



**LMS LADY MEDICAL MISSIONARIES AND THEIR
SERVICES IN SOUTH TRAVANCORE**



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ABSTRACT

The Lady Missionaries of the L.M.S. rendered yeoman service in the medical field also. Dr. Archbald Ramsay was the first missionary to do medical work at Nagercoil in 1838. As the Medical Mission grew under Dr. Leitch, Dr. Low, Dr. Fry and Dr. Thomson, the need for the services of lady medical missionaries were keenly felt. Further, the doctors found it difficult to take care of the patients without the help of trained nurses. As the natives considered nursing as a mean and disgraceful profession none preferred to take up the work. Hence efforts were made to bring in trained nurses and dressers from Europe. As a result, the Neyyoor Medical Mission came to be developed chiefly by European doctors and nurses.

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