



Mr E.A. Rimmer – 1905 (Edition 1)

Mr Ernest A. Rimmer went out to India from Auckland with the group of missionaries who left in October 1905. He had previously had four years service in India with a missionary society. On returning he spent his first year at Ceylon. He then joined Mr de Carteret at Belgaum and spent some time helping in the work at Chopda in fellowship with Mr Mears from Australia. With visitation of villages and teaching in Sunday School they began to establish the work. They found most believers were from the lower castes. There was a problem in people wanting just to add Christ to the other gods they already had.

In 1908 he moved out to Daddi to commence a new work there building himself a house and being married to Miss E.C. Hollands from the Godavari on June 16th. As well as visitation they engaged in medical work and once saved a man's life when he had been bitten by a snake. They also started a small day-school but a serious illness in November 1909, was a big setback and doctors advised a return to New Zealand, which they did in 1910. Mr de Carteret took over the promising work at Daddi. In Auckland Mr Rimmer took up secular employment but gave time and effort to the assembly work. He died in July 1931.

[Source p. 164 has photo with caption: 'Standing: Mr Rimmer and Miss Gordon. Seated: Mr Revell and Miss Dunn. Front: Miss Sundgren'.]