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Annual
meeting
S. A. Moffatt.
Pyeong Yang, July 2nd.

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Dr. Brown.

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Dear Dr. Brown,

The Executive Committee has instructed me to write you concerning furloughs, pointing out the history of the Mission ~~action on the subject~~ your last letter, Apr. 22nd. 1908, seems to have been written under somewhat of a misapprehension.

What we are seeking is a basis, alike satisfactory to Board and Mission and the Church as a whole, and to conserve the health of the missionaries for the most effective service.

At the Annual Meeting 1908 (minutes page 39) the Mission requested sanction to the following plan for furloughs,-

1.- At the end of four years on the field, six months in America, the missionary paying the expense one way, salary to begin at the time of return trip.

2.- At the end of six years on the field, eight months in America the missionary paying one fourth expense, salary to begin at the time of return trip.

3.- At the end of eight years on the field, twelve months in America, the Board paying all expenses.

To this the Board replied (in your letter of Dec. 26th. 1908) in which among other things you wrote, "The discussion here has made it plain that if the Board adopts the principles of your plan at all, it would insist on taking the time for travel from the furlough on some such basis as this. A ten months furlough in this country in addition to the time for travel after a term of service of eight years, or a five months furlough in this country after a term of service of five years the missionary paying his travel one way." "The Board is not ready to say finally that it disapproves of your plan and it is accordingly willing to give the matter further consideration in the light of any arguments that you may present." I quote also from the Board action mentioned in the same letter, "The Board felt that the way was not clear at this time to take the desired action but suggested that the Mission reconsider the matter at its next Annual Meeting." To which you added, "Of course if we hear nothing further from you on the subject we shall understand that you wish the matter dropped, but if you wish it to go any further we shall expect some additional action and explanation on your part."

At the next Annual Meeting of the Mission the matter was considered and the Medical Committee reported as follows,- "That the Board be requested to make the term of missionary service before the first furlough seven years." (See minutes 1907 page 48) Medical Committee's report section 2.

Following this action at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Jan. the following was recommended to the Mission, adopted and sent to the Board,- (embodying as we believed the ideas of the Board letter of Dec. 26th. 1908 and the Mission action of 1907.)

I.- That the regular term be eight years with one year in America.

II.- That the Mission shall have the option of making the term seven years, in which case the period of furlough shall be not more than one year off the field.

III.- That the Mission shall have the option of arranging for a furlough of seven months off the field including period of travel, after four years, in which case the return expenses to the field shall be met by the Board.

IV.- These furloughs shall be counted as regular furloughs and the succeeding regular term of service shall date from time of return.

To this action we have in reply your letter of Apr. 22nd. 1908, which postpones action on the request apparently because not practicable for the ensuing year and because it was an interim action and because of fear of greater expense.

May I reply to this pointing out-

First,- That the request is not one for this fiscal year only or primarily to apply to this fiscal year but is for adoption as a principle to be applied, of course, only as soon as practicable which may well be the fiscal year following its adoption.

Second,- That while it is an interim action it is action based upon the discussions of two Annual Meetings and the comments and

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suggestions of Board letter of Dec. 26th. 1906, with less favorable terms than the Mission then proposed.

Third,- As to the expenses involved. There can be no more expense involved by the application of I and III than under present arrangement and there is great probability of less expense being involved because if the seven months' furlough off the field (III) is taken not at the end of 4 but at the end of 5 or 6 years it may well be the case, then the next furlough can come only at the end of another four years for seven months' furlough or eight years for regular furlough, making the time covered for a regular furlough period longer than at present. Under the adoption of II there may be one eighth more expense in certain cases, offset probably by the saving under III, and offset by the extra two months of service secured on the field; and more than offset by its application to cases where health considerations make it advisable to leave at the end of seven years although without this option one would not apply for a medical certificate for health leave.

Fourth,- One great advantage to be gained by this plan is that it will enable us to arrange furloughs so as to occasion the least loss of efficient workers on the field,- so that two men from one station need not leave the same year. Next year is the year for Mr. Swallen and Mr. Blair to go home, the following year for Mr. Bernheisel and Mr. Lee. Doubtless under the system proposed we could avoid such a double vacancy.

Fifth,- Notice please that under III the amount of time and expense involved in two seven months' furloughs in eight to ten years is no more than in one fourteen months' furlough in eight years as at present.

Under such a system I think we should be able to avoid such situations as have occasioned us the practical loss of the time of many who while not on furlough have been incapacitated for work for months and months by long semi-invalidism not warranting a medical certificate but laying them aside from full work for a year or two or more before time for regular furlough.

I personally believe the plan would give us larger returns in amount of work accomplished by the missionaries, less sickness, less waste of energy and that, in the long run, at no greater expense to the Board.

note I do not suppose you will care to act again upon this matter until after our Annual Meeting at which time we shall probably renew our recommendations, but the Executive Committee desired that this letter should be written at once that the matter might be laid before you more clearly.

With kindest regards

Yours very sincerely

Samuel A. Moffatt.

The last Class for the summer class tomorrow and we have begun on the reports for the year. It has been a great year with by far the largest additions yet recorded. We shall report about 2000 adult baptisms in Pigeon Gap Station alone. We are still overcrowded and do so greatly need the College Buildings. Let us hear word of appropriation from Pigeon Gap just as soon as decided upon please. S.A.M.

Wells, Pa. July 15/09.

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Dear Dr. Brown:

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B. O. Brown

Yesterday I received a letter from Dr. Moffett concerning the demands of the M. E. that we give them Abong Ju and their threats that they would scatter all over Korea if we do not accede - or something like that. He also speaks of the danger that some of the Presbytery might be frightened into giving up Abong Ju to prevent such an invasion.

Such a thing seemed an impossibility until I received his letter. It makes me fear now that the M. E. might be able to frighten a number of our mission into acceding to their demands. And I feel called to do all I can to show the mission the truth about our position at C. J. and to withstand the Methodists. Should the mission give up C. J., I am free from responsibility only if I have done all I can to show them what I think is God's will.

