Hill Murray Institute for the Blind

Superintendent's Report

1935
THE HILL MURRAY INSTITUTE
FOR THE BLIND

PALICHUANG, PEKING, N. CHINA

Founder - REV. W. HILL MURRAY
Superintendent - REV. W. CANNER

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THE HILL MURRAY INSTITUTE
FOR THE BLIND

Foreword

BY

REV WM. SIMPSON M.A.

This Report explains the operations of the Hill Murray Institute to save infant life and to assist the blind. We are confident that it will do much to commend such Christ-like work. It is a service of great kindness, and must appeal to our hearts. Children held a very tender place in the heart of our Saviour and surely those children, handicapped by their blindness, should draw forth our sympathy. We may by our assistance, open doors that will lead to the enrichment of their lives in knowledge, fellowship, happiness, and usefulness.

"He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord." There is treasure laid up in Heaven for such benefactors, for, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." As we reckon our many blessings, let our love for these less happily placed children of China flow out to them in some practical way. The work is great and good, but it needs support. Will the readers of these pages make a kind and generous response toward this Mission of Mercy, and so have the joy of helping to bring such a blessed boon to the children of the Institute? The blessing of God will rest upon their own hearts and on their gifts.

"The least flower, with its brimming cup, may stand
And share its dew-drop with another near."
Summary of Annual Report

FROM THE

Rev. Mr. Canner, Superintendent of the Hill Murray Institute for The Blind at Peking.

The year on the whole has been a success. Purchases have been numerous. Needs rather than luxuries, more in demand. More detail regarding requirements and work adjusted to meet these needs.

Shop in the city has been a great help. Five Sales in Peitai-ho during the Summer; overtime had to be worked.

Difficulties during the year have been internal, and caused by the spirit of unrest outside. The Chinese members of the Staff had some difficulty in the maintenance of discipline. Mr. Canner’s authority was never questioned, but the others had to win a position before they could maintain it.

He discusses the matter. What the scholars seem to feel is that no one can be trying to be helpful to them unless that helper has some ulterior object.

The members of the Roman Church are opening work for the Blind, on the borders of Mongolia. Two of the members of their Staff came daily to the school for experience. It was good both for them and the School, and hope was expressed that it would do much good.

LAND.

The land is under cultivation, and supplies of vegetables are grown for the kitchen.

No new buildings, but extensive repairs on roofs and boundary wall, etc.

All school buildings, etc., have been cleaned and white-washed internally, and outside woodwork on the boys’ school repainted.

Sufficient supplies of wood for the Winter grown on the land. Electric light has given some trouble.

Pupils.—The year began with 60 in residence. 7 were admitted during the year, and now 43 boys and 24 girls in residence.

Two had left the previous year—one from a rich and one from a very poor home; they were unsettled; they came back and are wiser for their experience.

12 applicants refused owing to lack of necessary funds.

School.—Pupils, 31; 22 boys and 9 girls; real progress made. Handwork occupies part of the time.
WORKSHOPS.

General.—Aim was to make workers realise working for their own benefit. The danger of this.
The spirit of "get all and give nothing" ingrained in some of them.

Carpenters' Shop.—Two blind lads have worked extremely well. No slacking.
Ability to do something instead of nothing creates other troubles. They imagine they know everything about the work. Not always easy to plot a path that is satisfactory, but much good work turned out, and the success of the receipts greatly due to their efforts.

Loom Weaving Shop.—Wonderfully successful. Many valuable orders. Work good in quality. Quantity might be increased if some workers had a little more faith in themselves, and others a little less. Much sympathy with these blind workers who carry the burden of the shop. All real workers.

Basket Shop.—Difficult to keep pace with orders. Many changes in the class of orders placed. Desire on the part of the pupils for originality.

Shoe Shop.—This shop has kept everybody in the school shod during the year. Canvas work turned out with unfailing regularity. Repairs heavy.

Book Binding.—23 new Braille books ready for binding. Two blind lads set apart to sew pages. Very well done. A number of other books to be treated in same way. Increasing library.

Knitting Department.—Sales very encouraging. Mrs. Canner supervises. This work generally to order and little stock for the city shop.
STAFF

Mr. Canner and his wife (Honorary).
Chinese Staff:—Business Manager
   2 Male Teachers.
   1 Male Supervisor in the Shoe Shop.
   Matron in the Girls' School.
   2 Blind Teachers (one Male and one Female).

