



Miss V.E. Williams – 1930 (Edition 1)

Miss Vera E. Williams was commended by the Invercargill assembly and went out to Malaya in February 1930. She stayed at Singapore to learn Hokkien Chinese and moved to Taiping the following year continuing in her study and distributing literature. She commenced a women's prayer meeting there and had the joy of seeing some women saved. In 1933 she moved to Klang to be with Miss Treweek who had come over from India and together they looked after the work that the Brewertons had been engaged in. She visited the hospital and in the homes and the Lord blessed His Word. In those troublous times they never had a better opportunity to show true Christianity.

Miss Williams moved to Singapore in 1934 to work amongst the Chinese women there. There was plenty to do and opportunities were given in the prison to speak to the women. In 1935 she made her home in the Bethesda Mission House because there was no one else to look after it. The following year she commenced a Chinese Sunday School in a hall five miles from Singapore where a meeting had been held for years but no one had helped the children.

Being a little run down in health she left Singapore for New Zealand on July 25th but was so unwell on the ship that the doctor advised her to stop off at Perth. On the morning of July 29th while staying in the home of Mr and Mrs Lewis she had a heart seizure and passed into the Lord's presence before a doctor could arrive. She was 37 years old.

[Photo on reverse of p. 242 of source has caption "About 1935. Back row, from left: Miss Prouse, Miss Parkinson, Mr Hardwidge, Miss Gibson, Mr Donaldson. MR BLICK, MR LEN CORNWALL, MR GEO. WILSON, MISS WILLIAMS (died 1936), Mr Adams, Mr Tipson, Mr Tom Angus, MISS TREWICK. Seated: Mrs Donaldson, MISS SARAH SHIRTLIFF, MRS BLACK [sic], MRS LEN CORNWALL, MRS GEO. WILSON, Mrs Adams (with baby), Miss Gregg. Seated in Front: Miss Martin, Miss Faulkner, MISS PHILLYS [sic] WILSON. (N.Z. Missionaries names in capitals)"]