To this end - this evening - I asked my physician here what he thought of my returning to Korea immediately. He

examined me and found ^{season for} no objection to
my returning. Mrs. Miller & sons are in
good health too.

Can you immediately obtain the Board's
consent to our return, so that we may
re-ach home by Aug. 20th, and have
Mr. Gay let us know what steamers leave
the Pacific coast about July 20th, so we can
let him know our preference. We prefer
the northern route across the Pacific.

We shall have to leave as soon as
possible and promptly.

I enclose a letter written partly in
G. M. & partly yesterday about "hang" for
the Methodist demands.

Yours sincerely,
F. M. Miller

included in unnumbered attachment to S.A.M. letter #75

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Sept. 2nd., 1908.

The Rev. S. A. Moffett, D.D.,
Chairman of the Executive Committee
of the Korea Mission,

My dear Dr. Moffett:

We have received your letters dated June 27th and July 2nd, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mission. The former is the answer of the Executive Committee to my letter to the Mission of April 28th regarding the gift of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Miller for Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Purviance. That letter of course was an official one which embodied the conclusions reached by the Executive Council after careful consideration, and which I was therefore instructed to state to the Executive Committee of the Mission. I am very sorry to learn from the reply of the Executive Committee that there is a feeling that the letter was not altogether just to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, and that they ought to be released from their offer. I have just re-read the Board letter of April 28th and I confess that I am at a loss to understand how it can fairly be interpreted as reflecting upon Mr. Miller. It was certainly far, very far indeed, from the thought of anyone here to make any such reflection, and we are therefore grateful to the Executive Committee for calling our attention to the interpretation that has been placed upon it, for it gives us an opportunity of which we gladly avail ourselves to state that the generous proposal of Mr. and Mrs. Miller was most highly appreciated by the Board. While it is true that the Board would not have sent Dr. and Mrs. Purviance at the time if it had not been for that offer, we felt all the time that Mr. and Mrs. Miller were making a

sacrifice which no one would have had any right to expect of them.

It is unfortunate that the well-meant efforts on both sides to have Dr. Purviance's going to Syen Chyun understood to the satisfaction of all parties concerned have not been altogether successful. The understanding in this office from the beginning was expressed in the following letters to the Mission:

Dec. 5, 1907, page 6: "If he is appointed, it will have to be under Mr. F. S. Miller's special gift for a physician for Chong Ju, and of course it would not be fair to Mr. Miller to send him elsewhere. However, if there should be an emergency at Syen Chyun, I have no doubt that the Executive Committee might be able to arrange with Mr. Miller to have the new physician go to Syen Chyun for a short time before Dr. Sharrocks' return. But that would have to be adjusted on the field."

Dec. 18, page 2: "Dr. and Mrs. Purviance have been appointed under the special gift of \$2,250. gold made by the Rev. F. S. Miller for a physician at Chong Ju. If you wish to have him go temporarily to Syen Chyun in order to help in any emergency before Dr. Sharrocks can return, the Executive Committee of the Mission should take up the matter in consultation with Mr. and Mrs. Miller, for of course we can not accept their money for a physician for Chong Ju and then send him elsewhere without consultation with them."

Dec. 20: "The family of Mr. and Mrs. Whittemore are so desirous that there should be a physician at Syen Chyun that they offer to pay the salary of Dr. and Mrs. Purviance from the time of their arrival in Korea until the return of Dr. Sharrocks, provided Dr. and Mrs. Purviance can be sent to Syen Chyun. They make this offer because we informed them of the relations of Dr. Purviance's appointment to the special gift of Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Miller. Will the Executive Committee please take this matter up, and in the event of it being deemed impracticable for Dr. and Mrs. Purviance to go to Syen Chyun temporarily as indicated, let us know at once."

March 6, 1908, page 3: "We have just received Mr. F.S. Miller's letter of Feb. 1st, on the question whether Dr. Purviance should go to Chong Ju or to Syen Chyun; until Dr. Sharrocks' return. We leave the matter to be adjusted on the field so far as possible, but please remember that the Board incurred the expense of paying the travel, freight, and outfit of Dr. Purviance to Korea out of the money that Mr. Miller provided, and that Dr. Purviance could not have been sent this year if it had not been for Mr. Miller's gift. Anything, therefore, that violates the Board's agreement with Mr. Miller can not be approved except with Mr. Miller's consent; and it seems to us that it is hardly fair to expect Mr. Miller personally to pay for a physician for Chai Ryong. It should be borne in mind too, that the Board in appointing Dr. Purviance, was not interfering with the Mission's prerogative, since Dr. Purviance went out to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Hull."

You are right in your conjecture that I did not know that Dr. White had written so definitely to Mr. Howard Whittmore and Dr. Purviance that the latter was to go to Syen Chyun. I appreciate the confusion which this caused, but the official letters of the Board's Secretary for Korea directly to the Mission should not have been regarded on the field as set aside by statements of or reports of conversations with anyone else. When Mr. Miller's letter of Feb. 1st was received, Dr. Purviance was already in Korea, having sailed Jan. 30th, so that the Board's expenditure had already been incurred beyond recall. However, you know that the Board acquiesced in Mr. Miller's conclusion that he should pay only the travel and outfit expenses of Dr. and Mrs. Purviance, and in your letter of June 27th you state that Mr. Miller desires to do this and that the offer should be accepted. The financial part of it therefore appears now to be adjusted. We very deeply regret that there has been any misunderstanding regarding it, and we wish to state in the strongest possible terms that Mr. and Mrs. Miller are not to be regarded as under any criticism in the matter. The embarrassment was caused by others. They are beloved missionaries whose self-sacrifice and devotion and love are very highly appreciated in New York as they are in Korea.

Your letter of July 2nd regarding furloughs will be held at your suggestion until the receipt of the Mission Minutes which will doubtless contain further action on the subject. We shall then have pleasure in giving the whole matter careful reconsideration. Meantime we are grateful to you for the explanations of the Executive Committee.

