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A Christmas Thought

SAFED THE SAGE

NOW CHRISTMAS was drawing nigh, and I thought of them I loved, and bought them Gifts. And I sate me down, and Checked over my List, and I said, I have remembered them all.

And I heard, as it were, a Rustling of Straw, and a Movement as it were of Cattle in a Stall, and there came to me a Voice, as it were from a Far Distance, inquiring, Hast thou forgotten Me?

And I knew who it was that Spake, and I said, I trust not, Lord, for I do say my Prayers twice every day, and some days more often.

And the Voice said, So said the folk of Bethlehem, who had remembered all their Friends, and paid their Temple Tax, and given freely to the Synagogue, and prayed night and day. Yet was I born in a Manger; yea, and every Christmas am I Born there. And I hear the Musick in the Churches, and the peal of the Christmas Bells, and the children caroling under the windows, God rest you merry Gentlemen, and the joy of those who receive Gifts, but I am here.

And I said, Where art thou, Lord?

And the voice said, Where mourn in sorrow and poverty the children of dead Armenian Christians, there am I. Where in China blind children grope because there is no Physician to give them sight, there am I. Where in the slums of thine own city, children are born and predestined to mar God's image by lives of shame, there am I. Even now I am numbered with transgressors.

And I said, Say no more, Lord. I am already rebuked.

—From *The Christian Century*.



Christmas Candles

All ye who Christians be,
Oh, light my tiny candle here for me.
It has gone out—I am not very old,
And, as I travelled in the cold,
A bitter wind with all his might
Blew and put out my little light.

All ye who Christians be,
Will ye not list to me
Who have so often prayed
I might not be afraid?
I am a little frightened—can't you see?
Oh, light my little candle here for me.

—Edna Norman.

Editorial

Lighting Candles

LONG AGO that remarkable English woman, Margaret Fuller, wrote these words: "If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it."

We like that thought. It has not in it the vision of an officious lamplighter who wishes to impose his particular brand of illumination on everybody whether they like it or not. It has rather the picture of a quiet, candle-lit room and a door with the latch always on the outside ready to lift. Eager, though timid, folk might have the courage to enter and no one would go away with the unlit lamp.

In a recent letter from Africa the missionary said: "When a man is converted the natives say he is kindled." What a significant word! How perfectly it expresses the glowing fervor and the potential energy of the new convert. It was said of Aggrey, the great African, who has in his own life done more to interpret his race to the white man than any other in his generation, "He seemed to be charged with a consuming fire."

Let us take fresh courage as we face the New Year in the part we have in making warm and bright so many hearts throughout the world, especially at this season of the year. Eager little faces in community halls are turned towards us; we hear the pattering feet of hundreds of

children pressing forward into the kindergartens of the Orient. Women, with the immemorial sorrows of women folk everywhere, are gathering in little groups of friendliness in our own land and in foreign villages far away, warmed by the fires of love and good will which our missionaries kindle.

"I have stood upon the Calton Hill in Edinburgh," said Dr. J. H. Jowett, "stood there in the darkening twilight and gazed over the vast, vague and shadowy city. And I have seen the lamplighter going his rounds, and I have traced his progress as he kindled lamp after lamp until, to many thousands, the streets have been bright with wondrous illumination. This is the work of the Christian teacher, . . . to hold up God's word as a light to guide fellow-pilgrims."

But the candle that shines furthest is the one which is the most difficult to keep alive—the spiritual glow in our own hearts, so easily extinguished, so hard to keep alight through stormy hours of distraction and anxiety. Jean Kenyon Mackenzie tells of the glowing ember which, when her own fires failed, the African woman often has to carry from her neighbor's house to her own. And in a beautiful allegory she concludes: "There are mornings when we awake to find our hearts cold—there is a deadness and staleness there. Now it is . . . that we

must beg the ember. And well we know where it is to be had. Well we know the Neighbor whose fire is as constant as the stars. If there is a fire in our hearts it is there we got it; and if there is a chill in our hearts it is from neglect of that fire . . . letting it fail while we were preoccupied with the things of anger, the things of sorrow, the things of the body, the things of gossip. For such as these we have not spared our breath, while the ember, that was to warm ourselves and our fellows, has dimmed as we carry it."

We long for a fresh revival of zeal for the things of God, a leaping upward of the smoldering fires of the spirit, until we too, by our prayers, our gifts and our own service, become a kindling influence for the kingdom.

On Earth, Peace

SURELY this is no longer the visionary thing we have often felt it to be. It was indeed a mockery in wartime and it was difficult—even impossible—to reconcile the ideal with the real. But now, the day of universal peace, proclaimed by the angels and echoed in succeeding generations by seers and prophets of all ages, that day is surely drawing near.

In October the Premier of Great Britain made his memorable visit to North America, and countless thousands, who were not able to see him, tuned in to catch the inspiration of his message, delivered in a voice of singular beauty of tone and enunciation.

"I have arrived," he said, "as a humble missionary of peace, inspired by the purpose I have always cherished in my heart. I feel I have come near realizing the great ambition of my life, that is, to assist in giving a practical and really effective expression to the world's desire for lasting peace." It was impossible not to contrast these lofty utterances of the statesman with the personal rancours in the speeches which, at the same time, were broadcast from the political platform.

It is good to know that at the head of affairs in the Empire is a man of real culture and integrity whose call of service and sacrifice has thrilled a continent.

Atlin Hospital Closes

AFTER thirty years of service, St. Andrews' Hospital at Atlin, B.C., is no more. The romance of hospital work has never been more clearly recorded than in the history of this little house of peace in the far north of our own country.

The discovery of gold in 1894 in Alaska led thousands along the eager trail to the Klondyke, and by 1897 a new town was in the making with all the hardships and suffering attendant upon such a condition. The call had already gone out from the churches for missionaries, and four men had responded from the Presbyterian Church for fields over three hundred miles in circumference. But sickness was prevalent—something had to be done. Dr. John Pringle was asked to visit some sick men at Atlin Camp. He said: "Lying on a low cot was the man whom I had come to see," and on pole bunks around there were five others injured and diseased. At the door was a rough box with a dead body in it, and outside was another. The only nurse was a so-called abandoned woman who nursed, cooked, and washed for the hospital without reward. God bless her for her work! That scene decided me to ask the Church for two nurses."

That was the beginning of our Woman's Missionary Society medical service and, with the establishment later of St. Andrew's Hospital, the first hospital came into being. Atlin no longer requires monetary assistance in hospital ministrations, and it has been felt for some time that the money expended there should be released for a needier field. But the name Atlin will always be associated with that first venture, and our first nurses, Miss E. H. Mitchell and Miss Helen Bone, remembered with gratitude. Nor must we forget the men and women in Atlin who have given from the beginning their interest and help, amongst them the Secretary-Treasurer of the Trustee Board, Major C. W. R. Neville. The service of the hospital is only transferred and will continue its beautiful ministry in another guise to suffering folk of another community.

The Last Frontier

WE HAVE been reading an article by Mr. Evan David in the *Herald-Tribune Magazine*, regarding the making of the trail to the last frontier on the North American continent—the Hudson Bay railroad to Churchill. No romance of engineering has ever excelled this latest feat.

Begun in 1911, the railway was planned with a definite object in view. If cattle and wheat could be shipped to England from a point on Hudson Bay instead of from Montreal, a delay of several weeks, with the attendant expense, would be avoided. It was a difficult undertaking, however, and in the retrenchment period after the war, it was dropped. All the work which had been accomplished seemed lost, and the 356 miles of railroad fell to ruins. But the dream lingered in the minds of men and the advocates of the road again got to work. Early in 1927 a survey was made by Mr. Frederick Palmer, an impartial English expert, who was taken by aeroplane to Port Nelson and back. He advised the reconstruction of the railroad with Churchill as the end in view. Immediately came the task of rebuilding. "While work was going forward on the old railroad, tractors were sent to Port Nelson and everything that could be pried loose was piled on sleds and hauled for sixty miles over the ice to Churchill. It was a \$6,000,000 moving day in the frozen north!"

Tremendous difficulties had to be overcome. The Nelson River—as wide as the Hudson—had to be spanned. Miles of the shining rails were laid on the famous Barren lands where nothing grows but caribou moss. The laborers struck ice only a few inches below, the blueness of it showing it was of glacial formation, fashioned ages ago. This had to be blasted even in the summer months.

A further miracle was to be recorded. The Northern winter gripped the land; everyone expected that the laying of the tracks would cease. Not so. The engineers stayed by the job laying ties and spikes on top of snow while the blizzards raged against them, until in March the last rail pushed its shining way into

Churchill. Since then men have jacked the tracks, draining the ice and pouring gravel into the foundation, making a permanent road. "Jack Frost," says Mr. David, "has been licked!"

This Autumn there was constituted our newest presbyterial, Hudson Bay. Eleven pastoral charges were represented at the inaugural service, some of which are intimately connected with our Woman's Missionary Society work. Thus does the Church follow the railroad and share something of the triumph and joy which comes to the pioneer.

Mrs. Ross's Funeral Service

THE FUNERAL service of Mrs. W. E. Ross, one of the most outstanding figures in The Woman's Missionary Society work in Canada, was held at her old home, at Hamilton, September 18.

The service was of a private nature. Representative workers and ministers attended from near and far to pay loving tribute to her memory. The Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Williams, of Ryerson United Church, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. C. A. Williams, her pastor; Rev. Dr. Pescott, and the Rev. Dr. James Endicott, one of the secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board. The latter, from a long intimacy in co-operative administration, praised her fine services and character. The next day the body was conveyed to Brockville and laid beside her husband, who died in 1898, after twenty-seven years of happy union. Rev. Dr. Williams accompanied the body to Brockville, and assisted by the Rev. W. E. Donnelly, B.A., B.D., of Brockville, in the presence of friends of that city, conducted the last rites.

On Sunday, the 6th of October, a special memorial service was held in Centenary Church, Hamilton, at which Mrs. H. A. Lavell, Kingston, Past-President of The Woman's Missionary Society, paid eloquent tribute to the remarkable work and spirit of the deceased. Appreciative letters from Dr. Chown, late Superintendent of the Methodist Church, and the Right Rev. W. T. Gunn, M.A., D.D.,

Moderator of The United Church of Canada, were read.

For a number of years Mrs. Ross had her two cousins residing with her, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, former Foreign Secretary of the Methodist Society, and Miss Cartmell, first lady missionary to Japan. Their hospitality to furloughed missionaries was felt to be a benediction. To these two friends in particular we offer sincere sympathy in the loss of their beloved companion.

At the Executive Meeting

A VERY happy interruption to the usual routine of business came at a late October meeting of the Executive, when three visitors were introduced and spoke briefly of their work. These were Dr. Margaret McKellar, India; Miss Myra Veasey, Japan; and Miss Agnes Chan, China.

Dr. McKellar had just received from Queen's University the degree of LL.D., the second time such a degree has been given to a woman graduate of Queen's. The late Miss A. E. Marty was the first recipient. The doctor has lately completed her fortieth year in India. When she went there at first and attempted to open up a dispensary, she met with a good deal of opposition; there were those who felt that she could be dispensed with, and they tried to bring a curse upon her by laying a saucer of lemon and blood upon the doorstep. But the work progressed, and now at Neemuch, Dr. McKellar's field, there is a fine church, a girls' school, and a stone hospital with splendid equipment and up-to-date operating room. The great need is for nurses and doctors and, until such time as enough native women are trained for this work, more young missionaries must press forward to help.

Miss Veasey retired this year from active service after five terms of service in Japan, and two in Oriental work in British Columbia. Just before she sailed from Japan, she had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. J. MacGillivray in Hamamatsu, as the president was touring the fields. With her was Ide San who is travelling in the role of interpreter.

Korean papers are telling of the pleasure the missionaries derived at the presence of Miss Veasey among them at their last council meeting.

A warm welcome also was accorded Miss Chan, who has the remarkable record of being a registered nurse of three countries—Canada, China and the United States. Her interesting story was told in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, May, 1928. Miss Chan received her training in Canada under the former Methodist Society and it was her ambition to work in their fields in Szechuan. The Wesleyan Church of England, however, needed her services at the time, and she is serving in one of the fields of that Society. As we listened to this modest Chinese nurse and thought of Dr. Victoria Cheung and the great work both are doing in their respective branches of service, we felt that if The Woman's Missionary Society had done no other service than giving to China two such missionaries it has been well worth while.

Another Pioneer Passes

MRS. ORISON N. HULL passed away at her home, "Hampshire," Cowansville, Que., on June 22nd, 1929, at the age of eighty-four. She was a charter member of the former Congregational Board. Mrs. Hull bequeathed the sum of \$500.00 to The Woman's Missionary Society for work in Central Africa.

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WE PUBLISH in this issue the first news of Mrs. MacGillivray from Japan, and we hope, from time to time, to share other interesting news with our readers. At the beginning of the new year Mrs. MacGillivray will be in China.

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OUR BEAUTIFUL Christmas cover is the work of Miss Edith MacLaren, whose fine illustrations are familiar to many of us. We particularly remember how, by decoration and picture, she enriched Miss Dorothy Kilpatrick's book, *Prince Rama*.



CHILDREN OF COMMUNITY HOUSE, MONTREAL

God Bless Us Every One

OLIVE ISAACS

IS THERE a Canadian child who does not love the Christmastide, with its stories about the Christ-Child, its Santa Claus and Christmas tree, and all the other good things which help to make Christmas the happiest time of the year?

