

ABBOTT, EDNA MAY

IN MEMORIAM
MISS MARY ABBOTT

Mrs. Mary Abbott was born June 12, 1881, in Johnson County, Iowa, and died February 17, 1956, in Norwalk, Ohio.

Miss Abbott received her education at Ohio Wesleyan University where she was elected to Phi Kappa Phi honorary society. Later study was taken at Cincinnati Training School, Ohio University and Ohio State University.

In 1915 Miss Abbott went to India where she served for thirty-one years as a missionary. She did educational and evangelistic work, largely in rural areas, in the North India and Lucknow conferences. Her years of broad intellectual capacities and strong Christian commitments, she was well-suited to this work to which she felt called.

Upon her return to the United States in 1946, she made her home first in Massillon, Ohio, and later in Norwalk, Ohio. She retired January 1, 1955.

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Edna May Abbott

4. I have an experimental knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ. As a child of 11 I gave my heart to God, but it was not until I was about 15 that Christ became really vital in my life as a personal Saviour. The years since have seen various changes of emphasis and of development in my personal experience. Christ means more to me today than I ever dreamed he could mean.
7. Yes, I am anxious to win others to Christ. I have taught a Sunday School class for several years. I have also done personal work in revival meetings and at other times.
9. The foreign field as the place for my service has been upon my heart for about seven years. I have always been willing to go if the way opened. Now that the way is open, it is my conviction that this is God's leading.
11. I am acquainted in a general way with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, having belonged to Y.W.F.M.S. for several years. However, my interest in missions has been more directly connected with the work of the Epworth League.
16. Graduated from Hartwell (Cincinnati) Ohio high school, 1898. Attended Ohio Wesleyan University, 1909-11, 1912-14, graduating in 1914. Attended Ohio State University Summer School, 1913. See Sheet 3 for courses pursued.
19. I attended Bartlett's Business College, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1898-1899, taking course in book-keeping, shorthand and type-writing. As I have never had occasion to use shorthand, I have lost it.
20. I was book-keeper in a paper-box factory for three years and in a plumbing office for seven years. During my college course, I worked in the college library, typing cards for card catalog. I staid out one year, giving full time to this work. In connection with typing cards, I have also done some classifying, cataloging, and other technical work.
21. Whatever executive ability I may have, I suppose may be indicated in my church and Epworth League work. r.C.L.Swain and r.J.D. Sayers can speak most directly of this, also my former pastors, Rev. Barber and Dr. Mitchell.

Please fill in and return immediately with TWO PHOTOS



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the Methodist Episcopal Church

(To be filled out by accepted candidates and sent to the General Office, Room 710, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.)

1. Full name. *E. J. ...*
2. Home address. *413 E 4th St ...*
3. Place and date of birth. *... 12 15 1*
4. Names and addresses of nearest relatives in the United States, for convenience in case of emergency.
Mrs. Mary B. ... 4th St ...
5. Education:

Names of Schools.	Periods of Study.	Dates of Graduation.	Degrees.	Honors.
<i>Oberlin</i>	<i>1909-1914</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>B.A.</i>	<i>... pf</i>
6. Positions in America occupied before appointment.
... pf
7. Church relationships:
 - a. Date of joining church, denomination, location *1893 Meth. ...*
 - b. Record of Christian work engaged in before leaving U. S. A.
...
8. Date of appointment. *1/1/...*
9. Branch. *(*
10. Appointment on the foreign field.
11. Daughter of missionary?
12. Student volunteer?
13. Remarks.

NOTE.— It is important that the General Office be notified of changes in addresses of missionaries and their relatives. Each missionary is requested to send two photographs of herself to the General Office.



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the Methodist Episcopal Church

Form 1

1. Full name. **Edna May Abbott** 2. Residence. **Delaware, Ohio.**
3. Place and date of birth. **Johnson County, Iowa. June 12, 1914.**
4. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord? Answer this question somewhat in detail. **See sheet 2**
5. Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a regular attendant upon its services and are you fully in accord with its doctrines as set forth in Part I, Division 1, of the Discipline? **Yes**
6. Have you had special systematic study of the Scriptures? **Yes**
7. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past? **See sheet 2**
8. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary? **Yes**
9. How long have you entertained this conviction? **See Sheet 2**
10. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field? **Yes**
11. To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society? **See Sheet 2**
12. Have you any views which would prevent your cordial co-operation with the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church?
None that I know of
13. Would you be willing to give up any personal habit which might grieve your fellow missionaries and lessen the influence of your example over the native Christians? **Yes**
14. Are you a total abstainer from all forms of alcoholic beverages and from opium, cocaine and other narcotics? **Yes**
15. What is the condition of your health? (Answer questions in Form Two and procure testimony of a competent physician according to Form Three.)
16. Outline the character and extent of your education. Name the institutions in which you were educated, the course or courses pursued and date of graduation. **See Sheet 2-3**
17. What languages other than English have you studied, and with what facility do you acquire them? **Latin, Greek French, German. I acquire languages with comparative ease.**
18. Have you a knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental? **I have some knowledge of piano playing. Grade 4 is about my limit.**
19. Have you had business training, and in what line? **See Sheet 2**
20. What positions have you held in business or professional life? **See Sheet 2**
21. Describe briefly the principles which guide you relative to your success in teaching and in the management of individual characters. **See Sheet 2**
22. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living? **No**
23. Are you engaged to be married? **No.**
24. Are you liable for debt? **No.**
25. Do you have any children? **No.**
26. Do you have any other relatives who are dependent upon you for support? **See Sheet 4**
27. A photograph should accompany your application.
28. Have you read the rules applying to the organization and do you wish to accept of them?

