



## **Miss B. Shirliff – Mrs W.H. Green – 1904 (Edition 1)**

Miss Bessie Shirliff was commended by the assembly at Nelson and left in October 1904 to join her sister Sarah in Kuala Lumpur, Malay States. Together they went to China for language study in 1905. While at Canton they had opportunity to help a little with the work amongst women, some of whom had not previously heard of the Lord Jesus. In group five out of eleven women had tiny bound feet. At Kuala Lumpur, Miss Shirliff taught in the Chinese girls' school which was being conducted to enable Christian teaching to be given to young people in their formative years.

In 1910 she was married to Mr W.H. Green, a civil servant who was in assembly fellowship, and together they continued in Christian service in Malaysia though not in full time capacity. In 1932 when Mr Green retired from Government service they came to New Zealand and settled at Nelson.

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