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I. Biographical Note

- 1808, May 13 Born in Bastard, Leeds County, Ontario, Canada.
He was the 9th child and 5th son of Jeremiah and Submit Day.
He was an American Baptist Missionary and was the founder of
the mission work among the Telugus in the south part of India
For several years the Day's lived in Nellore as they worked
among the Telugus. Day's consecration, dedication, strong
faith, and exhausting labor place him among our missionary
heroes.
- 1825, July Was baptized
- 1825-26 Taught school
- 1831, May Began studies at Hamilton Literary and Theological
Institution, Hamilton, New York
- 1833, Mar. 13 Licensed to preach by the Baptist church in Bastard, Canada
- 1835, Aug. 23 Married Roenna (Clark) Day (b. Oct. 12, 1809-d. May 19, 1881)
in Homer, New York
Children: Howard Malcom, Samuel Clark, Mary (Mame) Marilla
and Martha Sophia (twins), James Bacon, and Ellen Roenna.
Mary M. returned to India as a missionary and managed a
girl's school in Madras for 32 years.
- 1835, Aug. 24 Ordained by the Baptist Church in Cortland, New York
- 1835, Aug. Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Day appointed as missionaries to the Telugus
in India.
- 1835, Sept. 22 From Boston he sailed on the ship "Louvre" to India as
American Baptist missionary to the Telugus. Twenty-two
missionaries were on board this ship. The names of the Baptist
male missionaries in this party were: J G Lewis Shuck, Lovel
Ingalls, James M. Haswell, Samuel Stearns Day, Alanson Reed,
E. L. Abbott, and Robert Davenport. (See p. 21 "A Pioneer for
Jesus" by Thmaval).
- 1836, Feb. 5 Arrived in Calcutta, India
- 1836, Mar. 7 Arrived in Vizagapatam., India, and began language study
- 1836, Aug. Moved to Chicacole, India

- 1837, Mar. 7 Moved to Madras for work. Began mission work among the Telugu and during this year he baptized his first person in India.
- 1838 , Mar. Went to Bellary and baptized 22 persons
- 1838, Aug. 4 Organized Vipery Baptist Church (English) in Madras, India
- 1840, Feb. 21 Moved to Nellore, India, to be able to work more closely with the Telugus
- 1840, Sept. 3 Baptized his first Telugu convert--a man
- 1843, Oct. 12 A church was formed in Nellore
- 1845, Nov. 5 Because of exhausting labor and illness on the mission field, doctors and the Madras council of missionaries decided he must go to the U.S. to regain his health. Had a hepatic disease. Mrs. Day was also ill.
- 1845, Dec. 3 The Day family returned to U.S.
- 1846, June 3 Arrived in New York
- 1848, Oct. 10 Mr. Day returned to Nellore, India, alone to continue work among the Telugus. His wife and children remained in the U.S. We may imagine what a struggle went on before and during this separation.
- Rev. Lyman Jewett and his wife, Euphemia, accompanied him to India and worked with the Telugus also. During this trip the ship's captain was converted. (See Mar. '49 letter to sister Brown among correspondence with fellow-missionaries)
- 1849, Mar. 14 Arrived in India
- 1850, Oct. 1 Ordered to close schools in which 210 were receiving a Christian education--the Mission Board had no funds
- 1853 Left the mission field, returned to the U.S. broken in health and was never able to return to India. His family headquarters were in Homer, New York. He supplied churches preaching and lecturing as his strength would allow .
- 1811, Sept. 11 Died in Homer, New York, after much suffering

For further information of S. S. Day's life, work, and fellow-missionaries see:

"The History of the Telugu Mission" by David Downie
 "A Pioneer for Jesus" by Thos. S. Dunaway
 "To the Golden Shore" by Courtney Anderson

Other books about Adoniram Judson have pertinent information about Day and his mission work.

II. Scope and Content Note

This is a significant collection on early mission efforts in India by Baptists. The main parts of the collection consist of biographical information, correspondence, diaries, and journals, reports to the Foreign Mission Board, sermons, and materials concerning mission work among the Telugus. The dates of these papers span the years 1825-1912.

The biographical information is mainly concerning the Day and Stearns families.

The correspondence is divided thus:

1. General--filed chronologically within an alphabetical arrangement of names
2. Family--filed chronologically. S. S. Day's letters to his wife Roenna are filed separately in chronological order. Some of the family correspondence is similar to a journal, and some of it includes important biographical information.
3. Fellow-missionaries--filed chronologically under alphabetical arrangement of names of missionaries. There are about 540 letters in the collection.

