

# THESE FIFTEEN YEARS

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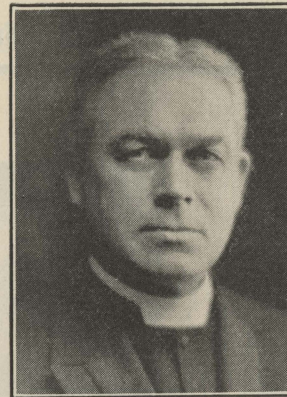
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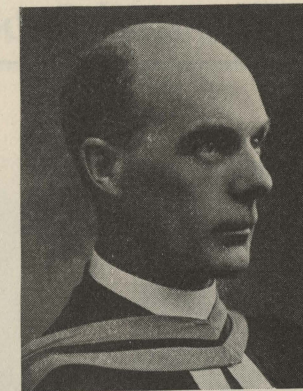
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## FOREWORD

"These Fifteen Years" has been prepared, first of all, for the information and use of the Commissioners to the General Council; but the Board of Home Missions proposes to send a copy to each minister of The United Church and to enclose one for the Secretary of his Official Board, as well. A limited number will be available for others in our congregations in all parts of our Church and these may be had on application to the Office.

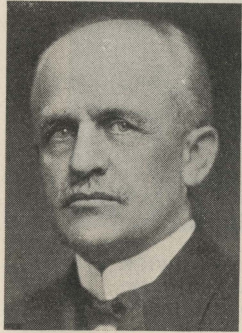
The reader will soon discover that this booklet is not intended to give a comprehensive survey of all phases of Home Mission work in the various sections of the Dominion. This is to be found in the Report of the Board as published in the 1940 Year Book. It is hoped that the following pages, with their brief statement of facts and numerous illustrations, will furnish sufficient material to give at least some idea of the problem and achievements of the Board and of the workers during "these fifteen years of sunshine and shadow." It has been thought fitting, as a historical record, to include pictures of those who during this important period have had responsibility for Home Mission administration. One wishes that it had been possible to present to the Church, in the same way, all those who, by their patience, fidelity and courage in the difficult places of our land, have, under God, made possible in the last decade and a half all The United Church has been enabled to do for the higher life of our nation and the world. It is impossible to find language with which to pay a high enough tribute to the spirit and sacrifice of our ministers and their wives.

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the assistance given us in the preparation of this booklet by my former colleague, Rev. K. J. Beaton, the Secretary of the Committee on Missionary Education.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. B. Hodman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".

*Secretary, Board of Home Missions.*

*Secretaries and Superintendents of Missions who have passed away during "these fifteen years"*



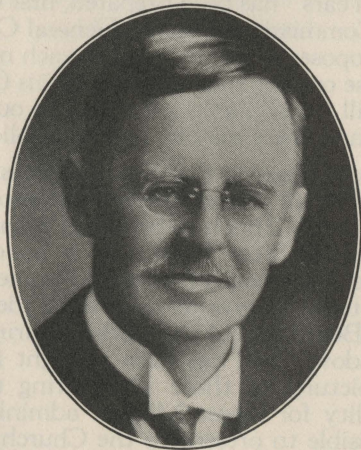
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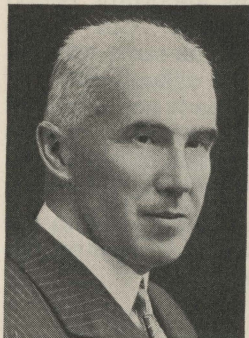
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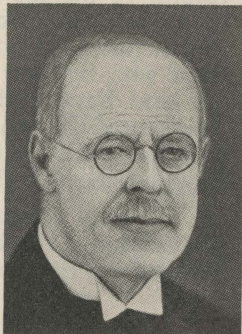
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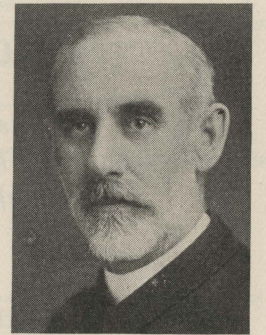
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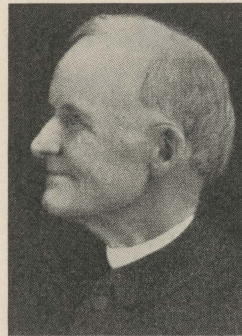
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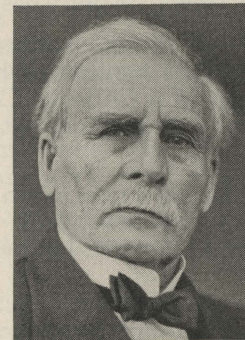
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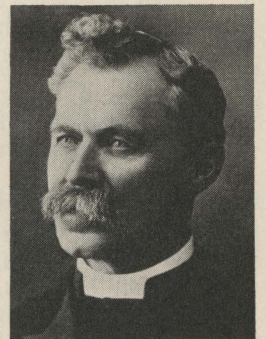
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1925-1928*



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*Superintendent, Maritimes,  
1925-1928*



REV. F. L. BROWN, D.D.  
*Superintendent, Southern Ontario,  
1925-1933*

## These Fifteen Years

*Some worthwhile national services of  
The United Church of Canada  
through Home Mission work*

1. By the wonderful success of our great adventure in organic union, made inevitable by our challenging Home Mission situation, Canada has shown the whole of Christendom the feasibility and beauty of the wider church fellowship of which Christian people have dreamed so long.

2. By the erection of churches on the frontiers, visibility has been given to religion.

3. In Home Mission areas, the privileges of public worship and the joy of Christian fellowship have been brought to the lonely places of our land.

4. High moral ideals, both national and individual, have been maintained.

5. In times of testing—drouth, depression and war—the faith, the courage and the morale of our people have remained steadfast.

