

In Memory of CLARA NELSON
1895-1979

Clara Alice Nelson, daughter of Rasmus and Hannah Nelson, was born on July 15, 1895 near Underwood, North Dakota.

At the age of 17 Clara went to Minneapolis and, while attending special meetings under the leadership of Dr. Louck, she surrendered her life to Christ.

In 1914 she entered the Northwestern Bible School, graduating in 1917. While in Bible School, Clara received the call to yield her life to missionary service.

In 1918 schooling was resumed at Wheaton Academy in Wheaton, Illinois, and upon graduating in 1920 she received her A.B. Degree in 1923.

In August of 1923, Clara and her sister Ada sailed for Shanghai, China, where they both served in the Bridgman School for Girls, Clara in evangelistic work and Ada as a teacher.

In 1927 the girls were forced to leave China because of the War, but after eight months Clara again returned to China where she remained for 6½ years. Clara served at Pastor in Iowa during her furlough, and returned again to China in March of 1937.

At this time she began the work which became her entire life: working with girls at the "Door of Hope Mission" of war-torn Shanghai. In the mid-50's she returned to the States and after two year's missionary work in Honolulu she went to Taipai, Taiwan and continued "A Door of Hope Mission" there, continuing even after retirement age working with "her girls."

In June of 1975, Clara bid farewell to the land of her labors and came to Winnebago to reside at the Baptist Home where she passed away Wednesday, October 17, 1979. She leaves to mourn her loss three brothers, Russell of Winnebago, Alfred and Victor of Minneapolis, and two sisters, Minnie and Ada, both of Minneapolis.