

Rose Gordon, ten-year-old Jamaican girl taking a speech lesson in the School for the Deaf. She is sponsored by Bayham Institute.



siastic and sympathetic, especially after reading about how people exist in Hong Kong."

And the secretary of New Dundee writing about their adopted eight-year-old boy says "The high cost of living in Hong Kong makes it extremely difficult for parents to provide good care and proper education for their children; and our members are very much interested in the project . . . Our teacher of Grades I and II volunteered to do our corresponding and I'm sure she will write interesting letters as she will know what boys of Hon-ching Lo's age are interested in."

And the president of Canfield Institute, which rates this child sponsoring as "a great and needy project", sends this copy of a letter from their Chinese girl Wong Kee Bing: "We did not know each other, not to say see each other, still you help me for my study . . . I am really very thankful. From now on I shall surely work harder so as not to fail your kindness. What I wish more is that you will give me a few words to teach me. Then I shall be very much happier."

The vicar of the school Chan Chi Yu attends wrote the Institute to say that their money had been received through the Save the Children Fund and had been distributed carefully and directly to the child's parent. The reason for having the money had been explained with a request to make sure it would be well spent. It was suggested that the boy buy a new shirt, trousers and shoes, and that part of the money be used to pay school fees and to buy books and stationery and some food.

Handicapped Children of the Caribbean

As in the Hong Kong area, the children of the West Indies who are registered for foster-parent assistance attend a Church school—in this case a School for the Deaf. Most of them had been rescued from homes that could offer them little hope of a normal life. The missionary says "It is a slow process to teach these children to read and write; but in the process they soon sense the loving care of those who look after them and to most of them this is a new, undreamed of experience."

Blackheath Institute's child, Orville Spence, eight years old, sent the Institute a Christmas card he had made himself in the mission school — a card with a scripture text printed in crayon and a pressed native flower for decoration.

Bayham adopted a ten-year-old girl, and they received a letter presumably dictated by her, saying "If it were not for people like you I would never learn to read or write or to communicate with anyone. I am very happy at school. In the morning I learn to read and write and do arithmetic; in the afternoon I have a speech class. After school I play with the other children. I did not have enough clothes when I came to school but they gave me some from the barrels from Canada.

Montrose's ward, Auline, also thanks the Institute for the barrels of clothes from Canada. She is "profoundly deaf," her teachers say, but is learning to read, print and count. When she writes or rather dictates a letter about her kittens and the pet rabbits that died in the Hurricane Hattie storm, we are reminded of how much alike children are the world over. Another very bright Jamaican girl, Carmen Holness, adopted by Bloomingdale, had no education till she entered the School for the Deaf a year ago. Now she is beginning to write in English.

Portland's little boy Carl is not only deaf but has suffered some brain damage. His father has deserted the family and the boy doesn't get much attention at home. The Institute sent him gifts at Christmas time and for Valentine Day a valentine signed by each of the members. It is believed that the boy Norman Smith adopted by Wingham may also have a brain injury as well as deafness. The teachers say his progress is slow but that he is one of the most lovable children in the school. The Wingham Institute Secretary says "Our members want to do more than send the sponsoring fee. Some have asked if they could make clothes for him." Molesworth's adopted girl "Linda Jackson," though handicapped by deafness, is rated "a very intelligent