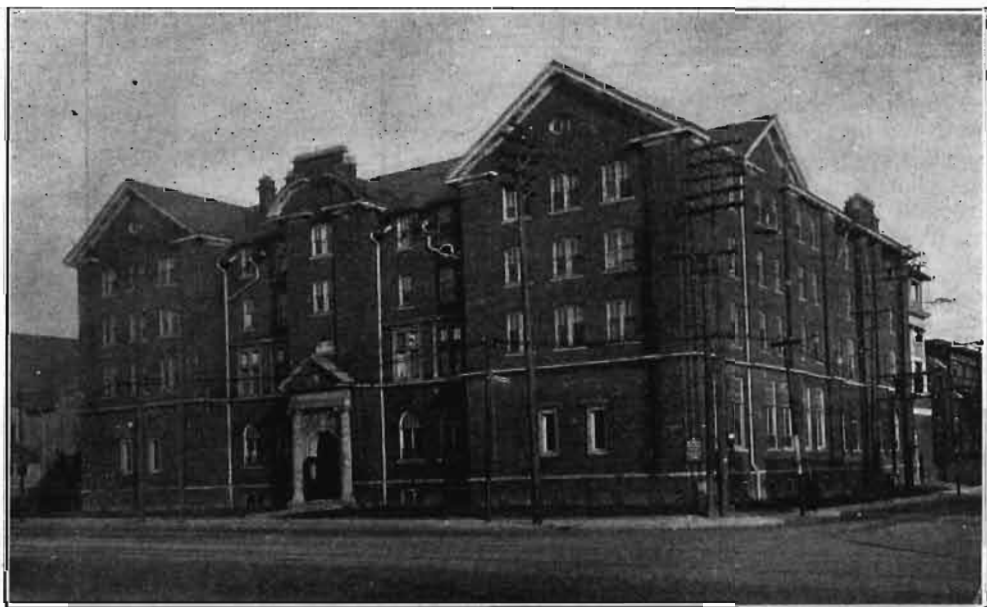
THE EDITOR

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. . . . Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. . . . Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night. Isaiah 60: 1-11.

THESE great words fell with profound significance on the ears of the women gathered together for the preliminary conference at the third annual meeting of the Dominion Board of The Woman's Missionary Society. Though spoken ages ago, they contained for us promise of fulfilment of the great ideal towards which we move, and a vision of the scope of our activities, its international contacts, and the universality of that Church whose gates shall be open continually. May the record which follows keep alive that wonderful conception in the hearts of those who read!

The meeting was held in Toronto, June 6-13. The sunshine, which is the prerogative of every long June day, was sadly lacking on the first morning, but there was no lack of brightness within as friend met friend, surrounded by that atmosphere of anticipation and comradeship which is always created by a common interest.

The meetings were held in the fine chapel of the United Church Training School, St. Clair Avenue. A beautiful and restful room was the universal verdict, its pillared spaces bathed in light softened before it reached us by the green



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tints of the windows. The large room behind the folding doors contained a full and most attractive display of books, leaflets, posters and many fine slides from the literature department.

Flowers were in evidence everywhere, plucked with lavish hand by Mrs. West



MISS RUTH HARPER

from her own garden—tulips of shades from purest white to dusky red, masses of lilac and iris brought the June day indoors. The Strangers' Secretary helped much, through her generosity, to brighten the long sessions of the week.

We missed some familiar faces from the group on the platform. Mrs. H. A. Lavell, Past-President, who last year took charge of the restful noon-day service, and Mrs. C. R. Crowe, Second Vice-President, were both unable to be present. The former honorary members had been invited, but only one was present, Mrs. John Somerville, Toronto. A delightful little point of contact with some of them, however, was established through letters from Mrs. A. Carman, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Mrs. E. S. Strachan and Miss C. E. Carmichael. Mrs. T. H. Hill, mother of our missionary, Elizabeth Read, Africa, and Miss M. Wilkes were both missed from the meeting.

During the sessions prayer was offered for absent friends laid aside from active work: Miss M. E. Addison, who is still seriously ill in a hospital in Toronto;

Dr. C. E. Manning, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and Miss Eliza McGregor, who has retired from service because of impaired health.

The Worship Periods

The services of worship, as usual, fell like dew on the fevered activities of the day. Representatives of the different conference branches took part in each morning's exercises. On Thursday morning, the beginning of the full session, the service was taken from that of the Retreat at Atlantic City. Quiet music prepared everyone for the responsive reading and prayer that followed, closing with the unanimous note of praise, *Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts; the Whole Earth is Full of His Glory.* Some of our missionaries brought messages to us at the noon period of worship and led in prayer. These were Mrs. Longley and Miss Edith Sparling, West China, Miss Margaret Brown, North Honan, and Miss Irene Thompson, who goes to Trinidad.

Holy Communion was one that will long be remembered by those who participated. It was preceded by a brief



MISS EVELYN LACKNER

memorial service. In a hush that pervaded every spirit, Mrs. G. J. Bishop read the names of the two members of the board and of the two missionaries who had passed away during the year.

As the strains of the beautiful hymn drew our thoughts heavenward—"I to the hills will lift my longing eyes"—a basket of carnations, thirty-six in number, was brought forward, and placed on the table. The flowers told the story of Ruth Harper's fragrant thirty-six years of life.



MRS. COLIN YOUNG

As a teacher in the school at Kofu, Japan, and later as evangelist at Ueda, the sweetness of the service she rendered has permeated the communities in which she lived. In health, in sickness, in the years of crowding duties and in these last seven months when, far from home and kinsfolk, she struggled with pain and weakness, her bright and hopeful spirit remained unclouded. One of her Japanese friends said, "We have much to learn from her."

Evelyn Lackner's brief life is a tale full of that joyous self-forgetfulness that is incarnate in those who live close to the Master. She lived for years in crowded, unsanitary quarters in Tokyo where, in co-operation with Annie Allen, she served the women and girls of the Kamiedo. Worn out, she returned home hoping that rest and care would enable her to return to this beloved work, but her Heavenly Father had other plans, and she was called home in October. Before submitting to an operation, she said to her pastor, "If I should not recover, pass on the challenge to the young people of the Church that someone may go and take

my place!" When news of her death came to the Kamiedo centre, one of the women said, "I have no money; let me clean the room as my offering to the dead."

Mrs. J. A. Gordon, Montreal, was a member of the Interim Board. She became early interested in mission work and that interest grew until it was the dominant desire of her life. Her associates speak of her as being strong, fearless, and true, her judgment good, and her counsel eagerly sought. To the very last she gave her service, and one of her latest acts was at a public function in connection with The Woman's Missionary Society of Dominion-Douglas Church, Westmount.

The first impression received from Mrs. Colin Young was that of abounding life. She loved her work, but her interest went far beyond to all the vital things that are part and parcel of the life of humanity. She brought to the board such a saving sense of humor that many a situation, fraught with possibilities of friction, closed with laughter. Who shall estimate the gifts such women bring to the too often dull routine of business? Mrs. Young was first chairman of the



MRS. JOHN A. GORDON

United Home Missions Committee and was an enthusiastic advocate of home missions.

The Communion Service was conducted by Dr. E. A. Henry, Deer Park Church.

Toronto, assisted by the following missionaries on furlough: W. E. Sibley and W. C. Jolliffe, West China; J. H. Bruce, A. Thompson, North Honan; T. A. Broadfoot, South China, and S. J. Proctor, Korea. The message from Dr. R. P. McKay was full of tenderest meaning and drew all close to the feet of the Master.

Some delightful interludes occurred during the sessions, all of them having the air of being quite spontaneous. One of these was a tribute to Miss Eva Smith, for many years the most efficient Assistant Treasurer of the former Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, and since union of the united Society, twenty-six years in all. Miss Smith is giving up her work in August on the advice of her doctor, in order to have a complete rest, and the reception accorded her as she stepped on the platform to receive the Society's thanks was sufficient indication of the splendid work which she has done. A beautiful chain of crystals, set in silver, was presented to her, with many kind words regarding her unique contribution to the Society.



MISS EVA SMITH

At another point the routine was agreeably broken by the presentation of bouquets of sweet peas and roses to Mrs. J. McGillivray and Mrs. Annie Rutherford. Both have outstanding qualities for chairmanship and long experience in speaking to the point in discussions at important meetings. But we admire even more their ability to listen well, their patience with the heavy infractions of the rule, "Speakers must not speak more than once on one question," and the sweet reasonableness which persisted in the most difficult questions.

Still another time a gust of laughter swept through the room when Mrs. G. E. Forbes presented her fellow traveller to Trinidad with a bouquet, explaining that since bouquets were the order of the day in that country she was only continuing the practice in Canada! Mrs. Sanford's little talk which followed was a delightful twin travelogue to the one which Mrs. Forbes had already given on Trinidad some time before.

Canadian Work

The first evening, Wednesday, members were invited to attend Home Missions Night of the Toronto Conference. Those who did will not soon forget the addresses presented. They were surely the best commentary that could be made on the work done and the kind of men who do it.

Rev. J. D. Parks, Timmins, spoke on "The Frontier." In simple but dramatic language he presented to us the names of the children on his baptismal register—Hungarian, Czecho-Slovakian, Norwegian, Spanish, French-Canadian, youngest members of The United Church. The fathers are for the most part miners, and Mr. Parks paid a high tribute to the sterling worth of many of them and to the patience and fortitude of the women.

Dr. T. W. Neal gave a very different picture, but one as effective and with as pressing an appeal—the crowded streets, unsanitary quarters, and the never-ending struggle for mere existence. "The city," said Dr. Neal, "is the new frontier of home missions!" He called for a radical change of front of the

Protestant Churches who are retreating from the congested parts of great cities.

From the third speaker, Rev. J. C. Cochrane, came a great story of the investments of The United Church in character. Mr. Cochrane told of his early life, the little log house, the sweeping forest fires, and the undaunted spirit of those who could say, "We will just trust in God and begin again!"

Opening Session

On Thursday morning began the real business of the week. The following account does not pretend to reprint that which can be found in full in the Annual Report, soon to be in the hands of the members; rather it is an attempt to capture things much too illusive for reports and to make more real to the scattered members the women who have been given the leadership in this great movement. The admirable reports of the General Secretary, Miss Effie Jamieson, will well repay those who read them carefully. Great praise was also given to the Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Briggs, and the Assistant Treasurer, Miss Eva Smith, for upon them fell the burden of adjustment of salaries of missionaries and the working out of the financial plans and problems presented.

Mrs. J. W. Bundy, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, proved by a blackboard demonstration the wisdom and practicability of budgeting, and showed its efficiency in the past when it has been adopted. Mrs. A. E. McCulloch brought in the report on the Retirement Fund, policies of which are gradually being perfected.

Home Organization

A study of the Third Annual Report will give all interesting details concerning these and the reports of the Home Organization. These were Auxiliaries and Associate Helpers by Miss Jamieson; Young Woman's Work, Mrs. D. T. McClintock; Mission Bands and Baby Bands, Mrs. C. A. Chant; and C.G.I.T. Groups, Mrs. Fred Bartlett. Miss Jamieson has elsewhere some informa-

tion regarding important action of the Board. Mrs. J. H. Purdy, the enthusiastic Young Woman's Secretary, resigned this year, and Mrs. McClintock, who has given good service during last winter in Mrs. Purdy's absence, takes her place. Mrs. Chant's report, as always, was full of good things accomplished and a great faith in better things to come. It was good to have the C.G.I.T. groups represented by a secretary all their own, a young woman in close touch with girls' work.

Conference Branch Representatives

We are always peculiarly interested in the introduction of delegates from our eleven conference branches. Each so longs to bring the claims of her particular province before the attention of the Board and there is always a certain amount of good-humored rivalry which wakens a ready response in those who listen.

