

**Australian and New Zealand
Single Women Missionaries in Asia,
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- 1875 Sarah Davies, Melbourne. CEZMS, India. (Mrs, John Cain, CMS).
? Thorn³ New Zealand, (Methodist), Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, Benares.
Elizabeth Colenso (nee Fairburn) (Anglican). Initially CMS New Zealand, later Melanesian Mission,
Norfolk Island, Served for 23 years.⁴
- 1876 Annie Slaney, Melbourne. CEZMS, India, (Died cholera. 4 September 1876).
- 1877 Mary Macdonald, NSW, CEZMS, India, (Mrs. C Hayne-, Forests Dept).
- 1878 Henrietta Dean, Hobart. CEZMS, India, (Returned to Australia 1878).
- 1882 Mary Seymour, Melbourne, CEZMS, India, (Mrs, Martin Browne, CMS).
Elizabeth Digby, Geelong. CEZMS, India
Ellen Arnold (1st) (b Warwickshire England), South Australia.
Australian Baptist Missionary Society 1882-87; NSW BMS 1887-90;
SABMS 1891-1932. Faridpur, Bengal. Died in India
Marie Gilbert, (b England), South Australia. Australian BMS, Faridpur, Bengal.
Mary Arnold South Australia, Australian Baptist Missionary Society, temporarily
at Faridpur Bengal but later missionary in Middle East. Moab Mission
Council, 1893-96.
- 1884 Fanny Pengelly Melbourne. CEZMS, India, (Returned to Melbourne 1889).
- 1885 Ellen Arnold (2nd) b. Aston, Warwickshire England, 1858. D Ataikola, East Bengal,
India, 9 July 1931. Arrived Adelaide 1879, Adelaide Teachers College 1880.
Invalided Australia and returned to Bengal with four women—together the
“Five Barley Loaves”.
<http://webjournals.ac.edu.au/journals/adeb/a/arnold-ellen-1858-1931/>
Martha Plested, b England 1854, died Sydney 22 Dec 1922. Brisbane, Queensland Baptist
Foreign Mission. India.
<http://webjournals.alphacrucis.edu.au/journals/adeb/p/plested-martha-1854-1922/>
Ruth Wilkin, Castlemaine, Victoria. Victoria Baptist Missionary Society. India, (Married
Abia Neville in 1893.)
Marion Fuller Geelong, Victoria. Victoria Baptist Missionary Society. India, 1885-97, Died
Mymensingh.
Alice Pappin, North Adelaide, South Australia. South Australia Baptist Missionary Society.
India. 1885-1921. (Mrs. Cecil Silas Mead 1895, medical doctor, Baptist,
South Australia).
Kate Ivens⁵ New Zealand, (Anglican), Melanesian Mission, Norfolk Island, 1885-1890.
Founded Melanesian Mission Hospital, Norfolk Island, 1901-1908.⁶

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<http://www.methodist.org.nz/files/docs/mission%20and%20ecum/janet%20crawford.pdf>

4 Davidson, Allan K, "Colenso, Elizabeth (Fairburn) and William," *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Missions*, (New York, Macmillan Reference, 1998).

5 Gregory, Kenneth, *Stretching Out Continually: "Whaatoro tonu atu": A History of the New Zealand Church Missionary Society*, (Christchurch, The Author, 1972). Authorised by NZ Church Missionary Society.