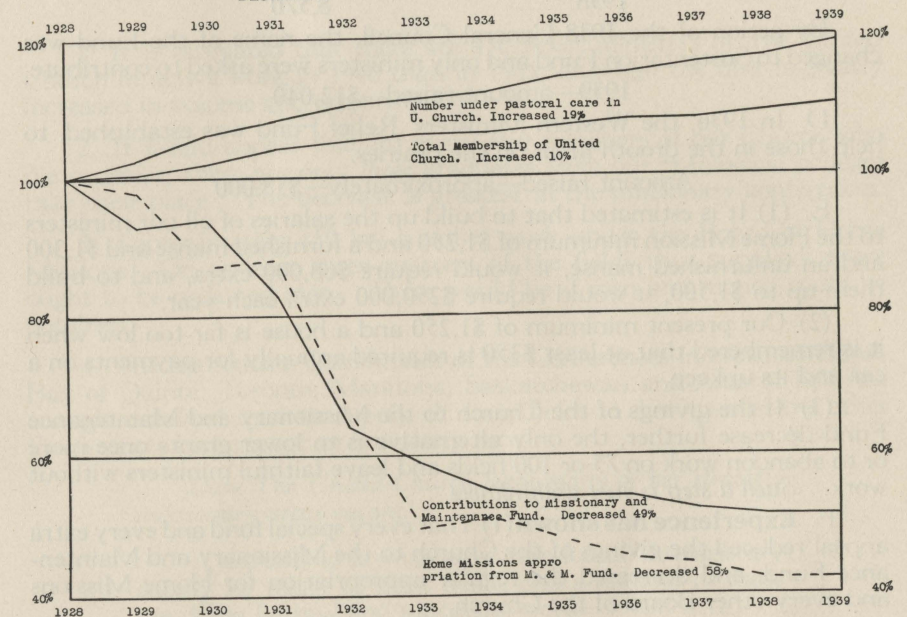
6. The cause of Canadian unity has been promoted.

7. In a country of 70 nationalities, speaking over 100 dialects, through the ministry of her Churches of All Nations, the ideal of a Christian Canada has been preached and the way to real international fellowship advanced.

8. The task of laying a foundation of faith, justice and brotherhood for the new world, which must be established after the war is over, has been continued.

## Financial

CHART CONTRASTING INCREASED MEMBERSHIP WITH  
DECREASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOME MISSIONS



This means that last year Home Missions received approximately a cent and a half per member per week. Surely this does not represent sacrificial giving on the part of our people!

*Temporary financial expedients* adopted during the fifteen years of depression, drouth and war, to meet Home Mission needs (all this in addition to regular allocations year by year from the Missionary and Maintenance Fund):

A. Transferred from Home Mission Reserves in the 15 years, to help carry on the ordinary work—\$310,570.

(Up to 1937, every dollar added by legacies to Reserves was used to carry on the regular work from year to year.)

B. In 1933, a special extra grant of \$60,000 was made to Home Missions to meet the special emergencies.

C. Central Emergency Fund, established in 1936, to aid ministers in need on supposedly self-supporting fields, not on the Home Mission list:

1936—amount raised—	\$15,230
1937	11,070
1938	8,570

By action of the 1938 General Council, the name of the Fund was changed to Sustentation Fund and only ministers were asked to contribute.

1939—amount raised—\$12,040

D. In 1936, the Western Ministers' Relief Fund was established, to help those in the drouth areas on the prairies.

Amount raised—approximately—\$58,000

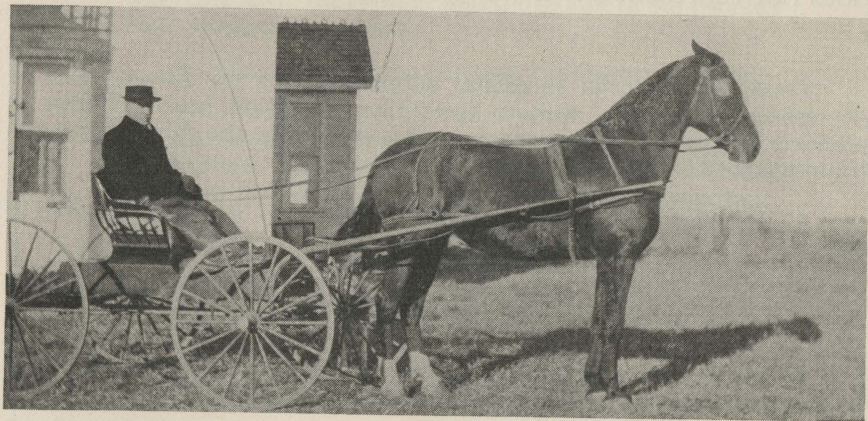
E. (1) It is estimated that to build up the salaries of all our ministers to the Home Mission minimum of \$1,250 and a furnished manse and \$1,300 and an unfurnished manse, it would require \$68,000 extra, and to build them up to \$1,500, it would require \$250,000 extra each year.

(2) Our present minimum of \$1,250 and a house is far too low when it is remembered that at least \$350 is required annually for payments on a car and its upkeep.

(3) If the givings of the Church to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund decrease further, the only alternative is to lower grants once more or to abandon work on 75 or 100 fields and leave faithful ministers without work. *Such a step is just unthinkable.*

F. **Experience has shown** (1) That every special fund and every extra appeal reduced the givings of the Church to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund, and decreased the regular appropriation for Home Missions and every other Board of the Church.

(2) That the only sensible businesslike way of meeting the situation is to give the Board of Home Missions sufficient money each year to pay a reasonable salary to the ministers of every congregation not able to stand alone financially.



*The late Rev. S. E. Colwill, on his pastoral rounds on a Manitoba charge, in the 'good old days.'*

## The Problem of Men

1. It is estimated that there are 430 fewer ministers of The United Church in active work in 1940 than in 1925, although the task is greatly increased in volume and responsibility.