Chaplain's Department.—Superintendent is the Chaplain. In the dual capacity two different outlooks. What cannot be countenanced by the Superintendent, Chaplain has to seek a reason for and act accordingly. The one is discipline, and the other forgiveness for ignorance. Fear that this dual personality is understood by pupils, and taken advantage of.

A Blind Schoolgirl.

Living very close to New Testament age at the School, most of the members being Christians of the first generation. Real growth—though slow, sure. Evidence of this from some pupils who have left extending to others the knowledge they have required.

RECREATION AND MUSIC.

Library increasing. Attempts to increase output of books. Appeal of music to pupils. Chinese orchestra has made noticeable improvement during the year.
Entertainment on Christmas night—three plays presented and other items; lasted four hours.
Younger pupils interested in sport and drill.

Medical Department.—44 pupils developed whooping cough in the Spring; 4 girls sent to hospital with mumps; epidemic subsided. Thanks to Dr. Phillips, Dr. Chu, and the Staff of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Conclusion.—Pains taken in the Report to lay bare intimate thoughts; although details may read gloomy school far from gloomy and future faced with confidence.
The work more and more necessary and the difficulties created point to this fact.

A Blind Girl on Swing.

Larger service wanted. Hands are tied as shown by refusal of admission of twelve suitable candidates through lack of funds to feed and clothe during training.
Have taken in rather more than should have done, but think can manage.
The elastic free fund has been stretched to its limit. Have accommodation and adequate staff.
Very valuable donation received towards the building of a new chapel which is necessary.
Have large playground, spacious dining hall, ample school rooms, good workshops, and a building absolutely inadequate
for the worship of God. Overcrowding. Some sighted Christians have to stay away because there is no room in the building. Soon be in a position to build having received such a good donation.

Many visitors to the Institute during the year. The interest is encouraging. Visit from pupils of Deaf and Dumb School in the city. They have industrial department, but found it difficult to get pupils to work as they should. Example of blind pupils very stimulating to them.

Thanks to all helpers.

Mr. J. A. Slimmon, 2 Belmont Crescent, Glasgow W.2, who acted as Superintendent of the Institute in Peking during the absence of Rev. W. Canner at home on furlough, and is intimately acquainted with the work and its needs, will count it a privilege to call on anyone who would like to hear more about this work.

REPORT FROM THE
GLASGOW LADIES’ AUXILIARY 1935.

It has been the great privilege of the Glasgow Ladies’ to meet from time to time to talk and pray about the work amongst the blind children of Peking.

Mrs. Canner very kindly sent us news and photographs of what we call our three girls, Shu-Hua, Ta En, and our last adopted in 1935, Tien An.

We are delighted to know they are making very satisfactory headway, and we count it a joy to be able to commend them, and all the faithful workers out there, to the care of our loving Father.

We are sorry that our dear friend, Miss Dunlop, has had to withdraw from our circle, owing to ill health, but we are so delighted we still have her prayer-help and sympathy in the work.

In October of last year, we were all thrilled by the effort of arranging a drawing-room meeting on the 18th.

One would have thought that the "prince of this world" was trying his best to frustrate our endeavours as the night of the meeting was one of the most boisterous of the year.

In spite of all this, our Heavenly Father sent the people along, and we had a most interesting address by Mr. Gillies, after which the Rev. J. Slimmon showed slides of the Homes and children in the Institute, and we feel that a definite interest in the work was created.

We should like to thank our kind friends of the Y W. Committee once again for the use of their lovely comfortable hall.

In the month of May or June, we are hoping to have a garden party at the home of Mrs. Graham Dow, Bearsden, and hope to interest a different circle of friends in connection with the movement.

We are reminded of St. Paul’s words, “I can do all things
through Christ,” and I am sure the Rev and Mrs. Canner would greatly value your prayer-help on behalf of this very commendable work, of giving these unfortunate blind souls a real chance of happiness, both in this world, and the one to come.

A Happy Group.

REPORT OF THE
EDINBURGH LADIES’ AUXILIARY FOR YEAR, 1935.

A SUCCESSFUL Sale of Peking linen goods was held, in September at the home of Mrs. Somerville, in Bonnyrigg. This was the first Blind School Sale to be held in that district, and we hope the interest shown in the work and the School, by the large number of residents who attended, will be kept up in the future.