1886	Rosalie Macgeorge ⁷	Dunedin, New Zealand. New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society, India, 1886-91. Died in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) on travel to New Zealand..
1887	Annie Newcombe, Jessie McClelland, Fay Denness, Agnes Pearce,	Castlemaine, Victoria. New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society. India. Retired, ill-health 1889. (Later Joined Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union in Simla). (1894: Mrs. H Driver, secretary of New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society. Founded Missionary Training Institute, Dunedin. Victoria, Victoria Baptist Missionary Society. India. Retired, ill-health, 1889. Adelaide, South Australia, NSW Baptist Missionary Society. India, 1887-94. Kapunda, South Australia. SA Baptist Missionary Society. India. (Retired on Marriage to the English Secretary of the Rajah of Mayurbhanj-Odisha State). Remained in India until 1911. Responsible for the formation of the Mayurbhanj Mission by Kate Allenby-(<i>Five Barley Loaves</i>).
1888	Amy Parsons Mary Reed ⁹ Iris Seymour	Nairne, South Australia, South Australia Baptist Missionary Society, Faridpur, Bengal, 1888-85. Transferred to Poona and Indian Village Mission 1886. ⁸ Returned to Adelaide, aged 83, c1947. Launceston, Tasmania. Joined China Inland Mission in London c1887, Returned Australia 1889. Kew, Victoria, Victorian Baptist Missionary Society, Mymensingh. Victorian Mission Girls' School, Retired 1919.
1889	Minnie M'Comas Henrietta Symonds Ada Nisbet Emily Stevens Annie Gordon Hopstill H. Pillow.	Melbourne, CEZMS, Punjaab Village Mission, India. Melbourne, CEZMS, Ellore, India. Hobart, Tasmania, CEZMS, Fujian Province, China. Richmond, Tasmania, CEZMS, Fujian Province, China. Ipswich, Queensland, CEZMS, Fujian Province, China. Oxford Terrace, New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society. Died Calcutta (Kolkata) 1894.
1890	Mary Reed Mrs. Emma Fysh Rebecca Anne (Faith) Box. Mary Ellen Booth Emma Goold Mrs. Lydia Allen (nee Aspinall) Mrs. J. Williams (nee Johanna Lloyd) Theodosia Mary Sorenson) Kate Allanby Bessie Bethell Annie Bacon	Launceston, Tasmania, 1 st Australian China Inland Mission Party. (Later Wilmot Fysh 1894). Launceston, Tasmania, 1 st Australian China Inland Mission Party. ¹⁰ Victoria. 1 st Australian China Inland Mission Party. (Mrs. Nicolai. Viloudaki). New South Wales. 1 st Australian China Inland Mission Party. Tasmania. 1 st Australian China Inland Mission Party. (Mrs. A. Goold). Victoria, 1 st Australian China Inland Mission Party. Victoria. 1 st Australian China Inland Mission Party. Tasmania. 1 st Australian China Inland Mission Party. (Mrs. W. E. Strong). South Brisbane. Queensland Baptist Missionary Society. Bengal, 1890-94 then formed Mayurbhanj Mission 1895-1932. Died Mayurbhanj. Kyneton, Victoria. Victorian Baptist Missionary Society, (Mrs Peter Lindemann, businessman, Darjeeling 1897, Rejoined VBMS after Lindemann's death, 1911-17. Dunedin, New Zealand. NZ Baptist Missionary Society. (Mrs Walter Barry 1897.) New South Wales BMS 1899-1930.

6 *The Press*, Christchurch, 4 August 1908.

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9 Reed, Mary, *Short Sketch of the China Inland Mission; Location of Australian Missionaries; The truth about Opium*, (Melbourne, China Inland Mission, 1892).

10 The definitive study of the Australian branch of the China Inland Mission is: Brotchie, Phillip. (1999), Importance of the contribution of Australians to the penetration of China by the China Inland Mission in the period 1888-1953, with particular reference to the work of Australian women missionaries, Ph.D. thesis, School of Social Inquiry, Deakin University. An earlier and informative thesis is Dixon, Lesley, (1978), *The Australian Missionary Endeavour in China, 1888-1953*, PhD thesis, University of Melbourne. The initial study of the Australian China Inland Mission is Loane, M L, *The Story of the China Inland Mission in Australia and New Zealand*, (Sydney, China Inland Mission/Overseas Missionary Fellowship, 1956). Cole, Keith, (1971), *A History of the Church Missionary Society of Australia*, Melbourne, Church Missionary Society. Both books include appendices showing marriages between male and female missionaries.

