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NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Word has been received from Miss Butts of Pyeng Yang, who was forced to return to America on account of ill health, that she is situated very pleasantly at Saranac Lake, N.Y. and that the doctors pronounce her as doing nicely. We are all rejoiced to hear this welcome news and pray for her speedy recovery and return to the field where she is so much missed by Koreans and foreigners alike.

Dr. Moffet and his two children returned from a short trip to America, in the early part of September.

Dr. and Mrs. Hirst and family are spending their summer in Switzerland on their way to America. We hope the rest there will fit them for the more strenuous part of their furlough in America as most missionaries get little real rest while at home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Miller of Chungju are at present in Switzerland and have their whole family with them, their son and daughter, Newlon and Lizette, who have been attending the Mt. Hermon School spending their vacation only in Switzerland. We regret to add that the doctors do not consider that the state of either Mr. or Mrs. Miller's health would warrant their returning to the field as yet.

Wonju has gained and Seoul has lost Mr. and Mr. Reppert of the Methodist Mission who removed to Wonju in the early part of September.

Mrs. Leckett who has come out to take the place of matron in the Pyeng Yang School for foreign children arrived in the latter part of August. We welcome her to Korea and congratulate Pyeng Yang and the school.

Miss Sanders, a new nurse, of the N. Presby. Mission arrived during September. As we go to press it is not yet known to what fortunate station she will be assigned but of course we are all rejoiced at her arrival and all extend to her a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Renich and family of Andong sailed for America in the early part of September.

Miss McKee, of Chairyung returned to the field in September and was enthusiastically welcomed by all. Chairyung is to be congratulated on her speedy return as no station can long spare missionaries like Miss McKee.

Dr. Bowman formerly of Choon Chun who was assigned by his Mission to work in the Union Medical College in Seoul has taken up his duties in that institution. He is specializing in eye, ear, and throat diseases and is also making a great success of the hospital clinic of which he has charge. We are glad to welcome him to Seoul and congratulate the Medical College on the valuable addition that it has received in securing his services.

We regret to hear that the Rev. Thornton A. Mills and his daughter Miss Anna Rae Mills are leaving for America on account of Miss Mills' ill health. Many of even those who do not know Miss Mills personally know her by reputation and realize how serious a loss it will be to Taiku station and to the work as a whole. All who have met and had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Mills are sincerely sorry to have him go and shall miss him greatly.

Mr. and Mrs. Noyes missionaries returning to China have been visiting Seoul during the early part of September.

BOOK REVIEW.

We have received a little volume entitled "Poems" by the late Mrs. Flora Best Harris with a short and touching introduction by Mrs. L. V. Graham. It contains some of the hymns and poems written by Mrs. Harris on many subjects but all breathing the same gentle spirit of sweetness. Mrs. Graham says in her introduction to the book "Beauty

and tenderness, pathos and power are combined in her writings." We take pleasure in quoting one of the hymns from this book for the benefit of the readers of the Field.

THE NEW SONG.

There are songs of joy that I loved to sing
 When my heart was as blythe as a bird in spring
 But the song I have learned is so full of cheer
 That the dawn shines out in the darkness drear.

CHORUS.

O the new, new song
 O the new, new song
 I can sing it now with the ransomed throng
 Power and dominion to him that shall reign
 Glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain.

There are strains of home that are dear as life
 And I list to them oft 'mid the din of strife
 But I know a home that is wondrous fair
 And I sing the songs they are singing there.

Can my lips be mute, or my heart be sad
 When the gracious Master hath made me glad?
 When he points where the many mansions be
 And he sweetly says there is one for thee?

I shall catch the gleam of its jasper wall
 When I come to the gloom of the even-fall
 For I know that the shadows dreary and dim
 Have a path that will lead to him.

We will not attempt a long review of this little book but hope that many may have the privilege of seeing it and that it will say many sweet things to them.

"Poems" by Mrs. Flora Best Harris; introduction by Mr. L. V. Graham; published by the Methodist Book Concern, New York.

ANDONG ITEMS.

Sunday School work is encouraging in the Andong Church. Since April the attendance at the Children's Sunday School has more than doubled so that eight instead of four classes are needed for the more than one hundred who come regularly, a large number of heathen boys came for a number of Sundays and were ably taught by Kim Moksa when he was in town. It was rumored that the church boys paid them

so many beans a Sunday to secure their attendance. After reaching the high water mark of one hundred and twenty-eight the attendance decreased suddenly to a hundred or more, so either the supply of beans was exhausted or the boys thought the effort at sitting still for an hour not worth the price. An innovation for the women was the provision of a stool for each Sunday School teacher. Although the desired results have not all been obtained from their use yet one thing has been accomplished. One teacher said she was afraid the Moksa's would hear what she was saying and she was ashamed that she knew so little and talked so badly.