And our New Canadian children are learning to love it, too. The accompanying picture shows about seventy-five of the one hundred and twenty children, representing twelve different nationalities, who took part in the Christmas tree entertainment at Community House, Montreal, last Christmas.

How they did enjoy learning the carols, songs and drills, and listening to the stories and looking at the pictures of Mary and the Baby Jesus, and of dear old Santa Claus. Many who could not then speak English got their first ideas of our Christmas from these pictures.

One dear child of four from Central Europe, who could not speak any English, went home from our Play School the Saturday before the Christmas tree entertainment and told her mother, in her native tongue, that she must come to Community House with her the following Saturday, because Jesus was coming! If we can bring Jesus to them, in the true sense of those words, through the spirit of Santa Claus, are we not doing something worth while, because is not the spirit of Santa Claus in reality the spirit of giving, as exemplified in the life and death of Jesus?

We hope that through the generosity of our Sunday Schools and churches which are interested in these little newcomers, another happy Christmas festival may be given to these dear children, who are so much in need of such happiness.

Christmas in Hamheung

FLORENCE J. MURRAY, M.D.,

Korea

FOR DAYS before Christmas a spirit of excitement pervaded the hospital.

The real celebration, however, began the Saturday night before the twenty-fifth of December. Saturday being a half-holiday, the hospital staff had been busy all afternoon making and putting up decorations in the waiting-room, where the gathering was to be held. Everybody had some task. Dr. Koh, our capable surgeon, was responsible for the tinsel stars and very creditable ones.

When such patients as could leave their beds, the hospital staff, from the superintendent to the washer woman, with their families, missionaries, and elders from the three city churches arrived in the evening, everything was in readiness. At least, everything seemed to be. How could they know that upstairs in the room overhead the matron was frantically sewing on Santa Claus' whiskers that were discovered at the last moment to have become detached from his benign countenance, and that the large sack, that was to hold the presents, had been mislaid and another must be found some way? To all appearances everything was in readiness. The waiting-room looked very gay, with streamers and chains of colored paper all about. Of course there was a tree, a graceful pine, the evergreen of Korea, with a beautiful silver star at the top and piles of neatly-tied parcels at the foot, while amongst the branches hung a small figure in long, red gown and with

a white beard, an object of some speculation amongst part of the audience.

It was interesting to watch the guests as they entered, and see their faces light up with surprise and pleasure when they beheld the decorations and the tree with its gay tinsel and gleaming candles. To many it was their first Christmas tree.

Christmas hymns and choruses practised in odd hours for days before, violin music and solos, with the old, old and yet, to many there, such a strange new story of the first Christmas of all, filled the hour with wonder and joy.

In came Santa Claus, whiskers and all, straight from the North Pole, red cap, and gown bordered with white fur, bells hanging from his belt, pack on his back, the same old Santa we all have known, just as jolly as ever, but speaking in the Korean language. Part of his audience, never having heard of him, naturally did not re-

cognize him at first, but it did not take them long to get acquainted. He knew them, however, and, calling each by name, gave them quite wonderful gifts. Some families had increased quite unexpectedly and numbered more than could be accounted for, but Santa rose nobly to the occasion and nobody was disappointed. It was a cold night and poor Mr. Claus got his eyes frozen on the way, so he had to hurry off to get them thawed out, but he left every one happy by promising to come again next year.

The delights of the evening were not yet over. In came the nurses with cups

The Kings of the East

The Kings of the East are riding
To-night to Bethlehem.
The sunset glows dividing,
The Kings of the East are riding;
A star their journey guiding,
Gleaming with gold and gem
The Kings of the East are riding.
To-night to Bethlehem.

There beams above the manger,
The child-face of a star;
Amid the stars a stranger,
It beams above a manger;
What means this ether-ranger
To pause where poor folk are;
There beams above a manger
The child-face of a star.

—Katharine Lee Bates.

of sweet barley tea and plates piled up in truly lavish Oriental style, with hard cakes and cookies, apples and oranges. No nuts, candies or chocolate bars, but who would want such things with plenty of cakes and cookies, and nurses going up and down the rows of seats and among the children seated on the floor with hot barley tea in kettles, refilling the cups as they were emptied? Nor were the bedridden ones forgotten! While the others were enjoying Santa Claus and his jokes, some were distributing bags of cakes, fruit and a small gift to each one in the wards.

On Sunday morning every one came on duty early and, after the patients were cared for, several of the staff went out to the village a few miles away, where a little group of new Christians had been hearing for the first time of the Saviour who came to the world on the first Christmas Day. So many came to the meeting that no house in the village would hold them. Several straw mats, having been borrowed for the occasion and spread on the ground in the courtyard of one of the houses, the congregation sat upon the mats, the children in front where they could gaze to their heart's content upon the odd-looking foreigners, the grown-ups behind, but not so far but what they could have a good look, too, the men on one side and women on the other, with the hospital people facing them, seated on the low verandah of a house for a platform.

The day being bright and mild no one minded the cold, while two hundred people listened to the Christmas hymns and the story of the Babe of Bethlehem. Several of them that day decided to follow Him.

On Christmas Eve the decorations in the waiting-room were taken down to be put up again in the wards for the benefit of the patients, and how the nurses worked to make everything bright and cheerful! The missionaries had a tree of their own that night at the Bruce home. Santa Claus came again and talked English this time. Afterwards, at home, while opening the parcels from dear ones in Canada, the strains of the

carol singers were heard under the windows, "Joy to the world," and "Hark! the herald angels sing," speaking the language of Christmas in whatever tongue. And what memories they awake of Christmas Days gone and loved ones in other lands! The singers went that night to nearly every Christian home in the city, arriving at their own homes after daylight with sore throats, but light hearts.

Christmas Day dawned bright and clear without a flake of snow on the ground. The doctors were early on their rounds and, after the patients had been seen, the staff gathered and sang carols in the wards. Leaving on duty only those required to care for the patients in the wards, the others went to church where the hospital chorus, having been so much appreciated by the elders on Saturday night that the rest of the congregation demanded to hear it, too, again sang their message at the Christmas service in one church in the morning and at another at night.

Christmas dinner came in between, of course. For the missionaries this function took place at the W.M.S. house. No one missed the goose, for Korean pheasant is just as good, with the added advantage for those who wish to reduce that it not so fattening; and the plum pudding made by the cook, and the cranberry sauce out of a can, tasted just as they used to do in Prince Edward Island.

In the hospital no one thought of such things. No one would have known how to eat them anyway. But just see them attack those bowls of rice and soup! Soup filled with dumplings containing deliciously flavored chopped-up meat. Who said it wasn't Christmas dinner unless there was cranberry sauce? He never saw—or heard—any one eating mandoo soup, the man who said that!

Christmas celebrations in Hamheung do not end with Christmas night. The several Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor Societies also have their ceremonies on other evenings with all the enthusiasm of the original occasion, when they, too, join in their praises to the Founder of Christmas who is Lord and master of us all.



AFTER THE CEREMONY
Mrs. MacGillivray, centre, second row

The New Aiseikwan Building

Laying the Corner-Stone

EDNA WALKER

WHEN the word came to Japan in the spring that we were to have a visit from Mrs. MacGillivray in September, the hope was expressed that we might have the corner-stone of the Aiseikwan laid at that time. This hope was fulfilled on September 16 when Mrs. MacGillivray, having placed the mortar, declared the stone "well and truly laid."

It was indeed a red-letter day for us at the Aiseikwan. The ceremony took place at half-past two, but in the morning there was another ceremony at the old building. All those about the house who were free—teachers and servants—came together to put the different articles into the lead-covered box that was to go into the stone. As the list of contents was read each one in turn deposited some-

thing: a Bible, a hymn book, one English and two Japanese newspapers of the day, a copy of the Japanese church paper, the September MISSIONARY MONTHLY, a history in Japanese and in English of the Aiseikwan, a photograph of the staff, one of the old building, a leaflet in Japanese on the work, four Japanese coins, and the push-button of the doorbell on the old building, symbolic of the calls for help that have been answered here.

A hole for the stone may be cut in a concrete building after it has advanced far beyond that level, and the men are now getting ready to pour the concrete for the third storey; this made it possible to hold the service inside the building; the audience coming outside, at the conclusion, for the actual ceremony.

From the gateway, on either side, red and white bunting formed a corridor, and was continued as a curtain about the floor space where the meeting took place. Over the entrance, and also over the platform, were the crossed flags of Japan and Great Britain.

The pastor of Kameido Church conducted the service and was assisted by the pastors of Azuma Cho, the other church with which our work is connected, and of Shitaya, the church in which the first girls in our hostel were baptized. Addresses were given by the chairman of the Tokyo District of the Methodist Church, by Mrs. Abe, of the Board of Directors of the Aiseikwan, by Dr. Keenleyside, first Secretary of the Canadian Legation, who brought greetings and good wishes from our new minister, Hon. Mr. Marler, by a representative of the municipality of Kameido, and by Mrs. MacGillivray, for whom Ide San interpreted.

All three Japanese speakers spoke appreciately of the work of the Aiseikwan, and of the support that is given that work by the women of Canada. Mrs. MacGillivray told how the interest of the Society at home had been aroused by the enthusiasm of Miss Allen and Miss

Lackner when they had told of the work, and she expressed the hope that the spirit of loving service might ever stream forth from the doors and windows of this new community centre.

At the conclusion of Mrs. MacGillivray's address, the list of contents having been read, the sealed box was deposited in the prepared space. The audience gathered outside and watched as the mortar was placed and the work declared well done. After prayer and the doxology, Dr. Hiraiwa, former Bishop of the Japan Methodist Church, pronounced the benediction.

When the inevitable photograph had been taken, the guests were asked to return inside where tea and cake were served, and an opportunity given to look over the building. Cake was distributed to the workmen, each one of whom also received a Gospel of Mark, a tract, and a copy of the Aiseikwan leaflet in Japanese—this last at the suggestion of the contractor.

It was with feelings of gratitude for the past, and of high hope for the future that we returned to the old Aiseikwan which is so soon to be but a memory.

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

BESSIE M. CAIRNS

"HEY!" THE Roman soldier emphasized his shout by a forward thrust of his head and a thump of his spear on the hard ground. The little group toward whom this rude greeting was directed shrank away in terror and one of the children began to cry. A grim smile overspread the features of the soldier and he stalked on.

"Don't cry; the Roman has gone," comforted the mother, after a furtive glance behind. And, quickening their steps, the little group passed on toward the Bethlehem wall. High above their heads shone a silver star, and they watched it as they went.

The Roman continued to walk along the highway, his helmeted head proudly erect and his armor flashing in the light. The

short cape hanging from his shoulders swayed slightly from side to side with each step. Before long his walk brought him to a set of steps. As he went down a slight rustle could be heard from his kilt-like skirt of gray crepe paper, and his armor of stiff, silver-painted paper creaked, not the expected metallic creak, but a paper creak. Once down the steps he left off his Roman soldier manner, and in a jiffy became one of the sixth year girls, excited and a little bit frightened over taking part in the Christmas play. For it was Christmas eve in Kong Moon and the school entertainment was on. The highway was a stage made of bed-boards on trestles with somebody's grass rug for a covering. The wall of Bethlehem had been made—to the accompaniment of



STREET IN KONGMOON

much laughter—from a long strip of cheap cotton plastered with mud and marked off to represent stones. Tacked against the wall of the room and draped with vines it made a realistic city wall.

In the next scene the woman and her children appeared again. This time the father was with them and their conversation was all of the star and the much talked-of coming of the Christ-child. The silver star still hung above their heads and now and then the sound of singing was carried to their ears. The singing came from near one end of the stage where a hidden choir struggled with flash-lights and copies of the Christmas carols.

The play went on to a successful finish, and the other items on the programme followed. Several little girls came out carrying particularly long, well-stuffed stockings, with a doll's head protruding from the top of each, and told us in song that, if we were good, Santa would surely come to us. A few of the older girls put on a short skit, during which the audience nearly suffered heart failure because one actor nodded sleepily over a lighted candle.

When all had been presented and applauded, trays of fruit were passed to guests and pupils, and then came the Christmas tree. All the evening wonderful dolls had hung just beyond reach of small hands, and mysterious packages, square and flat, or long and narrow, with a few shapeless ones mixed in, had gleamed among the branches.

Soon little hands clasped the gay dolls, and "Ohs" and "Ahs," or the Chinese equivalent, were heard from the older girls as they opened the mysterious packages.

"Perfume, girls!" said some one.

"Oh, mine's a fan!"

"Isn't it pretty?"

And then the crowd filtered out, and the tree stood there lonely in the big room, with the empty chairs and the clock, and the silver star shining over the Bethlehem wall. The Christmas entertainment was over and thoughts had already turned to the morrow—Christmas Day.

So we closed the door on the darkened, deserted room and left the tree, which, though really empty, seemed hung with memories, memories of other Christmases with other happy children, and gifts, and joys, and "peace and good will to men."

For a Better China

CAROLINE WELLWOOD

I HAVE just completed six months of work since my return to the field. These months have been crowded full of work, but have brought with them many joys, a few disappointments, and a few fears.