Date **July 23, 1917**

signed **Edna May Abbott**

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BIRTH: *Date:* [faded] *NAME:* [faded]

Place: [faded] *FIELD:* [faded]

CITIZENSHIP: U. S. A. NATURALIZED: *Date:* [faded] *Place:* [faded]

RELATIVES:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Relationship</i>
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HOME CHURCH: [faded]

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION:

<i>Group</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>
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EDUCATION:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Comments</i>
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DATE OF COMMISSION:

DATE OF FIRST SAILING

FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

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RESIGNATION:

NAME: [faded]

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March 15, 1956

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Personals

The Ven'ble Archdeacon T. D. Sully, we learn from *The Christian Messenger*, is to proceed on a short furlough next month. The paper says that he will return in October.

Dr. S. S. Gideon, Principal, Allahabad Christian College was elected President of the Local Christian Council, Allahabad in a meeting of the Council, and Mr. J. D. Patial as Secretary.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Day, who were engaged in Youth work in Allahabad left for the U. S. A. on February 28th for a furlough of fifteen months.

Miss Zillah Soule, Principal Training Institute for Women, Jabalpur has been elected Assistant Secretary of the Executive Board of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia in the absence of Mr. E. B. Paul who has sailed for America on March 13, 1956. All letters may be addressed to her C/o 3, Wesley Road, Jabalpur, where the Office of the Executive Board is situated.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hansa Desai, a niece of Mrs. C. M. Thacore of Lucknow Christian College and of Mr. Thakur, Deputy Commissioner in Madhya Pradesh, to Dr. Patrick K. Emmanuel, son of the Rev. C. L. Emmanuel of Gujarat. Dr. Emmanuel is a Crusade Scholar of the Methodist Church serving now as resident surgeon in the Methodist Hospital at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Our hearty congratulations and best wishes to this young couple.

Mr. A. B. Singh, Principal, Collins Institute left Calcutta on March 9th for Bombay from where he and other delegates will sail on March 13 for the United States to attend the General Conference of the Methodist Church to be held in Minneapolis. Mr. Singh will also attend the Interfield Conference which will be held at Simons Island, Georgia. At New York, New Jersey, he will speak at the Laymen's Mass Rally to be held on 20th April.

Bishop J. W. Pickett left Delhi by Air India International the morning of Sunday the 11th for Paris, France, en route to the General Conference. He will proceed from Paris via Madrid, Lisbon and the Azores and is due to arrive in New York on the 18th of March. He has a heavy schedule of Radio and Television addresses and conferences with Secretaries of the Board of Missions and addresses in Detroit, Boston and Georgia during his first week in the U. S. A. His second week will be devoted almost entirely to Holy Week addresses in Athens, Georgia. Before leaving, the Bishop had the honor of an exclusive interview with the Prime Minister to be reported in an article for a later number of the *Indian Witness* in April.

BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones Brahamanand a baby boy on Sunday the 11th March. Both child and mother are progressing well. Mr. Brahamanand is the Principal of Christian Higher Secondary School in Budaun.

OBITUARY

(Edna M. Abbott)

Friends of Miss Edna M. Abbott will be sad to learn of her death on 17th February, 1956. At the time of her death she was living with a cousin in Morall, Ohio. She was in the hospital all of November and December and was then taken home for care. A letter from her pastor said that she was mentally clear to the end and that she was buried beside her mother in the home

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cemetery. Miss Abbott was a missionary for many years in the Lucknow Conference of the Methodist Church in India. She was a missionary of pioneer zeal and served in new and difficult fields. She started the Sawtelle Memorial School of Arrah, Bihar, which to-day is serving so many village children of Arrah, Buxar and Ballia Districts. Miss Abbott also pioneered in Evangelistic, Educational work in Ballia and Kanpur, Districts. Her untiring, unselfish services in these places will keep on bearing fruit for many years. Miss Abbott was always unselfish and unmindful of her own needs in her thought and concern for others. Even after retiring she gave herself in service to a church in Delaware, Ohio and did much to bring new life and vision to that church. All of us who knew her are grieved by her death and her memory will always be an inspiration for us in our work.

Miss A. ROBINSON.