During the Helper's Class in May Dr. Smith was ordained as Ruling Elder, having been elected to that office by his home church in Lincoln, Kansas. As it was the first such ceremony in the territory, the Koreans took great interest in it. Since then the Andong Church ordained one of its leading members as elder.

The boy's and girl's schools for the first time report the some number of pupils, thirty-one. Eight of the girls are from country districts and are boarding in private homes here in Andong. During the two week's of the Helper's Class the girls gave up their schoolrooms for dormitories for the men and met in the back rooms of the Smith "Bungalow." An old Seoul language teacher was very much surprised at the sentence in Mrs. Baird's book "In American Schools they study without making the least noise." He said the ear was a much more important portal for the entrance of knowledge to an Oriental's mind than the eye. If then the amount of noise is the index of acquired learning, these school girls must be by far the most intelligent of all students.

In May Mrs. Welbon and the five children had a delightful nine day trip to the eastern sea coast. Arrangements had been made for the party to stop at churches so the trip was more than one of pleasure and instruction for the white children, for the women, who are but children in the faith, gathered in for words of greeting and a bit of instruction at each stopping place. Early on the Sunday morning spent by the sea the women gathered on the clean beach for an all day service. Sheltered by rocks and trees it was an ideal place to tell the women of the Saviour who walked the shores of Gallilee. The women kelp gatherers would stop in their work to listen a while and one group of heathen women sat down a while, so gospel seed may have fallen in good soil and a greater harvest may await the women itinerators who are so much needed throughout the entire territory.

The hospital records show a decided increase the month of May being the best of the entire year. One inpatients smiling face was in evidence some time. Kim Chung Tai, a twelve year orphan; came with ulcerated toes. When after several days ambulatory treatment, it was discovered he was begging his meals, provision was made to feed him in the hospital. His toes began to heal and after weeks of careful attention he left with a sound foot and what is better, a mind to believe on Jesus.

If any one doubts the growth of Andong territory in the "things of the Spirit" a glance at some comparative statistics ought to be convincing. In 1911 there were 196 communicants, in 1912, 296 and this year 571. Day and Sunday School pupils have almost doubled in the last year and contributions have increased from 2,100.38 *yen* in 1912 to 4,034.55 *yen* this year. But the greatest advance is along the line of Bible study. Last year eleven classes enrolled, 968 students, this year thirty-six classes of four days or over were held and a very conservative count gives 1865, many of whom studied in two classes but were counted but once. So the stream of Christian influence is deepening as it widens and flows out to the farther places in the district.

MRS. SMITH.

WORK IN ONE OF TAIKU'S DISTRICTS.

In taking up the years activities several objects were kept in mind as a working policy, such as advance in self-support of helpers, perfecting of the territory organization thro regular leaders meetings, emphasis on country Bible Classes, development of Sunday School teachers thro Normal Classes, increase in benevolences, united support of central schools and, above all, recovery of enthusiasm in preaching the word.

Last spring new plans were adopted for self-support of helpers. Two circuits, Silung with five churches and Pian with seven, volunteered to entirely support their helpers. The remaining four circuits, from nine to ten churches in each, agreed to raise contributions a year per member from twenty to thirty *sen*. This provided for an extra helper and circuit without drawing any more men from the mission. This year Silung and Pian Circuits, gave up their self-support plan because of the famine hard times. However, we adopted a new plan, redividing all the circuits about eight churches to a helper, all raising their contributions from thirty to forty *sen*. This raise more than offsets the failure of two circuits to be self-supporting. The six circuits raise 700.00 *yen* of the 900.00 *yen* required for salaries, fifty *yen* less of mission money than last year. Some of the churches objected to the assessment, but they are falling in line well. This records another step in advance toward native support of native workers in midst of famine year.

Church Benevolences also show a marked increase. Every one of the forty-seven churches contributed for Home and Foreign missions, and for our Taiku Academies, a collection being newly established to increase the churches interest in our Taiku Institutions. Foreign Missions raised 81.39 *yen*, Home Missions 16.08 *yen*, the Taiku Academies 7.46 *yen*, totalling 105.00 *yen* for benevolences in midst of bad year for crops, last year total for benevolences only amounted to about forty *yen*.