2. It would appear that for every *four* ministers of our Church who die or retire, there are only *three* graduates from our theological colleges take their place. The decrease is greatest in the missionary conferences.

3. Approximately 150 lay supplies work under the Board of Home Missions. On at least three-quarters of the fields thus supplied, there ought to be ordained men. There would be if men and money could be obtained.

4. The Settlement Committees of the Conferences in Newfoundland, Bay of Quinte, Toronto, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta had not enough ordained men to supply all their fields in 1940, whilst the other Conferences had enough or too many men.

*Dare The United Church leave many of her strategic missionary areas vacant?*

It is true that laymen have been found as temporary supply for many of these fields, and a number of these are doing faithful and successful work.

*But is it fair or wise to put untrained and inexperienced men on difficult fields?*

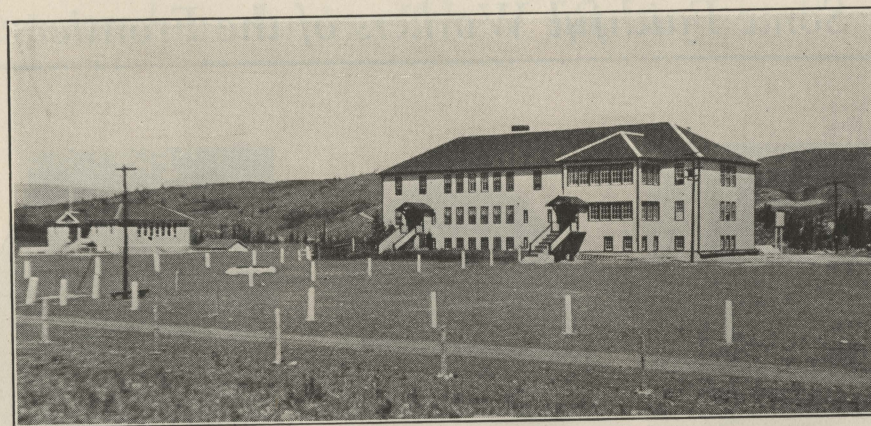
5. *Is it not clear that the United Church must at once devise some plan by which her ministers will be more fairly distributed over the whole Church?*

*Is it too much to ask that graduates of our theological colleges should be placed for a year or two by the Transfer Committee of the Church where the need for young and energetic leadership is greatest?*

6. In view of the enlistment of students for war service, the appointment of chaplains, and the possibility of an increasing number of both students and ministers giving themselves to patriotic duties in the months immediately ahead, the problem of men will become increasingly acute and the Board of Home Missions faces a very serious situation. This becomes more apparent when we record the fact that the number of students for the ministry in the arts courses seems to be diminishing. The average for fourteen years since Union has been 241. In 1940 there are 213—or 28 less than the average.

# The Work Among the Indians

The Schools illustrated were erected or rebuilt during the last fifteen years by the Dominion Government, to be administered by the Board of Home Missions.

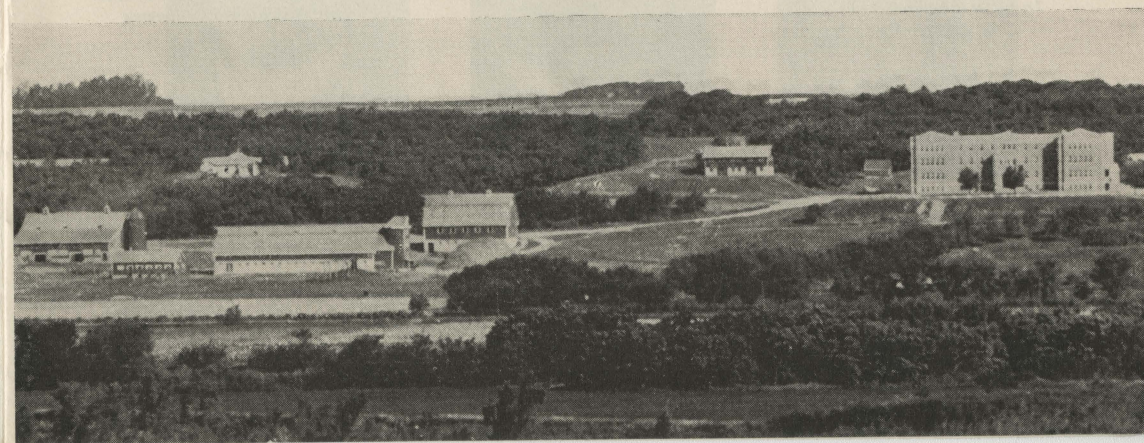


*Morley Indian Residential School, rebuilt in 1935*



*Day School and Teachers' Residence, Port Simpson, erected 1938*

*Brandon Indian Residential School, erected 1930*



*Alberni Indian Residential School, to be opened this fall*

The Board of Home Missions administers 6 Indian Residential Schools, with a staff of 88 teachers and other workers.

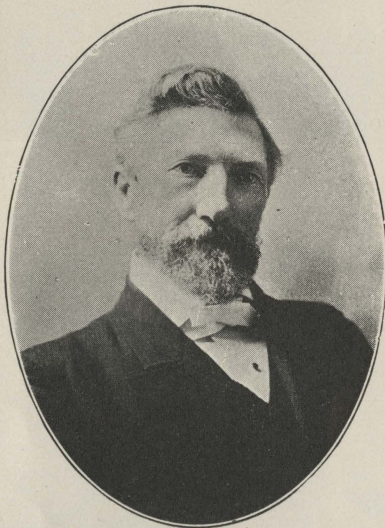
Among the 18,000 Indians for whose evangelization The United Church is responsible, the Board has 51 missionaries.