From Alberta came again Mrs. A. M. Scott, than whom no better champion could be found for the folk who live on the prairies and earn their living, often precariously enough, on the scattered farms. Mrs. J. T. Daley, another familiar and welcome figure, again represented the Bay of Quinte as President. We missed Mrs. J. S. Gordon, President of the British Columbia Branch, but we were all glad to have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. G. O. Fallis, and hearing her viewpoints on the work. One of our missionaries, formerly of West China, Miss Mary A. Asson, was one of the delegates from this branch. The following presidents of Conference Branches who always make real and valuable contributions in the discussions of the sessions, were also in their places: Mrs. H. G. Arnott, Hamilton; Miss A. M. Rennie, London; Mrs. C. W. Gordon, Manitoba; Mrs. C. F. Sanford, Maritime; Mrs. J. H. Laird, Saskatchewan, and Mrs. E. B. Lanceley, Toronto. Miss E. F. Tweedie, the new President of Montreal-Ottawa, represented that branch, and Mrs. W. H. Henderson, former President, was also a delegate. It was a real pleasure too to hear from our Newfound-

land friends, Mrs. C. H. Johnston, and Mrs. Chas. Howse, the latter the mother of our missionary, Millicent Howse, who has been busy at language study in Portugal. Mrs. Eugene Lindsay, President, was not able to be present.

The President's fine message, given at the Friday afternoon session, is printed elsewhere. Miss Winnifred Thomas, Candidate Secretary, presented her report afterwards, giving some most interesting details of the great business of the quest for our new missionaries. Miss Thomas sounded a note of warning—the prospect was not too bright for the year to come, and not many candidates were so far in evidence.

The Jerusalem Conference—On Friday evening, in the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, we heard two speakers give their impression of the conference at Jerusalem. One of these was Mrs. Murray Brooks, the only woman representative from Canada, who has been in Y.W.C.A. work in Ceylon, India, and also in Edinburgh, Scotland. We published her admirable account in the July number of the magazine. The other speaker was one in whose project we were interested before he spoke, Dr. Rischauer, of the Woman's Christian College, Tokyo, Japan. One of our missionaries, Miss Constance Chappell, is on the staff of this college, and the President, Dr. Yasui, a woman of the most sterling Christian character, is recognized as second to none in the field of higher education in Japan. Dr. Rischauer brought to us a great vision of the potential power of the awakened womanhood of the East. The possibilities of the college are unlimited if only the financial needs are adequately met, and we longed, as we listened to that thoughtful address, to have more share in the great task of giving to the girls of Japan that higher education which will enable them to take their places as leaders in the best movements of the nation.

Through the kindness of Mrs. H. J. Pell, many had an opportunity of meeting Dr. Rischauer at a reception on

Saturday afternoon, which also afforded a delightful social function for delegates and members.

Publications—Saturday morning was given over to publications. Mrs. A. M. Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer of Literature, gave a comprehensive report of her department, the sale of books during the year, the publication and sale of leaflets, and the preparation and presentation of slides on the work of the Society. Periodicals was presented by Mrs. H. C. Parsons, Secretary-Treasurer, and the report showed a very satisfactory financial condition of this department. Subscriptions to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY number 65,074; fifty-eight per cent. of the total auxiliary members are subscribers.

The three editors also gave their reports at this session. All were brief and to the point; a magazine has a way of speaking for itself and is its own justification. THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY report, brought forward by Mrs. J. H. Turnbull, showed that the magazine has passed the experimental stage of its existence and, according to the many assurances given, adequately represents the great body of women who compose our Society.

Miss E. B. Lathern, Editor and Business Manager of *The Palm Branch*, was the spokesman for her paper for the junior groups. She recounted her problems of the year as "so many zigzags and more zigs than zags!" The little missionary newspaper has so many attractive features that it should much more generally be used by Mission Bands everywhere.

Mrs. K. N. Tait called on the imagination of the women to picture her part in *The United Churchman*, using the analogy of the famous tides of her beloved country to express the ebb and flow of material to her particular page. As usual the reaction from the prosier hours of business came in laughter and applause for the sallies of our Maritime friends!

Foreign Missions

In a spirited speech Mrs. Frank Rae, Chairman of the Foreign Missions Committee, introduced the secretaries of that department. She spoke of the wealth of detail in their work, and the new fellowship which had come to them as an outcome of the meetings. "A bear's defence of her whelps," she declared, "was as nothing compared to the secretaries' championship of the missionaries on their particular fields!"

Mrs. Hales spoke for West China. In not one letter from the evacuated work-

Chung, who has been holding the hospital there practically single-handed for a long time.

From Mrs. Langford, Secretary for Japan, comes a note of sorrow for the two precious lives gone from the field, Evelyn Lackner and Ruth Harper, but a note of joy too at the prospect of two new missionaries, who sail soon, and of the return of Miss Cho Ide to Japan to give a richer contribution to the lives of her countrymen.

We are publishing the report of Mrs. Hugh McKenzie elsewhere, as it deals in



SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN HAMHEUNG, KOREA

ers, she said, was there a note of concern for the writers themselves; not "What will become of me?" but "How can the work best be done?" Mrs. H. R. Ink-sater, bringing a message from North Honan, told of the destruction of property there, but, in spite of that, some work is still going on. In South China, Mrs. W. R. Taylor reported no real trouble, and in the school at Kongmoon there is a record attendance of girls—105. The Chinese doctors, discouraged by the decline in efficiency of the hospital at Shek Kei, are calling upon Dr. Wannop to come back. To Kongmoon our Society is sending Nurse Rae Isaacs to help that gallant little doctor, Victoria

a striking way with the thirtieth anniversary of our Korean mission; and Mrs. Patton's message incorporated "the sweetest story of the season" in Central India, which also has found a place elsewhere.

From Mrs. Sinclair came the news of the disposition of two of our North Formosa workers to the South, where they are giving service under the English Presbyterian Mission, but supported by our Society.

The Secretary of Africa and Trinidad, Mrs. W. T. Gunn, gave us heartening news from both fields. She spoke particularly of the medical work in Africa and cited a striking instance from a let-

ter of one of the missionaries on the field which was published in the July issue of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY.

It was at this point that Mrs. C. F. Sanford, one of the "delicates"—as they were designated on the field—to Trinidad, gave her informal and delightful talk, which deserves more than a passing mention, did space allow.

Some of the missionaries from the foreign fields then spoke. It had been hoped that Miss Florence Clearihue, Kharua, Central India, whose furlough is now due, would have arrived in time for the meeting, but as she was detained, Mrs. G. P. Bryce, whose husband is a missionary of the General Board, kindly came at the last minute to give us a message from her adopted country. She spoke of the tremendous influence of the educated girlhood of India and the changed emphasis in the missionary programme to *quality* instead of *quantity*. It was an interesting commentary on this viewpoint to know that Mrs. Bryce, mother of six children, had just received her master of arts degree in Toronto University.

From West China the representative was Miss Edith Sparling, who returned to that country shortly after the Dominion Board meeting. The intense Bolshevik propaganda was particularly active in certain districts, and Miss Sparling told of a number of blasphemous posters hung up in conspicuous places in Fowchow: "Down with the Almighty," said one caption. Another depicted a hand dripping with blood and under it the phrase, "The Church of Szechwan." But it is good to know that many of the Chinese are not misled by these manifestly false representations and are holding fast to the Word of God and the Church of China.

Mrs. Ratcliffe, our nurse at the hospital at Weihwei, gave us a vivid picture of Chinese sanitary conditions—lack of ventilation, lack of water, and the wretched sewage and garbage system—if system it can be called—no municipal care, no guarded milk supply, except in

Peking, no isolation from infection. Is it any wonder that the death rate of children under five approaches the appalling number of eighty per cent? "We have only scratched the surface," were the significant words with which Mrs. Ratcliffe closed her address as she pleaded with us to help to build up a strong organization of trained men and women for the work.

Japan was represented by Margaret D. Keagey, our household science specialist. She told us of the problems of the rural population, where the Japanese farmer works unceasingly on his comparatively small farm. "I am impressed when I return to Canada," said Miss Keagey, "with the wealth and success evident everywhere in the great country districts." The Japanese farmer has little above what is needed to clothe and feed his family, and has that only with untiring effort. In another item we make note of the fine testimony of the manager of a silk factory as to the work turned out by the Christian girls.

Annetta M. Rose, home on furlough from Korea, was the next speaker, and she conducted us through the villages on an imaginary evangelistic tour. But the folk and the message are very real, and Miss Rose drew from a rich experience many significant little episodes of the approach of the missionary with the Gospel of life and hope.

This most interesting part of the sessions would not have been complete without a few words from our charming little Japanese friend, Ide San, who returns soon to her own country. She had a warm message of thanks for the Society and a great hope for the enlargement of her own work at home.

Miss Garrett, a visitor to the Board and one who had visited the African Mission last year, was asked by the African women at Chissamba to carry home a message from them. Her account was a touching testimony of the patience and longing of the people for the missionary and his word, and the lack of adequate provision for the transmission of both.

Home Missions On Tuesday afternoon came the opportunity for the presentation of Home Missions. Mrs. James Harrison, chairman of this department, introduced the secretaries with a few well-chosen words. Mrs. Jessie Munro Johnston spoke for Community East work. She called this work the handmaid of the Strangers' Department, as it follows up the stranger in

Canada and ministers to him. Community West was presented by Mrs. R. P. Stouffer, whose resignation has been accepted with a great deal of regret. Mrs. Arthur Barner came next with the School Homes report. In these latter we are influencing the lives of the stranger again at the most impressionable years of life.

Oriental was given by the Secretary,

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Mrs. Alex. Hamilton, who has taken up the work on the regrettable resignation of Mrs. Bews. Mrs. Hamilton is only coming back, however, to a work which she loves and knows well and she left shortly after the meeting for the coast,



MISS MARY A. ROBERTSON

where she intends to visit our centres of Oriental activity in Vancouver and Victoria.

Mrs. Chas. Clark reported that 800 boys and girls were now being educated in our Indian schools. From Mrs. West, Strangers' Secretary, came a bright and imaginative talk on her peculiar work with its great international opportunities. Mrs. Kipp had given her report at a previous meeting, commenting on the aim of the medical missions to "save the mothers on the frontier!" Miss Shipley, our nurse at Bonnyville, Alberta, a welcome member at almost all the sessions, spoke in Mrs. Kipp's stead on Tuesday, of the problems of the work there and the increasing need of a strong Protestant constituency.

As in the Foreign Mission session missionaries from the fields followed their secretaries—a happy arrangement, as the experiences of those on the fields came as concrete examples of the work all were trying to do. Miss Emmaline Black, in a warm championship of the New Canadian, among whom she works in Windsor, gave some startling figures in con-

nection with jails, and corrective homes. In one industrial home among one hundred women there was one foreign. In a redemptive home there was not one foreign woman. Of what nationality are the children of the crèches? Almost altogether British and Canadian. What men stand in the bread line? Again, Miss Black assures us, British and Canadian. And these people need our help sometimes more than the New Canadian.

Mrs. Jessie MacIntyre followed with a talk on Strangers' work with its illimitable opportunities for world friendship. At the close, cars took all those who desired to see the great experiment of international fellowship in full swing, to the Church of All Nations, where an interesting afternoon was spent.

A number of memorials from the branches were brought forward by Mrs. A. M. Scott and resolutions by Mrs. J. M. West. One of the latter had to do with a group of workers who have found it necessary to resign. Miss Eliza MacGregor, Travelling Secretary, lays down her task after twenty-five years of service. Her ministry began in one of our



MISS ELIZA MCGREGOR

Indian boarding schools and has continued through many a pioneer experience.

