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personal name
Bruner, Clara Isabel Raynor
Bruner, Joseph W. (d. 1918)

corporate name
Womn's Home Missionary Society (San Francisco, Calif.)
Methodist Episcopal Church. Epworth League
Young Women's Christian associations

subject
Women in missionary work -California
Nursing -California
**Biography**

Clara Isabel Raynor Bruner studied at the San Francisco National Training School (1913-1915) with the intention of becoming a medical missionary. The School was operated under the auspices of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It began in 1890 to train deaconesses and in 1901 it undertook to train women for other Christian work. After graduating from the School, Miss Raynor took nursing coursework in Southern California (1915-1917). There she married Rev. Joseph W. Bruner, minister at Lakeside Methodist Church near Hanford, Calif. (1917). The following year Bruner began training for military chaplaincy, caught the Spanish Influenza and died. Mrs. Bruner continued in Christian work, participating in such groups as the Epworth League and the YWCA. She also supported missionary work in China and in India.

**Scope and Content**

The Bruner Collection consists chiefly of materials relating to the period of Mrs. Bruner's education (1914-1925). It includes: publications of the San Francisco National Training School; a scrapbook (1913-1920; biographical materials on Rev. Bruner (1918); Mrs. Bruner's correspondence (1914-1956); and, scattered clippings, programs and Methodist missionary periodicals.
1.10: Brochures
   a-Epworth League (n.d.)
   b-Sierra Chautauqua (1920)
   c-Beulah Rest Home (n.d.)
1.11: Church Service Programs
   a-Central Methodist, SF (1-15-14; 2-12-28)
   b-Christian Church, Hanford (2-26/27-18)
   c-Wesley Methodist, Worcester MA (9-27-36)
   d-Memorial Service for William C. Poole (11-20-65)
1.12: Missionary Journals
   a-Buenos Aires Christian Advocate (Feb/Mar 1947)
   b-Women's Work Foochow Conference, 1928
   c-The Indian Witness (8-23-22)
   d-Woman's Missionary Friend (10-19)
BOX 2: SCRAPBOOK; PHOTOGRAPHS
2.1: Scrapbook, 1913-1920
2.2: Photographs---portraits
   a-Rev. Joseph Bruner & Clara Raynor, 1917 [wedding picture]
   b-Clara Raynor, 1915
   c-Rev. Noman Gibbs & wife, Ada
   d-Alice Edwards & Marie Harle
   e-Eliz. S. Merritt
   f-Edna Wiles
   g-E.R. Willis
   h-Rena
   i-unident. woman
2.3: Photographs---groups
   a-SFNTS women, 1915
   b-SFNTS women, 1914 or 1915 [side steps of bldg.]
   c-unident. women
   d-women in Golden Gate Park, 1922 [some are ident.]
   e-1st Annual Epworth League Institute, Russian River (1919 or 1920)
   f-YWCA Conference, Asilomar, 1921
   g-Church group at Lakeside Methodist, Hanford, c1917
   h-unident. group [Rev. Bruner standing on left]
   i-Evangelism class, Sierra Institute, n.d.
2.4: Photographs---Calvary Methodist Church, SF, n.d.