

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.—The Women's Movement that has revolutionized life in this century for us has also been stirring the air in lands where women's position is still absolutely subordinate. As it moves in India, China, and Japan, the women who rise up into new life and liberty call to us of Western lands for help and leadership. The women of the churches have responded through their Foreign Mission Boards. Now the call comes to us in the Association as those trained in a special type of women's work, much needed in centres of education or industry in Eastern lands. Our Association, therefore, has built up the beginning of a Foreign Department, and through the gifts of its members it now maintains five Canadian Y. W. C. A. Secretaries abroad. Three are stationed in India; a college graduate who is head of the Y.W.C.A. work in Calcutta, another graduate in Colombo, Ceylon, and a physical culture director in Bombay. One is stationed at Hong Kong, opening a new and important branch there for which Chinese women have been eagerly pleading. Another Secretary is in Japan, head of the work in Tokyo. It is planned soon to send out three more workers, so urgent is the call.

The task of raising the budget of \$8,000.00 needed for the salaries, outfit, travelling, and house expenses of these workers abroad is left with the Foreign Department and its Secretary, and it does not come under the general finance arrangements. There has been a splendid growth of response from many individual members, city and student. It has shown the truth of the fact that it is often those less endowed with this world's wealth who give most generously to foreign mission work. Very real self-sacrifice has made possible the advance of this part of the Association's work.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

(a) WORK IN FRANCE.—Since the war began a new department has been opened under the general title of National Service. One of the first claims on money contributed to the Dominion Council for such National Service was to meet the need for helpers with some of the Y.W.C.A. work in France. Two Secretaries have been working there; one attached especially to the work being done by the American Y.W.C.A.; the other lent to the British Y.W.C.A. to take charge of a recreation hut (built with Canadian money) for the W.A.A.C.'s ("Women's Army Auxiliary Corps") at Honfleur, near Havre. The French Government as well as the French Y.W.C.A. have been most appreciative of this united help from the Allied countries.