It is only a few days since I returned from the meeting of the International Committee of Arrangements for the Ecumenical Conference which was held in Oxford, England, so that I have not yet had time

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to go through all the mail. Other letters from Korea are on my desk and will be taken up at once. Several of them I can see from the headings will require Board action, and will be presented at the next meeting? which, however, will not occur until Sept. 21st.

I have not yet been able to see any of the furloughed missionaries from Korea since my return, so that I am in the dark as to what progress was made in the Korea propaganda during my absence. I hope to have a conference with Dr. Underwood at once.

With warm regards to all the members of the Committee,

I remain as ever,

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Bourne

P.S. As this is a letter to the Executive Committee, you will of course show it to your associates. I am sending a copy directly to Mr. Miller.

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PERRY C. WILKINSON
Chief Agent - Hailong Dal Province,
Szechwan, China

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Dr. Brown 19

My Dear Doctor:

Yesterday at our first Station Meeting after Annual Meeting I was reminded of the fact that my August letter to you had not been written. Mr. Stone had written his July letter in August so you have received far more news than I could have written. Miss Mrs McCune & Miss McCune are with us, & we had yesterday the largest meeting in the history of Chai Ryung. Mr. Swallen was also a guest. There being breakfast.

Miss McCune is already accumulating words & studying hard with her teacher. All the work is now in full swing. Chai Ryung Academy opened this morning with some thirty scholars. Boys school over one hundred. Their new building will be ready for occupancy in a few days. Girls school with over forty in attendance. The Church is now crowded each Sunday. Last

(Sunday De Mok Sa - gave his experience at Chai Ju - (Island of Suifu) The first foreign Missionary returns & like Paul, gives a glowing account of the work. He is a fine man, but has very little idea of financial obligations.

Derry C. Whiting
Chief Medical Officer
Rangoon.

The Hospital is filling up with patients, and
the desultory cases are daily increasing.
From Monday & I about four weeks away from
Yoma. I found the Missionary Home at
Chopra a very useful place. I found out
there were about Chinese Missionaries, Gurlongs,
and vacations etc. One Missionary at Chopra
& Song Chow etc. take their vacation in sea
bathing & work recreation. Dr. Corbett, Miss Edith
& Mr. Cornwall took no vacation this summer.

Dr. Walter Seymour - my inner assistant in
Medical Mission work in Chicago & his wife
who was very dear to me - spent the late afternoon
& evening on the beach. I had five days with
them & was much impressed with Dr. Seymour's
work. He runs a workable Hospital and
can run the deacons it. The missionaries
from the interior that I met at the Home all
stay on the Coast two months or longer and
they tell me that the month of February is
a rest month. Chinese New Year. Set into close,
itineration matters, & all branches of work except
printing closed down. Miss Pacey expects to
visit Yoma in February - her school work being
closed. So that from personal observation I
think my statement that about Missionaries.

Derry G. WEDGEM
Chai Pyung-Yong Dal Province,
Daire.

in China & Japan have been for the three
months a year as vacation ^{is true.} We don't need
it in Korea. February is the best working month
in the year & a short rest at sea side or up
the river is all that most of us can have.
The term of service for single ladies in most
all missions seems to be shorter than in ours.
Five or six years. I think our forces would do
more effective work for a longer time & with
less expense to the Church at home in the
long run if three years should be the limit &
12 month off the field - Those who are away 12
months miss two Annual Meetings & the work
is moving so fast that as Dr Moffett says -
"He has not yet caught up" & He is real slow.

Education occupies considerable of our time
at Pyung Yang. Educate is the slogan, no greater
mistake could be made than for the Woman Church
to get the idea that we came here to educate -
Some are already saying the Church is nothing
but a school house. Christianty, aggression,
all absorbing evangelistic effort is the only
salvation at this hour. I am trying to put down
a letter to my impression of the situation - so a
layman see it. Meeting that you trip to Colton.
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Pyeong Yang, Korea

Dr. A. Moffatt

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Per. A. J. Brown D.D.
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Dr. Brown

Dear Dr. Brown: just before our Annual meeting we received three Communications from the Australian Mission - one requesting a re-adjournment of the territory in the S. Kyling. Song Province in view of their occupation of Chiu Ju as a station and their expected re-encampment, the other two, protests from them against what they thought encroachment upon their work and territory. The Mission gave very careful consideration to the whole situation and upon recommendation of the Evangelistic Committee adopted a proposition which we greatly hope both our Board and the Australian Board will approve. The Mission authorized the Exec. Com. to carry on the negotiations with the Australian Mission Board. The Exec. Com. met the three men of the Australian Mission and after consultation made a slight modification in the proposition - a modification acceptable alike to the Australians, to Mr Smith of Fusa station (and a member of the Exec. Com.) and to all of the Committee, and approved since by the Mission. I enclose a copy of the proposition as it now stands, Also a copy of other recommendations of the Evangelistic Committee.

as adopted by the Mission, these recommendations also bearing upon the work of Fusa & the S. Kyong Jay Province. The Executive Com. now has the matter under way. I am writing to the Australian Board Rev F. H. L. Paton Melbourne, and to you in the hope that we may very soon have the approval of both Boards to this proposition and that the way may then be clear to proceed to the speedy evangelization of that Province and of all Korea. We all feel quite sure that the Australian Church will accept the proposition - if they have any intention of enforcing their work in Korea and wish to have any real part in its evangelization. We shall be deeply disappointed if for any reason our Board should withhold its approval for we believe that after years of uncertainty and trial in connection with the work of our Fusa station we are at least in a fair way to a right solution of our problems and difficulties. Above all if we can induce the Australian Church to undertake the work of evangelizing about 900,000 of the 1,270,000 people of S. Kyong Jay Province we shall feel that a great advance step has been taken and we have been willing to make them more than a glorious offer of territory. Mr. Smith upon whom this burden rests most heavily and who is most concerned approves the proposition and he is now on the Exec. Com. with a part in whatever negotiations are to be undertaken. Dr. Irwin was not present at the Annual Meeting and what his attitude will be I do not know, except that the giving up of any territory in the

Lemire has heretofore been objectionable to them and he has
wished to hold Tongnai city which we all agree for good reasons
should be conceded to the Australians.