A letter was received in September from Mrs. Canner, in Peking, giving news of our latest adopted “child.” She says: “Wang Yu Ying, who arrived a few days ago, is an extraordinarily bright little girl of about nine years old. She has no father, but her mother is still living. They came from Manchuria with other refugees, owing to Japanese troubles, and for a time they were living on money given them by charitable persons to help them get away. When this money began to give out, the mother who is a nice, clean, respectable little woman, found that she could obtain employment which would enable her to keep herself, but could not take the child with her. She made application for her to come here, and the case was investigated, the child medically examined and accepted. I was very much struck by the obvious efforts which the mother had made to do what she could for the child. The clothing she had was very poor and cheap, but very clean and tidy, and such bedding as she brought, although totally inadequate is scrupulously clean. The child has taken well to her school life, and is
most anxious to do all that the others do, and very quick and keen to learn. Amongst other things she appreciates having regular meals, and she remarked on this after the first few days, saying that for a long time they had been having one meal a day only, and not a very full one at that. Altogether, I think it is a very deserving case and one which you would rejoice to help. To those at home who make it possible for us to admit these waifs, we offer our sincerest thanks.

Two new members have been elected on the Committee, Mrs. Wolfendale, of Lasswade, and Miss Gordon. Owing to ill health, Mrs. Whitaker has unfortunately had to resign her position as Secretary and Miss Gordon is taking her place.

Again we had the pleasure of sending a cheque to the Treasurer to provide for the annual maintenance of a child in the Hill Murray Institute. We hope, if possible, to increase our annual subscription this coming year, in order to meet with increased expenses and exchange difficulties.

List of Donations and Subscriptions

For Year ended 31st December, 1935

(a) Collected by R. Macfarlane, C.A., Treasurer

Brown, Miss J., "Mossgiel," 56 Bentinck Drive, Troon, £0 5 0
Bottleill, Miss B., 24 Avenue Victoria, Scarborough, 0 10 0
Daly, Mrs. M. Fairley, 19 Park Circus Place, Glasgow, 0 10 0
Dudgeon, Miss, 25 Kelvinside Terrace, South, Glasgow, N.W., 0 10 0
Edinburgh Ladies' Auxiliary, 30 0 0
Glasgow Ladies' Auxiliary, 10 0 0
Goldie, Mrs. 53 Mount Park Road, Ealing, London, W. 5
(Per National Council of Social Service), 2 0 0
Haig, Miss, Dollarfield, Dollar, 1 0 0
Hill Murray Trust, per Messrs. Grant & Wylie, 133 St.
Vincent Street, Glasgow, 92 12 10
Jenkinson, Miss E. L., Fords Fields, Crowborough, Sussex, 0 5 0
Meston, Mrs. W. Murray, 4 Roseberry Street, Aberdeen, 0 10 0
Mackarness, Mrs., 1 Polstead Road, Oxford, England, 0 3 6
Russell, Mrs., 150 Broadway, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, 0 0 0
Canada, 5 0 0
Scriven, Miss, Millfield, Old Town, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, 0 10 0
Sloan, D. Norman, 190 West George Street, Glasgow, 0 10 0
Stuart, Mrs., Craigard, Crief, 0 10 0
Trustees of Mrs. T. Y. Manini, per Lydall & Sons, 37 John
Street, Bedford Row, London, W.C.1., 7 15 0
"Two Friends," per Miss Wishart, Thornton Park Road,
Dalkeith, Midlothian, 0 10 6
Ure, W. P. Balvaird, Helensburgh, 1 0 0
Walker, Mrs. A. Douglas, c/o, The Agent, Union Bank of
Scotland, Ltd., 195 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh, 8 7 0
Lady Wilson, Rippen House, Dunning, 1 0 0

£168 8 10

(b) Collected by Rev. J. A. Slimmon.

Details per Separate Sheet, £41 16 10

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LIST OF DONATIONS COLLECTED BY REV J. A. SLIMMON
For Year Ended 31st December, 1935.

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# THE HILL MURRAY INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

## Receipts and Payments Account for Year ended 31st December, 1935

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Glasgow, 25th Jan'y 1936. — We certify that the foregoing Balance Sheet is correctly stated according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us. (Sgd.) J C THOMSON PENDER & CO., C.A.