



## **Miss M. Dunn – Mrs A. Redwood – 1905 (Edition 1)**

Miss Maria Dunn went out to India from the Caversham assembly, Dunedin in October 1905. She joined Mr and Mrs Nagel who at that time were living in Parur, Cochin. There she studied the Malayalam language and worked amongst women and girls at Cochin and Travancore (Kerala) in the market places and in their homes. When the Nagels moved to Trichur she continued in that work together with Miss M. Gordon until 1913 when the latter returned to New Zealand. Miss Dunn went to Trichur rather than be alone at Cochin.

She was married to Mr Alfred Redwood, an English missionary at Bangalore in May, 1914, and shared in his work there in relation to the English speaking Clarence High School that they started and particularly in the Book Depot as well as house to house visiting. During the war years they worked amongst the troops and expanded the literature work, commencing a correspondence Bible Study course. By 1922 the assembly had grown to 60 in fellowship. Clarence High School was growing too and it was necessary to extend the buildings.

To enable the publishing and literature programme to run more smoothly, a printing press was supplied in 1926 by brethren in U.K. And thousands of tracts were subsequently printed. The dual responsibility of both school and printing press was a heavy load. Provision of suitable staff was a continuing problem. The enthusiasm of Dr S.M. Zwemer for the use of literature to reach Moslems was an encouragement in the printing work. Mr Redwood had always had an interest in Moslems having studied Arabic in Egypt in 1909 for that purpose.

Mr W. Wilcox joined the school staff in 1931 as principal and the school went from strength to strength. There was a good interest by parents, with children of earlier students wanting to be enrolled. By 1935 the school had a good status and the roll stood at 180. The printing and publishing work continued with Mr Redwood editing the "Bible Student" magazine.

A period of indifferent health caused them to visit England in 1936 and again in 1939 but Mrs Redwood found it too cold and returned alone to India in 1940. She continued a profitable programme of visiting the womenfolk both in Bangalore and Travancore using again the language she had learned 30 years before. In those years she also visited Parur where she had first commenced her service. Mr Redwood went out again to India to take up responsibilities at the school at Bangalore in 1946 though not particularly well. Mr Flack arrived from Australia later that year to be principal.

For quite a number of years Mrs Redwood had suffered from arthritis and when she had a severe fall in 1948 she never really recovered. She died in Bangalore on December 31st, 1950 after 45 years of service in India. For some years Mr Redwood continued in his interests in Bangalore and retired to England in May 1960. He died on 13th March, 1962.

[Source entry includes photo with caption: 'Standing: Mr Rimmer and Miss Gordon. Seated: Mr Revell and Miss Dunn. Front: Miss Sundgren'. Page 171 has photo captioned: 'Missionary group in 1924. Back: Mr Irvine,

Miss Mai, Mr Brewerton. Centre: Miss Sundgren, Mrs Noel, Mrs Black, Mr Noel, Miss Mosley, Mr Revell, Miss Treweek, Miss Townley, Miss Starck, Mr Buchanan. Seated: Mr and Mrs Thomson, Mr Black, Mrs Irvine, Mrs Revell, Miss Dyason, Mrs A. Redwood. Note: Mr Brewerton was visiting India from Malaya.']