There was little left to be desired in the manner of our welcome back. The happy faces of our Chinese co-workers spoke even louder than their words. With many of them one could see that there had been a decided development. The experiences of the past two years had carried them from clinging childhood to womanhood,

as you see some you had thought were brave and strong, but have proved a disappointment. Some have pulled down their gods of wood and stone only to replace them with a more subtle god, "money." Love of position and power, a "name," has caused some to seek homes as wives of the military officials, and others have been forced into the homes of this kind regardless as to whether they were down the list in the number of wives the man possessed or not. Another has left the pathway of truth and tasted the bitterness of sin, and so the story goes on, the sorrows and disappointments mingling with the joys.

It seemed rather strange after almost eight years of absence from the work of the hospital to find myself back again as superintendent of the Nurses' Training School. Miss Wu, the nurse who came to us more than twenty years ago and helped so splendidly in getting the training school started, is still here doing splendid service, but her lack of education as a foundation for her nursing experience keeps her from qualifying for the position of superintendent. I had hoped for some one who might be able to do so.

Miss Cora Kilborn is a real substantial helper in the training of our nurses. Dr. Gifford Kilborn, who had been at work some months before we arrived, had accepted a splendid class of nurses, and they were already in training. The nurses who were in training before evacuation were scattered, some married, some teaching, and some for various reasons could not return. Only a few of the first year students returned. This made the work a little more difficult, as we were without experienced head nurses, and only first year students in training. They surely were eager to learn, and one could not but admire the courage with which they attempted tasks that otherwise would have belonged to students in the second and third years.

Perhaps I have found more change in the management of hospital discipline



DR. RETTA KILBORN AND MISS CAROLINE
WELLWOOD, R.N.

and made them co-workers as never before. Would that one might be able to report that all had gone forward in this way, but alas, a sorrow cloud passes over

than in anything else, not as far as the nurses are concerned, for they have given very little trouble so far, but in dealing with the outside public. One is conscious that you must walk carefully. Time was when you could draw up a set of rules, and make some attempt to have them carried out. Now the question is will you make any rules at all or not? Will you make some good looking rules, and put them up everywhere for appearance sake, but ignore their presence or any attempt to carry them out? This latter plan is probably the most fashionable at present.

The greatest offenders are not among our own Christian people, but outsiders, perhaps the military being the greatest. These people who pay money to have their sick ones cured, why should they not come and go as they please at any hour? Should they wish to crowd the room continuously with guests what business is it of ours, even if they do bring in all sorts of things for the sick one to eat? It surely would not be polite to let any of the guests go without something to eat. Then of course what are servants for but to clean up peanut shells, sugar cane peelings, or any other refuse they may choose to throw around the floor, just as they do on their mud or unwashed board floors? A trip around the hospital to have a look into every nook and corner possible, makes a very enjoyable pastime.

Men come to visit in greater numbers than ever before, and it is almost a daily occurrence to find one having a nice rest on one of our hospital beds. To me, it had reached the ridiculous stage, when one day on going into the labor room, I found a brother-in-law of the patient sitting on the confinement table, swinging his feet most vigorously, while his fine, new, felt hat of western style was reposing on the stirrups. No one, but an

unreasonable foreigner would object to any of these things, so we just have to exercise a little patience, and hope for better things later on.



THREE HEAD NURSES AT CHENG TU HOSPITAL
Centre—Miss Wu, Assistant Superintendent.

Dr. Kilborn is untiring in her efforts, and I doubt if any one who has had less years of stress and strain in China than she has had could do more that she does; but help is most urgently needed. It is most difficult for us to understand why there is no one in our broad land of Canada to be found who will be willing to see the magnitude of the opportunity that lies before her here, and who would be willing to give her life to this great cause. It makes no difference what line she may wish to follow, it is all here waiting for her.

It is our constant prayer that God will lay this burden on the heart of some young woman, who is qualified to fill the need.





AT DRILL—BABIES' HOME,
Neemuch, India

Loving Salaams to All

MARGARET MCHARRIE, *Central India*

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

CHRISTMAS was, as usual, a great day in the Babies' Home. The Christmas tree was twice as large as the one we had last year. The tiny colored candles and the beautiful fairy birds perched on its boughs gave the children much pleasure. Who can describe the joy of the little girls when they received a doll that had travelled all the way from Canada, or the delight of the boys when they received a toy motor, engine or mouth organ accompanied by a brightly colored rubber ball or marbles? Who can describe the look of wonder and awe when the tiny tots were presented with the loveliest squeaky rubber dolls, or doggies that put out a bright red tongue when affectionately squeezed by the owners?

Besides these toys were many others, such as an elephant with a tiger on his back and other quaint animals of all descriptions. Surely if the donors of the gifts could have been present to see the joy and happiness of the children when they received their gifts, they would have felt more than amply repaid for remembering the little ones in the Babies' Home in such a charming way. A most unexpected gift of money from a minister and

some friends of my old church in Scotland, and from a British Officer who was once stationed at Neemuch, but is now away in a lonely place in Kashmir State, made it possible for me to get many little gifts for the children, also some very necessary equipment for the home, that it might otherwise have been impossible to procure. Santa Claus also remembered the faithful nurses and other workers in the Babies' Home.

All the children, even the tiny tots, can repeat psalms, hymns and nursery rhymes in English. They have a very decided Scotch accent, and their "mummie" never realized how Scotch her accent was until she heard the children repeat the last verse of the twenty-third psalm. No one but a true-born Scot could improve upon their accent when they say the word "mercy."

Many good caste Indians have made requests to me to receive their motherless children. I was unable to comply with all their requests for lack of beds and workers. Naturally I was exceedingly sorry to have to refuse. As a rule, the fathers are willing to pay well for the little ones, and so, instead of being a burden on the Home, they are really a source

of revenue. I have here one little girl, whose father is a merchant in the Straits Settlement, and yet another baby from Bombay, so that the fame of the Babies' Home must be spreading far and wide. Two cots have been presented during the past year. The first one was presented by Mr. Noah, of Rasalpara, in memory of his daughter, Miss E. V. Noah, a lady doctor, greatly interested in little children. The second one, named the "Children's Day" cot, was obtained in this way. It was suggested that the collection in our mission churches on "Children's Day" should be devoted to the Babies' Home. Quite a number of churches responded to the request and so the cot was endowed. The present occupant of the cot is a very sweet little lady; she came to us last July when she was only a month old. Shortly after her arrival, symptoms of a tubercular bone appeared in her right arm. The arm refused to heal, although it was operated upon several times. For five long months dressings had to be done daily. Much to our joy, just at the close of the year the wound healed completely and the baby is putting on weight at a great rate, and is as bright and happy as she can be.

The landlord of the bungalow, used as the Babies' Home, intends to put up a cottage as an extension. When necessary, this cottage will be used as sick rooms, thereby supplying a long-felt need. Up

till now the only isolation and sick room in the Babies' Home has been the babies' "mummy's" bedroom, and although she loved having any of her poor sick children in her own room, yet she feels that a sick room will be a great blessing both to the children and to herself. In addition to the cottage, the landlord intends to put up an extra room as an extension to the nurses' quarters. For many years the Babies' "mummy" has been praying for a special gift of money to buy and extend the Babies' Home or else to erect a new home. She feels sure that one day her prayer will be answered, and in the meantime she is very grateful to the Giver of all good gifts for putting it into the heart of her non-Christian landlord to put up additional rooms, thereby making it possible to care for more of the little motherless and not-wanted children of his own great needy land. He is greatly impressed by the love and care shown to the little children. May a little child one day lead him into the kingdom of Heaven!

We spent the jolliest Christmas that it is possible to spend, and even in the midst of our joy we did not forget all who had made it possible for us to have such a good time, and we sincerely hope that they had just as nice a time on Christmas day as we had. The children and their "mummy" send their loving salaams to all the many good friends who take such a loving interest in the Babies' Home.



The Little Light

A little light in Bethlehem,
No larger than a candle's flame;
A wee, white light in Bethlehem,
Silver and small it came.

And many slept and did not see
The faint, far gleam when dark unfurled
The little light that grew to be
The Light of all the World.

—Selected.

Bright Eyes and Smilers

ELIZABETH W. READ AND ELIZABETH B. CAMPBELL.

Africa

WE HAVE here, in our mission work at Chissamba, a very large family of growing children in the Faith, and each of our many outstation schools represents an interested, eager family searching after the Truth, and yearning to know the Love of God.

In a recent trip to some of these villages, we found great joy and a hearty welcome awaiting us at each little village, nestled in the woods. Let me take you

the missionaries have actually come to sleep in their village! See! There comes a group of dear happy-faced people of all sizes, men, women, and children out along the native path to give us a hearty welcome. That is why they halted our bush-cars to give the villagers a chance to come out to welcome us the rest of the way in. The young husky boys of the village eagerly take the loads of our carriers and rush ahead to tell the others



THE MISSIONARY IS COMING!

into one or two of these family Christian schools, and introduce you to the people whom we love to serve.

Let us visit Bright Eyes and Smiler. First, before we arrive at their villages, we must stay over night at several other villages nestled in the woods, with always some sort of gathering place for a morning and evening service, if we have a Christian work started there.

What is all that shouting and rejoicing? Why are we waiting so long? Oh! These are the villagers so delighted to hear that

that we are actually coming. The others surround our bush-cars and sing hymns; then they line up on either side of us and sing us into the village, waving branches and banana leaves, and shouting, such is their joy! As soon as we arrive stools are placed for us and we sit down to receive the native greetings, which are as follows: "Kalunga" (meaning "how do you do?") and we reply "Kalunga" (meaning "and you?")

Soon the place is cleaned for our tent and every one suddenly leaves us. We

wonder why? But soon we see that they are curious about the cloth house (tent) that is being put up. The youngsters have brought their little hoes and are cutting down the underbrush and making a smooth clearing for our tent. It is great fun to listen to the remarks made by the crowd as they stand by, for example: "Does not the rain get in? Oh! look; there are their beds! My! look at those lovely blankets. See! they are closing the doors. Is it not heavy to carry? Wish I could have a house like that!" Soon we see the leader of the village coming along with some meal, chicken and eggs as a love gift to his visitors. We thank them for thinking so much of our comfort, and providing such fine entertainment.

We must turn aside into the narrow trail once more, having followed a rough wagon road nearly all morning. We will hold a little service in that village over there. It is high noon and the sun is too hot to stay outside; so we look about for some shelter. There are no shade trees about, but we spy a half-finished house with at least the grass roof on; so we make for that, set up the gramophone and start singing hymns.

Just as we are about through, in comes a very bright, clean, well-dressed man (shirt and loin cloth) with his eyes just dancing and sparkling with joy. Immediately we named him Bright-eyes, not knowing who he is. When we finished he

greeted us and said, "I have been sent by our chief to ask you Jesus people not to pass us by. We know that you do not plan to visit our village, but you must. We are just a handful of *va Chilengue* people of another tribe, but we also want to know of this Jesus whom you love. We beg you to bring us the Word of Life. Now I must hurry back to my village and tell them you have promised to come." How could we refuse to change our plans a little? We felt indeed that God had sent this messenger.

Next day we went off the main road into a winding path through a very pretty woods, and found about ten mud and wattle houses. Bright-eyes had been eagerly scanning the path all morning to see if we were actually coming, or had forgotten them because they were few, and gone ahead to the larger villages. Under a large tree we had a very nice service. About fifty gathered and our hearts rejoiced to see their eagerness. They pleaded for us to send them a Christian to live amongst them and teach them of Christ.

The fields are white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few. Who of you, dear friends, will see the vision of Isaiah listening to the Lord's voice saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Will your heart reply the same, "Here am I; send me?"

The General Secretary's Department

EFFIE A. JAMIESON

"**L**ENGTHEN thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." In the task of raising the standard of our work we should press forward along the line of new policies and organization as provided in the constitution. Last month we spoke of the Mission Band and Baby Band Department and now come naturally to our work for young people.

At the inaugural meeting of our Society the question of ages for the various organizations was discussed, and while no definite statement was made in the constitution, the principle was accepted of a graded Society with an avenue of service to all from the little ones to the aged.

Approximately the ideal ages were named as follows: Baby Band to six years; Mission Band to twelve years; Teen Age to eighteen years; Mission Circles, eighteen to twenty-four years; then Young Women's Auxiliaries and Auxiliaries where age alone would not be the determining factor, but ability to attend either an afternoon or evening auxiliary; these are the ages recognized in the education, religious and secular, of to-day, and apply equally to missionary education. Of course we must not allow ourselves to be shackled, and in rural communities and small churches where this programme could not be carried through, we

should adjust our organization accordingly, for there are always exceptions to the rule. But we believe the time has come when attention to this matter will be of tremendous advantage, especially as covering Teen Age, Mission Circle, and Young Women's Auxiliary work.

Teen Age. Our Woman's Missionary Society has entered into an agreement with the Board of Religious Education with reference to affiliation of the C.G.I.T. groups, and this plan, under the leadership of our Dominion Board Secretary, Mrs. Fred L. Bartlett, the Conference Branch and Presbyterian Society secretaries, is increasingly successful. The plan of affiliation provides for at least twenty-five per cent. of the meetings of the year devoted to Missionary Education. A beautiful service of affiliation and reaffiliation has now been prepared, and every month sees an increasing number of the C.G.I.T. groups affiliating with The Woman's Missionary Society.