Miss Mary Robertson, Japan, has been a missionary there for thirty-seven years

and her gracious influence will long be felt in the lives of her Japanese friends.

Miss Eliza Marshall, nurse and deaconess of West China, who has labored for nineteen years, Miss Margaret McDonald, Taokou, North Honan, missionary for seven years, and Miss Isobel McIntosh, who has retired owing to impaired health, were all mentioned with warm appreciation of their work.

Another resolution had to do with hearty co-operation with all educational agencies along temperance lines, and this will be made more convincing because of the new Temperance Department instituted on the Dominion Board. Still another stresses our membership in the League of Nations Society and calls on us all to use our influence on the side of peace.

Closing Words

The last day was a crowded one. Mrs. J. D. Walker, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, brought forward the names of the officers for the coming year, which were accepted unanimously. A short service of dedication was held later for these. An informal little open conference, all too short for effectiveness, was held for the purpose of hearing some problems from our missionaries, and the particular one which evolved was that vexed one of registration in China.

Prayer and a few closing words finished the sessions. The President led us quietly back to the thoughts which began the meetings. She spoke of the wonderful spirit prevalent with no word of discord to mar the daily programme. "Our very problems are, after all, *privileges*, given to stimulate us and lead us upward." Mrs. G. J. Bishop also told of the inspiration of the days just passed, and the great contribution each personality added to the whole.

Most of us would say that the predominant thought in our minds was the *oneness* of this, the Third Annual Meeting. The process which we have spoken of as amalgamation seemed to many of us a thing already of the past as we listened to the varied, often humorous, but never denominational, discussions which enlivened the hours.

So we face the future with an optimism born of friendship and confidence in one another, and faith in God.

"The past is written! Close the book
On pages glad and gay;
Within the future do not look,
But live to-day—to-day.

'Tis this one hour that God has given;
His now we must obey;
And it will make our earth His heaven
To live to-day—to-day!"

Thirty Years in Korea

LIDA R. MacKENZIE

Korea will celebrate, this year, the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Mission, and a message of greeting went from the Dominion Board, which met in June, to the Korea Council which met in July.

In 1898 three men went out to Korea to take up the work laid down by the great adventurer in faith, McKenzie of Korea, who died in 1895. Shortly before his death he wrote a letter to his friends saying, "I am dying surrounded by Korean Christians!"

One cannot think of Korea without calling up a vision of crowds, and I shall bring before your vision a procession, illustrating the work of the past thirty years and will have them march past as swiftly as Koreans can march.

At the lead and leading the way are many old men and women dressed in white; the men have odd-looking black hats and the women white cloths around their heads. These are the "early Christians" of Korea and many are still living.

Next come hundreds of distinguished-

looking men in black gowns, the pastors, evangelists and colporteurs, and they will tell you that the Koreans build all their own churches and eagerly maintain them.

Following this group there come hundreds of women, young and old, the Biblewomen and deaconesses of Korea. They are in white and each carries a Bible—the great text book in Korea. What radiant faces they have!

The young men and women in black who follow directly behind are the teaching staff of our schools, who have been educated and trained in the schools and academies of Korea and are now the leaders in education among their own people. You may recognize Mr. Kim, who took post-graduate work in Toronto recently and who is acting-principal of the Hamheung Girls' School, while Miss McEachern is home on sick leave. You will also see the two young doctors whom Dr. Florence Murray left in charge of the Hamheung Hospital when she came home on furlough.

The pupils of the schools follow naturally. Look at the happy faces of the boys and girls! The thousand girls show their joy in being given the chance to study when not so long ago it was said that they had neither brains nor souls and were not even worthy of having names given them. And marching after these are swarms of smaller boys and girls bearing a Sunday-school banner, although that banner might float over all, for everybody goes to Sunday school in Korea.

Now comes an immense crowd, eighteen or twenty thousand of them, the rank and file of Christians, belonging to our United Church of Canada in Korea. They encompass the landscape for two or three miles and are the most impressive group of all. Many of them will say, "We were healed in your hospitals or visited and cared for by your doctors and nurses, and now we have come into the Church and have brought our families with us!" There is a happy group of K.G.I.T. girls among them, for Korea is quite up-to-date.

Here are some fine-looking women, the cream of them all, perhaps, and

more familiar to us, for they bear the magic letters, W.M.S., and Korea has auxiliaries all over the field. One of them carries in her pocket (if she has one) a report of the Wonsan-Hamheung Presbyterial telling of their thirty-two auxiliaries and \$380.00 raised for missions, home and foreign; \$50 for a Bible woman in Shangtung; \$50 for a Chinese mission in Shangtung under the control of the Korean General Assembly; \$150 for a Bible woman in Siberia, and \$75 for a Korean teacher to Koreans in Japan, with a balance for expenses of convention, etc.

There will be some in his group who have lost the radiancy of the others and who will say, "Yes, it's true; we have fallen away, but we had no one to teach us and we have lost the way."

Immediately behind is a little group, the smallest group of all, seeming, however, to be keeping near those just in front as if for protection and sympathy. These are not Koreans, they are Canadians! They are Canadian missionaries, less than fifty of them, and at the head are the three men who went out in 1898, looking a bit older, perhaps, than they did when we Nova Scotians bid them God-speed thirty years ago, but still in active service. And you say, "Why are these at the last of the procession?" The answer is, "This is prophetic. *We* must decrease, and Korea must increase. We are ready to step aside when the Koreans can take the lead!"

There is a little mother in this group with her baby, Margaret Elizabeth Burbidge, in her arms. The mother was a Presbyterian teacher and the father is a Methodist minister, the first Methodist to go out after union, and now we have our first United Church baby, and it was a Christmas baby, too, born December 25, 1927.

The procession stops and the Koreans turn and face the missionaries, thanking them for coming and showing them the Way of Life. Then, with hands pointing across the seas, they thank the Church of Canada and you, dear W.M.S. ladies, for sending eighteen of them.

Then there will be called to mind those of loved memory who have gone before, the two giants, Mackenzie, of Korea, and Barker; the white-haired Dr. Kate Mc-Millan; the wives of three of the missionaries; and children, too—little John Foote, three Robb children, Thomas Hallam Proctor and Kathleen Grierson.

The day is ending and as you say in wonder, "How could all this have hap-

pened in thirty years?" there appears in their midst a majestic figure, one like unto the Son of Man with hands outstretched in blessing upon the kneeling multitude, He says, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Then, pointing to the East and West, the command again rings out, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel." This is the story of thirty years in Korea.

Breaking Bread in Africa

SIBYL HOSKING

ONE DAY in November we awoke to find the sun shining brightly, and Elizabeth Read and I were able to start on a trip we had planned for visiting the villages. The woods were beautiful with the various effects of light and shade, and, at that season, many pretty flowers of numerous colors were in bloom, some with very sweet perfume. Our bush cars sped along the narrow winding paths as our carriers enjoyed the freshness of the morning. Their voices rang out so clearly as the front boy gave advice about the stones, holes, roots and turnings in the path to the rear boy, who always had his answer ready. When the path is good, they recite their African proverbs one after another, as quickly as possible, the front man beginning with the first few words and the other lad completing the saying.

Soon we passed an almost deserted village where a chief had at one time lived. These particular villages (capitals) are always noticeable because of the beautiful, large shade trees which surround the site. Here we saw a grave over which was built a shelter of thatch. Nearby stood a neat, well-built, circular grass house. Our carriers told us that it provided an abode for the spirit of the deceased at such times as he should wish to return. The people place food in there to satisfy his appetite. The African lives in fear of the departed spirit.

It was four o'clock, when we realized that we were approaching our first des-

ination. As we descended to the stream, the people in the village on the opposite bank saw us, and came running along the road to welcome us. The shouts and cheers are very exciting! We found our tent pitched, as the carriers with loads had started out the previous day. We sat down to be greeted, as is the native custom, each one coming up to say, "Kalunga, kalunga!" and at the same time clapping both hands together twice. The elder of this village, Katombela, is a charter member of the Chissamba Church. He is now a wealthy man; has goats, pigs, chickens and a large garden, and we saw his herder bring home a large number of cattle, all in splendid condition.

But Katombela has grown lukewarm concerning the things of God. He told us that they gathered for evening prayers, but not for morning. We were able to have a chat with his wife, Siku, a very beautiful Christian. When she approached, there was something so sweet about her face, but as we continued talking, occasionally a sad expression stole into her eyes. She was among the few young women here on the Chissamba station when Miss Melville first arrived. She told us how glad she was that we had come.

"We are glad, too," we answered, "but they tell us that you do not gather to read in the mornings."

The woman looked at us so seriously. "Ondona," she said, "we are hungry for

the Word of God. We need to be revived. We shall have our gathering every morning while you are here."

I wish you could have heard this woman pray. Siku has been tried, but she has stood firm, and the teachings of the missionaries of many years ago still go on in Siku's life as she lives in the midst of her large family. There are many others like her.

On Friday we moved to Chimboko, the home of the elder Sangusi. Here we were delighted to see Emi, the wife of the teacher Sachivela. They were married last year. We were quite proud of her as she left the Girls' Boarding School to go out as a leader among the women, where we find now that she has been doing good work in this village, which is surrounded by Valuimbi folk. In the past our work has been with the Ovimbundu. There is a fine work to be done in this district, and the people rejoiced that we were able to come for special meetings. There was a portable organ in the village, and we spent two happy days there. Folk came from all nearby villages for the Sunday morning gathering.

On Saturday evening, Miss Read and

I took a walk around the village just at sunset. At one house we found the family seated on the ground eating supper, which consisted of corn mush, cooked very thickly. Small pieces are broken off with the fingers, and dipped in the relish, which was stewed meat very highly seasoned. At another house, the mother, with her baby tied on her back, was just in the act of cooking mush for supper. She sat on the ground, steadying with her toes the huge pot, in which was the evening meal, which she stirred and beat with all her might.

At the next house, we found the family of a young lad, who is very sick at the hospital. They anxiously inquired about him, and we had a long talk with the mother, as she told how they had recently lost two younger members of the household. This strong, African woman, with a heavy baby bouncing on her arm, has a strong faith and knows in whom she has believed.

Surely Siku, the elder's wife, expressed the feelings of hundreds of Africans when she said, "We are hungering for the Word of God!" Who is going to accept their call and come to feed them?

When Ruth Harper Went Home

ESTHER T. RYAN

Roses, roses, cream and pink and golden, lifting their faces toward Heaven in glad assurance.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth"—the organ softly breathes its message as the white casket, with its still, white form, comes to take its place among the roses.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth." If it were not so, He would have told me. She is not dead. She only sleeps, resting from all the weariness of labor. With joy she served and knows the blessedness of those who, in the Lord, depart this life to enter that beyond.

"Face to face shall I behold Him." Clear and true the anthem rings as the girlish voices join in sweet accord. The

lilies add their praise, "The Lord who made us, Him shall ye behold. In His beauty ye shall see the King."

"I know that my Redeemer liveth"—I know, yes, I know! Oh! glad assurance. Because He lives, I, too, shall live.

Two kindly evergreens, spreading caressing branches, make a happy spot in which to lay the still, white form, long loved but now too frail to hold her. She has gone to claim a promised home. And the message of the flowers comes to us again, "the Father's heart in all creation has provided us these robes of matchless loveliness. Will He not provide for you, His children, akin with Him, His own beloved, a dwelling-place beyond your most exalted dreams?"

General Secretary's Department

EFFIE A. JAMIESON

The Third Annual Meeting of the Dominion Board, held in Toronto, June 6th to 13th inclusive, covered the usual heavy agenda and put through a very large amount of business. The other pages of this issue of *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY* will contain an inspirational account of the meeting, but our members may also be interested in some of the official decisions.

