



Miss E.C. Wallace – 1932 (Edition 1)

After helping at the Otaki Children's Home for two years, Miss Edith C. Wallace was commended by assemblies at Okato and Otaki and went to India in July 1932 with Miss Sundgren. She assisted at the "Rehoboth" girls orphanage at Nellikunna on the outskirts of Trichur and learnt the Malayalam language. Over the years she spent a great deal of her time visiting the Indian women in company with a capable Christian woman. She helped in Sunday Schools and conducted women's meetings in many places.

In 1937 she was in charge of the boys' orphanage at Irinjalakuda and then returned in the following year to supervise at "Rehoboth" in Miss Sundgren's absence. They had several outbreaks of cholera and typhoid during the 1940's and that added to the burden of the work. A car, obtained in 1950, was a tremendous help in the visiting though many of the villages were along tracks where no car could go.

In 1951 Miss Wallace took full responsibility for the orphanage upon the death of Miss Sundgren. Those succeeding years were testing times with food rationing and isolation. However there was a great deal to encourage over the years as many girls were saved and baptised and a great number married to Christian young men. The school was also an encouragement as day after day children learnt the Word of God. Emmaus Courses were also undertaken by the older girls in the orphanage.

After furlough in 1957 Miss Phyllis Treasure returned with her and they made their base at Kakkad near Kunnankulam. They spent the next six years in consistent work amongst women and girls, visiting in the villages and in their homes and seeing many won for the Lord and helped in the understanding [sic] of the Bible. During those years they had large quantities of literature printed and distributed as well as Scriptures sold.

In 1963 they again took up responsibility at the orphanage at Nellikunna but the following year Miss Wallace went to supervise the boys' orphanage at Irinjalakuda and found it quite different from Rehoboth. In 1965 with Miss Treasure not well Miss Wallace again took responsibility for the work with the girls at Rehoboth and the following year helped out at Montauban, Ootacamund.

From 1967 onwards she has been increasingly engaged with visiting the womenfolk in their homes and conducting women's meetings over the surrounding district. In the 1970's women's camps and conventions have also given increasing opportunities for teaching. Miss Wallace's years of experience in the Indian way of life enabling her to be particularly appreciative of the problems to be overcome.

[Source entry includes one uncaptioned photo of Miss Wallace and another titled 'Some of those among whom Miss Wallace has worked.' 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.)']