



Mr J.C. McIver – 1904

Mr John C. McIver was commended from Caversham, Dunedin and left for India in October 1904. After a short time at Kamakerai with Mr and Mrs Humphries learning the Kanarese language he joined Mr S.O. Peake from U.K. at Talkad engaging in a vigorous visitation programme with visits to help at Malvalli. On December 10th 1907 he married Miss F.K. Gallop a missionary from U.K. and they made Satanur the centre of their labours. In 1909 Mr McIvor was very ill with smallpox. On recovery he continued with the constant visiting and medical work. He proclaimed the message of Christ over a wide area but saw very little response by the people. In 1913 he was again seriously ill and at death's door but recovered and continued in the visiting and preaching in the villages.

In 1927 the McIvers moved to Mysore City for several years returning in 1931 to Satanur. Returning home in 1932 from his constant visiting work Mr McIver had a touch of sunstroke which was followed by severe haemorrhaging from nose and throat requiring medical aid. He was taken to Bangalore hospital where despite all care he died on March 13th, 1932 aged about 50.

Apart from furloughs Mrs McIver carried on at Satanur loath to leave the work where they had ploughed and sown so much good seed. She continued the village visitation, walking great distances, and hoped that others would be called out to help. Throughout the 1930's she carried on alone with medical work and women's meetings. In the 1940's she supervised the building of a new hall, there still being no man to work in Satanur. She also began a literary ministry writing tracts in Kanarese and children's stories and having them printed, then distributing them. She visited literally dozens of villages in those years and saw at last something of the harvest for all the sowing. One enquirer testified at that time that he had heard the message 40 years before but he needed a man to talk to him.

In August 1951 her son-in-law Mr Wilfred Durham died after an attack of typhoid and Mrs McIver joined her daughter at Bombay. She maintained a vital interest in the outreach in that city, too, until her death of July 16th, 1956.

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