The perfecting of the territory organization has given a new sense of esprit de corps to the whole work. At the Taiku helpers meeting in September we planned all our itinerating dates for fall visits to churches for

leaders meetings and for examinations, for district Bible and for S.S. teachers normal classes. At the leaders meetings, the first trip in the fall, reports were heard from each leader on condition of church life, state of Sunday School Organization, methods of preaching, etc., and plans were made for holding of local classes and dates announced for the general classes. At the Helpers and Executive Committee meeting at Pichung courses of study for the Normal and District Classes were decided, teachers were assigned, rules and regulations for examination of candidates and for establishing of new churches were adopted and plans made for carrying out policy of united schools. At the General Leaders meeting in Taiku at the close of the mens winter class, reports were heard from each helper on church life, plans were accepted for redistribution of circuits and increase in rate per member for helpers support was voted. At the Spring Circuit leaders meeting reports were again heard from individual leaders, plans for preaching and methods of raising local finances were discussed and in several cases where some churches had suffered especially in the years decline, the strong churches agreed to help bear the burdens of the weak in a way that delighted your heart. In all these meetings the plan has been to put the responsibility of the churches growth upon the local officers by drawing them into mutual contact and share in the ruling of the work. Reports are made publicly to these district meetings, not privately to the missionary. Plans are made and adopted with counsel and vote of the leaders, not by will of missionary. A unity and co-ordination of effort, a consciousness of sacredness of the work, a deepening of sense of individual responsibility, and a new joy in being vitally related to the building up of the great world wide Kingdom of our Lord on earth—such are some of the values rising from the compact organization of the churches life and service.

Bible Study has been pushed as the heart and centre of our work. Chungsi our Bible woman and several voluntary teachers held classes in thirteen groups, assisted by Miss Switzer in two of them. Miss Mills held classes in three more groups, making a total of sixteen special classes for our women in the country. The Taiku city classes, Normal and General, and Bible Institute were also well attended by the women who could leave their homes for longer periods of time.

In addition to a few classes held locally by the helpers where desired, I assisted in one general class in each helpers circuit, teaching courses on the sermon on the Mount and on Personal work, one hour with the women, two hours a day with the men. At close of the afternoon session on, Personal work we went out after a word of prayer to practise our lessons between then and supper time. In the evenings popular meetings were held on evangelism, social betterment and Foreign Missions. These six classes were attended by 337 men, women and children. The enrolment was disappointing from the outside churches. Bible classes have been so few heretofore that taste and habit are lacking, but there are signs of new desires and we hope for deeper interest next year. In each case where held a permanent impress was made upon the life of the church.

Our men attended the city classes well. Out of 351 from the country at the big Winter Class our groups sent 131, and out of 35 students at the beginning of Mr. Erdmans Bible School we had 17 on hand. Some men from a Salvation Army Post came up to Taiku with some of our neighbouring Christians. Coming in for a sight see of our big class they were interested and stayed several days studying and went away deeply impressed by our work.

But of all the Bible Teaching the most important is the weekly work in the local Sunday Schools. Consequently Normal Classes for the development of local S.S. teachers call for our most serious attention. This year four such classes were held at most central points in the territory, two for men attended by seventy-nine; two for women attended by fifty-four students, making a total of 133 teachers, out of a complete staff of 226, enrolled in special Normal work. Enthusiasm is high and next year promises greater developments. The lack of any kind of a teacher is the greatest need. At every visit to the churches we find class organization given up in despair, and again in hope we select the best material available, exhort and re-establish. At our district leaders meetings we call for reports again so that thus four times a year the opportunity is seized to perfect the organization of Sunday School classes and to produce competent teachers. Courses are given on the Current Lessons, Methods of Teaching, Elementary Psychology and Sunday School Organization. This year's students with aroused minds *are crying for an embryonic college* course. The need is intense and no better opportunity is ours than the making of those who can feed and nurture the inside life of our local churches. It is the great work of the church.*

In the organization of our lower schools the problem of the poverty of our churches strikes hardest. To meet it we are abandoning the ideal of a school for every church and are pressing for one strong Union School for a group of churches—a smaller number of better organized and better supported schools. Local pride and selfishness is hard to combat, but poverty is on our side and the plan is gaining. In one helpers circuit all the churches but one have united in the Central School and send their children, and contribute to the endowment and expenses. We have two schools less than last year, but more students. 226 boys and girls are enrolled in 16 schools, classed as Kulpangs, where they only study Korean and Chinese written language, and as Potong Schools, where they study modern subjects. As the work develops we hope to have two Grammar Schools in our whole territory from where our advanced students can go to the Taiku Academy. This is a place where foreign money can be used to advantage, but our mission has no funds to disburse for this purpose, tho' it approves the plan. If our educational work is to have permanent place in the churches growth these lower schools must be assisted to permanent organization in the strongest centres.