COMMISSIONING OF MISSIONARIES

(a) Approval was given to the Suggested Form of Service which has now been handed to the General Council for consideration by the Committee on Ritual and Worship, and the service will eventually find its way into the Book of Forms of The United Church of Canada.

(b) A Form of Farewell Service was approved for new missionaries under appointment and already commissioned by the Church. This Service is to be held under the auspices of the Presbyterial and should be in the Candidate's Home Church, with the Minister of the Church and the representative of the Presbyterial co-operating with the Presbyterial Society.

AFFILIATION OF C.G.I.T. GROUPS

Because of the constantly changing personnel of C.G.I.T. groups, and because these groups register annually with their own central organization, and in order to keep before their minds the purpose of affiliation, the C.G.I.T. groups affiliate annually with The Woman's Missionary Society or reaffirm their former decision to affiliate, repeating the use of the Affiliation Service or not as they desire.

FURTHER CO-OPERATIVE WORK WITH THE BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Junior Programme.—For some time past those carrying the work for the children have felt the problem for the growing Junior Programme in connection with Sunday School work. The Board of Religious Education and The Woman's Missionary Society have now agreed on the following points:

(a) *Relationships.*—In churches where the Sunday School is providing a through-the-week programme for juniors and The Woman's

Missionary Society desires to provide further missionary education for the same group; or where a mission band is established and the Sunday School wishes to organize through-the-week work; or where both mission band and junior through-the-week work are carried on under separate auspices; that a plan of co-operation similar to that used in the C.G.I.T. Department should be worked out, the understanding being that in every case representatives of the Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society of the local church confer, and reach unanimous agreement before any action is taken.

(b) *Study Courses.*—1. A study programme for younger people of a common field with a common source of material would be advantageous.

2. In studying foreign missions one special text-book outlining the whole work of the Church in that particular field should be produced by the Mission Board and The Woman's Missionary Society in conference; that in studying the home field, material outlining the whole work of the Church should be produced by both Literature Departments, these to be used as source material.

3. We need graded material for at least three age groups.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SUNDAY

Recognizing the advantages of having one service a year when the work of The Woman's Missionary Society can be presented to the whole congregation, we ask the Dominion Board to authorize the approach of the local Auxiliary to the pastor of the Church in seeking to make an arrangement for the observance of a W.M.S. Sunday.

RELATIONSHIPS OF PRESBYTERIAL TO PRESBYTERY AND CONFERENCE BRANCH TO CONFERENCE

Action was taken at our last Board Meeting with reference to these relationships, but when our recommendations were forwarded to the General Council, after conference between our representatives and those of the Church, it was decided that the relationship covering

the work of our Woman's Missionary Society within presbyteries and conferences, should be cared for as follows:

By recommending to the Conference Home Mission Committees that the Advisory Committee of the Conference Branch be asked to sit as Corresponding Members of the Conference Home Mission Committee.

By recommending to the Presbytery Home Mission Committees that the President of the Presbyterial as a co-opted member of the Advisory Committee be asked to sit as Corresponding Member of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF TEMPERANCE EDUCATION

Action was taken instituting a Department of Temperance Education and recommending that a Secretary be appointed for this Department and that this Secretaryship be carried down throughout the whole organization. The Board Secretary of the Temperance Department is to be attached to the Home Organization Department. It will be observed that this will mean that Secretaries of Temperance Education are to be appointed in Conference Branches, Presbyterial Societies, and Auxiliaries.

FINANCE

The Report of the Assistant Treasurer covering Finance was a cause for thanksgiving, that we find ourselves in as good a financial position as we do, considering the difficulties of the nine-month period. The estimates for the coming year were presented and were accepted as follows:

Maintenance	\$1,053,175.06
Specials	55,651.21
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Re-grants	\$1,108,826.27
	107,970.41
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	\$1,216,796.68
And for the year 1928	25,000.00
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Total Estimates	\$1,241,796.68

The allocations for conference branches were accepted at \$1,000,000, which is the amount also the objective for 1928. It was considered that there should be no advance this year, but that every conference branch, presbyterial society, and auxiliary, should devote itself seriously to making it the great aim, "Raise the Budget."

Missionary Home.—At the last meeting of the Dominion Board, it was agreed that a permanent committee be appointed, with instructions to survey the field as to the needs of a missionary home, go thoroughly into the question of financing such an undertaking, and report back to the next Annual Meeting. The report presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Lanceley, read as follows:

"While appreciating the need for residence accommodation in Toronto for retired missionaries and missionaries on furlough, this committee does not feel that the time is ripe to ask for special gifts for a rest home. We feel that it is advisable to wait for the action in regard to the Training School and other church organizations.

"In the meantime, the committee will secure a list of suitable places where the missionaries can be accommodated for the period they are in the city."

Of course, it always seems that every meeting of the Dominion Board is better than the previous one, but this year certainly there was evident a great growth in the spirit of unity, in the oneness of purpose, and when one thought of the previous meetings of our United Society, even though they too had been a great triumph for our cause, yet the conviction grew that in the months just passed we had gone far in the really welding of our Uniting Boards into the one great body, The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada.

Letters from Our Fields

Happy Workers in Trinidad

From San Fernando, Trinidad, comes the following account of women's work from Mrs. G. D. McLeod: Every second Friday afternoon in Grant Hall twenty to thirty women of the church meet. These are the *Happy Workers* and might be called "Ladies' Aid-ers" in Canada! Lest our thought be on ourselves alone, however, we try to stress the missionary side of the work, and have organized the first Friday of the month as a missionary meeting.

One should not judge a society alone by the money raised, but one cannot help feeling that this society has had a great share of the work in raising money for the new Susamachar Church, which is so sadly needed. During the year, \$484.48 was earned by individuals through talent money, which, with \$750 already voted and \$400 raised in other ways, brought our donation to this worthy object \$1,600.

The *Happy Workers* also have taken up the work of the Cradle Roll.

Grains of Wheat

Dr. Mina McKensie, one of our doctors in Central India, gives us this glimpse into the lives of some of our Indian sisters in the hospitals there: Bhuri was a tiny bent bit of humanity twisted with osteomalacia into a misshapen heap. Her face was a pathetic one. The sad, brown eyes followed our every movement. She was so thin that her arms looked like pipe stems with the skin drawn tightly over them. She was waiting to be a mother, and she had begged her friends to bring her to the hospital. Exhausted with nights and days of suffering we did not think that she would see another day, but we tried to tell her, as we made speedy preparations for an operation, about the great Friend above. She could not follow the actual spoken words, as she spoke a different dialect from Ordu or Hindi, but she grasped the love and effort that were being put forth to save her.

That night a little daughter was ushered into the world. The mother's life swayed in the balance. As soon as she was conscious she asked to see the babe, the only one she was

ever to see. As the days went by the tide slowly turned in her favor and it was pathetic to see how she hung on our every word. She learned to understand our speech and we hers. Little messages of the Old Story were given while her dressings were done, and they found good soil. It was a joy to see her fresh, winsome smile. It changed the sad face into one of radiance. One of her daily games was to try to say, "Salaam" (Peace be with you!) each morning before we could greet her at rounds.

At first she could only be moved on a draw sheet, as the least movement caused her twisted limbs and back the greatest pain, but at last a day came when she could be moved into another room. Then the day came when she could sit up and finally take a few steps for herself with help. One of the pathetic side lights on the cruel caste-iron rules of the Hindi religion was the penalties laid upon Bhuri during her illness. Her Brahmin priests ordered a twenty-four hour fast without food or drink. The doctor refused to allow her to undertake it, as it would mean an end of all our hopes for her. The brown eyes filled with infinite sadness and she said, "Do you know if I do not observe it now I shall be compelled to keep it as a punishment for ten years!"

The Young People of Japan

Miss Lulu Barr, Eiwa Jo Gakko, Kofu, Yamanashi, Japan, sends the following letter: One could not be absent from Japan very long without becoming quite out of touch with what is happening. This fact has been deeply impressed upon me, as I have just returned from an extended furlough.

Amongst the young people of to-day, there is growing up a greater and greater desire for freedom. In fact the word "freedom" has become a byword. Traces of this undercurrent of unrest have reached us in our more or less isolated, consequently conservative, province. This is a sentiment that most decidedly has its merits and demerits.

Foreign clothes have become increasingly popular amongst our students. As the girls have such difficulty in knowing what to choose, a simple uniform has been selected for them. The majority of our younger students prefer

it to the kimona. While this has its advantages, it also has its disadvantages, for our matron was heard to say the other day at the close of her etiquette lesson, "If these girls are going to wear foreign clothes, I can't teach them Japanese manners." What's the outcome going to be?

Before the final results of our examinations had been published, our third-year class heard, through rumors, that there was a great host of failures amongst their number. They began at once to plan what they would do if it proved to be true. They began to debate the wisdom of going on strike. The urge to throw off restraint ushers in a new set of problems for the home, school and Church. On the other hand, we are glad that, in response to a desire to gain more freedom, over one-half of this year's graduating class are going to have the opportunity of satisfying a longing for higher education. Five are entering universities; two are going to take a special course of Household Science; two purpose going to the Kindergarten Training School in Azabu; two are taking a special sewing course; one is taking a business course with the prospect of entering the office of one of the largest departmental stores in Tokyo; one is planning to be a doctor.

It also pleases us to see the unfolding interest that is being taken amongst our older students and graduates in an attempt to form a solution for some of the social ills of the present age. Many of them are showing their interest by joining discussion groups where they can freely talk over their difficulties and get the opinions of others. Here are the subjects of some of our recent discussions: "How is the Church going to obtain leadership?" "How far is obedience to our parents being true to our God?" "What attitude should one show to those who actively oppose Christianity?" "Why does God permit suffering?" "Has an idler any place in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

As I have said, a new responsibility has come to us as teachers. We pray that wisdom may be granted us to deal with all these various problems. We are glad to have the privilege of having a small share in the struggle to establish God's Kingdom of peace that passeth understanding in the hearts of the people of this great nation. The opportunity is challenging and imperative.

As the Days Come and Go

Miss Bell, Ethelbert, Manitoba, writes: As in previous years many of our patients have been children. One was a dear little boy with uremic poisoning, who owes his life to this hospital.

Another was a wee girlie who came from a very poor, motherless home. She was a pitiful piece of humanity, filled with shot from the bursting of a dynamite shell. Her right eye was so badly injured that the sight was gone. After weeks of care she left us to return to a very wretched abode, but it is home to Nellie. However, she is now attending school.

A few days ago I was carried back in thought and experience to the pioneer days. A father and grandmother brought a baby of six weeks for treatment. The grandmother was caring for the baby in her own way, as the mother had died when the baby was born, and the father had taken himself another partner in life, and was anxious that the baby should be in good condition before he handed her, together with six little boys, over to the new mother. The poor baby was not ill, only dirty and not properly fed, the head covered with cradle scalp and all little creases sore. Soap and water were plentifully applied, the sores soothed with oil, and the baby dressed in clean white clothes. The transformation was pleasing to both grandmother and unworthy father. After giving directions as to feeding, they took their departure, and were so delighted with the changed baby that they had her christened before leaving the village!

Another interesting case was a man, over forty, who had a wagon run over his chest. He came to us in a very hopeless condition, but left us devoutly thankful to our doctor who was able to give him a fresh lease of life.

Just now there is a wee girlie coming daily for an ear dressing, and a very painful one it has been. The condition has been serious, and the doctor feared the parents would not realize this, so when he said he would give the treatments free after the first one, the child is brought each day, and the doctor is being rewarded.

So the days come and go, and many times during the twenty-four hours, a goodly number of people pass through our hands.