Some Faithful Workers of the Frontiers who

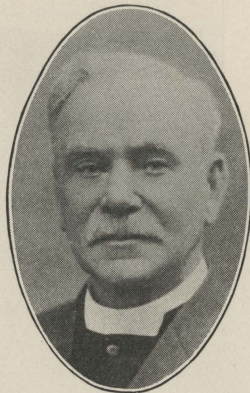
have passed on during "these fifteen years"



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*Western Canada*



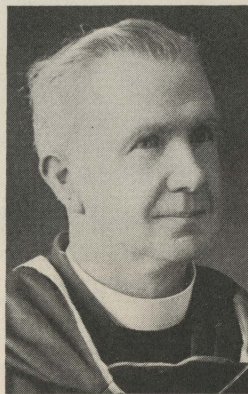
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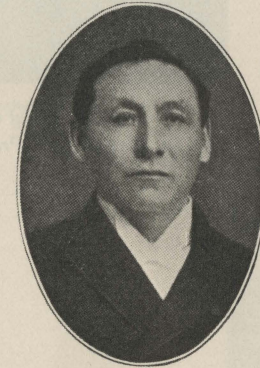
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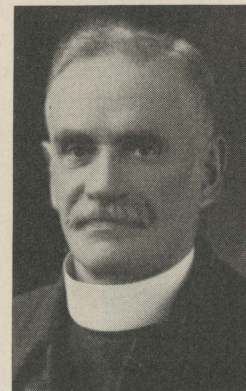
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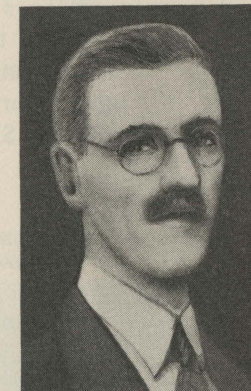
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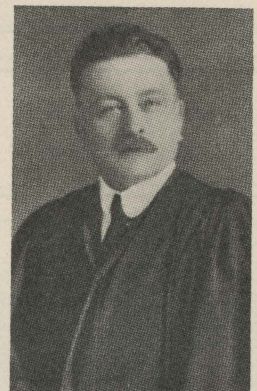
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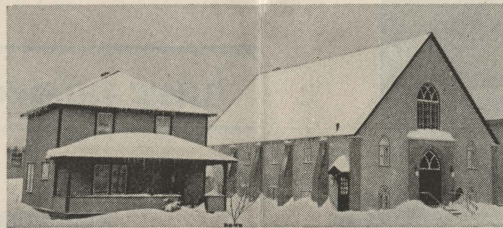
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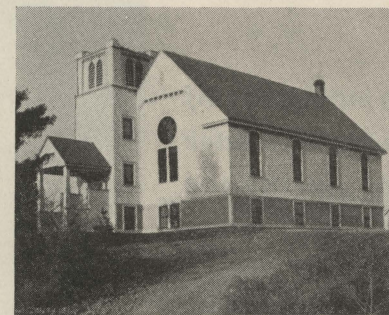
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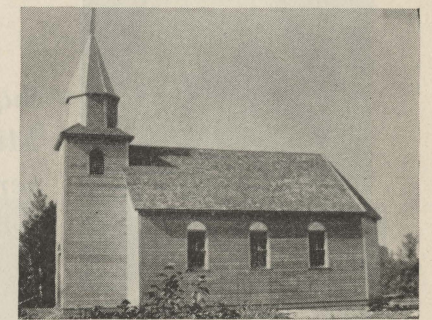
*Douglas Road Church,  
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*Church and Manse,  
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*Saltsprings Church,  
N.S.*



*St. Andrew's Ukrainian Church,  
Swan Plain, Sask.*

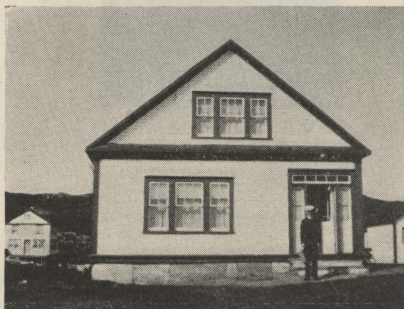


*East Saint John Church, N.B.*

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*St. Anthony Parsonage,  
Newfoundland*



## Building New Churches

1. We present a few of the 600 churches and manses the Property Fund of the Board of Home Missions has helped to erect in the past fifteen years.

2. During the fifteen years of Union, the Board of Home Missions has helped to build over 600 churches, institutions, manses or parsonages.

3. To meet the cost of these building enterprises, the Board of Home Missions has voted in grants and loans since Union from its Building Fund nearly \$1,300,000.

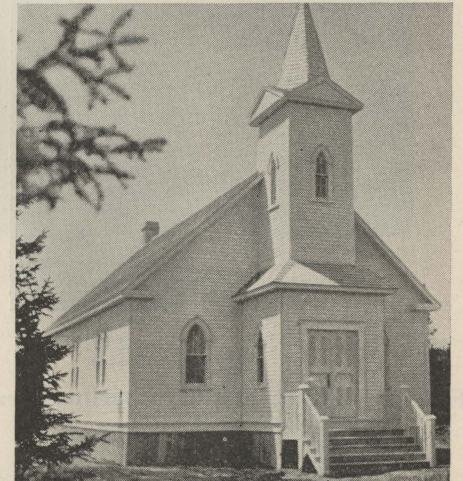
4. At the end of 1939, there was still owing on principal and interest on loans given during the last fifteen years, approximately, \$750,000.

5. The sub-Executive of the General Council in 1929 decided that a special appeal should be made at the earliest possible moment for \$300,000 extra for the Home Mission Property Fund, but since then the time has never seemed to be opportune for the appeal.

6. The result has been that the Board has had to husband its resources in the Building Fund—for example:

Whereas in 1925 over \$191,000 was voted in loans and grants, in 1935 only \$10,700 was granted, and in 1939 a little over \$17,000.