But our deepest need is the arousing of the spirit of evangelism. The loss of this enthusiasm is the most serious mark of the general decline in

* Italics ours.—ED.

our churches. Happily it is not universal. There are churches enough that are giving living witness to the power of preaching a real gospel, so that rallying points exist from which the forward movement has already started. You can still enter any house and get a hearing for your faith. But it is in close family and neighborly witness, rather than formal organized campaigns, that the word reaches out in power. Seeking and praying until the lost is found is the old lesson for the new church in Korea. From now on church growth will be slower, but its life impelling power is being realized and surely the new growth is under way.

The number newly baptized in the year is 178, making a total of 812 communicants, net increase of 129. We admitted 115 as catechumens, totalling 852, net decrease of 146. Registered attendants number 696, making a total church adherentage of 2,363—making a general decrease of 115 over last year. There has been progress in oldest the constituency, loss in the youngest. Yet through it all the church has been solidified and come to consciousness of its own power. The financial record is enlightening. Benevolences more than doubled, church contributions raised from 941.00 *yen* to 1,228.00 *yen* and school contributions raised from 100.00 *yen* to 1,019.00 *yen*. Last year for all purposes we raised 1,094.53 *yen*. This year out of famine and emigration and general decline we raised 2,355.98 *yen*. Numbers have not been gained this year, but the church has been purified by discipline and strengthened by its losses. The sifting and assembling has gone on until those able to buckle on the armor of the Lord have found themselves, know their calling and are marching on.

Through all the year's itinerating through the valleys and over the mountains of the fifty square miles in my parish 1,530 good English miles have been covered horseback and foot. Through rain and sunshine, mud and ice, wind and snow, 180 days have been put in on the roads and in the churches outside Taiku. Excepting the two weeks away at Xmas and February teaching at Men's Class and June and July teaching at Helpers and Normal Classes, an average of four day stops for fresh food and clothing has been made at Taiku in intervals of ten trips to the country. In on Thursday and out on Tuesday is the most my helpers allow. Through anxiety as to health for days at a time God's goodness has kept me all the days till the years plan of work has been filled.

The greatest privilege of the year has been to enter upon a strong comradeship in faith and service with the helpers and leaders of the churches. The six helpers are worth knowing—Kwak Hey Moon, at times in trouble with this church or that because of favoritism, yet always going forward in humility and new grace. One of his enthusiastic leaders gave 150.00 *yen* for establishment of the new union church school in the district. Hoh Il has a congregation (the largest in all my 47 groups) of 150 and they are building a new church there now. He is well to do and his people consequently are not prompt in paying his salary. Kim Choung Han is the most scholarly and gentle of all six. He has a winsome and organizing power all his own and promises to make a splendid minister. Yi Soun Koo is the only man I have in the Theological Semi-

nary, and the ablest teacher and a gifted speaker. When I asked him to preach on Foreign Missions, he inquired, what kind of a sermon that was. He preached on the dispersion of the Christians from Jerusalem and said it was God leading them out thro persecution to fulfil Christ's forgotten command to evangelize the world. And then Pak Wun Il, who as a leader once during a debate on the years financial assessment, got up and said, "Let us adopt the plan where the mission gives least and we most." And last of all Pak Chay Wha, whose eloquence commands his people because his heart is poured out in self denying love. At a jammed meeting in one of his churches this spring when crowds blocked entrance at the doors a woman without raised up her child passed her thro the open window to squeeze out a place among the children packed on the floor while she listened to the word from the outside.

With six such God given men and a church purged in spirit and practise who can but look forward in joy and hope? Thro the dark days of the past year the leading of the Lord thro the guiding hand of Christ hath brought us on his way and He will help again until his Kingdom is established in Korea. The eddies and whirls of the tide are but as ebullitions and tempests midst which the church is rising to symmetry and grace and strength. There are no new methods. Ever as of old it is by Bible Study and Prayer, by Foreign Missions and Home Missions, by personal appeal and by undying faith, that our risen and conquering Christ comes to His own at home and abroad.

M. WILLIS GREENFIELD.

A YEAR'S WORK.