Among the correspondence with fellow-missionaries there are letters of unusual interest: from Adoniram Judson of Burma and J. Lewis Shuck of China. One of these from Judson approves Day's going to begin the work with the Telugus. One also tells of a throat ailment which had kept him from preaching for many months. Other letters that mention the Judsons are from Alanson Reed's of 2-25-1836, Lyman Stilson's of 2-1-1837 and S. M. Osgood's of 2-9-1839. J. Lewis Shuck's letter of Sept. 15, 1837 tells of the first person ever baptized in the Chinese Empire.

There are numerous letters from missionary Lyman Jewett who worked with S. S. Day among the Telugus and continued this ministry after the Days had to leave India on account of illness.

In the letters from E. L. Abbott is information about mission work among the Karens.

The letters from Rev. Howard Malcom are interesting. Previous to 1835 he had served as pastor to a church in Boston. As a member of the American Baptist Board of Foreign Missions he sailed Sept. 22, 1835 on the ship "Louvre" with the S. S. Days and other missionaries to visit Baptist mission fields in the orient. In this collection there are a few letters from Rev. Malcom while he was president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, 1845-47.

In the correspondence with fellow-missionaries there are letters from J. H. Chandler, a type founder, who was sent out in 1843 to especially help with the work of printing tracts and books for the missions in the Orient. The correspondence, diaries, and journals (ca. 1850) are interesting and important because of description and details about India, Burma, Siam, Singapore, Macao, Hong Kong, etc., and the work of the missionaries in these fields, travel and living conditions, customs of the day, condition and progress of churches, missionary family life, illnesses and treatments {fevers, dysentery, cholera, consumption, etc.}, other hardships of missionaries' lives, soul-wringing decisions about mission work and about leaving their parents and their children perhaps to never to see them again, dangers and privations faced,

family news, deep longings to be better Christians and feel closer to God, and be able to do more in God's kingdom work.

The journal or letter written by Roenna Clark Day during the Day's trip out to India from Sept. 22, 1835 to Feb. 1836 and some subsequent happenings till May 10, 1836, is most interesting.

An important section of this collection deals with the work among the Telugus who live in Hindustan in the southern part of India. The Days lived in Nellore most of the time they worked with the Telugus. Mr. Day was treasurer of this mission therefore in this collection are accounts and reports concerning it, also materials about the Telugu language and mission history as well as a few books in Telugu.

There are a few items of Mary M. Day, daughter of the S. S. Days in this collection. She worked with the Telugus in India for many years and was stationed in Madras.

Among the correspondents are: E. L. Abbott (Burma); J. G. Allen; C. Bennett (Burma); George Beer (India); W. Bowden (India); Rufus Babcock (cor. secretary of American and Foreign Bible Society); Jo So Bacon (editor of American Baptist Mission Magazine, 1841); George Co Beckwith (cor. Secretary American Peace Society); Rev. Miles Bronson; Lucius Bolles (sec. of American Baptist Board of Foreign Mission); Mrs. N. Brown (India); W. Brown (India); Misses E. and S. Bradford; P. Brotherton; William Bogert; James Cay (India); G. L. Comstock (Anacan, India); J. H. Chandler (type founder for mission work); Robert D. Davenport (Bangkok); William Dean (Bangkok and Hong Kong); Co Foster (Madras Bible Society); J. W. Gordon (India); A. N. Groves (India); William A. Hallock (Secre. American Tract Society); James M. Haswell (Burma and India); William Howell (India); Lyman Jewett (India); Adoniram Judson (Burma); Eugenio Kincaid (Tavoy, Burma); Alex Leitch (London Missionary Society); John McCarthy (India); A. P. Mason, Howard Malcom (member of American Baptist Board of Foreign Missions) and at one time pastor of Boston's Federal St. Church, See p. 420 of "To the Golden Shore" by Courtney Anderson; A. C. Osborn; S. M. Osqood (Burma); Solomon Peck (cor. secretary of American Baptist Missionary Board} W. H. Pearce (Calcutta); J. Penney (Calcutta); T. Collins Page (India) ; Thomas Purinton (on Day's ordination council) ; Edward Porter (India); A. T. Rose (Akyab); E. D. Reed; Mr. & Mrs. Alanson Reed (Singapore, Bangkok, and Moulmein); Samuel J. Smith (Bangkok); John Smith (secretary Madras Auxiliary Bible Society); Thomas Simons (Rangoon); J. Lewis Shuck (Hong Kong and Macao), Co H. Slafter (Bangkok), E. A. Stevens (Burma); Lyman Stilson (Burma); Amos Sutton (India); J. Thomas (Calcutta); William Thompson (India); Charles Thompson (Wales); Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Van Husen (India); Justus H. Yinton (Burma); J. G. Warren (cor. sect. of American Baptist Missionary Union 1860); M. Winslow (India); Mrs. Wade (Tavoy); D. W. Ward (India); G. Van Somerer (India).