Mission Circles. Where there is no C.G.I.T. organization in the Sunday School, the need of the girls graduating from Mission Bands should be met by the organization of a Junior Mission Circle. Our agreement with the Board of Religious Education provides against overlapping where there is a C.G.I.T. work and the need for teen age girls is being met, the plan of affiliation linking them with The Woman's Missionary Society. But we must not lose the girls, and provision should be made for a Mission Circle rather than have a broken link in the missionary service of any young life. But if there is organized Teen Age work, then the ideal is that the girls graduate into a Mission Circle from their C.G.I.T. group, and as already mentioned, the ideal age for the life of the Circle is from eighteen to twenty-four. There

are over 35,000 girls in the Teen Age movement in The United Church of Canada, and we hope to win them group by group, first to affiliate with The Woman's Missionary Society and then to graduate out into full service into the Mission Circle.

At the time of union our Society had a splendid group of Mission Circles, but in many cases these had been organized years ago and had grown into adult societies, even though retaining the name of the organization of Girls' Mission Circle. We believe that these have largely now accepted the new order and become Young Women's Auxiliaries, but here and there some still cling to the old way, and our appeal is that they would fall in line in order that there might be available a place for a Girls' Mission Circle among the groups in the ages from eighteen to twenty-four. These girls will only receive the training in leadership which they should have, if the Mission Circle belongs to them; they should have opportunity to work it out according to their own needs under the leadership of an honorary superintendent from the Auxiliary. The Young Women's Auxiliary is, of course, on the same plane as the Senior Auxiliary; the members are now fully grown up and able to take a full share in leadership.

We hope that here again the Auxiliary will have its eyes wide open to the needs of the women and girls of the congregation, and will make certain that all the splendid work done in the Mission Band is conserved and that the work done in C.G.I.T. groups is carried along into Mission Circle, and from Mission Circle into full adult responsibility for the work of the Society.

Membership Fees. P.A.Y.E. As you enter the New Year please pay your membership fee. Our Society received last year in membership fees approximately \$60,000, and it would be a splendid thing if this money came in during the first month of the year. But not only that, we want a great working force with accepted responsibility for membership steadily at work from the beginning of the New Year. Let each and every organization concentrate and P.A.Y.E. their membership fees as they enter the New Year. We have always felt that the strength of our Society has never been adequately reported, for the reason that there is carelessness in the matter of paying the membership fee. This is one of the policies which we accepted as a United Society and we should loyally carry

Christmas Eve

My latch is on the string tonight,
The hearth fire is aglow;
I seem to hear swift passing feet,
The Christ-child in the snow.

My heart is open wide tonight,
For stranger, kith or kin;
I would not close a single door
Where Christ may enter in.

—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

through that which was decided upon by the representatives of our uniting Boards. It is not too late yet to check up on this matter for 1929, so that when we come to make our reports for this year we could feel that we had a correct estimate. Your membership is counted either by the fact that you are a Life Member or by the fact that you pay an Annual Fee in all organizations from Baby Bands to Auxiliaries.

Baby Bands—Question of Remittance of Funds. This matter was referred from the Dominion Board and action taken at the October meeting of the Executive Committee as

follows: That, whereas confusion has arisen due to the fact that the Baby Bands have remitted funds through the Auxiliary Treasurer while belonging to the Mission Band and Baby Band Department, with the result that the Department of Mission Bands and Baby Bands does not receive the record of the result of the efforts that have been put forth by them, therefore, recommended that the Baby Band superintendent remit all funds annually, direct to the Presbyterial Treasurer, thus placing this organization on the same basis as all other organizations of our Woman's Missionary Society work.

East and West

Temperance

I have closed 27,000 saloons in five years. Give me time and I will close them all. Italy devotes 8,500,000 acres of land to vineyards, consuming the entire production within its borders, and importing more, while it is unable to raise enough wheat to meet its own needs.—*Mussolini.*

Alcohol dulls the sense, impairs the judgment, and makes the nerves and muscles act more slowly. A mere fraction of a second often makes all the difference between safety and severe bodily harm.—*Travellers' Insurance Company.*

Korea

The Hamheung Girls' School building is nearing completion and will be one of which the students, the teachers, the missionaries and The Woman's Missionary Society will be proud. Mr. McHattie took no vacation, but, with his family through the hottest summer Korea has ever known for years, has stayed in Hamheung to superintendent the work which he hopes to have practically finished by the time of his return to Honan in September.—*Korean Echoes.*

Peace

It is now conceded that the recent war cost about \$250,000,000,000! This vast sum, if piled one dollar upon another, would reach over 394,560 miles above the base, which is the distance from the earth to the moon and two thirds of the distance back again. If rolled into rail-

road rails weighing ninety pounds per yard it would be able to construct a standard gauge silver-rail railroad 49,321 miles, which is about twice the earth's circumference.

The terrible war is ended; apparently it was inevitable at the time, but may its lessons be permanent and may this war be the last one.—*C. R. Fletcher.*

Indian Work

Our nurse at lonely Nelson House, Man., has many exciting interludes. A young man up north was attacked by a bear, and badly wounded, was brought down to the mission where an aeroplane was employed to take him to the hospital at the Pas. Nurse Caroline Field went with him and she says that the journey took three hours while the trip back by train and canoe took a few hours less than a week.

Community Missions

In the Mothers' Fellowship Club, St. John, N.B., the members pay five cents a week and this money is used to buy material for making children's garments and for providing flowers for the members who may be sick. In the past year five of the mothers were sick and each received flowers from the club. They were all public ward patients and probably would not have received any had it not been for us.

Three of the members united with the church at the Easter communion and I felt it was through the influence of our meetings that they took the step.—*Mabel K. Smith.*

Stewardship

"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth and it tendeth to poverty."

He is counting on you—
On life, money, and prayer;
And the day shall declare
If you let Him have all.
Or if He on that day,
To your sorrow must say,
"I had counted on you,
But you failed me." What then?

Medical Work

There is one real "Pride of the Hospital" at Burns' Lake, B.C. A little baby was brought in weighing less than eight pounds and he was over eight months old. He looked like a little famine baby. It took weeks to get him on the road to recovery, but finally the day came when he started to gain in weight. He was in the hospital for nearly four months and, when he was discharged in June, he weighed sixteen pounds, two ounces, and had developed into a beautiful child. He became such a joy that it was hard to part with him.

Auxiliary Interest

OBLESSED JESUS who by the shining of a star didst manifest Thyself to them that sought Thee, show Thy heavenly light to us, and give us grace to follow until we find Thee; finding to rejoice in Thee; and rejoicing, to present to Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, for Thy service for evermore; for Thine honour and glory. Amen.—*A Chain of Prayer.*

The Ideal W.M.S. Member

MARY YARWOOD DAVIES

TO MAKE the subject as practical as possible let us hold up a mirror before ourselves and see in it, not what we actually are, but what we should like to be.

The first thing we notice about this reflection is that it is lofty, deep and tender. It is the ideal attitude for every Woman's Missionary Society member, for I take it that we cannot be ideal members without having an ideal attitude towards it. Most of us are busy women, many from the farms, with neither time nor money for outside interests, but this Society offers the one outside interest which is high in its purpose, broad in its outlook, and sympathetic in action. It promises no benefits to its helpers, only unselfish service to others, but somehow the indirect benefits keep trooping back in a lofty outlook and deep sympathetic insight into the needs of our less fortunate sisters. How little my own ills seem when I think of the women of Africa and India.

The story is told of a farmer who became greatly discouraged because his crops failed, his stock died, his family met misfortune and everything seemed to go wrong. A wise friend persuaded him to accompany him to a strange home where lived a brother and sister.

The woman busied herself about the house, but her brother, no longer young but with a child's mentality, sat on the floor beside the stove playing with a doll. Once out of the house, very fervid were the farmer's words, "I'm glad that I am a man!"

My mother was a hard working farm woman with delicate health and a slim purse. She made The Woman's Missionary Society her one outside interest and served as president for many years, and I have heard her say that the Society had given her far more than she had ever given it.

We see also in the reflection devotion because it is God's cause. The ideal member will love God so much that it will be her delight and privilege to do anything she can to extend His Kingdom. It will make her careful to obey God in her own home, church and community, and for the sake of others to watch carefully her walk and conversation. "For their sakes I sanctify myself," said Jesus, not because He needed to do it for His own sake, but because there were others for whom the light must be held high.

She will also hold fast to prayer. I wonder how many of us have seen that picture "The Soul's Awakening." It is the study of a young girl with a Bible clasped to her breast and her eyes upraised as, for the first time, her soul

holds real communion with God. It is a good picture to hang in a girl's room. There are endless things to pray for in our missionary enterprise: our officers at home, the missionaries, the new churches, the schools and hospitals, the Sunday schools and clubs, Bible women and kindergarten teachers and hosts of others. Few can pray for all of these; but the ideal Woman's Missionary Society member will pray regularly for some particular missionary or work that claims her interest. Nothing makes interest so keen and real as prayer.

We also catch in the reflection a look of intelligent interest. That is because she is studying thoroughly THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY, the Annual Report, and other missionary papers which come to hand. She is well acquainted, not only with the needs of each field, but also with the working out of the Society's purpose, acquainting herself with the duties of the various departments as she serves in them. In the infancy of our presbyterial we were in confusion because we were unnecessarily ignorant of the scope of the different departments. Intelligence along missionary lines is a notable feature of the Woman's Missionary Society woman.

What a joy she is to her president because she is such a cheerful and willing woman! Whatever she is asked to do if it be physically possible she will say, "I'll do my best." Even though her knees shake and her tongue seems to cling to the roof of her mouth, she'll do it and just watch that woman develop! The Society has called forth wonderful talent in timid shrinking women who have had the grit to say, "I'll do my best!" She will be business-like, her fee paid, her subscription to the magazine ready and her reports in shape when they are needed.

There is more in the reflection. The ideal member knows how to give. We can be guided by a few things in the "how" of giving. Systematically, if possible, and sacrificially always. How we women love pretty things and how fineness and daintiness appeal to us! And some of us get so few pretty things! Yet to give up getting some lovely thing and give the money to His children because we love them better, what a joy it brings to us and to Him who gave His all. And let us give with-

out grudging or apology to ourselves so that whether we offer ten cents or five dollars, we will know that we have unselfishly done our best.

There she stands before us—the ideal Woman's Missionary Society woman, her character blended with spirituality, sympathy, devotion, intelligence, efficiency and a sincere generosity sweetened by the pain of self-denial.

Suggestive Programme

For Auxiliaries, Young Woman's Auxiliaries and Mission Circles.

JANUARY, 1930

Subject for Study—The Birthday of the Church. Chapter 1, "From Jerusalem to Jerusalem."

Subject for Prayer—Pentecost—A Fulfilment.

Hymn—"Come My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare."

Leader—"Every element in the Missionary problem of to-day depends for its solution chiefly upon prayer."

"Deeper than the need for men; deeper, far, than the need for money; aye, deep down at the bottom of our spiritless life is the need for the forgotten secret of prevailing, world-wide prayer."

"The first call ever sent out for the annual week of prayer came first from the mission field and was designed to unite the whole Christian world in earnest prayer for the promised out-pouring of the Spirit upon all nations."

Prayer—For Guidance and Blessing on the work of the New Year.

Hymn—"Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove."

Minutes and Business including reports for the past year.

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THE CHANTE MISSION CIRCLE AT CAUGHNAWAGA

Young People

How Our Mission Circle Served

MRS. L. A. MACLEAN

THE MOTTO of the Chante Mission Circle, Cote des Neiges, is *I serve*. The leader of this group had made several sketching trips to Caughnawaga last autumn, and had become so interested in the old historic houses and the fascinating people that, at the next meeting, she told the girls about the picturesque village and the work The United Church was doing there. Many of the girls of course knew something of it, but they were all thrilled by the story. "Could we not do something for the children at Christmas?" they asked. So it was suggested that the class make stockings of colored netting and each girl would supply the toys for one.

What joy they had in this little act of service and how lovely and bulgy and Christ-massy the stockings looked when they were all ready for Santa! And when at Christmas, they were delivered to the little Indian friends, many hearts were made glad and the joy of the children was unbounded. So wrote Mr. Oke, minister of the Indian United Church.

The months passed and one beautiful day in June the girls started off to spend an afternoon

at Caughnawaga. They boarded the street-car at Cote des Neiges and continued on to Lachine, then took the ferry across Lake St. Louis to the village. On arriving there they were keenly interested in everything and especially in the new church just completed this year. Mr. Paton, one of the elders, very kindly showed them through the building, and such a beautiful little church it is! How proud they are of it! The sun, shining through a rich glow of color, attracted the attention of the girls to a magnificent three-paned window of stained glass, behind the choir stall. One side of the window depicted an Indian brave in full tribal dress; the right hand pane portrayed an Indian mother with her little child. The large centre pane was illumined with the beautiful figure of Christ, and under, across the three panes, were these words, so aptly chosen: *I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me*. How fitting, was the thought of the girls and they came away with a feeling of awe and reverence that one loves to remember.

Before leaving the church the girls asked Mr. Paton if he would join them in their group picture; he is standing by the door. They

were delighted to have his little girl too, who is in the front of the picture. Then off they went to have their tea down beside the water, and after some games and a happy time together they left for home as the sun was setting gloriously in the western sky. And on the way they were planning just what they could do to make the Christmas of 1929 even brighter and more happy for the children of the little Indian church.

The Missionary Still Wanted in Japan

IF ANYONE thinks that the missionary in Japan is no longer wanted, he ought to hear our Japanese colleagues plead for more help. They were not asking for money; we bring

them little of that these days. They ask for us, our personalities, our message.

