

REPORT OF THE MANITOBA CONFERENCE
DEACONESS BOARD, 1925-6

Mr. President and Members of the Manitoba Conference:

Your Board on deaconess work appointed by the former Methodist Conference begs to report as follows:

Your Board at its first meeting after Conference organized with the following officers: Chairman - Rev. R. E. McCullagh, Vice-Chairman Judge F. A. E. Hamilton, Sec. - E. H. Morgan, Treas. - J. H. Tozeland, Finance Committee Chairman - Judge Hamilton.

The Board's work has fallen into two departments, namely (1) the management of deaconess matters in the Conference, and (2) the management of the Gimli Fresh Air Camp. We shall report upon these separately.

The Board has had three deaconesses and one special worker doing deaconess duties under its charge. Miss C. J. Collinson was appointed to First Church, Brandon for her third year where her work has been very satisfactory. This church financed her salary. Miss Edith Sherwin has been at Sutherland Ave. Mission as girls' worker, and has been most highly commended by her superintendent, Rev. J. M. Shaver, for her labors and the success attending them. Miss Pearson has spent her first year in the Conference at Maclean Mission under Rev. A. W. Kenner who reports most favorably of her. The Board has also had a worker in place of a deaconess in the person of Miss G. Yeomans as a kindergarten assistant at Sutherland Ave. Mission.

It is the feeling of the board that great credit is due these workers. Their unswerving loyalty to the work, their untiring efforts, their kindly Christian spirit are examples to Christian workers everywhere, while their very lives are ~~examples~~ demonstrations in the communities where they labor of the true spirit of Christ. They work in parts of the city where many would gladly escape from, and they do it because they feel called to it of God.

For the coming year your Board is asking for the return of Miss Sherwin and Miss Pearson. First Church, Brandon, is going to do without a deaconess. Maclean Mission is seeking to obtain the necessary support for the return of Miss Pearson and if possible another girls' worker, - a much-needed addition to its staff. The deaconess Board has not the resources to finance this worker but is hoping that some arrangements may be made for her employment.

Deaconess support has been provided as follows:

- First Church, Brandon one deaconess
- Women's Missionary Society two deaconesses
- Deaconess Aid Society one deaconess

The Deaconess Aid Society after a magnificent effort reached its whole year's objective in seven months in order to enter the United Church Women's Union without an encumbrance.

A summary of

The Financial Statement of the Deaconess Board on its Deaconess Account reads as follows: (May 1st 1925 to April 30th 1926.)

Cash on hand, May 1 st 1925		320.76
Receipts		3286.81
Deaconess salaries paid	3102.77	
Cash on hand	504.80	
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The amount required for salaries to the end of the Deaconess year on Aug. 31 is \$999.96, and receipts to come ~~at that time~~ that time are \$500.00, which with the balance on hand on April 30th will leave cash on hand to close the year \$4.84.

No decision has yet been made by the General Council as to the future organization of the Deaconess work so that it seems necessary to ask this Conference to appoint some Board to continue the work of your present Board until such time as the General Council take action. We are therefore submitting our recommendations as to the ~~membership~~ membership of the Board for 1926-7.

THE GIMLI FRESH AIR CAMP DEPARTMENT

The fresh Air camp in its twenty-first year of work enjoyed a very successful season. In all 880 mothers and children were given a holiday for ten days each at Lake Winnipeg. These went in five parties each under an experienced worker and camper. Every party but one was considerably over the strength of that of the previous year and the group leaders were kept very busy indeed.

Besides the usual maintenance expenses for salaries, railway fares, food, etc., there was paid in full a repair and replacements item, and ~~\$504.77~~ \$504.77 paid on the electric light plant which was installed ~~at the expense of~~ out of the summer's receipts. The reserve was drawn on to pay the balance of the electric light plant bill. The new plant has been a great blessing to the camp and the Church may now feel that it is not in any way endangering the lives of any of its children so far as fire at camp is concerned and so far as the elimination of all coal oil lamps, etc. can help in that.

A summary of the Financial Statement for the year May 1st, 1925 to April 30th 1926 shows the following:

Cash on hand May 1st 1925		1396.06
Receipts (all sources)		5176.34
Expenditures:	3776.49	
Maintenance	3225.22	
Taxes &		
Insurance	265.78	
Repairs &		
Replacements	132.20	
Electric Light		
Plant	<u>820.52</u>	
	5084.99	
Cash on Hand	6572.40 1487.41	
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LIABILITIES: Note in favor of conference Homes Committee for \$1500.00 with \$90.00 interest due July 3rd, 1926.

For the coming year a great program is being looked forward to since the union of the Gimli Camp and the Robertson camp makes possible many things that could not be handled by either of these camps alone. It is not for this Board to go into that in detail as your Board has relinquished the management of its camp to a new Board composed of the members of the camp committees of both the camps. The one action of the new Board which is of interest to the former Methodist camp authorities is the change of the name of the camp from The Gimli Fresh Air Camp to

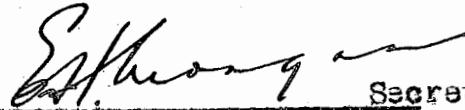
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that of the Sparling Fresh Air Camp so that the two camps of the United Church are commemorating the work of two of the great leaders of the two churches of the union, and, in the case of the Sparling camp, one of the moving spirits of the camp in the days of its beginnings. We feel sure that this will commend itself to all.

In conclusion your Board wishes to thank all who helped make the camp year of 1925 such a successful one, and to pray your interest and support of the new camps in their enlarged activities under union management.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman.



Secretary.