7. There are places on the new frontiers of Canada waiting for help to erect churches and manses.



*North-West River Church, Labrador*

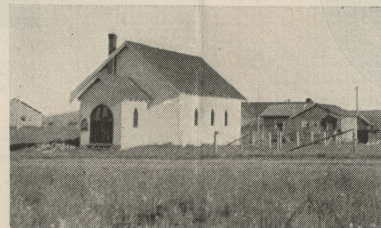
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*Hill's Lake Church,  
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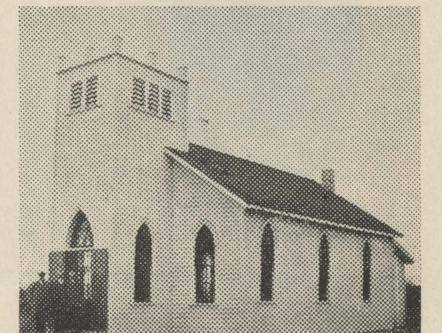
*Church and Manse,  
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*Bissell Memorial Church,  
Eriksdale, Man.*



*Sampson Church, Indian Reserve,  
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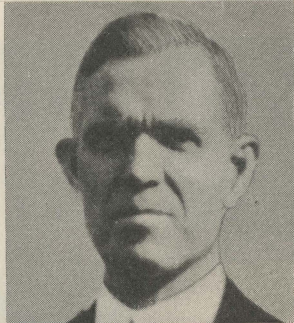






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Conference and Bay of Quinte East

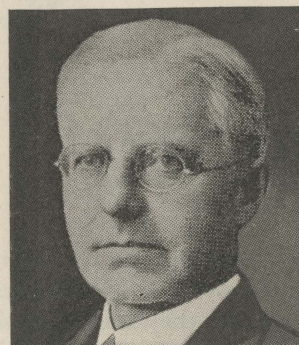
Superintendents of  
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Supervisor, Oriental Missions,  
Eastern Canada



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Former Secretaries and Superintendents, now serving The United Church in other ways



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Saskatchewan, 1925-1926



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Saskatchewan, 1925-1929

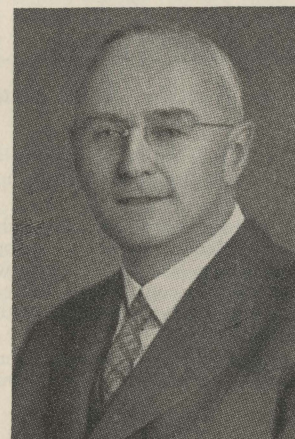


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Secretaries and Superintendents appointed since Union  
and still in the Service of the Board



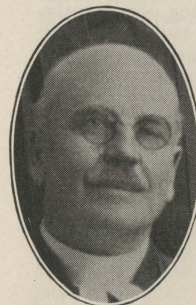
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Secretary, appointed 1929



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Associate Secretary, appointed 1936



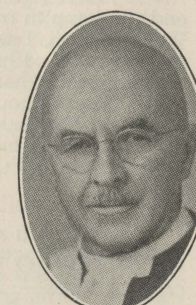
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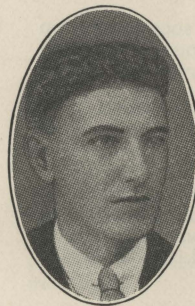
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Superintendent, Northern  
Saskatchewan, appointed 1929



REV. J. C. COCHRANE, D.D.  
Superintendent, Northern Ontario and  
North Western Quebec, appointed 1929



REV. R. J. McDONALD, D.D.  
Superintendent, Southern  
Saskatchewan, appointed 1937



REV. H. M. DAWE, B.A., B.D.  
Superintendent, Newfoundland,  
appointed 1938



REV. W. P. BUNT, B.A., B.D.  
Superintendent, British Columbia,  
appointed 1939



REV. W. S. GODFREY, B.A.  
Superintendent, Maritimes,  
appointed 1936

## "They have endured hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ"

These quotations reveal the spirit of our men:

### 1. From a young minister from the United States who volunteered a year ago for work on the prairies—

"As it will be impossible to cover all of my points each Sunday, I have made arrangements for mid-week services, and will bunk team and self at whichever point I happen to be.

"At five of the points we will have study groups, which will begin immediately after the service. My people have selected the following topics for the winter: 'History of Europe since 1918; the Rise of the Dictators; Historical Background of the Old Testament; the Development of the Concept of the Deity; and the Christian Church and Her History.' The service and study group will begin at 2.00 p.m. and refreshments will be served at about five o'clock.

"In this way I hope to be able to keep my groups together all winter. It will soon be impossible to continue four services and to cover 72 miles one Sunday and 86 the next."

### 2. From our missionary on the Labrador Coast, written just before leaving at the request of the Board to do deputation work in Canada—

"I have just turned over the *Glad Tidings II* to Rev. Mr. Macabe at Cartwright and the lump in my throat, which is of a major proportion, keeps rising persistently. Well, after all, I saw her keel laid, planned every detail about her and sailed her until this morning. I have estimated doing more than 20,000 miles in the nine years (short of one month) that I have been in Labrador. During that time she has only left the wharf once without my being on board—that was on one occasion three years ago when I let Dr. Paddan have her for a short trip. And I cannot recall ever touching her keel on a rock or having an accident of any kind, unless I were to count hard experiences as accidents, and they have been numerous as you can well imagine."

### 3. From a native of Ontario who has spent nearly all his ministerial life on the Prairies and recently in an area where there have been ten successive crop failures—

"I visited a home, a few weeks ago, where the kiddies were huddled in a corner of the room clad in whatever odds and ends of apparel the mother could pin around them. The mother, who was 'washing' at the time, explained, 'I have no change of clothing for them when I wash their things.' I left a fair-sized carton of used clothing in that home; but I knew there was no adequate 'clothing' for these children. At best, their garments were merely 'things.'

"One could write books of experiences such as these: for ten successive crop failures have worked terrific havoc in what was once a prosperous farming and ranching district. It is trying work, and no doubt heavy on Home Mission funds; but a man cannot run away from it without a sense of shame!"