A fine devotion has been called forth from our Japanese brothers and sisters by our lack. When I had to send a letter to Loo Choo pastors about the financial situation, I asked a girl student to translate it for me. The next day, April 1, I found on my desk a little package marked in her handwriting, "From an April Fool," and within five precious yen out of her little funds for the Loo Choo workers! Two weeks ago I cashed a money order from a Loo Choo woman in the United States—she hides her name—for enough to put a pastor in the Awasa Church, which has had no resident pastor for over a year. So in June our five churches were all manned.—*Rev. Robert S. Spencer, Fukuoka, Japan.*

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WHY DO BELLS AT CHRISTMAS RING?

M. R. HOFER

1. Why do bells at Christ - mas ring? Why do lit - tle chil - dren sing?
 2. There a dar - ling Ba - by lay, O'er him gleamed the star's bright ray;

The first system of the hymn features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is written on a single staff, while the accompaniment is split between a right-hand treble staff and a left-hand bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the melody line.

Once a love - ly shin - ing star, Seen by Wise Men from a - far,
 And his moth - er sang and smiled, "This is Christ, the ho - ly Child."

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the melody line. The musical notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 6/8 time signature.

Gen - tly moved un - til its light Made a Ba - by's cra - dle bright.
 There - fore bells for Christ - mas ring, There - fore lit - tle chil - dren sing.

The third system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are placed below the melody line. The musical notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 6/8 time signature.

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Mission Bands



OUR FATHER, the time draws near the birthday of the Lord Jesus. May we make of it a happy day for Him, remembering that the day is His, not ours. From morning till night let no selfish thought spoil His birthday, but may we do to others what He would wish us to do. Let us light little candles for Him in the corner of the world where we are, shining for Him in kindness and love. Wherever there are people who do not know the Christmas story let us help to carry the good news. We thank Thee for all the joys of the year which is fast going. Bless us all in the New Year that we may grow as Jesus did, in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. For His sake. Amen.

A Christmas Message to Band Leaders

GRACEY GUNDY

DEAR BAND LEADERS, as we come to the last month of this happy year could we not take a few moments and chat together? It is indeed an inspiration when one realizes that across Canada from Atlantic to Pacific, which includes Newfoundland, there is an army of 1,756 mission band leaders. What a picture it would make could you all be grouped and caught with the camera! Our Dominion Board has every reason to be proud of you and we will ever bear you up at the throne of Grace. What a privilege it is, to have some share in the moulding of these young lives. Realizing the responsibility that is also yours, we breathe a prayer that your aim may ever be to teach these dear children to become more Christ-like. As children's workers let us keep in mind the words of our Master when He said—"And I if I be lifted up will draw all men(children) unto Me."

I trust each leader has by this time her copy of our new study book, *Friendship Trails*. Do not enter the new year without this most interesting and helpful book. Ask your auxiliary to get it for you and then study carefully each chapter. You will find full instructions how to proceed, and there but remains your determination to carry the programmes through as directed. Plan to have the minutes and business either at the very beginning before the worship service, or at the close of the Friendship story and thus avoid cutting the programme in two. We trust that our boys and girls may realize more fully through their study this year, the real meaning of friendship in its larger sense. Our new mission band paper will help to give them a larger vision and through its pages they may make "World Friends."

Now a few words about your annual report. Our year closes the thirty-first of December. The report, together with a written statement of work and activities accomplished during the year, should be prepared and mailed to your presbyterial secretary as soon after the thirty-first as possible. Very often this is the part of the year's work that wearies the leader. But in that case it is possible that she had not had the proper facilities with which to work, or instruction regarding the method of handling her work. Every leader should have in her possession a copy of the Treasurer's Quarterly Report book for remitting moneys to the presbyterial treasurer at the end of March, June, September, December. In the book are duplicate forms and as one remains in the book and the other is sent to the presbyterial treasurer the leader has an absolute check on her finances. At the end of December she will have sent to the presbyterial treasurer four report forms, duplicates of which are in her book, and the making of the Annual Report is simply the addition of the numerous items on the forms, namely, fees, life membership, mite boxes, thank-offering and other sources. What could be more simple? If the leader will take absolute charge of the finances, delegating to the young treasurer the duty of collecting fees for which he or she will give a receipt, and counting the offering, the junior officer will be perfectly satisfied and the leader need have no worry regarding mistakes, as the boy or girl will hand over money collected.

One other important matter. Please look up page 732 of the new Annual Report, article 13. You will find that band leaders are asked to send the annual report to the presbyterial secretary on or before the 10th of January. Please comply with this ruling and thus enable your presbyterial secretary to get her report ready for the Conference Branch secretary. You will

receive much information by reading Mrs. Chant's report of the work done by leaders last year, page 128 in the new Annual Report.

As one vitally interested in your work let me wish you every one a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Baby Bands

OUR BELOVED General Secretary, Miss Effie A. Jamieson, on her page in THE MISSIONARY MONTHLY for last month wrote the following plea for baby bands. It bears repeating, and should be an inspiration to those already in the work and an incentive to those who may be contemplating the forming of this most desirable organization. "The hope of a missionary church in the future lies in training the children now in our homes to share with the wee folk of the world. . . . Let us train for a new world order through to-day's children and remember that saying, 'The world moves forward on the feet of little children.'" I would like to add that this year there will be a new system of reporting the work done by baby band superintendents. An annual report form, somewhat similar to the mission band

report form, will be sent to each superintendent. She will fill this in and send it to her presbyterial secretary for mission bands and baby bands on or before January 10. All money received by the baby band superintendent will be forwarded by her to the presbyterial treasurer by the same date, January 10.

It has been a matter of much concern at headquarters that the growth in this department has been so slow. The number of auxiliaries in Canada is approximately 2,800. The number of baby bands 326. Surely auxiliary presidents are not putting forth the effort necessary to make this department the success that it might be. All honor to those superintendents who are faithfully carrying on. Would that your enthusiasm could overflow and be the means of inducing sister organizations to begin this all important work. May the holiday time that is approaching bring to you joy and happiness and a determination to serve the Master as unselfishly in the coming year as you have done in the past.—*Gracey Gundy.*

The Mission Band Programme for January will be found in the December issue of *World Friends*.

News from the Conference Branches

Bay of Quinte

Press Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Revelle, Collège St., Kingston, Ont.

Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Campbell, 78 Clergy Street W., Kingston, Ont.

BELLEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL.—On Tuesday, October 1st, 1929, the fourth annual rally of Belleville section was held in Shannonville United Church with an attendance of three hundred. Mrs. E. Farnsworth presided in a very capable manner. Mrs. Frank Doxtator very cordially welcomed the delegates and Mrs. Kerr, Tabernacle Church, fittingly replied. Thirty-two auxiliaries, twelve bands, eleven C.G.I.T. groups, five circles and four baby bands responded to the roll call and gave very encouraging reports of the year's work. A duet by Mrs. Sine and Mrs. Barnett and a solo by Mrs. M. P. Duff were much enjoyed. It is very unique that this year Shannonville Auxiliary is celebrating their fortieth anniversary. The president of the presbyterial gave out several suggestions which had been thoroughly

discussed at the executive meeting. The devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. C. Macklin, Mrs. E. Simpkins, Mrs. E. W. Rowland, and Mrs. Frank Grills. Mrs. M. F. Armstrong gave a strong address on the liquor question.

Mrs. Dr. Bishop outlined the meaning of Christian Stewardship. It means personality, talents, power and attainment as well as wealth. She made a strong plea that we re-dedicate ourselves to the Master's service.

Miss Isobel McIntosh, a missionary from China, was the special speaker and gave her hearers a glimpse of conditions as they exist in that dark land, telling of the horrors of child marriage, famine, evil spirits and heathen gods. She also pictured very vividly the wonderful transformation that Christ's message has brought to those people who are eagerly listening for the Word. Woman's Missionary Society workers at home are urged to pray as well as give.

Mrs. S. C. Gay brought a message from Dominion Board and told of the wonderful in-

spiration and thrill which she received, and which will remain with her through life.

An invitation from Tabernacle, Belleville, was accepted. Mrs. C. A. Callery moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make this a day of pleasure and profit. Rev. W. H. Clarke closed with prayer.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAL.—The fourth annual rally of Sydenham section was held in Harrowsmith United Church, September 18, presided over by the President, Mrs. (Rev.) H. B. Johnston, Harrowsmith. Mrs. Copp welcomed the visitors; Mrs. Cooke, Catarauqui, responded.

Catarauqui, Glenvale, Harrowsmith, Sydenham and Verona Auxiliaries responded to the roll call.

The secretaries of the different departments gave most encouraging reports of the work done during the past year and expressed great hopes for the future. A new department of work, called "The Department of Good Cheer," sends flowers or a letter to any one in the community who is ill. Freewill giving was stressed rather than the raising of money by concerts or teas, in a discussion on Woman's Missionary Society work conducted by Mrs. Cooke.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. H. A. Lavell, B.A., Kingston, Past President of the Dominion Board, gave a most inspiring and impressive address on the "Power of Organization."

Rev. Dr. Cooper, Catarauqui, closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction.

The Gananoque section of this presbyterial met on Wednesday afternoon, October 9, in Lansdowne United Church, when a large and interested audience enjoyed an excellent programme arranged by Mrs. Wm. Brash, President of this section. Mrs. W. J. Paul, President of the Kingston Presbyterial, occupied the chair. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Doak and prayer offered by Rev. R. W. McVey, pastor of Lansdowne Church. Mrs. Peck, Lansdowne, extended a very cordial welcome to the visitors. Mrs. R. O. Jolliffe, delegate to the Dominion Board, gave an interesting report of that meeting, bringing an inspiring message from each of the speakers at that large and enthusiastic gathering in Toronto last June.

Miss Webb, Gananoque, gave a bright and interesting story of the mission band rally held recently in Cooke's Church, Kingston. She stressed the advantages of Whitby Summer School, as revealed by this year's delegate, Miss

Gray, who had been sent by the Kingston Presbyterial. Mrs. R. Louch, Gananoque, Secretary of Young People's Work, urged the organization in every auxiliary, if possible, of mission circles and young woman's auxiliaries.

Mrs. S. E. Revelle, who spoke on China, gave a short historical sketch of missions in China from the earliest days, followed by "Some Intimate Glimpses of Medical Work in China." The pitiful need of more Christian doctors and nurses in that land is only too apparent. Mrs. W. J. Paul reported the meeting of the Conference Branch Executive at Belleville in September. She closed by a most inspiring plea for prayer as the greatest of all essentials in our work as The Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. R. W. McVey closed the meeting with the benediction.

LINDSAY PRESBYTERIAL.—All the sections in this presbyterial held sectional meetings during June and July at five centres. Miss E. Dunoon, President, attended all meetings and spoke on the Budget System, demonstrating the same. Good reports were presented by delegates to the conference branch meeting and the reports brought showed increased interest in the missionary work.

At Wilfrid and Cambray, Mrs. W. G. Dunoon and Mrs. F. Riches, Secretaries of Young People's Work, had special programmes. At Fenelon Falls, Mrs. Washington, Secretary for Mission Bands, held a band rally and secured Mrs. Raleigh of Toronto, as speaker. At the evening session Mrs. Raleigh gave an illustrated talk on band study.

At Lindsay and Beaverton, Miss Duff, Field Secretary of W.C.T.U., gave an address. A branch of this work was organized at each centre.

The Lindsay Presbyterial Executive met in Lindsay, October 15. Arrangements were made for the annual meeting to be held in Woodville, Ont., and other matters were discussed.

RENFREW PRESBYTERIAL.—The Executive of this presbyterial met in Braeside on Wednesday, September 25th, when the summer's work was reviewed and plans made for the balance of the year. Two vice-presidents reported successful sectional meetings in June. The treasurer's report showed increased givings in many auxiliaries. One of special interest was Cobden, which has put the budget idea fully into practice and has already sent three-quarters of

its allocation. The secretary for the department of temperance spoke of the help she had obtained from the paper given by Mrs. Ashton at the Conference Branch meeting, a copy of which she has been circulating throughout the presbyterial.

It was with regret that the Executive accepted the resignation of Mrs. Miller, its splendid Press Secretary, owing to illness in the family.

British Columbia

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VANCOUVER PRESBYTERIAL.—The passing of Mrs. E. A. Ward on June 1st, age 77 years, from our midst, after suffering some time from a lingering disease, was one of joy and trust in her Lord and Saviour. She was born in England, but came to Canada thirty years ago. She leaves two daughters to mourn her loss, Miss Constance, who is at present on her second term in West China as a missionary, and Miss Blanche, a teacher in one of our Vancouver schools and formerly in Indian work at Skidegate, British Columbia. She had been a member of the Auxiliary of Grace United Church for many years.

Hamilton

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

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

A very impressive service to honor the memory of the late Mrs. W. E. Ross, for many years the President of the Dominion Board of The Woman's Missionary Society of the former Methodist Church, was held in Centenary Church, Hamilton, on Sunday, October 6th. Associated with Rev. C. A. Williams, pastor of the church, were Mrs. H. A. Lavell, the speaker of the morning, Mrs. H. S. Arnott, President of the Hamilton Conference Branch, Miss S. L. Bowes, Past President of the Hamilton Presbyterial, and Mrs. F. G. Eagle, President of the local auxiliary, of which Mrs. Ross was a valued and honored member.

