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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

**ABCFM** American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions *(USA)*

**AG** Foreign Missions Department, General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc *(USA)*

**BC** Foreign Mission Board of the Bretheren in Christ of the USA and Canada *(USA)*

**BFBS** British and Foreign Bible Society *(England)*

**Bn** Berlin Missionary Society *(Germany)*

**BPA** Bethal Pentacostal Assembly *(USA)*

**BPKN** Board of the Protestant Churches in Netherlands Indies

**CDBM** Cape Diocesan Board of Missions *(Province of the CGH)*

**CMML** Christian Missions in Many Lands *(England)*

**CN** General Board of Foreign Missions, Church of the Nazarene *(USA)*

**CUSA** Congregational Union Church Aid and Missionary Society of South Africa *(Transvaal)*

**DGT** Diocese of Grahamstown *(Cape of Good Hope)*

**DKK** Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman *(South Africa)*

**DNa** Diocese of Natal *(South Africa)*

**DRCSA** General Mission Committee of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa *(Cape of Good Hope)*

**DRCSAO** General Mission Committee of the Dutch Reformed Church in the Orange Free State

**DRCSAT** General Mission Committee of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, Church of the Transvaal

**ECS** Board of Foreign missions of the Representative Church Council of the Episcopal Church in Scotland

**FBS** Scandinavian Independent Baptist Union *(Sweden)*

**FCS** Free Church of Scotland Foreign Mission

**FMA** General Mission Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America *(USA)*

**FMS** Finnish Missionary Society

**HS** Holiness Union (Sweden)

**HFMA** Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association *(USA)*

**HM** Hermannsburg Evangelical Lutheran Missionary Society *(Germany)*

**HUR** Board of Foreign Missions of the International Apostolic Holiness Union and the Revivalist Church

**IHM** International Holiness Mission *(England)*

**IL** Ikwezi Lamaci Mission *(Natal)*

**Ind** Independent

**LMS** London Missionary Society

**MC** Trustees of MacKenzie College, Sao Paolo, Brazil *(USA)*

**MEFB** Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church *(USA)*

**MGB** Missionary Society of the German Baptists in Berlin

**MHLF** Mission of the Hanoverian Evangelical Lutheran Free Church *(Germany)*

**MMAN** Maritzburg Mission Association for the Diocese of Natal

**Mor** Moravian Missions *(International)*

**MorG** Mission Board of the Moravian Church *(Germany)*

**MR** Mission Romande: Mission Board of the Free Churches of Free Switzerland

**MSR** Swiss Evangelical Mission to Shangaan Tribes

**NBC** Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention *(USA)*

**NFEH** Norway’s Free Evangelical Mission to the Heathen

**NMF** Norwegian Mission Union

**NMS** Norwegian Missionary Society

**P** Paris Evangelical Missionary Society

**PCSA** Native Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa *(Cape of Good Hope)*

**PH** General Mission Board of the Pentecostal Holiness Church *(USA)*

**PMMS** Primitive Methodist Missionary Society *(England)*

**Rc** Roman Catholic Missions *(International)*

**RM** Rhenish Missionary Society *(Germany)*

**SA** Salvation Army *(England)*

**SABMS** South African Baptist Missionary Society *(Cape of Good Hope)*

**SACIM** South African Compounds and Interior Mission *(Transvaal)*

**Saf** South African Missionary Society *(Cape of Good Hope)*

**SAGM** South African General Mission *(International)*

**SAM** Scandinavian Alliance Mission of North America *(USA)*

**Sch** Norwegian Mission Church of Schreuder

**SDA** General Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Denomination *(USA)*

**SFM** Swedish Free Mission

**SKM** Church of Sweden Mission

**SPG** Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts *(England)*

**SSJE** Cowley, Wantage and All Saints Missionary Association *(England)*

**SvAM** Swedish Alliance Mission

**UFS** Foreign Mission Committee of the United Free Church of Scotland

**UPC** United Presbyterian Church of Scotland

**WMMS** Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society *(England)*

**WMMSW** Women’s Auxiliary of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society *(England)*

**WMS** Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society *(England)*

**ZMD** Zululand Missionary Diocese in the Province of South Africa

**INTRODUCTION**

This work has its origins in doctoral research I was conducting in 1982 in the field of the indigenous vernacular architecture of southern Africa. At that stage I was searching for the links, if any, that might have existed between the so-called “*civilizing*” mission of white European and North American religious zealots, and the changes which had begun to become manifest in the local built environment as early as the 1860s. By the 1920s other, and equally overt, influences had also begun to emerge. The mines at Kimberley and on the Witwatersrand, migrant employment in urban areas, the educational curriculae of Missionary Trade Schools, the introduction of industrial building materials into the rural economy, and the training given on an *ad hoc* basis by white farmers to their laborers, were beginning to create a fabric of competing influences which made it easy for racially-motivated detractors of Black culture to dismiss the achievements of rural builders as the product of a “*civilizing*” and “*technically* *superior*” white presence.

Originally this work began as a simple hand-written listing of some 1030 mission stations established by some 60 missionary societies over a period of 125 years. Its purpose was to show, by means of five maps set at 25-year intervals, the spreading geographical presence of missionaries over southern Africa. These are my working notes upon which a listing was based and were originally produced by a crude cut-and-stick method of collation that preceded the use of personal computers.

During the process of photocopying, the lists came to the notice of my then Head-of-Department, Prof Pancho Guedes who thought that, properly typed up and illustrated with a number of 19th Century engravings, the manuscript might make a small book suitable as a Christmas gift for our colleagues in the Department. As a result we printed a small run of 25 copies, academically glue-bound-and-taped, which were duly handed out to our friends.

Much to everyone’s surprise, word of the book spread rapidly, at first to our friends and colleagues locally, and then to others overseas. Eventually we went to four separate printings and sold over 600 copies (Frescura 1982). Should the booklet ever be reprinted, I still have in my files a list of 37 potential buyers, most of them from overseas.

Since that time much additional information has come to hand, including an unpublished manuscript of a Gazetteer of mission stations in the Eastern Cape (Skead 1980), as well as the various accounts provided by travelers into the southern African hinterland during the nineteenth century. As a result the scope of the original manuscript has been extended beyond its original concept, and can now probably be read as a collected account of missionary architectural efforts in southern Africa at a time when the region’s social, economic and political life was being restructured radically by colonial forces.

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This listing consists mainly of the preliminary notes I made originally in 1981-82 during the course of my research, and is being made available to members of the Heritage Portal for their personal use. A revised and greatly extended copy of this manuscript is currently being prepared for publication in about March 2022, by which stage the material shall become part of the public domain.

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