Books with information related to this collection are:

"The History of the Telugu Mission" by David Downie

"A Pioneer for Jesus" by Thomas S. Dunaway

"To the Golden Shore" by Courtney Anderson and other books about the Adoniram Judsons and the J. Lewis Shucks.

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- 2 Autograph book 1835~49
- 3 Bible-polyglott 1834 and book "Forest Scenes"
- 4 Biographical information
- 5 Brochure -1901 -Great Temples of India, Ceylon & Burma. In Telugu
- 6 Correspondence--with American Baptist Missionary Union (includes travel expense accounts), and American Baptist Board of Foreign Missions
- 7 Correspondence--business
- 8 Correspondence--record of some letters written by S. S. Day
1850-1860
- 9 Correspondence--family--Mary M. Day
- 10 Correspondence--family--to S. S. Day's twin daughters on their 9th birthday. Original and copy. Much biographical information. 1848

Box 2

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- 1 Correspondence--S. S. Day early letters 1826-.31
- 2 Correspondence--family--S. S. Day to wife, describe trip to Bellary I India, 18.38
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- 4 Correspondence, fellow-missionaries - Rose, A.T., Scudder, 1853
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- 7 Correspondence, fellow-missionaries - Slafter, C.H., 1840; Smith,
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- 8 Correspondence, fellow-missionaries - Stevens, E. A., 1838-39
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- 15 Correspondence, fellow-missionaries - Vinton, Justus H., 1837
- 16 Correspondence, fellow-missionaries - Wade, D.B.L, 1837
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- 19 Correspondence, General - A
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- 23 Cortland, N.Y.--brochure of new county home for aged women, 1910
minutes of Cortland Baptist Association

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- 1 Diary of James Clark, 1835-40 (Mrs. s. s. Day's brother)
- 2 Diary of Mary M. Day 1877 and clippings
- 3 Diaries of the S. S. Days 1834-45
- 4 Diaries of the S. S. Days, 1846-49,54,56,59
- 5 Journals of the S. S. Days, 1831,1834
- 6 Journal by Mrs. S. S. Day, Sept., 1835-May, 1836
Contains biographical information
- 7 Journal 1837
- 8 Journal 1848 S. S. Day's return to India alone
- 9 Journal 1850
- 10 Journal 1851

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- 1 Biographical information
- 2 Diary and Journal 1826 and 28
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- 4 Diary and Journal 1831--in Nov. 31 tells of his call to the ministry
- 5 Diary and Journal 1832 and 33
- 6 Diary and Journal and memos of letters 1836-37
- 7 Diary and Journal 1838-44 - Also records of mission administration
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- 1 Early writings
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- 3 Hindus--address on this subject, S. S. Day, 1837
- 4 Hymn books, English, 1843--"The Psalmist" is one
- 5 Indian Missionary Society--address to society in 1837
- 6 Madras Mission work--article about it--Bible women's
class attendance roll book
- 7 Marriage laws, India, 1843
- 8 Miscellaneous
- 9 Notes for speeches
- 10 Personal, including Day's license to preach, ordination
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a lock of his hair. Also, a statement of his personal
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- 11 Poems including "Nellore" or "Lone Star Mission" by
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Photographs of missionaries and Baptists leaders in India and Mary Mo Day's
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- 6 Telugu Mission field--Baptism of 1st convert 1840
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- 2 Telugu - library inventory , S. S. Day
- 3 Telugu - mission history
- 4 Telugu - mission house, building of Nellore and copy of power of attorney given by S. S. Day to Lyman Jewett
- 5 Telugu - mission work notes
- 6 Telugu - Nellore district population table
- 7 Telugu - mission reports
- 8 Telugu - mission reports Nellore poor, 1850-53
- 9 Telugu - property deed, etc.
- 10 Telugu - school
- 11 Telugu - reports of mission work and financial accounts, 1835-48
- 12 Telugu - reports of mission work and financial accounts, 1840-63