- Ray Ehrenburg (Fredricka). South Melbourne, Victoria. Victorian BMS. 189-99. Independent missionary, India. (Mrs. Charles Drewitt.)
- Bertha Tuck Adelaide, South Australia BMS. Retired 1930, died Adelaide 1933.
- 1891 Mary MacLean. New South Wales, Presbyterian, with Church of Scotland Zenana Mission.
Mrs. Edith Southey Queensland. China Inland Mission.
Alice Henry Victoria. 3rd Australian China Inland Mission Party. (Mrs. J. McFarlane).
Mrs. Clara Jose Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Marie Box Victoria. 3rd Australian China Inland Mission Party.
Mrs. Carwardine (nee Margaret Goold) 3rd Australian China Inland Mission Party..
Elizabeth Chapman Victoria. 3rd Australian China Inland Mission Party..
Katherine Fleming Victoria. 3rd Australian China Inland Mission Party.
Edna Bavin, Sydney, 3rd Australian China Inland Mission Party..
Isabella Coleman NewSouth Wales. 4th Australian China Inland Mission Party.
Susie Garland Victoria. 4th Australian China Inland Mission Party.
Annie Garland Victoria. 4th Australian China Inland Mission Party.
Julia Malcolm Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Ruth Croucher Queensland. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. H. Wupperfield).
Florence Young China Inland Mission.
Annie Harrison New Zealand. China Inland Mission.
Elizabeth Wallace Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Davies, Margaret South Australia, China Inland Mission.
Lydia Martin. Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Lucy Kealley Adelaide. First missionary of Tasmanian BMS. (Mrs. Edwin Thompson 1897.) Resigned Australian BMS 1913. Served in India.
- Emily Chambers Brighton/Canterbury, Melbourne. Victoria BMS 1891-95. Invalided home.
- 1892 Ada Archer Angaston/North Adelaide, South Australia BMS, 1893-1900. Retired ill-health.
- Cissie (Elizabeth) Middleton Marrickville. New South Wales BMS, 1892-1919. (Mrs. John Ings who transferred from NZBMS to NSWBMS.)
- Emily Lynne Calcutta, India. New South Wales BMS, 1892-1896. Invalided to UK. Granddaughter of Rev. Alfred Sarker, Camerouns, Africa.)
- Helen Macgregor Oamaru, New Zealand, (Presbyterian) United Free Church of Scotland, India.
- 1893 Nellie Saunders¹¹ Melbourne, Church Missionary Association of Victoria, Murdered Aug 1895.
Topsy Saunders Melbourne, Church Missionary Association of Victoria, Murdered Aug 1895.
Sybil Mary E. Reid) Victoria. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. Arthur Nicholl (1st wife).
Harriet B. Fleming Victoria. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. Frederick W. Baller).
Fanny E. McCulloch New South Wales. China Inland Mission.
Mary Pasley Blenheim, New Zealand Church Missionary Association, Japan.
Della Hunter Brown Nelson, New Zealand CMA, Japan.
Amy Harband Christchurch, London Missionary Society, India.
- 1894 Amy Parsons South Australia. Initially with Baptist mission, later Poona and Indian Village Mission, Poona—hill-station for Bombay-Mumbai, (mission established in Australia in 1893).
- Mrs. C.F. E. Davis (nee Nellie Roberts) Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Jane Blakeley New Zealand, China Inland Mission.
? Bellin Canterbury, Victoria. With Miss ?Box to Africa.
Lillian Peters New Zealand BMS, 1894-1903. (Mrs. W. G. Buckingham).
Annie Stuart¹² Napier, New Zealand. Church Missionary Society, Persia.

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The initial study of the Church Missionary Association of Victoria is Cole, Keith, (1971), *A History of the Church Missionary Society of Australia*, Melbourne, Church Missionary Society. Both books include appendices showing marriages between male and female missionaries.

