

AYRES, ALBERT E.

Facts concerning the work in India of the Rev. & Mrs. A.E. Ayers

From a letter to Dr. Benton, dated Dec. 26, 1907

Appointed to Baroda at beginning of 1900, and continued there as Missionary in charge for four years, with but two and a half months lay-off from work on my part on account of sickness or other reason.

At beginning of 1905, I was appointed presiding elder of the Bombay District completing nearly three-fourths of the third year at that work, and was also pastor of the Grant Road English Church during the year 1905-6. Was elected Mission Treasurer at beginning of 1903, and continued as such until Sept. 7, 1907.

As incidental features of my work, I built the Baroda Church, and the William Taylor Memorial Church and parsonage, Byculla, Bombay, as well as the W. F. M. S. Bungalow and Girls' Orphanage at Baroda, with several minor buildings. Opened and partially organized the Baroda Boys' High School in 1903, anticipating the opening of the School of Theology. "And other things too numerous to mention," as the old saw bills used to say.

Albert Edward Ayres

The Division has been notified of the death of Rev. Albert Edward Ayres on September 27, 1951. Mr. Ayres was a former missionary to India, who returned to the United States after eight years of service, due to the ill health of his wife.

The Division extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ayres and the surviving children, and expresses its grateful appreciation for Mr. Ayres' contribution to Christian service at home and abroad.

Executive Committee

3/19/52

It was VOTED to recommend to the General Executive Committee the election of Miss Edna L. Robertson as Assistant Treasurer of the Division of Foreign Missions at an annual salary of \$4,000, plus cost-of-living allowance on the same basis as for other elected personnel, retroactive to January 1, 1952.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

It was VOTED to accept the report of the Treasurer as presented to the General Executive Committee and to place it on file.

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CABLE ADDRESS: MISSIONS.

150 FIFTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 10, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER:

The Secretaries have constant need of the information asked for in this circular. It was sent to all our foreign missionaries in 1896, and the replies are on file. But new missionaries go to the field, and additional information is needed from those who kindly made response five years ago.

Will you fill out the blanks for yourself and family and return to this office promptly?

Yours sincerely,

THE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

(Please answer these questions AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE with the data at hand.)

1. Place and date of answer *Camp, Baroda, India, Nov. 16, 1901.*
2. Full name of missionary and date of birth *Albert Edward Ayers,*
October 17, 1868.
3. Nationality *Born in Illinois, of English and American* ^{*parentage.*}
4. Date of appointment to our work *Oct. 27, 1900.*
5. Bishop appointing ... *Bishop J. M. Thoburn*
6. Date of departure from home to engage in our work *Oct. 31, 1900.*
7. Date of arrival on the mission field *Dec. 30, 1900.*
8. Has service under this Society been continuous since your first appointment? If not, when, why, and how long was it interrupted? *Yes.*
9. Fields of labor and dates (month and year) *Camp, Baroda, India,*
including some itinerating on adjacent
Circuits, Jan. 3, 1901, to Nov. 16, 1901.
10. Present residence. *Camp, Baroda, India.*

11. Employment at the present time *Missionary-in-charge, Baroda M.F. Boys Orphanage, & Native & English Churches, etc, etc.*
12. Date of marriage *June 9, 1895.*
13. Wife's full name *Lillie May (Fisher) Ayers.*
14. Date of wife's birth *Aug. 19, 1869.*
15. Children's full names and date of birth respectively (and date of death, if any have died)

ASA ~~*No children.*~~ *Rose Mary Ayers, born and died Apr. 19, 1902.*
John Edward Ayers, born August 18th, 1904.
Corrected to date, (May 28th, 1905) by A.C. Ayers.

RETURN HOME.

16. Names of persons returning, dates, and reasons of return (if more than one return state these particulars in each case)

None.

17. Dates of leaving to return to the field, and names of persons returning

None.

18. Name and address of person who is your representative in the United States in family matters

Father, Edward Ayers, Admire, Kansas:

19. Code name to indicate said representative in cable messages *Messrs. Messrs. Watson & Co. Bankers, London, or Bombay, etc. Cable Code will be used, and followed closely.*

FINANCIAL.

20. Salary, past and present... \$ 950.01

21. Received this year for children

22. Special aid asked, dates and amounts

23. Aid granted, dates and amounts

24. Outgoing expenses each time, ~~\$\$~~ \$490, plus amounts paid by Missionary Society, of which I have received no definite information.

25. Home-coming expenses each time none.

26. Home salary, for self and family \$ 500.00

27. Name and address of person who is your representative in the United States in business matters Admiral, Kan. Missionary Society of M.E. Church, Mr. Edw. Ayers.

28. Code name to indicate said representative in cable messages "Missionary" and as before stated. A.E. Ayers.
Camp, Baroda, India.

Photographs from this
file have not been
included but are
available upon request.
For more information
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