In her address to this most representative audience Mrs. Lavell made touching reference

to Mrs. Ross as her predecessor in office for nearly twenty-four years. She said that no words could tell of her works, or estimate her influence. And yet it was not her works so much as herself, her radiant glow of personality, the glory of a life well spent, that made us love and respect her. Mrs. Lavell referred to Mrs. Ross's gift of song, especially in her earlier days, to her gift of speech, equalled by but few women of her day, and to her exceptional gift as a writer. Her correspondence was matchless, her magazine articles, clothed in purest language and always well worth reading, and her personal letters to the missionaries on the fields, were always such an uplift and source of strength to them. Mrs. Lavell said that the wonderful vision of such a woman as Mrs. Ross, her faith in womanhood of our Church, and her loyalty to the Church, should be an incentive to all our women. Her interests were varied, including both Home and Foreign Missions, temperance, advanced education, immigration, and all the worth-while things of her day. Mrs. Lavell made eloquent reference to Mrs. Ross's sterling worth as a Christian Canadian woman, a daughter of the parsonage, and pled for a finer service emanating from the local auxiliary and spreading throughout the length and breadth of our Woman's Missionary Society, to perpetuate the memory of this elect woman of God.

The music rendered by choir and soloists was also most impressive and Dr. Williams read sympathetic letters from Drs. Gunn and Chown.—"The Souls of the Righteous are in the Hands of God."—*Mrs. S. E. Marshall.*

NIAGARA PRESBYTERIAL.—A rally for Young Woman's Auxiliaries and mission circles of the St. Catharines district of this presbyterial was held on September 26th, in Welland Ave. Church with about 125 in attendance. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Victoria Cheung of Kongmoon Port, China, who put the work very visibly before the meeting. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Barber, Miss Mad-daugh, Treasurer, and Miss Ward, Literature Secretary, also addressed the gathering. Interesting reports were heard from the ten societies represented. Mrs. Morgan sang very beautifully. The meeting was dismissed by Rev. D. L. Gordon.

The rally for the Niagara Falls district of this same department of The Woman's Missionary Society was held at Welland on

Tuesday, October 8, 1929. The speaker of this meeting was Mrs. A. E. Armstrong who gave a vivid picture of India. Mrs. Barber, Miss Maddaugh, Mrs. Salt and Miss Box also brought messages to the meeting of their various departments of the work. Splendid solos and readings also added to the enjoyment of the evening. Reports were heard from the ten societies present and showed that all were working hard. Rev. N. A. Hurlbut closed the meeting with prayer.

London

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St. Mary's, Ont.*

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

MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERIAL.—A brilliant suggestion came from the Presbyterial President, Mrs. John Gemmell, that a meeting should be held of all the auxiliaries of the city of London, when matters pertaining to various missionary activities could be discussed. Over a hundred women gathered in St. Andrews Church for this purpose, representing seventeen United churches. Each one wore an identification card, and what a happy gathering, all interested in the one thing, missions.

A resolution expressive of appreciation of the devoted life and service of the late Mrs. W. E. Ross of Hamilton was recorded. Mrs. H. W. Paddell spoke very strongly on the crisis now facing the advocates of prohibition, urging all the women to stand four-square for what they know to be right.

After the roll call those present divided into groups for the discussion of the following branches of the work; Strangers' Secretary led by Mrs. J. S. Martin; MISSIONARY MONTHLY, Miss E. Tapscott; Finance and Christian Stewardship, Mrs. W. P. Dundas; Programme Building, Mrs. J. J. McWilliam; Methods of Prayer, Mrs. J. W. Brown; Methods of Study, Mrs. J. S. Barnard.

Mrs. J. H. Childs then spoke on the "Thought of the Kingdom of God," basing her remarks on the parable, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven." She urged her hearers to be so filled with the spirit of God that their lives would overflow and touch other lives, for that is the sole purpose of Christianity. Only by much praying could there be much giving, and giving there must be, of talents, of self, and of money, in order that God's Kingdom may come.

A season of earnest prayer brought the meeting to a close, every one present feeling that the afternoon had been profitably spent.

PERTH PRESBYTERIAL.—A large meeting was held in the United Church, Listowel, on Thursday, October 3rd, the occasion being the autumn rally of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the presbytery of Perth. The President, Mrs. Robert McAlpine, St. Mary's, occupied the chair at both forenoon and afternoon sessions. At the opening of the first session a devotional service was conducted by the members of the Molesworth Auxiliary. Mrs. E. Bettger read a summary of the proceedings of the 1928 meeting, and a financial statement was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. M. McGregor, Stratford, showing an increase in the givings beyond the previous year. An address of welcome was made by Mrs. J. Henderson, expressing the pleasure felt by the Listowel members at the presence of so many visitors in the town and church. Brief addresses were also given by several of the secretaries of departments.

One of the chief addresses of the morning session was that of Mrs. W. J. Greenwood, Mitchell, who spoke on a "Near View of the New Canadians." This present year, she said, might be called a Canada year in the Church, with the givings of special thought and attention to the interests of the new-comers to the Dominion. Miss Clara Preston also spoke during the forenoon, paying a high tribute to Mrs. Kipp and the work which she is doing in western fields.

At the close of the morning session, the roll was called by Mrs. J. R. MacDonald, Stratford, the responses showing the attendance of members from nearly all the auxiliaries.

In the afternoon Mrs. Dale, St. Mary's, gave an earnest address on Temperance, dealing with the situation as it stands in the Province of Ontario at the present time.

Mrs. A. W. Briggs, Port Credit, representing the Dominion Board, told of a visit to Japan. Special mention was made of the admirable work being done by Miss Courtice among Japanese women and children. The closing address was given by Mrs. J. R. Menzies, Honan, China, widow of the Dr. Menzies who met his death at the hands of Chinese ruffians about ten years ago. Mrs. Menzies spoke with great earnestness, her address like those which preceded it, helping to make the meeting one of great blessing to the women present.

HURON PRESBYTERIAL.—With the Vice-President, Mrs. J. Anthony, Thames Road, in the chair, the morning session of the convention of the South Section of Huron Presbyterial opened with singing the doxology, on September 5, 1929. The devotional exercises were taken by Kensall Auxiliary. Mrs. R. F. Irwin in a charming manner gave a few jovial and gracious words of welcome to the many visitors. Mrs. J. S. Grant, Exeter, gave the response and thanked Whalen members for the hearty welcome. Mrs. Hilton Ogden, Whalen, was appointed secretary. The minutes of the last annual meeting were adopted as read. The following were appointed: Finance Committee, Mrs. Trevethick, Miss Jones; Courtesy Committee, Miss Murray, Mrs. Orme; Resolution Committee, Mrs. Kydd, Mrs. Montieth. From the roll call of the auxiliaries, circles, mission bands and baby bands responses were given with splendid reports and much interest shown in W.M.S. work. The envelope system is a good way of raising funds.

Mrs. Irwin, in her address on "Young Women and Circle Work," said the weakest part in our organization was the unorganized places, and she explained how to organize and develop a circle. Mrs. Naftel spoke on "Our Literature," substituting for Miss Southcott. The offering was \$15.70. A vocal duet, "In the Secret of His Presence," by Crediton Auxiliary, was much enjoyed. Mrs. C. Monteith, Kippen, closed the morning session with prayer.

At the afternoon session the devotional exercises were taken by Main Street, Exeter Auxiliary. Mrs. Conner met the Association Helpers at a special meeting during the noon-hour, and did not give her talk from the platform. A very interesting and helpful address on "Our Band Work" was given by Mrs. Scobie, and Mrs. Andrew enlightened all on "Supply Work." She read letters from the mis-

sion houses to which supplies were sent. She urged the workers to send articles in the bales in good condition. Roy's Auxiliary favored the meeting with a beautiful vocal duet, "The Garden of Prayer." The Pageant, "New Eyes for Old," by the Elimville Circle girls, was splendidly given, and was quite entertaining, holding the interest of all.

The address of the afternoon was given by Miss Palethorpe, missionary on furlough from Korea. This is her first time speaking at a United Church Sectional Meeting and she gave a comprehensive insight into living conditions and Christian work among the Koreans. Invitations were received from Brinsley, Roy's, and Centralia Auxiliaries and it was decided to accept the invitation from Centralia to meet with them next year. A delightful and suitable vocal duet was contributed by Grand Bend Auxiliary, "Giving Our All to God." The offering was \$11.00. Expense, \$7.70. Balance, \$19.00.

In closing, Mrs. Mollard commended this important W.M.S. work among young people and pleaded for all to be more faithful than ever and thus find the joy and privilege in working for the Master. God Save the King was sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. R. F. Irwin.

The annual conference of the North Section of Huron Presbyterial was held in Brussels United Church. The leader of the section, Mrs. T. H. Gibson, Wroxeter, presided. In the morning the devotional exercises were taken by Fordwich Auxiliary, after which Mrs. Barker welcomed the ladies on behalf of the Brussels Auxiliary. The response was given by Mrs. Willis, Wingham. Mrs. Mollard, Exeter, Presbyterial president, was present and spoke a few words of greeting and encouragement. The roll call was responded to by the fourteen auxiliaries, two mission circles, two C.G.I.T. groups, ten mission bands, one baby band comprising this section. All presented very splendid reports of the year's work up to the present. Mrs. Dainson, Wingham, spoke on the work of the C.G.I.T., explained the motives of the groups and urged for the organization of more groups in the section. Mrs. Scobie, Belgrave, presented the mission band work and asked that there be a band in connection with every auxiliary. "Temperance in our W.M.S." was introduced by Mrs. McGuire, Brussels, who explained the pledge which is being circulated. The morning session closed with prayer by Mrs. T. O. Johnston, Gorrie.

A Christmas Verse

If you would have
 The loves of Christmas live,
 Then with a Christmas heart
 Receive and give;
 If you would know
 The best the day can do,
 Keep, keep a Christmas heart,
 The whole year through.

—Mrs. George Archibald Palmer

The afternoon session was opened by Ethel Auxiliary, after which Mrs. Greer, Presbyterian Treasurer, presented the finances and urged that all auxiliaries adopt the envelope system as the best means of raising their money. That the women have a large share in the mission work was shown by the fact that the objective for Huron Presbyterian for this year is \$20,000. Mrs. Lane, Seaforth, conducted a question drawer which led to many discussions as to the best methods of furthering the work. The speaker of the day, Miss Palethorpe, from Korea, spoke of the work in that country. In a most interesting manner she told the story of her own Korean Bible woman, Lydia, tracing the life of this woman from her childhood, and telling how, now, they travel the country together, teaching the Korean women both in classes and in their own homes. This unusual way of presenting the missionary work kept the listeners greatly interested. During the afternoon, Miss Beatrice Thornton, Bluevale, gave a delightful solo. Very pleasing numbers were also given by the Gorrie Mission Circle, and the Brussels Mission Band.

An invitation from Salem Auxiliary for the next meeting was accepted, after which Mrs. Bollingbroke, Wroxeter, closed the conference.

Note.—Change in officers: London Conference Branch Y.W.A. and Circle Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Rush, Tillsonburg, Ont.; Kent Presbyterian Y.W.A. and Circle Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Page, Thamesville.

Manitoba

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

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

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL.—Every year the holding of the District Rally is gaining in favor in this province where Presbyterials are scattered and large numbers cannot always take the journey to the presbyterial meetings. Brandon Presbyterial held three auxiliary rallies at Pettapiece, Sparling and Pipestone. Twenty-three auxiliaries were represented at these gatherings. The report of the Dominion Board meeting given by Miss Grant was a helpful feature. Each rally had two sessions afternoon, then supper and an early evening meeting, so that those who motored from a distance could return. Others who took part were Mrs. H. Leybourne, and Mrs. Mason, Forrest; Mrs.

Pentland Justice, Mrs. A. McPherson, Rounthwaite; and Dr. Doyle, Brandon.

At Pipestone Miss May McLaughlin was presented with an address and gift before leaving for Japan. Miss McGaffin also spoke at this gathering. It was felt that all the auxiliaries represented had benefited by the inspiration and enthusiasm of these gatherings.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERIAL.—The members of the Executive of this presbyterial and the auxiliary presidents met for their semi-annual meeting on October 14th, in Westminster United Church, with the President, Mrs. J. T. Haig, presiding. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. C. L. McIrvine, Mrs. Spencer Guest and Mrs. F. C. Pecover. Reports were received from the Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Emerson and Mrs. C. G. McGreer, Secretary of Christian Stewardship and Finance, showing a substantial increase in finances over corresponding period last year. Mrs. M. Lewis of the W.M.S. Strangers' Department, was the speaker guest, giving an account of her impressions of Great Britain during her travels there while on furlough. Miss Grace Duffie, was the soloist.

Maritime

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

Treasurer, Mrs. W. G. Watson, 40 Franchlyn St., Halifax, N.S.

ANNAPOLIS PRESBYTERIAL.—On Wednesday afternoon, August 28, the members of this presbyterial held a Temperance Picnic at Annapolis Royal, and those present were privileged to listen to a most profitable address given by Mrs. H. P. Newcombe, Halifax, who took as her subject "That Ballot of Mine."

Bentville, Digby, Annapolis Royal, Kingston, Lawrencetown, Upper Granville, Granville Ferry, Bear River and Bridgetown Auxiliaries were represented and were pleased to have with them a goodly number of friends from sister auxiliaries.