In reporting my work for the past year I find little that is discouraging, but very much for which to be thankful. I have lost no time by illness, either of self or family, and have been at work steadily during the entire year.

During July and August I completed the translation of the first half of Gregory's "Christian Ethics" which has been used in the college and seminary.

After, the annual meeting Oct. and Nov. were given to the Western Circuit, and as much time since then as was possible in connection with my work in the Bible Institute and Theological Seminary. The entire church rolls were gone over—a task in itself sufficiently great for the time I had to give to the churches. Many catechumens were dropped, and more members were suspended than during any previous year. Some had fallen into heinous sins, others had grown cold and indifferent. But in most of the churches the Christians are standing firm and loyal to the truth. The testing which they have experienced proved a benefit, I think, to the church at large, rather than an injury. During the winter and spring the condition in all the churches improved greatly. An increase in attendance and general interest in preaching to the heathen, and in

the church work generally was marked. As to the finances great advance was made over previous years. The Helpers' salaries were increased 25% this year and at the same time collected more promptly than ever before.

Four of our Theological students were graduated this year. These all received calls and were placed over churches in the Circuit in the position as co-pastor with me. I now have 8 ordained pastors on the Circuit one of whom has since been installed as sole pastor of the Nam Po church.

The Circuit now supports 8 Korean pastors, 7 helpers, and 1 evangelist, and has undertaken to support a missionary to China. One of our own newly ordained pastors, Rev. Sa Pyengsun, was chosen for that place.

A few statistical facts might be of interest as indicating something of the character of the work. The Circuit has a population of about 70,000. There are 52 churches, (18 organized with elders, 34 unorganized) and 182 prayer meeting places. 3,600 baptized members or 1 in 20 of the population is a communicant member of the church. There are 285 baptized children, and 703 catechumens. The Sunday average attendance is about 6,000 or 1 in 12 of the population. The churches are all about 2 and 3 to 5 miles apart so that every house in the territory is within reach of a church. 250 adults and 103 children were baptized the past year, and 403 catechumens were received. The total contributions for all purposes as reported is 11,880 *yen*. Four women were graduated from the Women's Bible Institute, and four men from the Theological Seminary. Bible Classes of one week or more held in the Circuit, for women 50, for men 54. 2250 women studied in Bible classes and about 2,500 men.

The entire time from Dec. 1st to June 12th was spent teaching in the Seminary Bible Institute and in Training Classes, assisting in the Training Classes at Chairyong and at Syen Chun. During this time I had the privilege of teaching Romans, Galatians, Genesis, 1st Peter, Old Test. History, Early Church History, Pastoral Theology, and Christian Ethics.

Since the ordination of Rev. Ye Ilyoung and appointment as co-pastor with me in the South Gate Church my share of the work has been very small. An occasional sermon, conference with the workers, and sessional work is all that I have done. The work continues much the same and is well looked after by Pastor Ye, who has also since been installed as sole pastor of the church. I hope still to continue in a helpful relation but will have no official relation to the church save that of visiting committee. Our one hope is the christianization of this people, and who save those who have experienced it, can appreciate the joy of seeing these churches develop into maturity where they support their own pastor and carry on the various lines of work "ad intra and ad extra."

NOTICE.

Contributors to the Field are asked to send no further articles or reports to Mrs. H. G. Underwood or Mr. H. H. Underwood whose posts are now vacated, but kindly address them to the Rev. A. F. De Camp of Seoul who is now the Editor of the Field.

Please pass this word along as widely as possible to avoid unnecessary inconvenience, both to the incoming and out going editors.

Wishing Gods best blessing and support for Mr. De Camp in this work, we leave it with this current number.

L. H. UNDERWOOD.

NOTES FROM THE DISPENSARY.

WOMANS DISPENSARY PYENG YANG.

From the 1st of May, 1912 to May 1st '13 7,572 cases were treated in our dispensary by or under the direct supervision of the physician in charge, and counting from close of last Conference year to May when we begin the Medical year 500 more should be added. The dispensary physician also made a total of 91 outcalls.

Confining our resume now to the 12 months only, the records show the patients first visits number 3,445 + 54 first calls to out-patients; the diseases classified and in numerical order are as follows, (1) medical, (2) gynaecological, (2) surgical, (4) ophthalmic, (5) cutaneous, (6) vaccinations, (7) nose and throat, (8) nervous, (9) aural, (10) dental.