Auxiliary Interest

SET US FREE, O Lord, from all anxiety and unrest, so that in the midst of restless days our souls may find in Thee a haven of peace. Grant that more and more we may be able to withdraw ourselves into the secret place of prayer and so be prepared for all that life has in store for us of conflict and change. Teach us daily the true meaning of life and Thy purpose for us that we may be ready to do our part, according to Thy will for us, to bring in the kingdom of peace and righteousness. Bless Thy servants everywhere who keep the light of faith burning in the hearts of men. Heal the wounds of the world and hasten the day when a new understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will dawn upon all peoples. For His sake. Amen.

More Gleanings

Mrs. McClintock, Secretary of Work for Young People, has some interesting items culled from reports sent her from the branches. From Alberta came the suggestion that there was a need of bringing together at least annually, leaders, secretaries, and representatives of young women, where in conference they may devise ways and means of promoting the work.

From Bay of Quinte comes the news that the mission circles are showing adjustment to the new order of things, and many are graduating to the Young Woman's Auxiliaries. Special mention, says the Secretary, should be made of Kingston Presbyterial, which, having the smallest number of C.G.I.T. groups, gave the most money. "Other C.G.I.T. groups," she adds, "please take notice!"

From British Columbia reports have come of large quantities of supplies raised in various ways; five groups made gifts for eighty children; a number of parcels were sent out to Rev. Geo. Pringle of the Coast Mission; Christmas helpers brought sunshine into the lives of many. The Secretary of London Conference Branch tells of better programmes, more definite Bible study, and a clearer idea of the real purpose of the missionary enterprise. Three presbyterials reported a wonderful record of allocations reached; Huron, with fifteen societies reporting, had thirteen reach, and seven exceed, their allocations. Middlesex, with twenty-nine, had thirteen reach, and three exceed their allocation.

Associated young women's groups seem to be increasing in Manitoba Branch. A number of these linked with Sunday school are glad to become Associate Helpers. In the Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch, Ottawa Presbyterial, nine Y.W.A.'s made outfits for five Indian girls. The Secretary says, "There will

be five very stylish maidens in Portage la Prairie this year!" In Glengarry Presbyterial both Y.W.A. and mission circles have adopted the envelope system and all held Easter and Autumn Thank-offering meetings. The younger groups in the Montreal Presbyterial take a great interest in the various missions carried on in the city and assist as volunteer workers.

"Some days and in some ways," says the Maritime Secretary, with a happy touch, "we are getting better. Four thousand of our choicest young womanhood of to-day regularly engaged in the study of missions will make no mean contribution to the life and work of the Church of the future. Such a result would indeed be ample reward for the 'mothering' of these junior societies by the several W.M.S. Auxiliaries in the bounds."

Toronto Conference Branch Secretary points to the energy and enthusiasm of leaders in the outlying districts whose territory is much scattered. In Saskatchewan the Prince Albert Y.W.A. contributed \$401.71 in the nine months. Twenty of this group are school teachers. Assinoboia Presbyterial owes its first mission circle to the presence at Battleford of Marion Coon, our missionary to West China.

Many other items of note were recorded. Many spoke of the help of THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, of the giving of good literature and magazines to lonely places, of lantern slides enjoyed, and of the inspiration of Miss Bona Mills. Supplies is a favorite topic, for girls love to be busy. Some write letters to missionaries. One Chinese young women's group made a great success with talent money. Mrs. McKinnon, Secretary of Bay of Quinte, has some splendid advice to give regarding raising money. "I would like to suggest," she says, "that where such efforts are made that

we endeavor to make it as educational as possible. A missionary tea may be prepared and served in such a way that all may know more of the social customs of the country. Let us bear in mind always the importance of the motives in such work. How much more Christian it is to desire to share our good things with others needing our friendship than it is to raise more money than any other group in the presbyterial!

One Circle in Ottawa reports a memorial scholarship in a school in China in memory of Lorna Mix, a former active member.

An Indian Boy's Letter

This is a letter from Sandy Sparvier, a former pupil of the Indian School, Round Lake, Sask. He writes this letter from Brandon, where he is attending high school; it is written to Mr. and Mrs. Ross: Wishing you all happiness and every success in the coming year! Pardon my guilt for not having written to you for such a long time. It is impossible to forget those who have done so much for me. Mrs. Ross, I will admit that you were strict, but you were not, as I considered, cranky. After all it was to my benefit that you were strict with me, and I appreciate it. I would not have been going to high school if it were otherwise. To you and Mr. Ross I extend thanks, and I shall try hard not to disappoint you so that I shall not go back to Round Lake a failure, but a success. It shall be to your credit, Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

As to my marks, I passed in all my papers so far. Some of my marks are exceptionally high. It is enjoyable going to school, although I am getting old now, but old age has nothing to do with that. One of the members of the staff asked me once which I like better, this institution or Round Lake. My ready reply was, "Round Lake!"

A Chinese Girl in Training

The following is a letter to Miss Alice Cronkite from a Chinese girl living in Canada, who has decided to be a nurse: Received your letter on Thursday. Thank you very much for helping me to write that reference for Mr. Lun to sign. Also thank you for the good advices you gave me in the letter, if I go through. Yes, I will prepare to work hard, be obedient and kind, if I am able to enter into training and I am sure God will let me because I've

always prayed to God to ask Him to let me and that some day I could help people when they are in need. I read the other day a part in the Bible which says that if we pray for something and that we believe that God will grant it to us, our prayers would surely be answered. And I will also pray to our Father to give me those qualities such as kind, patient, etc., in all the works that I will do.

Miss Cronkite, do you know that the Chinese Presbyterian, Anglican and The United Church have a joint meeting every third Sunday of the month? It is just at the evening service that they have the joint, and the meetings are held at the different churches every month. I think their aim is to try and achieve a closer relationship among each other. I think that is a pretty good idea. I guess that is all I have to say for the present, but will write again soon. Write to me some time when you are not busy.

Suggestive Programme

For Auxiliaries, Young Woman's
Auxiliaries and Mission Circles

September, 1928

Study—The First Settlers of Canada:
What We Are Doing for Them.

Prayer Theme—A sympathetic attitude toward the Indian, and a clearer vision of our personal responsibility to him.

Doxology

The Lord's Prayer.

Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers.

Minutes and Business.

***Devotional Leaflet.**

Watch Tower—Four Heralds (two minutes each).

In how many centres is work with the Indian carried on? (See Annual Report.)

Name the various types of work. (See Annual Report.)

What amount of money is expended by The Woman's Missionary Society for this work? (See Annual Report.)

†**Leaflet**—Our Indian Neighbors.

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Young People

You Are Only Young Once

MARTHA IRWIN

In discussing the share of girls and young women in missionary activities, I should like to give a new significance to that familiar and hackneyed phrase, "You're only young once." What it usually implies is so well known that I need hardly enlarge upon it.

"Have a good time and as many good times as you can."

"Cram in as many parties, picnics, hikes, and shows as your health and time will permit; and don't stop even there."

It is an excuse for spending your limit on hats, shoes, gloves and evening frocks, not to mention the hundred and one extravagances that crowd into the life of every girl.

We, who are older, feel keenest sympathy and affection for youth and its good times, nor would we wish to curtail any of these enjoyments that go to make that period of life a time of joy and real happiness. Yet it is impossible for youth to realize that half the glorious enjoyment it extracts from its manifold pleasures springs from its own abundant vitality and quenchless enthusiasm, from the freshness of inexperience and freedom from care that are its peculiar possessions. With the passing years, enthusiasm often has a hard struggle against the realities of life, inexperience merges into clear-eyed knowledge of things as they are, the world's work takes its toll of young vitality, and freedom from care falls only to the lot of the irresponsible and empty-headed.

What a gold mine, then, every work of charity and Christian endeavor should find in youth to be utilized in spontaneous acts of service and willing sacrifice. The heart is never so open to the calls of the needy, the sympathies are never so easily awakened to the sufferings of humanity as at this time. What a pity if youth, so uniquely and wondrously endowed, should grasp only the superficial meaning of the phrase. "You're only young once," and neglect the challenge not to let this rare, ecstatic, fleeting experience drift past into oblivion, wasted and dulled and soiled by pitiful half-pleasure and vain "crying after lost desire!" What a tragedy if the amazing potentialities for goodness and beauty, which are ours,

and at this time superbly ours, be wickedly and irreparably squandered! The world is such a glorious place, and life such an incredibly wonderful gift!

To pass from a meditation on the poetry of life to a discourse on mission work may seem to some incongruous; in reality it is not so. The great fault with the modern tendency towards over-organization is that we lose sight of the magnificent, fundamental principles of our work in a round of petty detail. The splendor of the Bible is veiled by the abundant inadequacy of lesson books and commentaries; the grandeur of the living Christ by a mystic, seldom-thought-of figure, or still more incongruous personification of a modern Young People's worker. It is the same often with our attitude to missionary work. Our share in it seems a dull, mechanical thing, unbrightened by the gleam which enlivens our other activities.

It should suffice us to remember that the task, to the consummation of which we are contributing, has fired the imagination of great men and women since the dawn of the Christian era, and was the original and dominant cause of the romantic and thrilling lives of a Francis Xavier, a David Livingstone, and a Mary Slessor. It is significant, too, that while each of these was essentially great, he might never have been known to history save for his devotion to the same ideals that at rare moments grip us.

Let us, in the name of our latent selves, shoulder our responsibilities, and not, like Saul of old, be found, when some duty awaits us, "hiding behind the stuff," in a sudden access of modesty. That hero had been anointed by Samuel, told of his high and holy destiny, brought to the gathering of the tribes, and, apparently prepared in every way for his calling, yet at the climactic stage of the proceedings he was missing. How many of us, who are endowed by nature, fitted by environment, at the critical moment are found wanting?

The world is full, tragically full, of women, who are rendering no service to Church or

State, because from youth up they have protested their inability to assume responsibility. This protest has become such an obsession with them that, when the ranks are thinned of leaders, they are unwilling and unprepared to fill the vacancies. Let us resolve to end this craze for allowing the onus of the burden to fall on a few, or at least determine to be among those few ourselves, taking our share at the meetings in whatever task may be allotted to us.

Whatever else we do, let us get rid of the idea that an interest in work of this kind will dull or deaden our personalities. Illustration is the easiest form of exposition, and one outstanding example among the many that might be adduced will serve here to show the falsity of this belief. Susannah Wesley, née Annesley, is best known to us as the mother of two world-famous sons, John and Charles, and more remarkably of some seventeen other children. So well is she known for this that we

lose sight of her personality, so versatile, brilliant, and charming that she would have attained fame in any circle. Some inadequate idea of her genius may be gleaned from the brief statement that she was herself a beauty and the sister of a noted eighteenth-century beauty; that she read Greek, Latin, and Hebrew at the age of thirteen; that, although she had frequently to obtain provision for her large family and constantly to eke out a scanty existence for them, she regularly set aside three hours a day for spiritual devotion; and that, although married at nineteen and fully occupied thereafter, she conducted by herself a prayer meeting of two hundred persons, and retained such brilliance of intellect that her son John, in his manhood, himself a genius and a conversationalist of no mean powers, derived his greatest pleasure and inspiration from his discussions with her.

Was such a personality dulled, deadened or wasted?

Mission Bands

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, keep us near Thee during the long summer days. We thank Thee for all the bright and beautiful things with which Thy world is filled. May we be kind to every living creature remembering how wonderfully Thou hast made them. Help us to be courteous to the aged, obedient to father and mother and friendly to all. May we be on the lookout daily to do that kind deed and say that kind word which marks us as brothers and sisters of Jesus. Guard the door of our lips that no angry word may escape; let us go to sleep happy because we have pleased Thee, and waken, knowing Thee to be the Companion of all our waking hours. Amen.