I trust that Dr. Irwin will in this proposition agree with
the mission and lead to the settlement of many questions which
have for years greatly perplexed our Mission.

It is understood by us that if this proposition is accepted Mr.
Adamson will remove to Ma An Po and all his local work
in Fusan (at Ch'ŏ Pyang) will become a part of our Fusan local
Church which is immediately adjacent and within which
there is really no constituency for our local Church.

The great reason however why we wish the proposition
accepted is the broad one of the best interests of the
whole work of the Church of Christ in Korea and it is for
that reason we have made the proposition which is such
a favorable one to the Australians.

The acceptance of them will incidentally settle all the cases
of protest and the causes for friction which have existed
between the two missions.

We shall avoid an early action of the Board trusting that
before the year is over we may be able to conclude re-
gulations and adjust ourselves to the care of the work which
is to be ours.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours
Samuel A. Moffett
Chairman Exec. Com.

School for Miss. Children
note Miss. ^{reg.}

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Pyeong Yang Korea

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Sept 17-1908 Dr. Brown

Dear Dr. Brown:-

Enclose you the prospectus ^{M. Jan} of our school here in Pyong Yang, the same I sent you once before. This was passed by the mission this year at Annual Meeting, and you will notice that it asks the Board to appropriate the half salary of a married man, the other half to be asked from the Methodist Board. We wish again to ask permission to print and circulate our prospectus. We thank the Board for the use of building and ground they have granted, and now we wish to go ahead and raise the money so that we can build a plant which will be capable of accommodating children from other stations.

Already the pressure is very strong, from the outside and is growing stronger each year. There are now three children ~~now~~ from outside our community, ~~and two~~ attending the school, and two more have asked permission to enter. It is impossible to take more children in our house, so we must get a proper dormitory just as soon as possible. To Mr. Gable's business sense

The whole proposition appeared as one
eminently sound, and economical for the
Boards.

The whole proposition speaks
for itself and it is not necessary for
me to debate on it at further length.

Yours very sincerely

Graham Lee

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THE SCHOOL FOR MISSIONARY CHILDREN.

OCT 16 1900

Pyeng Yang Korea.

Dr. Brown.

In 1900 a little group of parents in Pyeng Yang, Korea, realizing the importance of the education of their children, and also recognizing the value to the missionary societies of the time and strength that the mothers of these children were giving to the direct missionary work, decided to organize a School Association. They felt that the time had come when a teacher must be secured from America in order that the mothers need not give up most of the direct missionary work and spend the greater part of their time in teaching their own children. The rules of the Association provided that the parents should pay the teacher's salary and all the running expenses of the school, but honorary members, paying six dollars a year, formed a fund for emergencies such as travelling expenses in case a teacher should be obliged to leave. As the furlough of one of the missionary families was due at this time they were requested to try to interest friends in paying the out coming expenses of a teacher and were very fortunate in securing this aid with out which the missionaries could not have started the school. Last Fall a new teacher came out for the third time and as before kind friends came to the rescue of the Association. The school has now grown from four to seventeen and has the grades of a country school. Each year has seen a number of applications from other cities in Korea but because of no dormitories or arrangements for such these had to be refused except in a few cases where missionaries's homes were open to the children. As there is no other school in all Korea for Western children the mothers of other cities are, of necessity spending their time in educating their own little ones or are sending them to other countries for their education. In several instances the mothers have gone with their children at a tender age and have been away from the missionary work and their husbands for several years; at times, too, the lack of schools has taken and is threatening to take both parents away. A recent visitor from another field said that he parted with his daughter when she was twelve years of age and did not see her again till he went to her wedding.

A Christian home in a non-Christian land is a great object lesson. A great many mothers do an immense amount of direct evangelistic and school work for the societies and in the case of those who have not the strength for such active work, their sweet, Christian, womanly influence is a strong factor toward uplifting a fallen people. In the case of several mission stations in Korea where there are no schools and also in Pyeng Yang where one teacher ~~cannot~~ can not in this climate care for the children's needs from the primary up and through the grammar grades, the time has come when without help many of the mothers and children must leave their beloved missionary fields and homes for the west. The Pyeng Yang School Association desires to avoid such losses to the Missionary Societies and such heart burnings as are occasioned by the enforced separation of families, and so is hoping and planning to keep its children on the field until they have completed at least a High School course of study. For this purpose it is deemed necessary to build a larger school, a home for matron and teachers, and dormitories for all the western children whose parents wish to avail themselves of the opportunities of this school. Four of the northern mission stations, Syen Chyun, Yea Byen, Haiju, and Chai Ryong already look to Pyeng Yang to plan for their children and from all the stations in Korea we know there are those who desire to send their children here. We need dormitories large enough to accommodate thirty or forty boys or girls from other places, and to begin with two more teachers and a matron are deemed necessary. ten

The committee's plan for the school reports that ~~ten~~ thousand dollars will be needed to build, furnish and prepare the grounds for the school home and dormitories and also that ten thousand dollars should be secured for an endowment fund. The financial strain upon the missionaries up to this time has been greater than they should bear and it is possible to do more, the Association,

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believing it to be to the interest of the missionary societies to help continue this school has decided to request the societies of the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church that each should pay one half of a married missionary's salary, or a sum equivalent to thirteen hundred dollars a year and also grant its missionaries the privilege of soliciting the funds needed for buildings and endowment.

We place these needs before the friends of dear, western children born in heathen countries away from the advantages of the home land.

Will any one wishing to help our school please communicate with Rev. Graham Lee treasurer of the Pyeng Yang School Association. Money can be sent direct to the treasurer or through the missionary societies and should be plainly marked for this purpose.

Any one desiring more definite information will please write to either Rev. S.A. Moffett, Presbyterian Mission Pyeng Yang, Korea or Fr. W.A. Noble Methodist Episcopal Mission Pyeng Yang Korea, both of whom are members of the Association.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
GENERAL STUDENTS UNION OF
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Dr. Brown

Seoul, Korea,
September 18th 1908.