More new patients came from distances of 100 *li* or more than from the city itself, and there were scores from 200, 300, and 400 *li*, 17 from 500 *li*, and a few from even more distant quarters. The dispensary receipts have been 965.82 *yen*. Over half of this sum is from treatments given gynaecological patients, aside from what they may pay for "eating medicine"—these patients pay 50 *sen* for each 1st visit and 25 *sen* for each return, and we could easily raise these prices and may find it expedient so to do. As stated before, we need at least two physicians in the clinic, for they take so much time and both they and other patients must exert a great deal of patience to wait their turn, and the doctor? well, she has to work till the dark stops her! Patients used to go home when it got around 5 p.m. but they don't any more.

40% of our dispensary patients are Christian: last year it was 50% but I don't take it this means a falling off of Christians—the total number is greater, but last year owing to return from furlough, illness etc., the church people kept better track of things so their proportion was greater; while this year people in the more remote places are finding out we are back and at regular work again.

Of the non-Christians many have been induced to attend church,

and some 200 have become probationers; and 59 of such reported before have been baptized during the year.

Of the Christian patients considerable over half again were Presbyterian, and to quote from last year's report, "once more I suggest that the mission should send an associate *woman* physician to do their share of this work, and to help train Korean women physicians to do the much greater work awaiting to be done."

Under the *résumé* Dr. Cutler gives of our Hospital work you will find something of the class of young women who applied to us to study medicine last year, also of the nurse graduated. Herewith some pictures from Dr. Hall's kodak illustrating something of the forms of work carried on under the auspices of the Womans Hospital of Extended Grace through the year; with these and the statistical reports of the Bible-women, and of Dr. Cutler we will close since the *work* of the year has really been too strenuous to *write* about it, many most interesting incidents, though there have been.

Bible-woman Tyang, Sin-to (Baltimore Branch) reports, has met 3,995 Christians in Hospital or Dispensary and 1,803 non-Christians, has followed work up in 1,158 Xtian homes and 295 non-Christian homes; has visited 1,520 very sick people in their homes, attended 13 funerals and 5 marriages; has taught 66 different people in Sunday School in a class that averages 40, and has collected their contributions to church work from 23 of these. Of the hospital in-patients for whom Mrs. Tyang is especially responsible, 16 promised to believe, and she is following them up as best she can.

Bible-woman Whoang, Eunice (New York Branch) has had quite half of her time occupied with chaperoning the young women's medical classes where the teacher happened to be a Korean or a Japanese *man*: Mrs. Whoang, however, reports visiting 2,083 homes meeting with 7,007 people, from these and the dispensary patients she has lead 398 to give in their names as seekers in the church, and of those thus led as reported above 200 have become probationers, and 59 of the last year probationers have been baptised this year. Mrs. Whoang also reports special visits to the homes of our blind or deaf pupils and to 396 sick church-people; she has attended 11 funerals and 6 weddings; is a teacher in an adult S.S. class, and the attendance at Cottage prayer-meetings led by herself has been 573; this is a great amount of work for a woman nearing sixty to accomplish, and she has been doing such work now ever since the Russo-Japan war, and if any one deserves a change, it is she, and we trust it may be arranged for her to accompany her daughter Esther and the rest of the medical class to Seoul in September, and chaperone them in the Government Medical School.

Dr. Mary M. Cutler who has had charge of the in-patients, nurses, and the finances since August last, reports 182 in-patients for the year who were in the hospital 4,111 days; graduate-nurse Anderson gave some assistance for 4 mos. after study hours; no other foreign nurses; one graduate Korean nurse in hospital, serving as head-nurse and matron;

one graduate Korean nurse in dispensary; six Korean nurse students one of whom graduated in March and went to the Seoul hospital to assist Miss Anderson until the return of last year's graduate from Japan, when we hope to have her with us again. Receipts from dispensary and out-calls 965.82 *yen* from in-patients 835.51; fees from medical students 67.00; fees and donations from foreigners 759.61, a total of 2.627.94 or 388.00 *yen* more than was appropriated for our work by the W.F.M.S. for the year.

ROSETTA SHERWOOD HALL.

SOME NOTES OF WOMENS EVANGELISTIC WORK IN THE METHODIST MISSION.