### 4. From a minister who had just passed through great sorrow—

"A week ago last evening my wife passed away suddenly. I took her to —, for burial alongside of our daughter, who died a few years ago. I came back home Tuesday evening. This morning I was sitting downstairs, feeling very dispirited and broken up, wondering how I was to get the necessary money to pay all the bills which

accumulated during Mrs. —'s illness, when my mail came. I opened a letter from our Home Mission Superintendent and found a cheque there for \$100.00. I thought first there must have been a mistake somewhere, but on rereading the letter I found that no mistake had been made.

"I am wondering if a kindly Father has not been working in my behalf. That money was so much needed by me now, and it came along just in the time of my need. I thank God most sincerely for it, and I thank your office for sending it at such a propitious time. Surely our Great Father has wondrous ways of expressing His goodness."

### 5. From a recent graduate on his first charge on the frontier—

"My wife and I have just about decided to transfer our membership to this Conference. The challenge of today is so strong on all three fronts—Foreign, Home Missions, and in the older established churches, that a final decision is difficult. I have recently had a troubling letter from home regarding the need for leadership from the Church, which the writer felt was not quite being provided. If we ministers could only shake off our smugness, forget ourselves, and do some real sacrificing of comforts and selfish interests I do believe we would begin solving some of the problems, not only of our Church but of our world.

"Work is progressing. Sometimes the volume of it 'gets a fellow down.'"

### 6. From the log of one of our Mission Boats on the Pacific—

"Brought sick child and woman to hospital; spent three days dragging for drowned man, several boats searching; rushed little girl with hand partly chopped off to hospital; towed logger's donkey and float thirty-five miles, his engine having broken down; rescued four men from burning gas boat in Johnston Straits; salvaged fisherman's boat badly damaged and saved the man; provided a real Christmas dinner for six families, the first they had had for over two years; distributed warm clothing for little children and indigent families."

### 8. From a missionary retiring on account of ill-health—

"I regret to say that ill-health is forcing me to stop my work in June. . . . In the meantime, I shall not let down the cause.

"During my short ministry I have contributed to my father's home approximately \$200 a year, and, receiving less than the minimum salary for quite a number of years, have not saved much. By cashing in an insurance policy and using all my savings, we shall only have sufficient to partly build a home. It will be more than two-thirds unfinished and my small retiring allowance will be \$360 a year.

"I state these facts not as a plea for more help (this I leave entirely with the Executive)—but to show my position. I am very grateful for past help and will continue to be so."

### 9. From a Superintendent, writing of the work of a young lay supply—

"He has services at five points each Sunday—at ten, eleven, two, three-thirty and seven. The afternoon services are at different places on alternate Sundays, so that he serves altogether seven appointments. He drives one Sunday sixty miles and the next seventy-seven.

"To accomplish his visiting, he has a small tent which he pitches for a period at each point and visits from there. For example, he is now near C— and he thinks visiting there will take about three weeks. People do not like short visits. Then he will move on to C— and so on. Of course, many could not keep this up and I don't think he can indefinitely."

## New Frontiers and New Tasks Since Union

### GEOGRAPHICAL

1. In the pre-Cambrian shield of rock which stretches all the way from Hudson Bay to British Columbia, there has in the last ten years been very great mining development. The United Church has tried to meet this new call, sending in missionaries and building churches and manses.

2. In the new Land Settlement Areas of Northern Ontario, in Northern Saskatchewan and in Northern Alberta, The United Church has followed the new homesteader with the missionary and his message.

3. With representatives of all the other Churches, the Board of Home Missions of The United Church was, for three years, a co-operating unit in the Camp Christian Service League, and had six Chaplains who ministered to the men in the construction camps in Northern Ontario and in British Columbia.

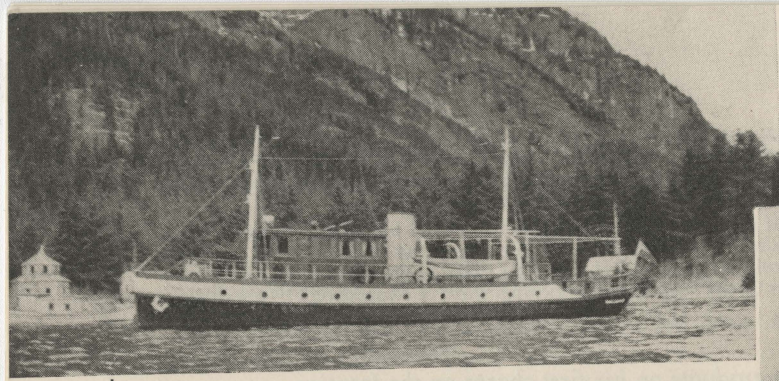
### SOCIAL

1. The Board of Home Missions, in co-operation with the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, carried on from 1930 the work of organizing relief in the way of sending clothing, fruit and vegetables to our fellow-citizens in need in the drouth areas of Western Canada. In these years a total of 23,682 bales of clothing were shipped under United Church auspices to the needy districts in Northern Ontario and the West, and, in co-operation with the other Churches, Protestant and Roman Catholic, 2,163 carloads of fruit and vegetables were sent to the drought areas.

2. The depression has caused special suffering in the deteriorated areas of our larger cities and the staffs of our city mission institutions have given themselves with real devotion to helping "the last and the least and the lost" in the crowded urban slums.