My dear Sunday School Scholars and Teachers:

We have just finished a succession of Annual Meetings that come off in September. We have our own Mission Meeting; then a Union meeting of all the Presbyterian Missions, four of them; then of all the Missions, Methodist and Presbyterian; then of the Presbytery or General Assembly, and special meetings as well.

One special meeting I wish to tell you about. It was a gathering for prayer. It met on August 20th and lasted till the 29th - ten days, six hours a day in prayer from 10 a.m. to 12, and from 2 to 5 and from 8 to 9 o'clock. In reading Acts Chapters I and II it was seen that 120 people prayed for 10 days and were blessed with Pentecost and the outpouring of God's Spirit. This was the desire, that if possible 120 should gather with one heart and mind, to pray to the same Father with full assurance that He would give a blessing, and that He would pour out His Spirit upon Seoul. In one part of the city a group of shoemakers, twelve of them, met every night on the top of Camel Hill from 10 to 11 o'clock to pray for these meetings. Several times it rained but the singing of hymns was heard from the top of Camel Hill for those ten nights, and the unbelieving townsmen feared and wondered. When the meetings came off, the 12 shoemakers, being poor men, couldn't all come, so they sent three of the number as delegates to the ten days of prayer. When the time came to gather I expected to see about 60 but there were nearly 150. A terrible typhoon raged for three days over Korea, but 122 people were there during all of the sessions of all the days. Most of them fasted, taking only breakfast. To open the meetings, a few verses were read; sometimes a special verse would be read over and over twenty times or more, again a whole epistle would be read slowly through, and then again they would kneel in prayer. Sometimes for an hour and a half, without a break, they would be bowed before God, pleading for His blessing upon themselves, upon the city, and upon the land.

As the time went on a great pressure seemed to be upon every heart. Christians broke down and confessed to coldness of heart, unfaithfulness, prayerlessness, and with many tears reconsecrated their lives anew. One young man who had decided to be a Christian, was overtaken by conviction, an unconfessed sin was like a knife within his soul. He said that years before he had changed a bank cheque so that it read \$100.00 more in his favor than it should have. "I am a thief" said he, and "the man I stole it from is dead and gone." He brought the \$100.00 (equal to 500 American dollars) and laid it on the matting at my feet. "Take it away from me and put it where God wants

it," said he, and then peace came to his heart and he is one of the young men all on fire for others.

Another man said he had been anxious about his son, and felt that he could not attend the meetings, but must go and try to find his wandering boy. Still God seemed to tell him to leave his boy to Him and join in prayer. On the fifth day a young lad of about 18 came to me at the church door and said, "Do you allow any to attend who have not been present from the first?" "Yes, certainly go right in." He said "I had no heart to come to such a place a few days ago, but now I want to." He was the lost boy. He came and was gathered into the company of praying people, now a bright Christian lad. There were shoutings of joy and gladness before the meetings ceased, and so many evidences of renewed life and earnestness that you would have thought it a little return of Apostolic days had you seen it.

I was later elected Moderator of our General Assembly of the Korean Church, and while I appreciated the honor that went with it yet I think I enjoyed the ten days of prayer even more than the meetings of the Presbyterian Assembly.

Our house is now going up and will soon be completed, the contract price is \$1910.00 American money. If the whole amount is raised the remaining \$90.00 will meet the need in the way of fixing outside shed and gate quarters.

Thanking the scholars and teachers and all the kind friends who have helped us so liberally, and with best wishes to all,

Your missionary
Jas. S. Gale

Note 1.-We must raise \$300.00 more to make the \$2000.00 of our pledge and we ought to do this at once. We hope that some schools who have done but little for this building will come to the rescue and others that have already given liberally will give something in addition so that this deficit may be promptly made up for our missionary on the field.

Note 2. Please hand one copy of this to your pastor.
W. H. H. Smith,
Pres't Union.

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Dr. Brown.

Pyeongyang Korea S. A. Moffatt

Per. Arthur J. Brown D.D. ~~see~~ ^{Sept. 23 1908}
156 Fifth Ave. Hold for Miss. action
New York. ref. to books like disregard manual

Dear Dr. Brown:

I want to write you a few
personal words in connection with the event of our Annual
meetings this year. We had very fine meetings indeed which
showed a condition of Mission work which is a cause for
 rejoicing. We are all deeply grateful for the reinforcement
 given + money which are assured and eagerly await the
 arrival of the new missionaries. Please note this year
 that we repeat our request for the new people including
 the larger number of single ladies - the Propaganda having
 included but 6 single ladies in its list. We very greatly
 need an addition to our force of single women for Evangelistic
 and Educational work and in addition to that we are asking
 for several nurses.

In this connection may I ask you to note that the 5
 single women as announced as under appointment just a
 little more than fill the vacancies caused by sickness or
 marriage

We understood that Miss. Bennett is not to return a result
 which we anticipated - for her health was such when she left
 here that we did not think she would ever be able to take
 up full work again on the field.

Dr Field has married Mr Pieter and as the appointment
of Miss Taylor and Miss Mills to Seoul simply fills
these two vacancies.

Miss Puttger's appointment to Taikoo is to fill a vacancy
also - one which has existed for several years. This gives
Taikoo their only single lady for Evangelistic work for Miss
Cameron has given her time to nursing only, that is
as so far as she has been able to do any work at all.
We have great need for a much larger number of single women
than the plan of the Propaganda provided for.
Miss Cameron's resignation having been sent to the Board,
it should be accepted without delay and that vacancy filled
as soon as possible, for of all the physicians on the
field Dr Johnson first of all needs the help of a nurse,
his own health being such as to render the need of assistance
in looking after his patients more imperative.

Concerning the proposition made to the Asiatic Mission and
Board I would urgently request Board approval because I
believe we are in the way of solving what has been for years
a great problem to the Mission and of securing the Evangelistic
of the large population of the Southern Province.

