



Mr and Mrs G.W. Thomson – 1910 (Edition 1)

Commended by assemblies at Hamilton and Auckland, Mr and Mrs G.W. Thomson went out to India in January 1910 to help in the rest Homes at Ootacamund and Coonoor in the Nilgiri Hills. "Montauban" where they spent most of their time had been presented as a home where missionaries could go for a respite from the plains during the hot months. The property was on a commanding site at Ootacaund [sic] at 7,500 feet above sea level. The Rest Home was vested in the Stewards Company Ltd and six "tenants" paid a nominal rental. Those tenants were chosen from amongst the missionaries on the field at any particular time and were responsible for general maintenance. For some time Mrs Thomson was at Coonoor as Matron of the Hebron Mission School for girls to enable their invalid son to live at a slightly lower altitude.

Mr Thomson supervised and helped in renovations to the property in the 1920's and in 1932 a new section of four new rooms was added to the property. Extensions were made to the kitchen in 1935 and during 1936 Mr Thomson spent some time supervising new building activities at Hebron School at Coonoor. Back again at Montauban he continued in valuable maintenance of the property until they returned with their invalid son to Auckland in October 1942.

Mr Thomson died on September 5th 1951 as the result of an accident. He was 89 years of age. His wife continued at Onehunga and Balmoral and died on August 16th 1962 aged 89.

[Source entry includes photo captioned: 'Missionary group in 1924. Back: Mr Irvine, Miss Mai, Mr Brewerton. Centre: Miss Sundgren, Mrs Noel, Mrs Black, Mr Noel, Miss Mosley, Mr Revell, Miss Treweek, Miss Townley, Miss Starck, Mr Buchanan. Seated: Mr and Mrs Thomson, Mr Black, Mrs Irvine, Mrs Revell, Miss Dyason, Mrs A. Redwood. Note: Mr Brewerton was visiting India from Malaya.']