

ASHWILL, AGNES

DEPARTMENT OF WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS

Staff Minutes

February 21, 1956

Present: Misses Derby, Berry, East, Billingsley, Colony, Lawrence, Twinem,
Whiting, Mrs. Dail.

Guests: Miss Juanita Brown, Miss Alyce L'Heritier

Miss Colony led in prayer.

For the record:

In memoriam: Agnes Ashwill (retired), India and Burma, February 7, 1956 83.

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I first knew Miss Ashwill in the Calcutta Girls' High School when I first went there in 1919 and I know something of her deep concern for the girls in her classes. She was a true missionary and gave of "her best to the Master". Recently in Alhambra, when calling on Miss Ashwill, she was still keenly interested in hearing of several of the girls she had had in school in Calcutta.

How we thank and praise God that He has made such wonderful preparation for His children and to know that Agnes Ashill has entered ^{her} ~~for~~ Eternal Home where "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:" And there Agnes can continue serving without the handicaps of our human bodies.

How glorious it must have been as she awoke and found herself with her "Pilot, face to face" and knew of a certainty that; "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

I sincerely submit the above Memorial for Agnes Ashwill and only wish I had had more time so I could have consulted her two neices, Mrs. Robert G. Baker, 2945 S. Quince, Olympia, Washington and Mrs. L. E. Dooley, 116 E. Roanoke, Centralia, Washington., about her.

Sincerely,

Ruth [unclear]

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Memorial for Miss Agnes Ashwill.

"And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song.
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong,
Alleluia ! Alleluia !"

This verse of the old hymn always seems appropriate when thinking of one of God's dear children who ~~have~~^{has} given of ~~their~~^{her} "best to the Master".

Miss Agnes Ashwill, a missionary under the Cincinnati Branch of the ^{Woman's} Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, ~~was sent to India~~
~~XXXXXX~~ was born January 3rd, 1874, at Delaware, Ohio. After attending the public school and graduating, she entered Ohio Wesleyan University and in 1904 graduated with the B.A. degree. During her first furlough home from India, she studied and gained her M.A. degree in Education ^{in 1916} at the Columbia University at New York.

Her first appointment in India was ^{to} ~~at~~ the ~~Wesley~~ Wesley Girls' School with Miss Rue Sellers in charge, at Naini Tal in the Himalayan mountains. Returning to India, after furlough, she was appointed to the Calcutta Girls' High School with Miss Daisy Wood and in 1920 was transferred to the ~~XXXXXX~~ English Girls' High School, in Rangoon, Burma. Failing health caused her return to America after a short term in Burma and in 1926 was officially retired.

For a time, she lived with relatives in Washington State and in 1935 she came to California. For a short period, she was at Thoburn Terrace doing some nursing, after which she took an apartment in the home of a friend in Alhambra, and was still living with her till she had a stroke in early February this year and was taken to the local Hospital where on Feb. 7 she passed away.

In writing about Miss Ashwill, I wish I might have known her when she was growing up. This I do know that she became a young woman of very high principles with a great desire to serve her Master and help her girls to be come their best for the Master.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church

Form 1.

1. Full name. *A. J. ...*
2. Residence. *...*
3. Place and date of birth. *3, 1874, ...*
4. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord? Answer this question somewhat in detail. *...*
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 1, Division 1, of the Discipline? *...*
6. Have you had special systematic study of the Scriptures? *...*
7. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past? *...*
8. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary? *...*
9. How long have you entertained this conviction? *...*
10. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field? *...*
11. To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society? *...*
12. Have you any views which would prevent your cordial co-operation with the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church? *...*
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? *...*
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. *...*
17. What languages other than English have you studied, and with what facility do you acquire them? *...*
18. Have you a knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental? *...*
19. Have you had business training, and in what line? *...*
20. What positions have you held in business or professional life? *...*
21. Executive ability. Provide testimonials relative to your success in teaching and in the management of financial matters *...*
22. Have you been married? If so, is your husband living? *...*
23. Are you engaged to be married? *...*
24. Are you liable for debt? *...*
25. Is anyone dependent upon you for support? *...*
26. Give names and addresses of at least ten persons including pastors, instructors and others who are able to give information relative to your Christian usefulness, your adaptability to people and circumstances, and your general fitness for the work. *...*
27. A photograph should accompany your application.
28. Have you read the rules applying to missionaries and do you promise to abide by them?

Date: *...*

Signed: *...*

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IN ALHAMBRA

AGNES SIBBELL

Agnes Sibbell was born near Delaware, Ohio, January 3, 1874, and died February 7, 1956, in Alhambra, California, where she had been a resident for seventeen years. She had been a Methodist missionary in India and Burma for eighteen years and had taught school in the United States for five years prior to her missionary service.

She received her education at Wesleyan University, graduating in 1904, and at Colby University where she received the M.A. degree in 1916.

In 1909 Miss Sibbell went to Rangoon, India, to teach in the Wesleyan Girls' School in the Himalayan Mountains. Returning to India after a tour, she was appointed to the Calcutta Girls' High School. In 1920 she was transferred to the English Girls' High School in Rangoon, Burma. Ill health caused her to return to the United States after a short term in Burma, and in 1926 she was officially retired.

Upon her return to the United States, she made her home in Washington state. In 1935 she went to California, which was her place of residence for twenty-one years.

Miss Sibbell was known for the deep concern she had for the girls in her classes, a concern that continued to the point of her death. One of the girls she had known and taught.

Funeral services were held in Alhambra, California, February 10, 1956, at the Little Stone Church of Turner, Stevens and Turner, with the Rev. William J. Jennie and Dr. William J. Jordan officiating.

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AGNES ASHWILL
(Died Feb. 7, 1956)

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DEATHS

ASHWILL: Agnes Ashwill of 621 N. 2nd St., Alhambra, passed away February 7, 1956. A native of Delaware, Ohio, she had been a resident of Alhambra 17 years. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Alhambra; Wesleyan Class of the First Methodist Church; Women's Society of Christian Service and was a missionary in Burma and India for 18 years. Survived by 1 sister, Mrs. George Gartley of Olympia, Washington; 2 nieces Mrs. Robert C. Baker of Olympia, Washington, Mrs. L. E. Dooley of Centralla, Washington. Services 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Little Stone Church of Turner, Stevens & Turner, Rev. William A. Jennings and Dr. William C. Godden officiating.

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included but are
available upon request.
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