- 1895 Amy Oxley New South Wales. Church Missionary Association of New South Wales, Fuzhou, Fujian Province, China.
Amy Wilkes New South Wales, Church Missionary Association of New South Wales. (Mrs. George Wilkinson, medical doctor, CMS Foochow (Fuzhou), China).
Hannah L. Reid New Zealand. China Inland Mission.
Bessie Webster New Zealand. China Inland Mission.
Lilias Reid New Zealand. China Inland Mission.
Alice Thomson Victoria. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. Oliver Burgess).
Edith E. Searell New Zealand. China Inland Mission.
Emma Beckingsale Dunedin, New Zealand BMS. 1895-1935.
- 1896 Miss Martin Palestine, Female Education Society, Later Bagdad.
Mrs. Norris King (nee Edith Kerr) Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Margaret A. Reid New Zealand. China Inland Mission.
Laura Jensen New Zealand. China Inland Mission.
Beatrice Harband Christchurch, New Zealand. London Missionary Society, South India.
Gertrude Trudinger South Australia. China Inland Mission.
Florence Campbell Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Letitia Ings New Zealand BMS. Resigned 1900 in protest over treatment of brother, Rev. John Ings. Joined NSWBMS, transferred SABMS in 1907. Retired 1920.
Elizabeth (Lily) Soundy Hobart. Tasmania BMS. Invalided home after Darjeeling landslide disaster of 1900.
Alice Henderson Christchurch, initially Church of Scotland mission, India. Transferred to NZ Presbyterian Mission, Punjab, 1910.
- 1897 Mrs. Saunders Melbourne, Church Missionary Association of Victoria.
Mother of Saunders sisters.
Mary Moore Dunedin, New Zealand. Church of Scotland Mission, China.
Kate Fraser Dunedin, New Zealand. Church of Scotland Mission, China.
Eliza Mary Heaysman South Australia. China Inland Mission.
Eva Bell (later Mrs A Trudinger) Victoria, China Inland Mission.
Alice Harding Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Anna Trudinger South Australia. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. W. Malcolm).
Mrs. James Platt (nee Elizabeth Hunt). Victoria. China Inland Mission.
M. E. Chapman China Inland Mission.
Mary Jose South Australia. 4th Australian China Inland Mission Party. (Mrs. R. Middleton).
Bertha M. Shottelius South Australia. Tasmanian BMS resigned 1901. (Mrs Deane).
Maggie Fear Wellington, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
Ellen Chisnall Christchurch, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
Lillian Newton Christchurch, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
Nellie Newton Christchurch, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
? Munnings Christchurch, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
Ella Morley Oamaru, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
? Buist Wellington, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
Emily Beale Napier, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
Annie Morton South Otago, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
Lillian Simpson Dunedin, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
- 1898 Jane Kidman Victoria. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. Arch G. Bevis).
ELizabeth Ferguson Victoria. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. Charles Barnett).
J.A. Warren China Inland Mission.
Eliza Reid Portland. Victoria BMS. 1894-1902. Invalided home after Darjeeling landslide disaster of 1900.
Edith Trudinger South Australia. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. R. A. McCulloch).
Matilda E. Way Victoria. China Inland Mission. (Mrs. J.S. Fiddler).
Sarah A. Phillips Victoria. China Inland Mission.
Mary E. McCormack Victoria. China Inland Mission. (later Mrs. A.E. Arnott (1st); Mrs. D. Urquhart (2nd)).
Mary Batterham Victoria, China Inland Mission.
Jessie Warner Victoria, China Inland Mission.
? Roberts Dunedin, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
Agnes Kay New Zealand. New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
? Foord New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission.
M. Reeve Palmerston North, New Zealand Brethren, Malaya.

M. Emerson Beatrice Giffard, Sarah Shirtliff Elizabeth Dron	Wanganui, New Zealand Brethren, Singapore. Palmerston North, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission. Nelson, New Zealand Brethren, Malaya. Nelson, New Zealand Brethren, Malaya.
1899 Caroline (Carrie) Brown. Grace Brown K. Burnside ? Morley Jessie Blair ? Hooper ? Hankins ? Lang Florence Smith Isabella McCallum	Perth. First missionary of Western Australia BMS. 1899-1900. Invalided home. Perth. WABMS. 1903-1943. Dunedin, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission. Oamaru, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission. Dunedin, Church of Scotland Mission, India. Southland, New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission. Wellington, New Zealand Brethren, Malaya and Singapore. New Zealand. Poona and India Village Mission. Nelson, New Zealand Church Missionary Association, South India. Auckland, New Zealand Church Missionary Association, Palestine.
1900 Annie Farmilo	Launceston, Tasmania. Victoria BMS. 1900-1928. Sister Lucy worked with BMS in Delhi.