Programme Building

OLIVE MERLE MORGAN

ONE OF the very important factors in making a Mission Band a success is careful programme planning. Too frequently we leaders fall into a rut, continuing meeting after meeting without any change of order or variety, with no surprise or new appeal such as children love. Perhaps the following ideas for programmes, which may not be new to many, but only forgotten or fallen into disuse, may help leaders.

In the first place let us not forget the preparatory meeting of the programme committee or Band leaders before each meeting. Invariably we find that Bands in which such careful preparation is made are in a thriving condition.

In Young United Church, Winnipeg, ten Band leaders meet on the Mondays alternate with the Band meetings and have found it a wonderful help as many have come to the work entirely inexperienced.

In outlining the programme do not let us have our meetings too long. One hour is usually long enough if divided in the following proportions: Five minutes for business, ten for worship, fifteen for instruction, twenty for handiwork, and ten for play. This is not the order to be followed, for that depends largely upon the time of the Band meeting. If a Band meets immediately after school, the order suggested by Margaret Applegarth in "How to

Use 'Please Stand By,' is splendid. When the children come romping in from school, they are not ready to settle down immediately to devotional exercises. Band work appeals then, and this is preparatory to the instruction period following. Then from the instructional it is easy and natural to lead up to the worship period. This type of programme, if carefully prepared, should hold a child's interest from beginning to end. If a child is genuinely interested in a thing, he will often display astonishing persistence and application. Work so done partakes of the nature of play.

Most of the Band members are in the hero worship stage, so are most interested in tales of our missionary heroes and heroines. They are fond of puzzles. They like a Bible story mentioning no names so that they can guess the hero. Sometimes we can turn this into a game. "Of whom am I thinking or talking?" Then the older members could tell the story. As an aid to memorizing, a choice passage of Scripture can be written on the board leaving a number of blanks. These should be filled in by the children themselves. After trying for some time and reading the passage in unison, it is easily memorized.

Children love surprises. Let every meeting have something new or different, even if it is some small change in the programme. Sometimes the secretary might stand at the door marking the attendance instead of calling the roll in the meeting. Have an occasional treat of sandwiches ready for all members who are in their places punctually. If a particular mission field is to be studied, why not take a trip there? Have the chairs arranged as in a train. The treasurer can have the tickets marked on the table—perhaps the annual membership fees, if unpaid, can be the fares. Choose a conductor, an engineer, and a brakeman, who wear caps on which are slips of paper with "engineer," "brakeman," and "conductor" written thereon. When the conductor rings, "All aboard!" the passengers take their seats and are off on their journey. The leader should stand nearby with a large map and a pointer to trace the journey, describing the people and scenes as they go along.

Arrived at the mission, a Band member could appear in costume—perhaps that of nurse, if a hospital is visited—and the passengers will ply her with questions regarding her work there. This can be made a most

Suggestive Programme

For Mission Bands

September, 1928

Hymn—There were Ninety and Nine.

Scripture Lesson—Psalm 1.

Prayer—Sentence Prayers—The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes and Business.

Hymn—Father, We Thank Thee.

Watch Tower—Four heralds who will tell of the Summer Activities of Mission Bands.

Hymn—Tell Me the Stories of Jesus.

Study—*Our W.M.S. Kindergartens:

- (1) Oriental—Vancouver and Victoria.
- (2) Italian—Toronto, etc.
- (3) Syrian—Montreal.

*See Annual Report and Literature Depots.

interesting programme, especially with the younger children.

Another and interesting way of learning facts is to give the children large pieces of brown paper. On these are outlined maps of various countries, and, with red chalk they mark in the mission stations. Sometimes a red flag can be used to pin on these stations with a missionary's name attached. Still another method is for the children to read telegrams from the workers. A final drill might be to see how many members can pin on the flags correctly when all have been taken off.

A very good way to have a map exercise for a very junior Band is to have the outlines of a huge map on the floor in chalk. Then all the members actually move from station to station and visit the different missionaries. Older children can personify these missionaries if desired.

Curiosity will often lead a child to an independent search for information. Suppose we hang up a picture of Carey, Grenfell, or Livingstone with the question upon it, "Who is this?" Questions on these will soon be followed by the answer.

A missionary bulletin is a fine method of distributing news, little pieces of news, e.g., letters from missionaries which can be put

in such attractive form that the children will stop to read the board.

Hymn writers interest children. Hymns can be illustrated or incidents told in connection with them. Let the children march to a marching hymn. All illustrations hold the attention. Pictures of missionaries, hospitals, or schools are aids to the prayer life. Groups of little children of other countries make them alive to the Band members.

Dramatization, as was pointed out in a recent article by Mrs. Childs, is a striking way of giving missionary information. Children love to act Bible stories, parables, hymns, or missionary stories. Now that we have such splendid helps on dramatization we should not find it difficult to try these. We need not worry about costumes, as the imagination of children will add what the costume lacks.

Demonstrations are used to make missionary appeal to those participating and do so very strongly. For example, two girls, reared in a Christian home, taking blessings as a matter of course, are trained to give a simple demonstration of Japanese worship. A poor mother leading a blind child by the hand pauses before the shrine of Buddha. Kneeling before the brass image, both mother and child bow their heads to the ground three times while the mother repeats prayers. Then the mother passes her fingers over the god's eyes and repeatedly rubs the child's eyes. The contrast between that worship and ours will be heightened if the leader comes as a missionary and tells the poor mother of the better way. The close of the demonstration leaves the idea of the need of help from the Band as well as the idea of idol worship.

Another demonstration might be to have two girls dressed as Chinese sipping tea and speaking of their disappointment that there is no room for them in the mission school. They can talk of the unhappy lives some of their sisters have because they have not heard of the Jesus way of life.

In conclusion let us remind ourselves that it is the spirit in which we approach our programme that is the important thing. We must study the interests of our children, love them, and be willing to sacrifice much time in preparation of the meetings. It is the preparation beforehand which counts.

The Mission Band leaders and assistants of Toronto West Presbyterial held a very successful meeting, May 29, in Runnymede United Church. Mrs. Tyler, Mission Band and Baby Band Secretary, was in the chair. Speakers of the evening were Mrs. Mitchell, Runnymede, on Systematic Giving; Mrs. Noble, of Erskine, on the Group System, and Mrs. McLellan and Mrs. Allen, High Park, on the Work Meetings.

Mrs. Chant also spoke to the leaders, encouraging them in their work with the boys and girls. A demonstration of a Mission Band meeting was beautifully given by St. Cuthbert's Band under the leadership of Mrs. James Binnie. There were eighty-one present. A social half-hour was spent at the close.

A Band has been organized in Windermere United Church, June 5. Mrs. Fralick, Superintendent; another was organized at West United Church, Mrs. McLellan, Superintendent.
—Mrs. C. J. Tyler.

The Palm Branch

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The third annual meeting of the Alberta Conference Branch was held in the McDougall Church, Edmonton, May 21-24, with about one hundred delegates, representing every presbyterial in the province. Cherry blossoms and ferns in abundance lent a festal note to the occasion. The chair was occupied by the President, Mrs. A. M. Scott, B.A., Calgary, with the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Duncan, Edmonton, and Mrs. Rowe, Okotoks, seated on either side. Mrs. Lyttle, Calgary, presided at the secretary's table.

After the devotional exercises which marked the beginning of every session, committees were appointed. The first item was "Reports of Presbyterial Presidents." These were brief and inspiring, all reporting advancement, even where conditions were unfavorable. Many new organizations have been formed and in a number of auxiliaries the allocation was exceeded. All seemed optimistic for the future.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rannie, in her report said that the prayer life had been emphasized in all presbyterials, and that the united auxiliaries are progressing in every way.

The delegates were welcomed by Mrs. A. D. Miller, President of Edmonton Presbyterial. Mrs. Leitch, Drumheller, graciously replied. The speakers of Home Missions were: Rev. J. Woodsworth, on Indian Work; Miss F. Gray, on Ukrainian Work; and Dr. Duclos, on French Work. These all showed the great work being done in our homeland through hospitals, schools, and homes. They stressed the importance of overcoming race prejudice and reaching the individual in a friendly fashion.

Miss Florence Langrill, who has been a missionary in Canton, China, for fourteen years, spoke on her work in that country. She told how through effort and sacrifice the Normal School was built, and hundreds of Chinese teachers trained.

Trinidad was the subject of an address given by Rev. R. B. Layton, who had been formerly

associated with the Canadian Mission there. Very fine papers were also given by Mrs. Rowe on "Temperance"; Miss Nix, on "What We are Doing to Give Missionary Education and Inspiration to Our Girls"; Mrs. Richards, on "Aims of Circle and Young Woman's Auxiliary," and Mrs. Duncan, on "Board Impressions." But we must dwell a moment on the President's message. She asked if all had not felt thrilled, as they listened to the reports of the departments. She urged the auxiliaries to strive to hold members, and closed by saying, "Let us make 1928 a crusade and a conquest to win for the Kingdom of God."

When Mrs. Ash, Finance Secretary, and Mrs. White, Treasurer, gave their reports, all felt how rapidly the W.M.S. work was growing in Alberta, for it was reported that ninety-five organizations had reached or exceeded their allocation, and that this year the allocation was raised to \$37,000 plus \$859 for expenses. These reports and addresses were interspersed with beautiful musical numbers, pageants, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The election of officers showed only two new names added, those of Mrs. Adams, Calgary, and Mrs. Willis, Edmonton, with Mrs. Scott re-elected President for the third year. This most successful convention came to a close with the installation of officers by Mr. Walker.

Bay of Quinte

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ston, Ont.*

The third annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Conference Branch was held in the First United Church, Lindsay, May 8, 9, 10, with a large attendance of delegates from the seven presbyterials included in this branch.

The reports of the secretaries of departments were most encouraging, showing progress and development along all lines of activity. By the division of Lindsay and Cobourg Presbyterials two new presbyterials had been formed, those of Peterborough and Oshawa. The work of the Young People was well repre-

sented on the programme. A Young People's banquet was given on Tuesday evening.

Interesting and inspiring addresses were given by Miss Bona Mills, Toronto, who spoke from the motto, "Think deeply, live better, love more," by Mrs. G. Ernest Forbes, Weston, who told of the work of The Woman's Missionary Society among the East Indians of Trinidad, and by Dr. Florence Murray, who besides giving a graphic description of her hospital work in Hamheung, Korea, made an earnest appeal for funds for the Girls' High School in that city.

Mrs. Jessie McIntyre, Toronto, gave an illustrated talk on the schools and hospitals from West to East of the Dominion, where The Woman's Missionary Society are caring for Indians, newcomers, Orientals, and others. Miss H. M. Paul, Newburg, veteran missionary among the Indians and newcomers of British Columbia, installed the new officers.

Among the resolutions passed at the meeting was one denouncing Sunday visiting, and urging a saner, stricter observance of the Sabbath, one supporting the League of Nations, and one strongly endorsing the institution by the Dominion Board of a Department of Temperance to promote instruction in the dangers and evils in the use of alcohol.

The new officers are: Mrs. J. T. Daley, Port Hope, President; Mrs. F. R. Edwards, Cannington, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. H. Irvine, Bond St., Lindsay, Treasurer.

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL.—On May 16 and 17 the Renfrew Presbyterial held its annual meeting in Trinity and Bethany Churches, Almonte. There was a record attendance, and the interest and enthusiasm manifested were evidence of the growth of missionary sentiment in the Society.

The President, Mrs. W. L. Smyth, Pembroke, presided with her usual grace and efficiency. There was a note of courage and optimism in her address.

The executive of the presbyterial held a session in the forenoon of the first day, reviewed the work of the short nine-month year, and revised the programme for the conference. The splendid reports of the secretaries of departments, and the announcement that the presbyterial had exceeded its financial objective were matters of profound gratitude.