Rev. Fred Berner and his dog team; Chaplain, Winter 1930-1931, Construction Camps, trans-Canada Highway, East of North Bay



"Thomas Crosby IV," Pacific Coast



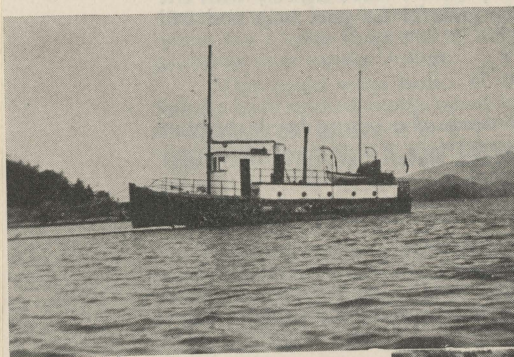
"Pioneer," Atlantic Coast

## The United Church Missionary Fleet

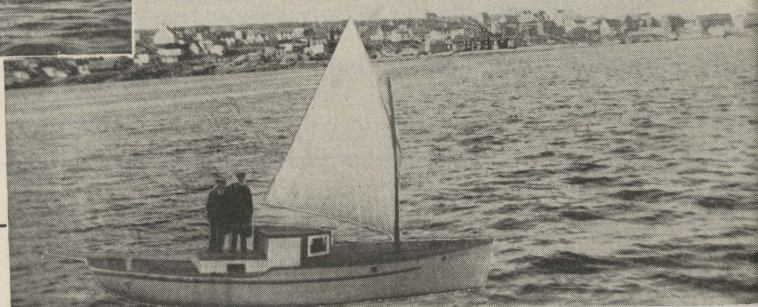
Ministering to those who dwell beside the "great waters," The United Church has, on the Atlantic Coast, 5 boats—*Northern Messenger*, *William Swan*, *Glad Tidings II*, *Pioneer*, *New Crusader*, and, on the Pacific Coast, 4 boats—*Thomas Crosby IV*, *Sky Pilot*, *Melvin Swartout*, *Udal*, as well as the *Sunbeam* at the Port Simpson Hospital and the *Edward White* at the Bella Bella Hospital.

Every craft in our missionary fleet, with the exception of the *Sky Pilot*, and the two Hospital boats, was launched since 1925.

"Melvin Swartout," Pacific Coast



"Northern Messenger," Atlantic Coast



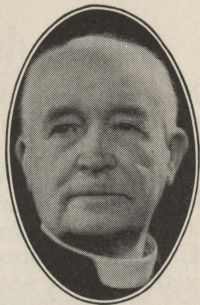
Retired from Active Service during "these fifteen years"



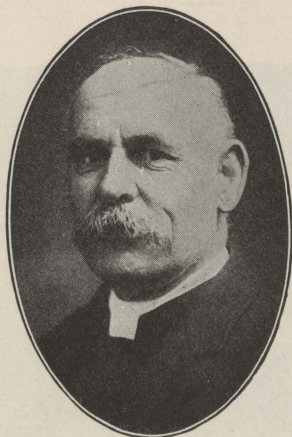
REV. ARTHUR BARNER, D.D.  
Superintendent, Indian Missions  
1925-1935



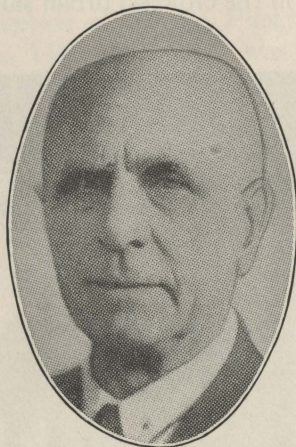
REV. S. S. OSTERHOUT, Ph.D., D.D.  
Superintendent, Oriental Missions,  
1925-1939



REV. MARK FENWICK, D.D.  
Superintendent, Newfoundland,  
1925-1931



REV. OLIVER DARWIN, D.D.  
Superintendent, British Columbia,  
1925-1928



REV. G. A. WILSON, D.D.  
Superintendent, British Columbia,  
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Among  
The New  
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Church of All Nations, Toronto



Bissell Memorial Institute, Edmonton

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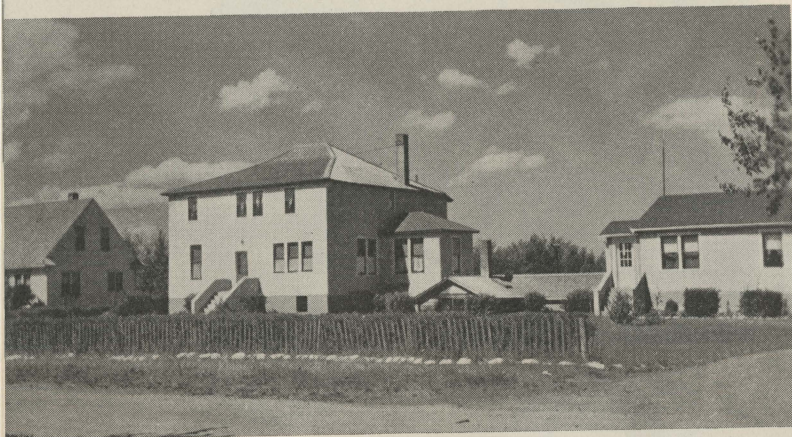


The United Church carries  
on work among New  
Canadians at 60 centres  
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St. Christopher's  
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# The Board's Hospital Work



*The George McDougall Hospital, Smoky Lake, Alta., showing new Nurses' Home, erected 1940*

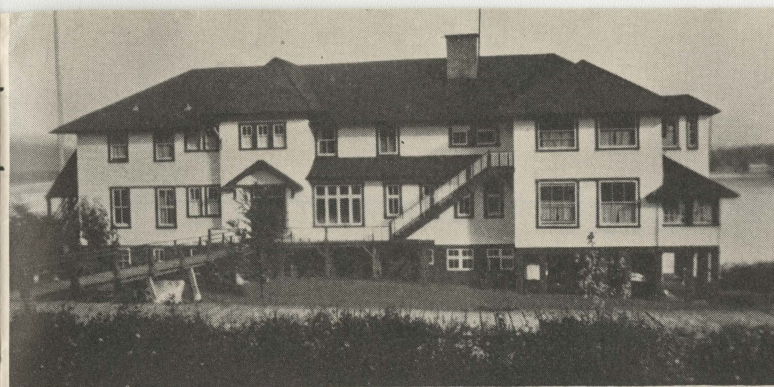
*Below: Mitchell Memorial Hospital, Carrot River, Sask., erected 1935*



The hospitals or additions to hospitals illustrated have all been erected since Union.