The Centenary Fund

The following is the Report for the week ending 11th March 1956 :

Received during the week :	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Zaheerabad District through Rev. K. Aaron Joseph	60	0	0
Hyderabad Conference ...	150	0	0
Rev. J. W. Singh through Bishop J. W. Pickett Delhi Conference ...	300	0	0
Rev. B. John Superintendent Mathura District, Delhi Conference ...	200	0	0
Rev. U. Singh, North India Conference ...	1,000	0	0
The Thoburn Methodist Church through Rev. H. L. Morgan Bengal Conference ...	5	0	0
Muzaffarpur Church through Rev. A. Brave, Lucknow Conference ...	436	0	0
Meerut District through Rev. A. W. Barnes, Delhi Conference ...	100	0	0
Rev. B. John Delhi Conference ...			
Total ...	2,251	0	0
Reported up to 5th March 1956	46,175	3	3
Present Total	2,251	0	0
Total up to date	48,426	3	3

O. Joshua, Treasurer, Executive Board.

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of persons who cannot attend the Tokyo convention.

E. P. S., Geneva.

President Soekarno Addresses Christian Conference : Most publicised of the Djakarta Christmas celebrations was a celebration sponsored by the Indonesian Christian Youth Organisation in the Sports Hall, which was addressed by President Soekarno who is a Moslem. Other speakers included Parliamentary vice-chairman A. M. Tambunan, Miss Muriel Lester, Dr. Timothy Dzaio, and Professor Dr. J. Verkuyl of the Djakarta Theological College. Each of these spoke in his or her own language, untranslating. Dr. Soekarno stated he had attended the Christian celebrations in order "to find the atmosphere of calm which refreshes the spirit. Here we praise God's name and recall the sufferings of those who have preached peace, brotherhood, and tolerance but who have not been understood." He added that all that is good is born of sacrifice, even life itself.

E. P. S., Geneva.

In Memorium

REV. E. B. STEINER

By Dr. E. M. Moffatt

The brief notice of the death of Rev. E. B. Steiner on November 4th was not sufficient. I would like to add to it. When I became Superin-

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tional Christian Council again invite application
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received before the end of April, are to be
recommended by Missions or Christian Presses
and tested and interviewed by a Committee.
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years.

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Press, Madras or the Baptist Mission Press,
Calcutta.

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to take the City and Guilds examination, or if
available, local Government diplomas examina-
tions.

The National Christian Council and the spon-
sors are to be responsible financially for the
trainees up-keep.

Agreements as regards the terms is necessary
between the N. C. C., the sponsors of the train-
ees.

While the training is intended for ultimate
responsible posts, including press management
the training centres and the N. C. C. cannot be
responsible for the employment of the trainees
after training, though they will help to find their
employment in Christian Presses.

If a trainee does not complete his period of
training, it will be essential for him to pay back
to the Board the amount spent on his scholar-
ship.

W. Scopes,
Literature Secretary, N. C. C.

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Staff Minutes

February 29, 1956

Present: Misses Derby, Berry, Best, Billingsley, Lawrence, Twinem, Whiting,
Mrs. Dail, Dr. Brewster

Miss Twinem led in prayer.

For the record:

In memoriam: Edna Abbott (retired), India, February 17, 1956

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ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH
DELAWARE, OHIO

ROBERT G. CLARKE, Minister
45 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
TELEPHONE ~~2240~~ 3-5561

FEB 6 1956

February 3, 1956

Miss Lucile Colony
Board of Missions, The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Colony:

The person appointed as guardian for Miss Edna M. Abbott, Mrs. Fred A. Norwood, is not Miss Abbott's sister - there are no other children in Edna's family - but either a first or second cousin.

Enclosed is the bill from White Cross Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Because Miss Abbott was considered as a clinical case there are no doctor charges or fees to be paid. This hospital bill is the gross amount. The business manager, Mr. Grubbs, informed me there is a formula that can be applied to this amount, because of Edna's professional status as a Methodist missionary, which can amount to a considerable deduction. I would suggest you ask the hospital to apply such a formula.

Miss Abbott's address is now:

c/o Mrs. John Ziegler
Box 81
Morrall, Ohio

Sincerely,

Robert G. Clarke
Robert G. Clarke

Encl.

Edna M. Abbott

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FEB 27 1956

February 22, 1956

Miss Lucile Colony
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Colony:

Perhaps you have already been notified. Miss Edna Abbott died last Friday, Feb. 17th, at about 2:00 P.M. Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 20th, in the Ramsey-Bennett Funeral Home in Delaware. She was buried in her parent's lot in the Kilbourne, Ohio cemetery.

Miss Abbott's affairs were placed in the hands of a guardian because she was physically incapable of going about and caring for them herself. Her mind remained very alert up to the very last. The funeral director informed me that Miss Abbott's doctor told him the cause of death was chronic malnutrition.

Enclosed is a check for one hundred and fifty three dollars. Our church's contribution toward your payment of Miss Abbott's hospital bill. We are sending the funds to your Board in hopes you might be able to give us a voucher for them that we may receive Conference credit for this money so raised.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Clarke

Robert G. Clarke

Encl:
Check No. 1043.

Deposited in Medical Care - Retired 2/27/56

MAR 8 1956

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