On Wednesday evening the convention had the pleasure of listening to an address from

Dr. Florence Murray, Korea. She drew a wonderful word-picture of the work in schools and hospitals. At the conclusion of Dr. Murray's address the President reported a legacy of \$950 which they hoped to apply to the building fund for the Hamheung School; she expressed the hope that the presbyterial would bring the amount up to \$1,000. It is gratifying to know that over fifty dollars was contributed.

Mrs. S. T. Chown, Renfrew, drew special attention to the work of the Strangers' Secretary.

On Thursday afternoon the departments went into conference, and sectional meetings were arranged for. An invitation to the presbyterial to hold the next annual meeting in Carleton Place was extended by Mrs. J. A. Spence, Corresponding Secretary.

The choir of Trinity and Bethany Churches, where the conference was jointly held, furnished special music at the evening sessions, and a pleasing change in the programme was a pageant presented by the Mission Band of Bethany Church. Rev. J. A. Mowatt, Montreal, formerly of Honan, was the speaker on Thursday evening. He referred to the present conditions in China, and the disastrous results of the revolution. The report of the resolutions committee brought to a conclusion a very successful meeting.

Maritime

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Part of the annual meeting of the Maritime Conference Branch was reported in the July magazine, but a few more of the many outstanding speakers should be mentioned. Miss McKinnon touched a deeply spiritual note as she spoke of the pleasure of serving the Master in the foreign fields. Mrs. J. H. A. Anderson gave a witty report of the splendid work the young people's department are carrying on. Mrs. J. T. Burchell gave an interesting report on children's work. Mrs. C. H. C. Maclaren spoke on the encouraging work of the Mission Band heralds. The theme of Mission Circle was ably dealt with by Miss Margaret Grant. Miss Jennie Robinson, Matron of the Inter-Provincial Home for Young Women, gave a sketch of the splendid work being done in that institution.

The new officers are: Mrs. C. F. Sanford, St. John, N.B., President; Mrs. W. L. Parker, Northport, N.S., Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. W. C. Watson, Halifax, N.S., Treasurer.

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GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL.—The second annual meeting of this presbyterial was held in Trinity Church, Aultsville, May 24. Mrs. Harris, President, presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Wales Auxiliary, and were followed by an address of welcome from Mrs. Allen, Aultsville Auxiliary.

The President, in her address to the delegates, thanked them for the co-operation given her during the past nine months. She sketched briefly the work in which The Woman's Missionary Society is engaged, speaking of a much-needed mission on the Labrador coast, and the work done by the branch and presbyterial. Her address, full of thanksgiving for the past and optimism for the future, was an inspiration to all to greater devotion for the incoming year.

The reports of the vice-presidents were received with interest. In all districts sectional meetings had been held. They were favored in having Dr. O'Hara, Mrs. Found, and Mrs. McAmmond, all direct from the foreign field. The President also attended these meetings. Each vice-president visited each auxiliary in her district at least once during the year to keep in touch with the work. All auxiliaries reported having exceeded their allocation; their givings exceeded the allocation by \$863.

Encouraging reports from the secretaries of departments were received. Increased subscriptions to THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY showed that the magazine is becoming more and more appreciated.

Three interesting papers on service were given at the afternoon session, "Service Through Personality," by Mrs. Harkness, "Service Through Possessions," by Mrs. Whitmore, and "Service Through Prayer," by Mrs. Rattee.

Two resolutions of peculiar interest were contained in the report of the resolutions committee: (a) Resolved that the members of The

Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada, now in session, put forth an earnest effort to secure higher Sunday standards in home and community, and also use their influence socially and by the intelligent use of the franchise in order to eliminate the liquor traffic in Canada; (b) Because of the nations of the earth being brought closer together, we, The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada, appeal to all its members for heroic living in their individual lives in Christ's spirit of brotherhood.

Mrs. Henderson, former President of the Montreal-Ottawa Conference Branch, in an able and comprehensive address, gave a bird's-eye view of the work carried on by our Woman's Missionary Society in Canada. In closing she uttered a note of warning, mentioning some of the influences which our nation will suffer if they are not successfully combated. Among these are the Bolshevistic schools, the Mormon menace, the Galician views, and the Buddhist propaganda. Five Buddhist temples have already been erected in Canada.

The meeting was privileged in having present Miss Christie, Honan, China, who in a fascinating and inspiring manner gave a vivid description of her work at that station.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAL.—At a meeting of the Montreal West Auxiliary, Miss King, immigration worker at Montreal, was the speaker. At the close of the meeting she was presented with many useful articles, including books and toys, to be given to newcomers on the trains as they start out on their journey across the continent.

Main Memorial Auxiliary made a life member of one of their number on the occasion of her golden wedding.

One of the members of Eglise de la Croix et du Sauveur Auxiliary has undertaken the translation of "Drums in the Darkness" into French to enable those who do not understand English to learn of our work in Angola.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL.—At an executive meeting, held May 30, Miss Garland, convener of sectional meetings, reported that arrangements had been made for eight sectional meetings. This would cover the entire presbyterial. Mrs. Raynor, Treasurer, reported a substantial increase in givings for the first quarter. The Mission Bands were especially commended for their promptness in making

returns. Mrs. W. O. Johnston, Secretary of Christian Stewardship, brought a heartening report of the cheerfulness with which the higher allocation for the year had been accepted.

Saskatchewan

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SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL.—Mrs. A. D. Taylor, Press Secretary, reports with pleasure the formation of two new auxiliaries, at Allan and Mayfair United Churches, Saskatoon.

Westminster Auxiliary, Saskatoon, arranged a special "Welcome Home" meeting for Rev. and Mrs. Walter G. Coates, missionaries from Japan. Mr. Coates is the missionary sent out by Westminster Church, and his first return with his wife and children is of great interest to this congregation, who asked Mrs. Runnalls to voice their expressions of welcome. Mrs. T. W. Fawcett brought greetings from the presbyterial, and Dr. R. L. McTavish from presbytery. A life membership certificate was presented to Mrs. Coates from the society. The President, Mrs. Phillips, handed over the gift. Mr. and Mrs. Coates spoke of the inspiration they received from the knowledge that their work was followed by the prayers and sympathy of the Westminster friends. Mrs. Roland Garrett thanked Mr. and Mrs. Coates for their addresses, after which the ladies had an opportunity of social intercourse with the visitors.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL.—At Westminster Auxiliary, Regina, the June meeting was addressed by Mrs. J. G. McKechnie, for many years provincial W.M.S. President. She dealt with the work of the Strangers' Department, giving many recent illustrations of assistance rendered by this department to immigrants, etc. An address was given by Miss Harriet Moore, a visitor from India. Life membership certificates were presented by Mrs. Mantle, Sr., to Mrs. James McConnell, Mrs. C. F. Farwell, and Mrs. H. W. Woollatt. A letter was read by Mrs. Stevenson describing the World Missionary Convention held at Jerusalem.

BATTLEFORD PRESBYTERIAL.—The presbyterial meeting of Battleford district was held at May-

mount. Mrs. Weber presided, and there were delegates from the Battlefords, Lashburn, Prongua, Radisson, Fielding, and Prince. Progress was reported along many lines, and the sum of \$1,144 had been contributed during nine months. Miss Anderson, Honan, spoke at two sessions with great acceptance, an account of an evangelistic tour being of special interest. Miss Anderson also brought greetings from the Battleford School Home, with much appreciation of the support given to the home by The Woman's Missionary Society. An appeal to the members resulted in a resolution in favor of a proposal to further universal peace by adopting arbitration between all nations. Maymount ladies entertained the delegates at lunch and supper, and music varied the meetings. Mrs. Weber was re-elected President; Mrs. Veazey, North Battleford, Secretary; and Mrs. Nicoll, Battleford, Treasurer.

YORKTON PRESBYTERIAL.—Melville was the scene of the third United Yorkton Presbyterial last February, when twenty-five delegates and many friends were in attendance. The auxiliaries at Wynyard, Stornaway, and Churchbridge reported having surpassed their allocations. Three societies had been added during the year, making a total of twenty-eight, with a contribution in all of \$1,314. Mrs. Mitchell, Regina, Corresponding Secretary for the Branch, spoke on responsibility in the home, and represented the branch at this convention. Mrs. Pollard, Bradenbury, gave a stirring address on the League of Nations and The Woman's Missionary Society. Melville C.G.I.T. presented a missionary play. Officers are: Mrs. J. A. M. Patrick, Yorkton, President; Mrs. A. P. Simpson, Yorkton, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. T. Switzer, Rokeby, Treasurer.

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Press Secretary, Mrs. Frank C. Trebilcock, 102 Kilbarry Rd., Toronto, Ont.

Treasurer, Mrs. James Litster, 10 Selby St., Toronto, Ont.

ALGOMA PRESBYTERIAL.—The second annual meeting of this presbyterial was held on May 29 in the St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Mrs. E. I. Scott, President, occupied the chair. Delegates were present from Bar River, Blind River, Bruce Mines,

Cloudslee, Hilton Beach, MacLennan, Central United Church, John St. Church, Thessalon, and Richards Landing. Splendid reports were given showing the enthusiastic missionary spirit which exists. In the afternoon in her presidential address, Mrs. Scott paid tribute to the officers for their faithful and splendid work during the year, stating that the Algoma allocation has been more than met, and that the outlook for the coming year was very bright.

Mrs. F. Bennett rendered a pleasing vocal solo, and Miss A. Harrison, returned missionary from China, gave an address on the mission fields of West China, the conditions existing there at the present time, and the extent of the work being done by The Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Harrison's talk was most instructive. After the report of the nominating committee had been presented and adopted, the officers advanced to the front, and Miss Harrison led in the installation prayer.

The officers for the year are: Mrs. E. I. Scott, President; Mrs. B. H. Hamilton; Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. J. A. Furse, Treasurer.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL.—This Presbyterial held a very helpful sectional meeting at Woodbridge, May 18. Mrs. Oliver presided. Members of Kleinburg and Nobleton Auxiliaries led in the devotional period; the Woodbridge Auxiliary welcomed and entertained the various auxiliaries, and Miss Effie Jamieson gave a very comprehensive survey of our work in Canada. At the evening session Mrs. W. H. Staples took charge, and Miss M. Garrett spoke on Africa.

BIRTLE PRESBYTERIAL.—A record attendance of delegates marked the second annual meeting of the Birtle Presbyterial, May 16 and 17, in Birtle, over 180 delegates being present.

The sessions throughout both days were most instructive and inspiring. The opening session was presided over by Mrs. Bowman; Mrs. J. E. Lane welcomed the visitors; and Mrs. D. Millan responded on their behalf. A splendid address was given by Mrs. E. H. Morgan, Winnipeg, on mission band work.

Owing to the regrettable absence of Miss Margaret Drummond, India, the main speaker of the meeting was Dr. McTavish, Northern China, who ably filled her place in the delivery of two helpful addresses on the different

phases of her medical work in the women's and children's hospital. She stressed the urgency of our continued help, both financially and in prayer, to those Chinese Christians endeavoring to carry on the work since the forced return of the missionaries.

During the evening session, Mr. Dixon, Oak River, brought greetings from presbytery, and offered a timely suggestion that representatives from The Woman's Missionary Society attend all presbyterial meetings. The address of the evening was given by Dr. J. A. Cornie, Winnipeg, who spoke on the advance-guard work of The United Church in the new rich area of the province which is just being opened up.

All business sessions were presided over by Mrs. J. M. Elliott, President. The Treasurer's report showed the sum of \$5,731.51 raised during the nine months of the past year, an increase of \$100 over the same period of the previous year. This year's allocation amounted to \$8,790.

This presbyterial is endeavoring to raise a special fund to purchase a car as a gift to Miss Drummond, who shortly returns to India. A considerable amount has been subscribed so far.