Within the last two or three weeks we have been in receipt of
letters from Mrs. Moffett's home which tell of very rapid decline in
the health of her father (now 78 years of age) and of the continued long
ill health of her mother. If she is to see her father again

and if he is to have the presence of his only child during his
last few weeks & months it is clear that she must return
to America very soon. We feel that it is her duty to go
to them for a while since they are alone - and the request
for Mission approval to her going is now circulating in the
Mission. I expect to continue on the field while Mrs
Woffett takes the children with her to America.

Deeming it an emergency and anticipating the consent of the
Board we are planning to have her leave the 18th of November

Work is now under way for fall & winter Campaign with every
prospect for another successful year. This last year was certainly
a remarkable one with 7109 additions by Baptism to the
Presbyterian Church in Korea for such is the statistical report
to the Presbytery which with 60 Korean and 30 foreign members
in attendance transacted business in a way to make us rejoice
in the ability of the Korean Church to govern itself.

With greetings and kindest regards

Sincerely yours

Samuel A. Moffett.

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Geo. S. McClure

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Geo. S. McClure,
Secretary.

Pyeong Yang, Korea.

Oct. 23, 1908

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I am sending in same mail
with this a printed copy of my personal
— report. The year has been a fine
one, full of such good things. I have
passed my third year Examination and
am a senior missionary, for which I
am very thankful. — Am "head over
ears" in the work now. Not only is the
burden of the Academy + College a heavy one
but the superintendency of the Primary schools
of the city with their almost 600 pupils
makes me "on the go" every minute. My
wife thinks ~~it~~ she + the children should
have me some. Hope to get things arranged
so that my evenings may be free later. — We're
all thankful for good health. Thank you for your letter
about our baby boy. Both children are well + parents are
also in excellent health.

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Geo. S. McCune,
Secretary.

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Pyeong Yang, Korea.

The foregoing are actions that require Board action.
I will send the printed Minutes in a short time.
The copy I send you I will mark carefully.

The following requests give the grounds of the
situation for either approval or disapproval:

"May Mrs. Whiffett be given permission to go to
America with the children this year to be absent from
the field a year or more or less as may be necessary."

The request is made in view of the receipt of
a letter which tells of rapid decline in the health of
her father and also of the prolonged sickness of her
mother. We feel that it is her duty first to be
with her parents here and then "Sally Whiffett"

All voting members voted in the affirmative.
Mrs. Whiffett expects to sail about Nov. 20th.

I hope you will pardon me for blunders
in getting the records to you. Dr. David Johnson has
taken the responsibility of the College & Academy wholly upon
himself. He has taken together with the Superintendent of the
Korean School a circuit of lecture groups has kept the
circles easy even into the night. Having just finished my 3rd year of language I have
difficult in getting my lessons prepared for teaching & my sermons for preaching.
I have sought up with myself and will try to keep you informed.
I have sent you a copy of the letter you write to the Mission. I
will send you a copy of the letter I wrote to the Board Mission in
the file. Have just written a letter to each of the four Missions in
Korea on the same day.

Yours sincerely,
Geo. S. McCune

Photo to me
Mrs. W

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Pyeong Yang, Korea.

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Prof. A. L. Brown D.D.

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New York

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Dear Dr. Brown

Dr. W. M. 22

At our last monthly station meeting
it became my turn to write you but as no
time was specified circumstances was delayed
me to the East day.

At the beginning of our school year was
given full charge of the Academy Industrial
department, that added to the many other
calls that come to the mechanical man of
the community leave scarce time for eating
and sleeping but of all the past years of life
I think the one just passed was but the best.

The personnel of the community, the degree
of enthusiasm and deep sense of responsibility
under God for the success of the work make
Pyeong Yang a most desirable place of residence.

Though somewhat indefinitely busy with
language study shop supervision, and

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Building erection there has been little if any
idle time yet if asked to point out some
specific work accomplished it might
appear small if viewed from the point of
time consumed. However there are some
things which cannot be measured by either
tape line or graduated glass that may be
regarded as specific and concrete. If the
work done has to some degree relieved the
heavy burden which the members of this
station
are carrying or allowed them more time
to the work which they are so capable of doing
I feel that my time has not been wholly wasted.

I am enclosing a small photo of the new
Theological Seminary building which was taken
before the scaffolding was removed. Deering
Dr Moffett in putting up this building has been
a great blessing and I believe we have given his
people something that will be more lasting
and infinitely more beneficial than if we
had built them a British Dreadnought or
even an American "Keared o' nothing" battleship.
But it is difficult for them to realize it being

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Secretary.

Pyong Yang, Korea.

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My dear Dr. Brown -

Dr. Brown.

Your letter written Oct. 12. has been received and you say that the Mission Minutes haven't yet reached you. - I feel sure that ere this, the minutes and reports of Committees with all the personal reports have reached you. There was a combination of events immediately following Annual Meeting that made it very difficult for me to attend to Secretary's work. They were such things as I had planned to do after Annual Meeting. We had entrance examinations for new students. The next day after Annual Meeting closed and, since so much depends upon close watchfulness at that time, I felt that I must do it, not being able to get anyone else to take my place. Besides, charge of the Academy & College I was elected Superintendent of the Primary Schools. These opened under an entirely new plan that I

had developed during the summer and as I was the only one who knew the plan, I was compelled to give attention to this work too. Was sorry to miss meetings of Presbytery and General Council, but Dr. Baird's absence necessitates my doing more than I am able to do. —

The work following Annual Meeting, I sent you all the personal reports that were in at that time. It was a week later that I sent you the Minutes and the reports of Committees. Some of these reports were late coming in, ^{the} was the reason for the delay. I did not know the requirements as to sending the list of Mission Actions that require special Board action, until I was looking over the copy for printing of the Rules & By-Laws. When I found that, I wrote you sending you the same. I hope you will forgive me for all these seeming tardiness. I do like to do things on time & generally pride myself on such. My pride has had a fall. — Besides all these things I was on the entertainment Committee & on some

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Pyeong Yang, Korea.

other committees. The greatest burden at annual meeting time was the language examination. I did not do credit to myself in that final examination, because of the other duties that I was compelled to perform. I am not writing all this as an excuse for not having been up to time but to let you know the conditions that surrounded me at that time. Please do not scold me too hard! If the duty is mine another year I promise better things. I shall plan beforehand.