The following are a few short accounts of the Evangelistic work as it has been carried on in different stations of the Methodist Church in Korea, by some of the women of their mission. It is no dry formal report, but is thrilling with interest, as one reads between the lines the noble service and sacrifice of the women workers, native and foreign, and sees revealed the kind of Christianity that is being developed, under their care. Thank God for women whose souls are so overflowing with love for Christ and His people, that their whole lives are consecrated to work like this. When one reads the papers and magazines, it sometimes seems as if the majority of women who are not struggling for bare existence were engaged in politics, or divorce getting, or strikes, or womens clubs, or fearful fashionable extravagances, but we bless His name that for the salvation of the world, God has reserved for Himself every where hundreds of thousands of true ideal women, who are unostentatiously, making holy happy homes, training children, nursing the sick, teaching the young, and bringing light and love and glory into poor darkened sinners lives, yet it is all so quiet the world hardly knows of their existence. They are not in the papers or illustrated in the novels. There is nothing sufficiently eventful or exciting about them or their work to make a saleable novel or magazine story. *So be it forever more.* That is quite as it should be. One would not willingly disturb the exquisite bloom on the peach. One keeps ones treasures hidden, safely away only to be shown to friends, or to honor rare occasions. So does God. The poor know them, and the sick, and the little children, and the sin sick, sorrow stricken afflicted, down trodden, of the world, but the paths over which they toil do not lead to the foot lights.

Only in a day that is coming, One who is blazing with glory and beauty, will come down from a Throne to bid them welcome and before, the brilliant assembly of the greatest of Heaven and Earth will say, "When I was a hungered, and sick and in prison and a stranger ye ministered unto me. Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

KONG-JU.

Mrs. Sharp finds enough work on the Kong-ju East and West Districts to keep her busy itinerating and holding classes. She says:—"The island work is hopeful, but we have had a hard time getting to them. One night was spent in an open boat with no supper and only some dried grass with briars in it for a bed, but all was forgotten when we received the welcome from the people we had come to see. In other places we that we had seen the people gather late for service but this spring capped the climax when they came in at twenty-five minutes of eleven for the evening meeting.

The Kong-ju city work has been more encouraging this year owing to the fact that we have had more help than before. Mrs. Williams has had the Woman's prayer-meeting each week; Mrs. Swearer has had the Teachers' Meeting and also taught in the Sunday School; Mrs. Van Buskirk has had two classes a week for women, one for beginners and one for the more advanced. She has done house to house work and is now Superintendent of the Children's Sunday School which has just been started. Mrs. Taylor held Mother's Meetings and also helped in the Sunday School.

With the help of Mrs. Swearer and the Bible women we have had more classes than ever before on the district. The Kong-ju city classes have been the best we have ever had. All of the ladies helped and how the women enjoyed the study.

Total number of classes held.....	38
Women taught in classes	576
Days spent in teaching	141
Miles traveled.....	1,815

There are a number of places on the district calling for schools. Since our hope is in the children we ought to provide them with places for study.

The Kong-ju School is on the increase but a new building is imperative. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Swearer have both taught, thus greatly strengthening the teaching force.

CHEMULPO.

EVANGELISTIC:—The absence of Miss Hillman has been greatly felt during the year but there are some women who are praying most earnestly for her return and believe that she will soon be back again in Korea. Miss Miller during the year has been able to visit every circuit except Kwang-ju. The two great discouragements that stand above all others is the non-observance of the Sabbath and the inability of the women to read.

The Bible women have waded waist-deep thru the streams; they have walked over the mountain passes knee deep in the snow; they have walked until their feet were so badly swollen it was impossible to go

further; they have been lost for a whole night in the mountains but all are rejoicing in the privilege of service.

Normal classes have been held in three places for the preparation of the leaders. These in turn tithed their time to the extent of 105 classes of five days each in as many different Christian groups. They visited 3,522 homes and exhorted 6,278 persons. Besides these classes other short classes were held and some women are studying alone on the course that was laid out for them two years ago.

In the Chemulpo City Church, 103 Monthly class meetings have been held in 16 sections of the city by the class leader in charge of each section. In these classes the women have been taught the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments and portions of Scripture. The women have not only learned to tithe their time but they came at the close of a missionary address bringing their silver hair ornaments, wedding rings, silk waists and shoes. All over the district they save out a spoonful of rice from each meal's portion which when sold goes toward the support of the church.

Miss Scharpff has visited all her churches upon the islands. She always has an interesting time making her sea journeys. One time the winds cast them upon an uninhabited island but because of the cold they could not spend the night there; so crossed over to the main island and because of the conversions there were thankful for the contrary wind which cast them into a heathen village.

DAY SCHOOLS.—The two day schools in Chemulpo are doing splendid work. There are 131 girls enrolled at present and, in March, 15 girls were graduated. The girls greatly enjoy their industrial work, drawing, singing and gymnastics under the direction of Miss Scharpff. On the islands they are crying for women teachers for their girl's schools. No part of the work presents as many problems as that of the country day schools. With the exception of the children almost everything is lacking that goes to make up a school and, where the schools are lacking, girls dress in boy's clothes and go to the boy's school, so anxious are they to learn.

