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Dear Missionaries, or Friends of Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist-Episcopal Church:

The task of revising and bringing up to date the "Roll Call" of our Missionaries has been assigned to me. This necessitates your prompt assistance. To all missionaries living, whose addresses we can secure this will be sent—otherwise to friends. Please remember that delay on your part means delay here, so give this little blank proper consideration. This is only a skeleton. If you will write fully concerning yourself or your friend, as to why you went, your preparation, the work you have done, giving some interesting incidents of redeemed lives, you will make it possible for me to present a living picture, not a catalogue. Please do not confuse this with the blank sent out from headquarters in New York and think you have already complied. Anticipating your very hearty and prompt response, I am

Yours in the service,

Miss Kate E. Moss,

3024 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

1. Name in Full. *Cornelia Anderson*
2. Date and place of Birth. *October 11, 1858, U.S.A., Ohio*
3. Name of Father and Mother. *Milton Eckhart Anderson, Nancy Steel*
4. Nationality and Religious Faith of Same. *American, born, father, mother, Presbyterian, Methodist*
5. Present Residence. *Singapore, S.S.*
6. When Did You Become a Christian? *At the age of four*
7. When Did You Join the Methodist-Episcopal Church? *1872*
8. What Led You to Become a Missionary? *All my life I had a desire to go to the foreign field*
9. Your Education—What and Where Secured. *Common school education at home and at Cincinnati, O.*
10. Have You a Specialty—If So, What? *Music*
11. Date of Appointment. *1899* Date of Sailing. *Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1900*
12. From What Branch? *Central, Cincinnati, Ohio*
13. Positions Held Before Going.—When, What, Where? *1895, Teaching, Cincinnati, Ohio*
14. Positions Held in Foreign Field—When, What, Where? *1899, Teaching, Singapore, S.S.*
15. Duties and Lengths of Furloughs. *None*
16. Items Concerning Your Work. *Teaching, sewing, and other work*
17. Send Picture from Which "Cut" Can be Made. *None*
18. Is this EXTRACT from the "Roll Call" Correct so far as it Goes? *It is a true statement.*

*I am sure that you will find this a very interesting and valuable record of the work of our missionaries.*

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for many schools in Japan. A charming conversationalist, a loyal and true friend, Miss Ashbaugh was above all a devout missionary with a strong and beautiful faith that carried her through many trying and difficult situations.

Miss Ashbaugh retired from active service on January 1, 1943, after thirty-five years of splendid service in Japan.

*Alice M. Barker*

Miss Alice M. Barker, retired, living in the Deaconess Home at Concord, Massachusetts, died on October 26, 1946. A graduate of the New York Deaconess Training School in 1894, and of the New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Miss Barker served until 1929. Her appointments included three churches in New York City as well as churches in Schenectady and Saratoga Springs, New York; the New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, and the Deaconess Home and churches in Providence, Rhode Island.

*Jennie F. Brubaker*

Miss Jennie F. Brubaker, of Kennedy Deaconess Hospital, Havre, Montana, was stricken with pneumonia and passed away on September 22, 1946. She was a graduate of the Chicago Training School and had had two years at Garrett Biblical Institute. The thirty-three years of service given by this gentle and lovable woman were divided between Omaha and Rulo, Nebraska, and Havre, Montana.

Luella Anderson

We speak of this as a funeral. The word seems inappropriate in this case. It is not an occasion of sorrow, but rather of rejoicing. We would realize that, in we could tune in on the celebrations in Heaven, the glad receptions she is receiving from loved ones and friends that have been awaiting her in the skies. I think of this as a sort of earthly counterpart of her coronation at the hands of her Lord.

Luella Anderson stands out a clearly delineated character, she achieved a life. She had much to show for 88 years of living.

Life was always a challenge to her. The realm of knowledge was alluring. She wanted to learn and to know. It was a grief to her that she was denied a college education. But she was well educated and pursued her education to the very end of life. She was just recently studying Greek history and literature. She talked of Plato and Socrates and Euripides. It was inspiring to see her in her wheel chair before her book case pouring over a big volume of Greek literature, one that many of us would have passed up as dry and outdated. Just the day before her sudden translation she wheeled her chair to her treasure-trove in the book case and took out a volume on Roman literature. She read and read intelligently, remembered what she read and appreciated its significance for today.

