



AMY CARMICHAEL (1867-1951): Missionary

Amy Carmichael was born on 16 December 1867 in Millisle, the oldest of three sisters and four brothers. When her father, a mill owner died the family moved to Belfast where Amy became involved in the city mission work. After serving four years at the Japanese mission she went to India where in 1897 she formed the evangelising 'Woman's Band', taking in the first woman refugee the following year and the first girl refugee the year after that.

In 1900 she moved to Dohnavur and her Dohnavur Fellowship, was soon actively involved in the rescue, care, feeding, and education of hundreds of children.

In 1916 Amy founded the 'Sisters of the common Life', a spiritual support group. In 1918 she was awarded Kaiser-i-Hinds Medal for service to India. In 1935 her health worsened and she became bed-ridden. She died 18 January 1951 and is buried at Dohnavur.

Amy's published works included *Things as They Are* (1903), *Gold Cord* her Dohnavur Fellowship history (1932), *Windows* (1937) and *Though the Mountains Shake* (1943).

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