

The Australian Women's Register

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Baeyertz, Emilia Louise

(1842 - 1926)

Born 29 March, 1842, England

Died 29 April, 1926, London England

Occupation Evangelist, Missionary

Summary

Emilia Baeyertz conducted evangelical missions throughout Australia (Victoria, South Australia and Queensland), New Zealand, Britain and North America.

Details

The daughter of wealthy Jewish parents, Emilia left school at thirteen. When her first fiancé died, she suffered a breakdown and was sent to Australia with her brother to recover her health. Living with her sister in Melbourne, Emilia met Anglican bank manager Charles Baeyertz and married him in October 1865 without informing her family. With Charles, she settled in Colac and had two children. In 1871, Charles was killed in a gun accident and Emilia converted to Christianity shortly thereafter. She began jail and hospital visits, Sunday School teaching, and door to door evangelism in the Jewish community of Melbourne. She was an active member of the Young Women's Christian Association and undertook evangelical missions to Sandhurst (Bendigo) and Ballarat. From 1880 she was conducting missions throughout South Australia, and the Baptists reported over 100 conversions as a result. Emilia moved her campaign to Victoria, Queensland, New Zealand, and finally Britain and North America.

Published resources

Edited Book

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Thesis

The Baptists in South Australia, 1863 to 1914, Walker, J.S., 1990

Book

Emilia Baeyertz, Evangelist: Her Career in Australia and Great Britain: An Historical Study and a Compilation of Sources, Evans, Robert, 2007

Six New Addresses: Delivered by Mrs Baeyertz, Baeyertz, Mrs, 1904

Popular Revivalism in South Australia, Hilliard, David, 1982

Resource Section

Cartoon of a woman preaching, 2006,
<http://www.samemory.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?c=462>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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