Life to her was a challenge not only to know but to do. Jesus in beautiful appreciation of Mary's act of devotion to Him in the breaking of the alabaster jar of perfume said, "She hath done what she could." The same Lord would say the same, I am sure, in appreciation of the life of Miss Anderson. Her passion was to serve. She wanted to devote herself to some distinctly religious cause. She had studied music in Delaware and Detroit and was teaching music in the public Schools of Ada, Ohio, when she was invited to the home of a friend to meet some one that had come to Ada to see her. This proved to be the distinguished missionary, Isabella Thoburn, who founded the first school for girls in All Asia, that grew into the splendid Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India. Miss Thoburn said to her, "There is something about you in the Christian Advocate" and pointed to an article calling for a teacher of music in the Malay States. Miss Anderson had seen the article but had not realized that it had anything to do with her. Characteristic of the decisiveness of her character, Miss Anderson within three days was actually on her way to Malaya, arriving in Singapore February 15, 1900. She was appointed to a school in the interior of the peninsula, in a large city in the very center of the great tin mining industries, also on large areas of rubber plantations. The name of this city is Kuala Lumpur. Here she taught music in the girls' school, to Chinese, Malays as well as native Malayan girls. She directed evangelistic work also among the Chinese, a Hindu people immigrated from northern India, and gave services also to the Chinese and Malays at mission work ever there to Singapore, Penang and Taiping. She witnessed the amazing development of mission work in the school, in instances, starting with an enrollment of only 35 girls in 1900. The work was so successful that in 1901 the school was enlarged to 100 girls. In 1902 the school was enlarged to 150 girls. In 1903 the school was enlarged to 200 girls. In 1904 the school was enlarged to 250 girls. In 1905 the school was enlarged to 300 girls. In 1906 the school was enlarged to 350 girls. In 1907 the school was enlarged to 400 girls. In 1908 the school was enlarged to 450 girls. In 1909 the school was enlarged to 500 girls. In 1910 the school was enlarged to 550 girls. In 1911 the school was enlarged to 600 girls. In 1912 the school was enlarged to 650 girls. In 1913 the school was enlarged to 700 girls. In 1914 the school was enlarged to 750 girls. In 1915 the school was enlarged to 800 girls. In 1916 the school was enlarged to 850 girls. In 1917 the school was enlarged to 900 girls. In 1918 the school was enlarged to 950 girls. In 1919 the school was enlarged to 1000 girls. In 1920 the school was enlarged to 1050 girls. In 1921 the school was enlarged to 1100 girls. In 1922 the school was enlarged to 1150 girls. 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Returning to America she continued to serve. Her interest in the Malayan field was

enterprise never flange. She kept it with it and sent money for the supply of girl's suits for her life. And here, as you know, she was always expanding her circle to her dear ones, her friends and any that needed her. She was a matter of duty but under the impulse of love. She aimed at the justice's solicitude and concern for the spiritual welfare of others.

Luella Anderson was 85 years old. She never lost her zest and enthusiasm in life. She was alert to world news. Confined to her home and wheel chair, she was all over the world in alert interest in what was going on. Her horizons were world horizons.

She had her opinions, definite, positive which she expressed forcefully. She was keenly interested in politics and kept well informed right up to the minute. If old Agamemnon and Aristotle appeared in her conversations, so also did President Truman and the G.P.A. and the Russians.

Here was a masterly temperament. She was a natural leader and commander. She was genial, friendly, with a sense of humor. It was good to hear her laugh. And one felt the depth of her sympathy with one wept over the hungry and the homeless.

From her wheel chair she directed the affairs of the yard and garden. She read up on fertilizers and studied how to fight dandelions and plantain.

She was interested in all social reforms and was a hot and uncompromising foe of the liquor traffic.

She loved the little home she has shared with her niece and planned a great deal of late as she remarked, "To me it is better for Mary" who has been so real and devoted a companion to her through the years.

Her religious faith was "deep, unswerving, confident and strong". Her fellowship with Christ was a real and dominant experience. It was inspiring to talk with her about the deeper matters of life in Christ. Precious indeed are the memories of communion services with her in her home. She loved her Bible and read it with eager interest. She loved the Church and supported it and all its enterprises generously.

In fact all life was religious for Miss Anderson. It was not divided into sections, secular and sacred. It was her Father's world "The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Master's praise." It was her conviction that "though the wrong seems one so strong, God is the ruler yet." And so she would sing in her heart, "Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King: Let the heavens sing! God reigns, let the earth be glad."

"I do not know how wide the spaces are;  
I do not know how far the utmost star;  
I do not know what worlds or light may be;  
Or life, or how this ordered frame began.  
This only do I know: That Christ my soul  
fulfills. My aspirations stand complete In Him,  
He is my destiny, my flower  
Next to Him I will the world's day,  
and turn the chaotic into a world's dream. Then I can say with you, 'He is...'"

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