*The Wrinch Memorial Hospital, Hazelton, B.C., erected jointly, 1930, by the Home Mission Board, the British Columbia Government and the Indian Department of the Dominion Government*



*The R. W. Large Memorial Hospital, Bella Bella, B.C., showing new T.B. wing, erected by the Home Mission Board and the Dominion Government, 1935*

In addition to those pictured, the Board operates hospitals at Lamont, Alberta; Haford, Sask., Port Simpson, B.C., Bella Coola, B.C. and summer hospitals at Rivers Inlet and Port Essington, B.C.



*Vita General Hospital, Vita, Man., showing new addition in process of construction, 1940. Dr. H. V. Waldon has been Superintendent of this Hospital since 1927*

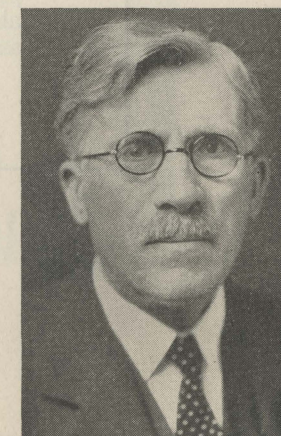


*Three Home Mission doctors, who were in the service of the Board at Union*

*Above: DR. G. E. DARBY, Superintendent, Bella Bella Hospital, on the "Edward White"*

*Right: DR. H. C. WRINCH, former Superintendent, Hazelton Hospital, who retired 1935 and passed away 1939*

*Left: DR. A. E. ARCHER, Superintendent, Lamont Hospital*



## These Fifteen Years Have Taught Something About the Way for the Future

1. We must amalgamate many small churches in the rural areas of the older parts of the Dominion, if The United Church is to function satisfactorily in the days ahead. This applies equally to churches on self-supporting charges and on aid-receiving charges. The "horse and buggy" days are past.

2. There are some small aid-receiving charges in almost every Conference, for which there has long ceased to be an excuse for separate existence.

3. The time has come for continuous conference with the other Christian communions, in an effort to overcome the wasteful and unchristian overlapping and competition in mission areas.

4. We must increase the number of candidates for the ministry.

5. We must devise a plan by which our ministers—especially the newer graduates—will be used where the need is greatest.

6. We must consider again the plan of one year's continuous service by candidates for the ministry during their college course.

7. We must deal in a wise and satisfactory way with the problem of the inefficient minister.

8. Our people must really begin to study the problems and the needs of the work at home and abroad. Only thus can the Church be inspired to give sacrificially for the extension of the Kingdom.

CONFERENCE	1939 CLASSIFICATION OF FIELDS										1940 CLASSIFICATION OF FIELDS										May, 1940	
	Ordinary Fields	Maritime	Non-Anglo-Saxon (French Incl.)	Institutional Missions	Oriental Missions	Indian Missions	Indian Residential Schools	Hospitals	Total, 1939	Ordinary Fields	Maritime	Non-Anglo-Saxon (French Incl.)	Institutional Missions	Oriental Missions	Indian Missions	Indian Residential Schools	Hospitals	Total, 1940	Hospitals	Totals		
Newfoundland	56	5		4	1	2		61	55	5		4	1	2			60					
Maritime	113		9	4	1	2		117	108		7	4	1	2			112					
Montreal-Ottawa	37		3	4	1	2		53	34		3	4	1	2			48					
Bay of Quinte	33		3	2	1	2		35	33		3	2	1	2			35					
Toronto	86		3	2	1	4		101	87		3	2	1	4			102					
Hamilton	9			2	1	3		14	8			2	1	3			13					
London	5			2	1	3		10	5			2	1	3			10					
Manitoba	76		3	5	1	2		102	73		3	5	1	2			99					
Saskatchewan	221		7	2	1	3		236	217		7	2	1	3			232					
Alberta	120		9	2	1	4		140	115		9	2	1	4			135					
British Columbia	56		2	1	16	1		99	55		3	1	14	1			96					
	812	8	33	27	20	51	6	968	790	8	30	27	20	50	196	11	942					

TYPE OF SUPPLY	1939 CLASSIFICATION OF FIELDS										1940 CLASSIFICATION OF FIELDS										May, 1940	
	Newfoundland	Maritime	Non-Anglo-Saxon (French Incl.)	Institutional Missions	Oriental Missions	Indian Missions	Indian Residential Schools	Hospitals	Toronto	Hamilton	London	Manitoba	Sask.	Alberta	British Columbia	Totals						
Ordained	30	79	23	34	7	7	61	13	12	6	27	117	80	51	514							
Laymen	28	1	23	7	7	7	19	7			28	29	8	6	105							
Students	3	1	1	6	6	3	7	1	2		10	77	32	5	201							
Women—H.M.B.													2	2	30							
Indian: Ordained						2	1	3	3	4	7		5	8	30							
Laymen						1	1	3			8	2		5	19							
Women						1	1	3			2	1		5	2							
Day School Teachers										1	8	1			26							
Staff, Residential Schools (H.M.B. only)										15	27	23	23	24	89							
Oriental: Ordained				1								1	1	1	15							
Laymen														2	2							
Students														2	2							
Hospitals: Doctors														2	2							
Nurses														8	16							
Other Staff														4	16							
Superintendents	1			1*										3	74							
Superintendents, Oriental							1	1						2	60							
Immigration Chaplains														1	9							
Office Staff							9							1	1							
	62	106	60	34	115	17	26	137	244	221	196	1,218										

\*Supt. serving both Conferences.  
†Includes 4 extra nurses for summer, and 2 field matrons.  
‡Includes 2 student doctors for summer.  
§Includes extra staff for summer.

