

Marion Wilson Scott (Mrs James Lundie Gray) (1898 - 2001))

Marion was born in Glasgow and educated at Hutcheson's Girls' Grammar School. She completed her college course in 1918. While at Bergman Österberg Physical Training College, Marion met her husband, a serious student of the Presbyterian Ministry and had just three chaperoned meetings, wrote lots of letters and met for one unchaperoned train trip from Dartford to London. James proposed and Marion said Yes. Marion finished her training and taught in England before travelling to New Zealand, where she married five days after her arrival.

Marion and her husband spent a total of twenty five years in India, leaving New Zealand eight months after their marriage for their first twenty year stint. They had five children and together learned a new language, dealt with a new culture and raised their family. They were devoted to their missionary work and spent three months each year moving from village to village on inflated buffalo skin rafts.

After twenty years in India Marion and James returned to Devonport and then Remuera.

In 1956 James and Marion went to the Punjab for 3 years to head the "Synod Forward Campaign" at the invitation of the United Church of Northern India.

A forthright and inspiring person, a gifted speaker and a perfectionist in all that she did. Always a great supporter of the "Busy Bees" and she held the position of National President. In her later years Marion resided in Lady Allum Home, being our longest lived Missionary.

Marion died in 2001 in Auckland, New Zealand aged 103.

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