The meeting was held in the Court House. Miss Mary S. Jast, President of Annapolis Presbyterial, presided, and after devotional exercises, Mr. Slaunwhite, of Annapolis Royal, gave an exceptionally fine cornet solo. Two of the charter members of Annapolis Royal, Mrs. E. B. Hardwicke, and Mrs. James McKay, were presented with bouquets, and all thought lovingly of the dear charter member, Miss Sara

Harwicke, who had been called home the previous week.

Mrs. Newcombe dealt with the running of the wet element in foisting on the country, after the War, a measure called Government Control, which promised to diminish drunkenness, reduce bootlegging and in every way make our country more law abiding. Beginning with Quebec, every province in the Dominion in turn adopted the measure, until P.E.I. and N.S. stand alone, although New Brunswick citizens never had a chance to prove their aversion to it. From each province we get plenty of facts and figures (official) to show that Government Control means Government sale, and the only ones who benefit from it are brewer, distiller and investor. There is only one channel of output for the product. "We do not spray our trees with it, nor plough it into the ground, nor use it for fish bait nor feed it to foxes," said Mrs. Newcombe. "Our men, women and children drink it. In 1928, Ontario spent \$49,000,000, on drink to obtain a revenue of \$7,000,000. Nova Scotia needs money, but she won't get it from Government sale—it can't be done—nor would she take revenue from tainted money if she could."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERIAL.—Last September a union meeting of the five societies of the Cavendish charge was held in the new manse. This was felt to be such a success in every way that a meeting was held in July this year with a wider programme.

Representatives from the five societies, Rustico, New Glasgow, Mayfield, Stanley Bridge and Cavendish took part in the programme, which was presided over by Mrs. Irving, Vice-President of the Cavendish Society.

Saskatchewan

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

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

MOOSE JAW PRESBYTERIAL.—Outstanding in the W.M.S. work in this presbyterial for the year 1928, was the fact that the allocation was exceeded by the sum of \$227, when \$8,762.50 was forwarded to the Conference Branch Treasurer. Mission bands were responsible for \$1,118.70; C.G.I.T. groups for \$97.27; circles for \$276.95; associate societies for \$210; and the sum of \$72.78 came in from other sources, running up to a fine total of \$8,852.41 for the

whole year. An interesting address was given by Mr. Justice Taylor on the General Council, which had met at Winnipeg; greetings were conveyed from presbytery by Rev. J. A. McKeigan, St. Andrews Church, Moose Jaw, and Miss Nellie Forman, Regina, addressed an evening meeting. A pageant was presented by the I.R. Auxiliary and Mary Slessor Circle. Wesley Church Pioneer Mission Band won the presbyterial shield. Mrs. L. L. Garrett presided over all sessions and was re-elected to office. The Corresponding Secretary is Mrs. J. A. Merkley; Treasurer, Mrs. H. S. Powers; Press Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Oman. A valuable report was given by the Strangers' Secretary who told of fifteen new Canadians receiving instruction in English, and 434 strangers cared for by the auxiliaries.

SASKATOON PRESBYTERIAL.—Mrs. N. F. Jordan, Smithville, is the President of Saskatoon Presbyterial, in succession to Mrs. T. W. Fawcett. Before retiring Mrs. Fawcett addressed Saskatoon Presbyterial on the missionary work carried on by the Society, including references to the Jerusalem Conference, and special work among immigrants. Mrs. J. B. Taylor gave an outline of the Dominion Board meeting which she had been privileged to attend. Many auxiliaries were represented by speakers on all branches of W.M.S. work, among them being Mrs. R. S. Garrett, Mrs. W. E. Millson, Mrs. Guest, Mrs. Duffus and Mrs. Pratt. Resolutions were passed recommending briefly that: 1. Allocations be made by the Presbyterial Finance Committee to the Society rather than to the Auxiliary, said allocation to include all givings under the Society in each church. 2. That all delegates report on presbyterial or branch meetings attended. 3. That the duties of the Strangers' Secretary be more clearly defined by the Conference Branch.

The Temperance Secretary suggested that five minutes be devoted to this branch of work at each monthly meeting. Much literature had been wisely and helpfully distributed to outlying districts. Among new officers are Mrs. W. E. Millson and Mrs. R. S. Garrett, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. R. B. McLeod, Recording Secretary; and Mrs W. J. Young, Secretary of Christian Stewardship. The sum of \$7,924.10 had passed through the treasurer's books.

PRINCE ALBERT PRESBYTERIAL.—Very varied and interesting were the sessions of this presbyterial; Mrs. Ralph Miller, presiding in the

morning, Mrs. S. B. Woods, Pathlow, in the afternoon, and Rev. Arch. Young, Prince Albert, at the public meeting in the evening. The work of every department was such as to reflect great credit on the local auxiliaries, each of which had sent quilts to the Nisbet Memorial School Home, as well as to Round Plain Mission, in addition to contributing their quota to the total sum of \$3,328, remitted by Mrs. McDonald, Conference Branch Treasurer. Mrs. A. Young reported on Christian Stewardship. Miss Davis drew attention to the fact that the Justina Young Auxiliary had the distinction of being the premier Young Woman's Auxiliary in Saskatchewan. Mrs. Forsythe Melfort, gave a glowing report on C.G.I.T. work, later addressing the meeting on "The Relation of the Auxiliary to the C.G.I.T." Rev. G. E. Glover, Melfort, delivered a splendid and inspiring missionary address, and friendly greetings were conveyed from the sister societies of St. Alban's Cathedral, the Baptist Church, and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church by Mrs. Walter Burd, Mrs. Duncan Ritchie, and Mrs. Douglas, respectively. Mrs. W. A. Macdonell welcomed the delegates to supper on behalf of the Prince Albert and Colleston Auxiliaries, who acted as hostesses. Mrs. G. C. Bower, Kinistino, replied in grateful acknowledgment of the courtesy extended to the visitors. Many changes have resulted from the election of officers: Mrs. F. D. Culp, President; Miss M. Davis, Prince Albert, Treasurer; Mrs. H. Moore, Beatty, Christian Stewardship Secretary; Miss Kate Bradshaw, Young Woman's Secretary; Mrs. J. R. Aitkenhead, Melfort, Temperance Convener.

REGINA PRESBYTERIAL.—There passed away at her home in Regina, on July 29th, a beloved member of the Regina Presbyterian Executive, in the person of Mrs. A. L. McLean, for many years a valued officer both in Carmichael Auxiliary, where for two years she was President, and in presbyterial where she acted as Recording Secretary, and this year until her death, the position of Vice-President. Conscientious to an unusual degree, lovable in disposition, always on hand and ready to do her part, she endeared herself to all with whom she was associated. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and three young sons, George, Kenneth, and Ronald, who will miss the devotion of a mother who was never too ill to welcome them to her side. Her friends in church and mis-

sionary society mourn her loss, feeling poorer for lack of her cheerful presence and unselfish personality, but they feel that the Master called her because her work was done on earth, and she was ready to enter His higher service.

Toronto

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

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

TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL.—The third Annual Conference of this presbyterial was held in the King City United Church, on Wednesday, September 18. Mrs. T. R. White presided. Mrs. A. H. Halbert took charge of the devotional period at the morning session, and a short address on "Personal Prayer" was given.

The minutes of the last conference meeting were read by the Secretary, Mrs. Bassett. Messages from the Departmental Secretaries were then given: Associate Helpers, Mrs. Wharton; Literature, Mrs. Johns; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. Ferguson; Press, Mrs. Wilton; Supply, Mrs. Brodie; Strangers, Mrs. Mitchell; Temperance, Miss Watson; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. McDonald; Treasurer, Mrs. Funston.

Mrs. Brodie read a very interesting letter from Rev. W. J. Niddrie, Indian School, Burnt River, Manitoba, in appreciation of the bales of clothing and Christmas gifts which were sent to his mission station. He said the bales sent from the Society in the east were a God-send. At the time he wrote the letter forest fires were raging and the people were panic-stricken. Much credit is due the missionaries in these backwood districts, in presenting the Gospel and helping to make their lives useful.

Mrs. (Rev.) E. R. Young emphasized a temperance programme at our meetings. One of the greatest hindrances to our Society is the organized liquor traffic. We should all endeavor to abolish it from our land and every other land. Mirror pledge cards were sent to every auxiliary in our presbyterial.

Mrs. C. Snell, Toronto, Corresponding Secretary, also gave a very inspiring address. She urged each auxiliary to reach the uninterested women of the church. There are many others. Only forty per cent. are members of the Society.

Mrs. G. J. M. Bray, Toronto, then spoke in the interests of the baby bands and mission bands. There are thirteen bands in Toronto Centre Presbyterial, with a membership of

2,293. One new band has been organized at Newtonbrook. She introduced the new Study Book for bands, entitled, "Friendship Trails," also the monthly band magazine, "World Friends," which is very attractive and very suitable for band work. A band rally is to be held in Aurora United Church, on Saturday evening, October 19th. Mrs. Bray visited eight bands during the year and found an increasing interest in this important work. She urged the need of co-operation of The Woman's Missionary Society to help mother the band.

Mrs. T. R. White gave a very splendid report of her work as Vice-President in this district. She visited nine auxiliaries and gave addresses, took two Sunday services and a temperance meeting. Mrs. Western, of Newmarket, was not present owing to illness in her family. Mrs. W. Carson, President of the King City Auxiliary, extended a very hearty welcome to all delegates and visitors.

The Noontide Meditation was taken by Mrs. J. S. Stevenson, of Kettleby. Her remarks were centred on Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." She encouraged the auxiliaries to do even better and greater work than had been done.

Rev. J. S. Stevenson led in prayer. The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock, the devotional period being taken by Mrs. Hamer, of Aurora, and Mrs. (Dr.) Sparling, of Thornhill. In the absence of Mrs. Wallwyn the report of the Young Woman's Department was given by Mrs. White. She stressed the value of the young woman. In Toronto Centre Presbyterial, there are twenty young women's auxiliaries and circles. Miss Jean McDonald, of King City, rendered a solo, which was very much appreciated.

Mrs. Lena Day, Toronto, gave a very interesting address on her work at the Italian Mission, Toronto. They have three centres. An Italian missionary who preaches to them in their own language is doing a great work in the down-town sections of Toronto.

Mrs. E. R. Young, President of the Toronto Centre Presbyterial, addressed the conference: "From the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts we have eleven conferences, one hundred and seven presbyterials, with a membership of 184,000. Last year they raised \$1,128,000. We have one hundred and sixty workers and missionaries in national service."

Miss Jamieson, of Toronto, conducted the

Question Drawer. A strong resolution for the total prohibition of the sale of liquor was passed.

Rev. A. H. Halbert closed the meeting with prayer, and Rev. T. R. White pronounced the benediction.

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL.—Two successful Sectional Conferences for officers, under the direction of this presbyterial, were held in September.

Five societies were represented at Cooksville United Church, on September 17th. Miss Olive White, recently returned from deaconess work in British Columbia, gave a very inspiring address. On September 24th officers from nine societies met at Central United Church, Weston. Dr. Victoria Cheung, from Kongmoon, South China, gave a most interesting outline of her work in China. Mrs. Broadfoot, a former co-worker, introduced Dr. Cheung.

These conferences opened with a luncheon at twelve-thirty. The officers met in groups and for a half-hour discussed "The Ideal Officer." Ideas were reported at the opening of the programme. Each conference closed with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Oliver.

On September 14th, Mrs. (Rev.) Newton Hill, passed away at her home in Toronto. She will be remembered with affection by many of the members of the Toronto Conference Branch of The Woman's Missionary Society, of the former Methodist Church. For many years Mrs. Newton Hill acted as Secretary of the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving. Because of the winsomeness of her personality, and the gentle persuasiveness of her presentation of the subject at branch meetings, her department became increasingly strong. By quiet following up by letter writing she kept the enthusiasm of convention days before her auxiliaries.

As the wife of a Methodist minister, she made many friends who remained true through the long years of her retirement and invalidism. Though her husband and only son predeceased her by many years, she was lovingly cared for by devoted friends.

NOTE.—Change in officers: Toronto Conference Branch Missionary Monthly Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Dove, 130 Stibbard Ave., Toronto. Toronto East Presbyterial: Secretary for Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups, Miss Lena McCracken, 10 Ellerbeck Ave., Toronto, and change of address, Mrs. R. T. Shiell, President, 99 Ridge Drive, Moore Park, Toronto.

The Bookshelf

The Uncertain Trumpet. A. S. M. Hutchinson.

In *The Uncertain Trumpet*, A. S. M. Hutchinson has given us another delightful book which we will want to add to our permanent library. The title is taken from the New Testament, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself for battle?" The story pictures David Quest with his gallant wife holding "God's fort" in Ashton Parva, a remote shire where the people are chiefly interested in hunting. He attempts to preach his gospel that the sins of the spirit are more heinous than the sins of the flesh, abominable as they may be, and he is opposed by one hate-filled woman and smothered by common indifference. Interwoven with his story is that of lovely Dawn Heritage, her prim husband, and too easy-going brother-in-law.

The nomenclature—the Flogg-Wallopers of Gallop Hall and the Glumdays for example—and the clear delineation of the many minor characters are Dickensian. In the background, but influencing all the progress of events, is the sturdy figure of Father Absolute, leaving his East-end Mission at eighty years of age to hold out a helping hand to the perplexed young things of the post-war period, who have "no background" to give them a true perspective on life and its problems, and to strive to help them answer their question as to why they were born. The book is fascinating and the characters will join your other book friends in your memory.—*Mercy E. McCulloch.*

The City's Church. H. Paul Douglass.

