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HOBGOOD (*Henry Clay*), Missionary (24.12.1886 – 15.06.1979).

H. C. Hobgood, minister, was a missionary of the Disciples of Christ Congo Mission (DCCM), which had its headquarters in Coquilhatville (Mbandaka) from 1912 until 1954. He returned to the Congo from 1962 until 1964. His total service was forty-four years. He was a pastoral missionary, but across his many years of service he was the contractor responsible for buildings: churches, schools and residences. He served as a legal representative for the DCCM for several years. Most of his years of service were at Lotumbe, but he also served for several years at Bolenge and at Ifumo.

He translated the Bible into the Lonkundo dialect, a sub-dialect of Lomongo language. He was a friend and fellow linguist of Father Hulstaert, who lived in Lotumbe.

Publications: (in coll. with HENSEY, A. F., RUSKIN, E. A. & GILCHRIST, I.) Translation of the Bible in Mongo-Nkundo. London, British and Foreign Bible Society (1918). — The Emergence of a Congolese Church. Indianapolis, The College of Missions (1926). — (In coll. with HOSKINS, D.) Revision of the translated Bible in Mongo-Nkundo. London, British and Foreign Bible Society (1969).

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B. C. Hobgood.

Affinities: Ben C. Hobgood is the son of Henry C. Hobgood.