



Mr W.T. Noble – 1931 (Edition 1)

Mr William T. Noble was commended by the Wellington assemblies of Miramar and Vivian Street. He went to India in November 1931, making his first home with Mr and Mrs Alex Soutter at the boy's orphanage in Irinjalakuda where he studied Malayalam. The following year he moved to Kumbanadu to be with Mr and Mrs Noel and engaged in village visitation and taught in a young men's class. He married Miss Annie Kristensen at Montauban on November 29th 1933 and took up residence at Irinjalakuda while the Soutters were relieving the Noels at Kumbanadu. In the following years they made visits to Ernakulum and Cochin to help in the assemblies there. They also helped in the commencement of a Bible School in 1936.

Mr and Mrs Noble moved to Cannanore a largish town on the Malabar coast in 1938. It was there in the 1890's that Volbrecht Nagel had worked with the Basel mission but the Nobles were the first assembly people to undertake a permanent witness in the very neglected part of the Malayalam speaking provinces. Despite indifferent health they ministered to the assemblies over a fairly wide area and encouraged the gospel outreach.

Over the years Mr Noble engaged in conference teaching in various districts as well as conducting special gospel preaching. They returned to New Zealand in 1951 and took up employment first in Hamilton. Mr Noble died in Auckland on August 27th 1962 aged 55. Mrs Noble has continued in fellowship at Mt Albert, Auckland, being a help and encouragement to many particularly young people.

[Source entry contains photo captioned 'Mr and Mrs W.T. Noble and family. Photo taken in 1949' Photo on p. 224 is captioned 'Montauban Group 1935. Back row: A. AIKEN, D. BURT, G. JUNCK, T. BROWN, Second row: Misses TREWEEK, F. Patient, Bates, MRS A. NOBLE, Miss Patient, Dr Vine, Messrs G. FOUNTAIN, W.T. NOBLE. Third row: MISS WALLACE, MR LYNN, Misses Peebles, SUNDGREN, Conway, Whaxton, Mrs Patient, Misses NICOLL, Adams, Mr Hill, Miss DYASON, Mr and Mrs Smele. Seated: Mr and Mrs IRVINE, Misses Morgan, Thompson, Messrs Thomson, Patient, Misses Clarke, Lynn, Mrs WALTER REDWOOD, Mrs Hill, Miss MOSLEY, A[...] and N[...] Redwood. (N.Z. Missionaries names in capitals.)']