The Crowded Ways. Charles H. Sears.

Blind Spots. Henry Smith Leiper.

Pioneers of Goodwill. Harold B. Hunting.

(To be reviewed.)

Four very interesting study books have been issued this year, on the city and on race prejudice, by the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Home Missions Council of North America. The Committee on New Americans and that on the city have been merged, with Dr. Sears as Convener. It is, perhaps, fairest to combine the four books in any study if one is to preserve a proper balance. *The City's Church*, by H. Paul Douglass, is the result of the prodigious task of studying one thousand city churches. It seeks to pre-

pare the reader's mind for the kind of church required for city people. The preface begins with this sentence, "The building in which this preface is being written looks down upon the point of a church spire. Smothered between skyscrapers, the church bells do not sound ethereally from above, but only rise along with the jangling noises of the street below. One may notice the priest pacing in the walled yard of pocket handkerchief dimensions behind the church. Viewed from a hundred and fifty feet straight up, he seems to thrust his feet in and out from immediately beneath his hatbrim, as a turtle thrusts its feet from its shell. Both church and man appear flattened, squat." One closes the book with a feeling of heaviness that the Body of Christ has lost some of its winsoneness as its structure is discussed and exposed, and one could wish that more emphasis were placed upon the prophet in the pulpit and above all the Head of the Church with His drawing power. The seventh chapter gives considerable space to a discussion of interdenominational organization and other forms of co-operation, but seems to avoid, for some unaccountable reason, what, to our mind, are the main issues involved. Let us hope that some day the writer will meet the undivided Christ on the road saying, "Saul, Saul, It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks," and that henceforth he will become Paul the apostle to the divided churches of America.

The second book, *The Crowded Ways*, by Dr. Sears, seems to fill out and clothe the structure described in the former book. Dr. Sears has lived and worked in New York since a lad and loves it; to him it means people with eternal possibilities. Its foreword says, "It is the purpose of this study to interpret the city in terms of personality. To see the city in its effect on individuals rather than in terms of organization."

Dr. Sears gives some original material where he treats with subjects like the city mind and what the city does to people, but one must read the book to appreciate it. For example, "the problem of the city man grows out of the changes in the city man himself." Another chapter deals with the suburban trend since the Great War. Here is another sentence, "the Godless suburb is more dangerous than the pestilential slum."

A third interesting book is *Blind Spots*, by Mr. Henry Smith Leiper, who was born in a Home Mission manse among the Indians, lived with Southern Highlanders, was educated in the north, lived in Siberia and China, and is now in close touch with the negro question in the United States. From such a perspective he writes a most helpful and frequently humorous book on experiments in the self cure of race prejudice. While it deals with subjects particularly affecting the United States, such as the negro question, and the Oriental, it is of general value. For example, a negro to whom no one would speak on a train, borrowed a porter's hat and immediately every one talked to him. The only case affecting Canada directly is an instance where a young woman had acquired a dislike for the French Canadians on account of a disagreeable nurse, but later had overcome the prejudice when attending a convention in Canada, by asking to be billeted with French Canadians.

We are British enough to learn anything from anybody, but it is fair to ask if the Canadian section of these councils have not produced some very interesting experiments in the solution of the questions discussed, and if merely a reference to these experiments, whether favorable or unfavorable, would not at least have been of historical value? Because we are not too big a people yet, perhaps we have ventured far in the realm of Christian unity and there are many original experiments which have been made by the different cities throughout Canada in an attempt to prevent many of the unfortunate conditions which have arisen in the more thickly populated countries of the world. We would like the other churches in these councils to know that we have been trying to do something. Remember we are part of the councils which have issued these books as a study of North America.—*Mrs. Jos. M. West.*

From Jerusalem to Jerusalem. Helen Barrett Montgomery, A.M., LL.D.

Miss Montgomery has written several of our study books, as well as a translation of the New Testament. This book is a history of the Christian Church from its birthday at Pentecost in Jerusalem, up to the International Missionary Council held in the same historic city in April, 1928. Such a study is very timely, in view of our celebration of nineteen hundred years since Pentecost, in the spring of 1930.

As we study the growth of the Church through the centuries, in spite of periods of severe persecution, we are sure to take courage and become more optimistic regarding the future of the Church and the great missionary movement, despite the gross indifference and determined opposition of to-day. To quote the author's own words, "The expansion of the gospel through the ages and throughout the world is one of the perennial miracles of God's eternal grace."

CHAPTER I.—*Pentecost—The Birthday of the Apostolic Church.*

There is a divine plan behind the Gospel of Christ, whose builder and maker is God. Jesus came to reveal the nature of the plan and its Builder. Missions are at the heart of the gospel, Jesus being the first Missionary. After Pentecost, the apostles set about to spread the gospel. The Christians were persecuted and scattered, but they took the gospel with them. At the close of the chapter, there are five reasons given for the rapid spread of Christianity.

CHAPTER II.—*Expansion to the East and South.*

Christianity was born in Asia, Jesus being an Oriental. Asia Minor was the first field for the expansion of Christianity. This chapter tells of the rise of the Armenian Church and its wonderful growth to east and south—also of the entrance of Nestorian and Roman Catholic Missions in China, summing up at the close the reasons for the failure of both.

CHAPTER III.—*The Winning of Europe.*

The Gospel, rejected by the Jew, was implanted in the dying Roman Empire. From Constantinople, the centre for the Orthodox Church of the East, the gospel first came among the barbarian tribes of Eastern Europe. From Rome, the centre for the Catholic Church, came the gospel to the nations of Western Europe. It was the close of the eleventh century before Great Britain was Christianized. This chapter tells what a prominent part women played in the spread of the Christian faith.

CHAPTER IV.—*The Glorious Company.*

Here, the author traces the history of missionary advance even through the dark ages, giving short sketches of the work of two great missionaries of that period—Raymond Lull and

St. Francis of Assisi. Then follows the life stories of many missionaries of the modern era—a wonderful feast for the story-teller.

CHAPTER V.—*The Unfinished Task.*

We find this a real surprise packet, as it reveals how much missionary work remains to be done. Unoccupied areas in Asia, unreached Arabia and other lands under Moslem domination, the forgotten people in Latin American lands and the neglected Jews. We are further humiliated as we read of the areas of conduct of interracial relations not won for Christ.

CHAPTER VI.—*From Jerusalem to Jerusalem.*

Other great Ecumenical Conferences are contrasted with the latest one at Jerusalem. The major part of the chapter is the Christian message sent out to the world from this International Conference of last year. Just a few quotations from this—"Our message is Jesus Christ"—"The Gospel is the World's Greatest Need . . . Either it is true for all, or it is not true at all"—"Christ is our motive and

Christ our end. We must give nothing less and we can give nothing more,"—truly a ringing challenge to the Christian world.—*Mrs. J. H. Rush.*

Temperance Material. For Woman's Missionary Societies and Young Woman's Auxiliaries:

1. A Short History of the Liquor Traffic in Canada.

2. News of the World Movement Against the Use of Alcoholic Beverages and The Liquor Traffic by Rev. Hugh Dobson, D.D., Vancouver, B.C.

For Junior Groups, Mission Circles and C.G.I.T. Groups:

Alcohol and Human Well-Being, by Rev. John Coburn.

For Mission Bands:

Canadian Junior Citizens Code, by Miss Mary Eadie.

Order from The Literature Department, 410 Wesley Bldgs., Toronto 2

Mostly About People

Mrs. E. A. Ward, mother of Miss Constance Ward, one of our missionaries in West China and of Miss Blanche Ward, a teacher in Vancouver, has lately passed away. We extend deep sympathy to her daughters in their bereavement.

Congratulations were showered upon our sister editor, Mrs. Kenneth Tait, and her husband on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Friends in Truro arranged a surprise party and the minister, Rev. Kenneth Munro, presented the couple with a silver casserole and cold meat fork. The report continues: "Mrs. Tait replied in well chosen and witty remarks," which we readily believe. We join in hearty good wishes.

We were privileged to hear Dr. S. Lavington Hart, Principal of the Anglo-Chinese College, Tientsin, and one of the well known missionaries of the London Missionary Society, when he spoke lately at a luncheon in Toronto. His story of the power of Christ over the life of one young Chinese made a profound impression on his audience.

Deep sympathy has been expressed for our missionary, Miss Florence Clearihue, who, on the very eve of her departure for India after furlough, lost her brother, Mr. Beverley Clearihue of Toronto. He died very suddenly at Timmins, Ont., leaving besides his wife and sister, an aged mother, and to those, also, we tender our sympathy.

A new appointment has been made at the Maritime Home, Truro, N.S., in the person of Dr. M. J. Whittier, a sister of our missionary, Dr. Catherine Whittier of India. Dr. Whittier is a recent graduate of Dalhousie Medical College, has had experience in the Children's Hospital and is peculiarly fitted for the position.

Miss Dorothy Kilpatrick, B.A., one of our missionaries of Central India, has been appointed Dean of Women of University College by the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto. She succeeds Mrs. W. A. Kirkwood.

Dr. Florence Murray, Korea, has gone to Peking to spend her vacation in study at the Union Medical College there.

New Organizations

Associate Societies

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

TEMISKAMING PRESBYTERIAL.—N o r a n d a, Que., Mrs. L. Palmir.

Young Women's Auxiliaries

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

TORONTO WEST PRESBYTERIAL.—Miss Mary R. Torrance, 2300 Bloor Street West.

Mission Circles

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BRANCH

VANCOUVER PRESBYTERIAL.—V a n c o u v e r, Ferris Road, Mrs. W. W. Abbot, 6460 George Street.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

HURON PRESBYTERIAL.—London, Thames Road, Miss Dorothy Armstrong.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

GREY PRESBYTERIAL.—Meaford, Trinity, Miss Hazel Picot.

Mission Bands

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE BRANCH

VICTORIA PRESBYTERIAL.—C e d a r, Mrs. Charles Fiddick.

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

HURON PRESBYTERIAL.—Belgrave, K n o x, Happy Hearts, Mrs. Carl Procter, R.R., Brussels. OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL.—Bright, Mrs. Harry Shosenberg.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE BRANCH

BRANDON PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Brandon Hills, Willing Workers, Mrs. Angus S. McPherson, R.R. 4, Brandon; 2. Hartney, Forbes, Joy Bringers, Mrs. Wesley J. Forbes; 3. Regent, Mrs. H. Sutton. PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Macdonald, Dundonald School, Mrs. H. Bailey; 2. Oakland, Mrs. John Carmichael, R.R. 1, Portage la Prairie.

MONTREAL-OTTAWA CONFERENCE BRANCH

OTTAWA PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Fitzroy Harbor, Miss Edith Kedey; 2. Ottawa, Western, Cleo Yeatman, 58 Preston Street.

TORONTO CONFERENCE BRANCH

SIMCOE PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Churchill, Sunshine, Miss Lois Todd; 2. Ebenezer, Miss Zilla Gardiner, Gilford; 3. Port McNicoll, Mrs. Norman Collard. SUDBURY PRESBYTERIAL.—Coniston, John Cameron. TORONTO CENTRE PRESBYTERIAL.—Newtonbrook, Miss Elinor Moore.

Baby Bands

LONDON CONFERENCE BRANCH

OXFORD PRESBYTERIAL.—Bright.

Affiliated C.G.I.T. Groups

MARITIME CONFERENCE BRANCH

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Bathurst, St. Luke's, Intermediate, Mrs. Frank Godfrey, Bathurst, N.B.; 2. Blackville, N.B., St. Andrew's, Alert, Miss Laura Walks; 3. Blackville, N.B., St. Andrew's, True Blue, Mrs. E. S. V. Johnson. SYDNEY PRESBYTERIAL.—1. New Aberdeen, N.S., Harden, Shawnee, Miss Katherine G. Fergusson, Box 76a; 2. Warden, Loyal Group, Miss Mabel Carmichael; 3. Warden, Kelola, Miss Effie Macdougall; 4. Warden, Rainbow Group, Mrs. R. R. MacEachern. WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAL.—1. East Florenceville, Miss Barbara Semple; 2. Weamie Group, Miss Dorothy Young, Woodstock, N.B.

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE BRANCH

ASSINIBOIA PRESBYTERIAL.—1. Meyronne, Wohello and Awowin, Mrs. J. A. Robinson, Meyronne; 2. Willows, Golden Links, Mrs. W. W. Craig. WEYBURN PRESBYTERIAL.—Ogema, United, Friendly Group and Little Builders, Mrs. J. E. Lloyd. WILKIE PRESBYTERIAL.—Ruthilda, Gleeeful Group, Mrs. J. M. Ferguson.

RE-AFFILIATED GROUPS.—2.

Entered Into Higher Service

Mrs. Peter Baptie, Lakefield, Ont., September 15, 1929.

Mrs. Angus Barr, Beachburg, Ont., August 4, 1929.

Mrs. J. Bawtenheimer, Hamilton, Ont., September 14, 1929.

Mrs. John R. Bradburn, Janetville, Ont., August 31, 1929.

Mrs. T. Braine, Lachute, Que., August 16, 1929.

Mrs. Wm. Boulton, St. Thomas, Ont., October 3, 1929.

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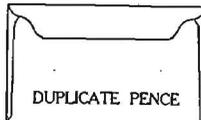
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