HAIJU.

In early September Miss Beiler started on an itinerary of the district and was able to visit five sixths of all the Christian groups. The month of December she spent in preparation for the country Bible classes which began near the end of December. Seven were held in main centers, two in places where they have not had women's classes before. Several classes were marked by particular demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's working and others were characterized by more earnestness in the study, showing an improvement over last year.

The Bible women have been elected members of District Conference and will be expected to report hereafter.

Two day schools which have been dropped because of lack of teachers have been revived. The Haiju city school is the great pressing

need. They are grateful for the partial sum for the purchase of the property but are not backward in their insisting that the whole amount for building should be forthcoming this year.

Mrs. Norton has been ever busy visiting in the homes. Her Bible woman in the hospital tells the story to the patients and those who have listened well she follows to their home and, because of this "follow up" plan, there has been a great increase in the adult Sunday School class.

With the coming of Miss Barlow and Miss Edge, two Wesleyan ladies who are volunteering their services in Haiju, the station has been greatly strengthened. Miss Edge is proving of invaluable aid as a nurse and helper in the General Board Hospital. Miss Barlow is busy all the time calling in church members' homes, following up new believers, teaching in the girls' school and making herself generally indispensable. It is a joy and blessing to have them not only in the home but in the work.

YENG BYEN.

On returning from Conference last spring, the new workers were initiated into the Bible class work by Mrs. Morris before she left for her new home in Pyeng Yang. One hundred and ten women, old and young, assembled for ten days of Bible Study, some of them walking long distances over rough mountain roads. Five women and three little girls came 250 *li*.* Three of the women were over 65, and the girls all under 12 years.

A fall class of 80 women was also held in Yeng Byen under Miss Shaffer's direction and with the help of Mrs. Billing's of Pyeng Yang. The cost of living is so high that, instead of discouragement at the apparent loss, the wonder is that so many find it possible to come at their own expense. This spring's class was equally successful, tho no foreign helpers were available. The zest of these northern women in Bible Study is unsurpassed and nearly all pass the rigid examinations at the end of the course.

In January, Miss Shaffer went with a Bible woman to Sin Chang where, in spite of the North Pole temperature, she held a class attended by 53 women. The 150 *li* on horse-back over icy roads and the ten days spent in a cold Korean room with only paper doors and an oil-stove were forgotten in the remembrance of the women's faithfulness in study and their appreciation of God's word.

During February and March, classes of one week's duration were held by the Bible women in every church in Yeng Byen district with most encouraging reports. Thirty such classes have been conducted since last Conference.

During the long conference year, the two missionaries visited the five districts on their circuits. Miss Dillingham that she might see the work of the 4 girls' schools in the remote corners as well as to learn something of the evangelistic work. The giving out of tracts and

* 83 English miles.

Scripture portions along the way is an interesting feature of the itinerating work, and the results are most gratifying.

The new girls' school and dormitory in Yeng Byen, a gift of Columbia River Branch, are nearing completion and it is anticipated that the present enrollment of 65 will reach the 100 mark in the coming year.

The Yeng Byen city work has been encouraging in spite of the fact that no member of the station had had more than two years of language study. The average church attendance is 75 women and 50 girls, with 67 women in the Sunday School and 60 girls. Mrs. Miller has conducted an enthusiastic class of 100 boys and girls on Saturday afternoons. Over 200 calls have been made in the homes by Mrs. Wachs and Miss Dillingham, and Mrs. Wachs has had charge of the music in both the boys' and the girls' schools.

The woman's night school re-opened in the fall and the attendance and interest continued good thruout the year. The women like to study Arithmetic, Physiology, and Geography but they adore the hour of Bible Study.

"There is cause for rejoicing, not in what we have done but in the steadfastness of the native Christians in faith and love."

We much regret we cannot continue this interesting recital in this number, but we expect to conclude it in the November issue —ED.

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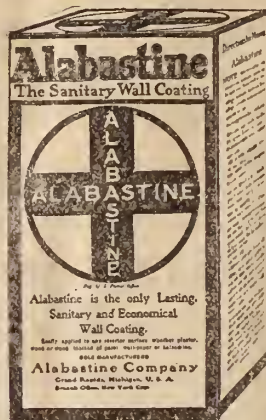
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