Things are moving along smoothly here. We have a condition in the schools that delights all our hearts. There is a spirit of zeal and deep consecration among the boys which is inspiring. They have formed a Missionary Society which has some 210 out of the 300 boys of any age. They have raised a collection to send their

missionary into parts where there is no preaching being done. The spot they have chosen is that strip of Chinese territory north of the Tumen river - south of Vladivostok. The work is to be in the direction of the Church - the boys furnishing the money.

The boys are studying well, there is little sickness among them. The new middle school started inside the city has taken the discontents from us. "Politics" does not have many supporters - Last year that spirit in the school brought constant trouble. We thank God for all these victories and for the signs of His presence, & the power of the Holy Spirit with us.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Mearns

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PYONGYANG, KOREA

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Dr. Brown.

Pyongyang, Korea, Nov. 16, '08

Mrs. W. J. v. Wells

Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secy. R.F.M.P.C. in U.S.A. New York

Dear Dr. Brown:-

It has become my turn to write you the monthly letter of the station. The reports at the regular meeting last Saturday showed growth in all lines and the happy conditions which have so long marked this section. One interesting phase, reported by Dr. Moffett, was the adjustment of relations between the foreign missionary and the native Pastor, a place where, without considerable tact, a breach would easily arise. The native Pastor in some places, as here in the big church, is officially, technically and so on the "whole thing." At the same time however long we have waited the problems and so on are more than even the best, and this might as well apply to the foreign missionary as well, are able to properly handle. The others were much interested in the way Dr. Moffett went among groups under charge of a native Pastor and the easy way work, as advisor, was accomplished. Of course Dr. M., with his special gift of tact and "longheadedness", was able to do smoothly what some others might have friction with.

Reports from Mr. Swallens district- the most populous and nearest and longest wellworked - that is before Mr. Swallen took charge and since as well- showed great gains in catechumens and baptized while some of the mountain districts showed less and in some cases a falling off of catechumens.

Schools and academies both local and country show good advance. Hospital I have written to you about and will simply repeat here my surprise at the Boards ^{not oversight Bd} oversight and neglect to send

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a. trained nurse here when the request by the Mission for her was among the very first for single women. Please let me know the reason of this strict and stern turning down so that I can write to Mrs.

Ladd and the church at Portland about it. And while on this matter I will mention again the urgent need of the \$350 included in the request for \$1250 for alterations and repairs on 6 houses

here in Pyengyang. If this need, and I feel perfectly free to assert that the one for this house is the most urgent - it was agreed to at first on its own merits and so passed by the station, but was thought as well to include the others - if this need is not met as requested there will have to be emergency funds used in the

spring and the rotten wooden eaves are so dangerous that if anyone is hurt by them - as is very likely - somebody will be to blame and seriously so. In this connection - considering the cheap house - cheaply built - we are in, I am certain that the \$3000 standard for residences now is excessive. The Mission opposed the Board's idea that it ought in ordinary circumstances to build the house and then knocking out some of us who were trying to get the Board's ideas carried out agreed - the very first thing - to put more than \$3000 in the Whittmore house and acquiesce in the larger cost of the Bernheisel house. The latter having had ^{some} ~~and~~

^{and \$200 - \$300}
~~the~~ dressed lumber a present from America and an extra room on the ground etc etc all showing the Board's apparent willingness

to "give to him that hath" so following literally Scripture and so its all right I suppose. Of course its only a coincidence but the three oldest members of the Exec. Com are all in for things wanted and too quickly ~~ag~~ granted by the Board, for more

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or less personal needs as for instance the ~~EXTRA~~ for the fine and expensive Whittamore house, lands galore in the already large district owned at ~~Waikua~~ ^{and Chongju} and ~~scotchings~~ here in Pyenyang/ all these "needs" put first by the Exec. Com and the other things as noted to you in the last letter put just anywhere AND the Board falling over itself as it were to grant these fancy needs before some urgent ones where the urgers had no ~~such~~ official way of getting their views before the Board.

I was glad to note that you got a doctors certificate in the case of Mrs. Baird. She ~~was~~ ^{was} certainly in dire need of her furlough when she left here and I would have written to you about her but know she would resent anything of the sort and I considered that if in America she was your lookout. She is of the wiry quick recovery kind so may be all right. I think ^{thought} and ~~thought~~ ^{think} that the work and she too would be better for her to have the full limit of the furlough but since you have sent her back its on the Board if it does not work out right.

Another thing I'd like to mention while I'm on the commenting line is the seemingly overimportance you seem to sometimes put on the Executive Com. Its powers are much ~~more~~ ^{more} limited than you sometimes seem to think. I was one of those who urgently urged its formation but didnt suppose that it meant the disposal of the Mission's birthright. I know for sure that the Com itself - or some of its members- have been embarrassed a little- they are too old and too tough to be embarrassed much- at some of the ideas of authority you sometimes seem to think it has.

JAMES HUNTER WELLS M. D.

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Mrs. Moffett leaves today for America. Its a sad but necessary move and we as a station feel much sympathy with them. ~~Both~~ Her parents sick and alone - she the only child - money plenty for all needs - there is nothing else to do but ~~go to them.~~

Your letter about the "World's Missionary Conference 1910" has just been received. It looks odd to me that they could not find a bigger hall in Edinborough than they have. The little affair at Shanghai did as well. I suppose its British exclusive ness. Its rather a good idea however for the most important part of the conference is not the doings in session of itself but the findings sent out. At the same time general meetings would do good and I suppose they will be provided for. I see nothing for us in the rank and file to do but wait for the reports and try to apply the lessons they will teach.

Politically things are quiet tho every day the authorities report little skirmishes and shootings in widely scattered parts of the country. The insurgents are more unorganized band of robbers than anything else. No one here is prevented from itinerating as planned and this includes the women ~~and~~ Mrs. Swallen and Mrs. Blair and Miss Butts now being out teaching classes.