The new officers are: Mrs. J. M. Elliott, Arrow River, President; Mrs. A. L. Sutherland, Hamiota, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Lee, Binscarth, Treasurer.

TORONTO EAST PRESBYTERIAL.—In the death of Mrs. Thos. Thompson, 137 Crescent Road, Toronto, the Carlton St. Auxiliary lost during the year a member of long and honored standing. Carlton St. Auxiliary was organized in the year 1884, when the late Mrs. Thompson was elected vice-president, later she was elected treasurer of the Central Branch, and in 1891 she was made treasurer of the General Board. She was one of the first life members in the history of The Woman's Missionary Society. For twenty-three years continuously, she was a member of Carlton St. Church, and during all those years her interest in every good cause was generously sustained. She passed away in her ninety-third year, having served her Church and generation well, and leaving a name greatly honored both in Church and city.

"It matters not the years we live,
How long the sand runs in the glass;
This only matters, that we give
Our service as we pass."

Annual Financial Survey

April 1st to December 31, 1927

IN MAKING an annual survey of the financial side of the work of this great national organization, it is gratifying to know that, apart from the amount received during 1927 from two uniting sections, apart also from bank balances and investment securities, we were able to make a short year period from April 1 to December 31 finance itself. In other words, the total amount received from our eleven Conference branches, viz. \$641,386.17, plus a special revenue of \$27,511.57, more than carried an expenditure on estimated needs of \$531,883.08.

The allocation to the branches, viz. \$712,500.00, was based on the same figure as the previous year—\$950,000.00. The general response was encouraging, as ninety per cent. of the total figure was realized. Special mention should be made of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The first two branches mentioned went over the top, while the latter reached to the cent her objective. The other branches ranged in percentages from ninety-seven per cent. to seventy per cent.

As one analyzes these figures and also the tabulated report forms sent in by the branches, it is encouraging to be able to report a steady advance in all lines of policy. A determined effort is being made to co-operate to make 1928 the best year since union. An optimistic tone runs through all reports, expressed in such sentences as:

"An increased determination to meet future financial allocations."

"An increase in systematic giving and the envelope system."

"More interest manifested in the department of Christian Stewardship."

"A general spirit of unity and optimism."

"An earnest endeavour to cultivate a spirit of prayer."

"Better organization and a desire to interest all women of the congregation."

"More missionaries adopted in special prayer."

"Where envelopes are used and systematic giving established, allocations have been met and exceeded."

A survey shows that throughout our Society 1,601 local organizations reached or exceeded their allocations—an increase of about three hundred over the previous year.

Missionaries were remembered in special prayer;

1,180 gave systematically, as against 870 of the previous year;

1,290 studied regularly the subject of Christian Stewardship;

1,075 finance committees assumed responsibility of the allocation, in many cases meeting regularly to pray and plan out in some practical way how suggested methods could best be applied locally;

1,711 secretaries of Christian Stewardship emphasized all that Christian Stewardship implies and strove to raise the dollar to the highest plane possible;

1,382 made quarterly surveys, but only 557 adopted the Budget Plan. Herein lies the weak spot. Have we as a Society grasped the significance of giving regularly and systematically? If we have, then let us adopt the Budget Plan, for here it is that systematic giving on a graded scale should be worked out in a very practical way to a happy solution of the raising of the allocation.

May we ask our branch secretaries of Christian Stewardship and Finance to examine carefully the report forms returned to them by the presbyterials? Note carefully the weak spots, and, having found out along what lines improvements can be made, do all in their power to rectify conditions.

We have entered upon a new year with a budget, less re-grants, of \$1,244,522.94. Of this amount the branches have been asked to raise \$1,000,000—an increase of \$50,000 over last year. Will it be done? Judging from the branch returns for the first quarter we have much to hope for. By comparison, they show an increase in givings of 36.3 per cent. over 1927 and 133½ per cent. over 1926. The actual figures are: \$52,977.36 in 1926; \$90,771.29 in 1927; \$123,759.00 in 1928.

With this encouraging outlook, let us go forward with faith and confidence, realizing how great the possibilities are for 1928. With the united co-operation of auxiliary, presbyterial and branch, our \$1,000,000 objective will be reached.

(Mrs. J. W.) HENRIETTA BUNDY,
Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance.

New Organizations

Auxiliaries

ALBERTA CONFERENCE BRANCH

STETTLER PRESBYTERIAL.—Gadsby, Mrs. Miller, Gadsby.

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL.—Bath, Mrs. Geo. Stevenson, Bath; LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL.—Seagrave, Mrs. Jas. Shunk, Seagrave.

Mission Bands

BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE BRANCH

COBOURG PRESBYTERIAL.—Brighton, Trinity, Mrs. A. Dewey, Brighton.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

BRUCE PRESBYTERIAL.—Armow, Mrs. John Campbell, R.R. No. 1, Lorne (reorganized);

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL.—Sherkston, Mrs. Perry Sherk, R.R. No. 1, Sherkston.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

ELGIN PRESBYTERIAL.—Dexter, Mrs. Covil Lanning.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

SUDBURY PRESBYTERIAL.—Silverwater, Mrs. O. D. Cadotte; TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Toronto, West, Mrs. J. F. McLellan, 442 Gladstone Ave.; 2. Toronto, Windermere, Mrs. Amy S. Fralick, 78 Kennedy Ave.

Baby Bands

HAMILTON CONFERENCE BRANCH

BRANT PRESBYTERIAL.—Burford, Mrs. R. Schunk, Burford; BRUCE PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Pinkerton, Mrs. Bert Cruikshanks, Pinkerton; 2. Cargill, Mrs. Harry Young, Eden Grove.

In Memoriam

- Mrs. Jane Hocken Brent, Tyrone, Ontario, May 28, 1928.
- Mrs. W. J. Burton, Tantallon, Sask., January 31, 1928.
- Miss Eliza Jane Caulter, Islington, Ont., January 31, 1928.
- Mrs. W. J. Clow, Haileybury, Ont., May 28, 1928.
- Mrs. Janet Sutherland Cohoon, Aylmer, Ont., May 31, 1928.
- Mrs. William Facey, Belton, Ont., February 12, 1928.
- Miss Margaret Gillis, Lower Napan, N.B., February 27, 1928.
- Mrs. Nellie Grimshaw, St. Catharines, Ont., May 16, 1928.
- Mrs. Bella Hanna Hamley, Tyrone, Ont., June 4, 1928.
- Mrs. Andrew Henderson, McKillop, Ont., November 23, 1927.
- Mrs. Malcolm A. McDonald, Lyndale, P.E.I., May 18, 1928.
- Miss Harriet Nisbet, Yarmouth, N.S., May 25, 1928.
- Mrs. David Orr, St. Stephen, N.B., May 24, 1928.
- Mrs. J. P. Rice, Toronto, Ont., February 13, 1928.
- Mrs. Emma Smeltzer, Bluevale, Ont., May 11, 1928.
- Mrs. Abraham Walker, Hokeby, Sask., April 25, 1928.
- Mrs. Frederick Walker, Preston, Ont., April 4, 1928.
- Miss Grace Wyckoff, Simcoe, Ontario, March 11, 1928.

The In Memoriam column is for the names of recently deceased members of the Society. Send name, address, and date of death.

New Eyes for Old

Demonstration in two scenes by Lettie Allan Rush

SCENE I—See June issue of *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, page 331.

SCENE II.

TIME—Some months later.

STAGE—Same as Scene I.

(Door-bell rings; enter 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Woman, each carrying her copy of *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY* and wearing her glasses.)

Optician—How do you do, ladies! And what makes you all so happy to-day?

1st Woman—I rather think you know. Through your influence we have become friends in a common cause, and we thought we would all come together to express our gratitude. I can truly say that, "Whereas I was blind, now I see." I realize I am still in the A B C stage of missionary knowledge. (Holds up magazine.) But this little magazine, with its wealth of information, has opened up a new world to me and I cannot say too much in its praise.

2nd Woman—My testimony is much the same. I marvel that such a change could be effected in a few short months. I, who used to think missionary stories dull, now find them the most interesting of all. I, who used to be content and comfortable, living for myself and a few congenial friends, am now concerned about the women and girls of the world. (Holds up magazine.) And this missionary magazine, with its power of *Illumination*, is responsible for my altered outlook on life. I have been aroused from a life of indifference to one of absorbing interest. I blush with shame when I think of the useless life I have lived.

3rd Woman—Well, how about me?—a member of a Missionary Society, where I had every opportunity to learn and help, and yet I was so busy with many lesser interests that I hadn't time to do anything for the greatest enterprise in the world! Somehow, I didn't see that the women who did the work had the joy that goes with service and grew in knowledge and ability as well. Now I know that one finds time to do what one wants to do and I am helping whenever and wherever I can. (Holds up magazine.) I am what I am because of this enlightening magazine. But for its *Inspiration* I would still be a drone in the hive of workers of *The Woman's Missionary Society*.

4th Woman—But I am the one who has had the rude awakening and I surely deserved it. Through reading, I have found that, when women of other lands have our advantages they often prove more brilliant and capable than Canadian women. I have the dearest little Russian woman for a neighbor. Of course, she cannot speak much English and I cannot speak a word of Russian. But somehow we understand each other and we have learned

that "a smile is the same in all languages." She has a daughter in university who wins a scholarship each year—something my own children have not done. I am intensely grateful to you for enlarging my vision and making me see that we need other peoples as badly as they need us. Oh, I know I am still suffering from a superiority complex, but I am sure I am on the road to recovery—(holds up magazine) thanks to *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY*, which led me on a tour of *Investigation*.

1st Woman—I hope we have been able to make plain to you the great transformation you have wrought in our lives and, as a natural sequence, the great debt we owe to you. Now please tell us what we can do to show our appreciation.

Optician—As I sat listening to your testimonies I felt that no other reward was needed than your awakened personalities. But I do hope you will give us your yearly subscriptions.

2nd Woman—Oh, we've all done that, haven't we? (Others nod assent.) But isn't there something else we can do?

Optician—Oh, yes, there are plenty of things you can do. If you care to invest some money you might place a copy of *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY* in your Public Library and also in your Church School Library. Then, don't you think it would be a good plan to present a year's subscription to each bride in your church? Besides, you might send copies to shut-in women who would become intercessors and would no longer have to feel shut out from missionary work, even though they are shut in. But there is still a more wonderful thing you can do. If I may make so bold as to appropriate the words of Jesus, I would say, "Go home to your friends and tell them how great things *THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY* hath done for you." If you obey this injunction who knows but you may become Assistants of mine in furnishing the uninterested women of our churches with "New Eyes for Old!"

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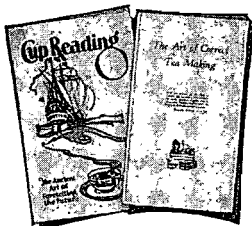
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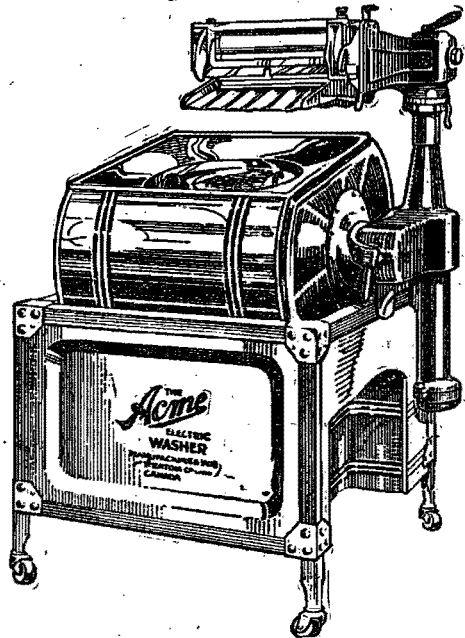
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