The hospital as usual tho just at present not much of a rush. I look for the Japanese Govat-Korean hospitals all over the country to have some effect on our attendance but we must do QUALITY work instead of so much quantity as was necessary in the past. With best wishes in every way to all your family
Sincerely
J. H. Wells

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~~at 24~~ Shinowakei ^{Dr Moffett} Japan
Enroute Korea

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Dear Dr Brown:

I am ~~on my way~~ ^{returning} from
joining to Korea from Kobe Japan
whither I went with Mrs Moffett
and the children to see them on
the steamer for San Francisco.

I wrote you from Pyleung Yang of our
plan for them to go to America on
account of the serious illness of both
her Father + Mother.

I write you to ask you what
is the rule of the Board with reference
to salary in such a case.

I shall remain on the field at
least until next summer when
in case Mrs Moffett cannot then return

I may ask for a short leave of
absence. Future plans are as
yet uncertain altho I rather expect
Mrs. Moffett to return ^{within the year.}
I do not know ~~what~~ ^{what} my salary is to
be while Mrs. Moffett is in America - nor
do I know whether any allowance is made
for her while there. The children's allow-
ance goes on just the same I understand.
Also I do not know whether in such
a case the Board allows anything
for travelling expenses for Mrs. Moffett.
If so - I shall be glad to know of it -
and if not - I of course foot
the bills.

I shall be glad to hear as to finances
as soon as possible for I wish
to arrange for payment of part of
the money to Mrs. Moffett in America.

She will be with her parent at 6:15 Fifth Ave
San Rafael Calif.

I reach Fusan tomorrow - will spend some ten days in
assisting Mr. Smith in the work of the Fusan Station - first
in Mil Yang County where our greatest work has been
developed - and will then go to the Great Court to
assist the Southern Presbyterians in a two weeks Training class
at Chum Ju. I shall reach Peking Yang the day before
Christmas.

We are rejoiced over the arrival of some of the new missionaries
and hope there are still more to come soon.
I met Miss Mills in Kobe - travelled with her this far

and saw her safely on her way to Fukuoka where she
visits a friend for a few days before going on to Korea.
She and Misses Rutgers & Taylor are to meet here on
the 27th and together take the steamer for Korea.

The news of Dr. Ellinwood's death reached us the day before
leaving Pipingyoung. His work for the Korea Mission was such
a great factor in the great blessing which has come to us here
that we are deeply stirred as we realize that he has passed
away. I am profoundly grateful for his influence upon me
personally, for his help and friendship which I have so greatly
appreciated.

With kindest regards to you all

Sincerely Yours
Samuel Moffett.

Mrs Curtis is the daughter of A.T. Peterson

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Dr. Brown

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Kunsan Korea
Nov 27 1908

Rev. A. J. Brown,
156 5th Ave.

New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Brown:

Thought under the West Japan Mission, since I am laboring among the Japanese in Korea, which field is under your immediate supervision, I have the constant feeling that I am in a real sense related to the work of which you have charge.

Recently I mailed you an account of last year's work among the Japanese in this peninsula. It may be that parts of this report had come under your eye previously.

I wish also, by way of information, copies of two documents on the educational question, which as you know has a vital relation to the progress of the Kingdom in Korea —

I presume you have received from the Secretary of the Seoul Station, a line in regard to the matter of residence for workers among the Japanese in Korea.

May I be allowed to add that Seoul, without doubt, seems to be the place for the residence

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to be located, & the Mrs Curtis is in Pyeng Yang where Gordon is attending school, this is only a temporary matter of a couple of years.

The sum ¥4000 askt for may seem to the Board a large sum, but I would call its attention to the following considerations.

1 Owing to the occupation of the Japanese, & the large influx of their officials, the price of land in Seoul has greatly advanced. This is especially true, in and near the Japanese Settlement, which now numbers about 20,000 people. Of course, for work among the Japanese, a residence at a distance, for example on the other side of the city, at Yun Mot Kol, where much of the Board's property is located, would be quite unsuitable. It will probably be impossible to acquire a satisfactory site under from 3500 to 4000 yen, & perhaps not for that sum.

2. Building is high. The houses occupied by Messrs. Miller & Clark also that of the Ladies' on that compound each cost, including fencing, grading, & servants' quarters, about 8000 yen. These all, however, had the approval of the Standing Committee, & even with the supervision of so skilled an architect as Mr Gordon, the work could be done no more cheaply.

3 In each of the cases above referred to the sites were reparably provided for.

I trust that these facts may be borne in mind by the Board in its consideration of the matter of a residence for workers among the Japanese in Korea, & that at least money for the purchase of site may soon be ^{apportioned}.
Yours Very Sincerely
Frederick S. Curtis

Permanent address

Asahi Machi 2 Chome Seoul Korea

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Dr. Brown

Wm. Moffett
614 Fifth Ave.
San Rafael, Calif.
Dec. 17th. 1908

My dear Dr. Brown,

Your letter of
December eleventh greeted
me today. Yes, I am
very glad to know about
Mr. Moffett's appointment to
the conference in Edinburgh.
Our voyage was prosperous
though rather a rough one.
I find my father about
once more after a respite

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illness - and stronger than I had expected. Mother is away at a Sanitarium. She has now had nearly a year of much suffering and after seven months since her accident has still no use of the fractured limb. I regret that I cannot go to her but I can relieve her greatest anxiety by being here with Father.

A unicom life has left me far behind! Outside of this home I have no niche and feel strangely out of place. Nor do I wish it otherwise. While one of the brethren in this little prayer meeting was giving thanks for life in a Christian land my heart was rejoicing that my home is in heathen Korea. But the people here could not understand it if I should try to explain. You see

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I am really very homesick!
But the way was made plain
for my coming and I know
it will open for my return.
May your Christmas time be
joyous and the New Year
a blessed one for you and
yours.

Very sincerely
Alice F. Moffett.

Baby has been quite sick and
this letter neglected. He is
better now. Jan. 2nd 1909

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