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January 8, 1951.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett,
Pyongyang, Chosen (Korea)

My dear Dr. Moffett:

Without waiting to send the full letter about the actions on the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Mission I hasten this morning to get a letter to you about the antedated furloughs on pp.30-31 of the Minutes. At the first meeting of the Foreign Council after the arrival of the printed Minutes I brought up everything that required action. I had not realized until Mr. Gense's letter to Mr. Carter came that anything might be waiting on a decision regarding the antedated furloughs. Yesterday, immediately upon an action of the Council I cabled Mr. Gense as follows:

"ANEPIVIFEM ANTEDATED NEPUYSKINC NOKAXHOKEP LYAFFSHOW'S AWLELOABOD.
Translation: Board does not approve recommendation of the ()
Mission (regarding) furloughs antedated Minutes pages 30-31. Await
letter. All the others approved. (signed) C. B. McAfee."

It is always exceedingly unpleasant to the Foreign Council to take a position contrary to the mind of the Mission because we are all in the same work and none of us wants to appear wiser than others. The grouping of these antedated furloughs calls for an antedating of 28 months - more than two years of total service on the field and while theoretically the antedating of the departure from the fields involves also an antedating of return yet our experience is, I think you will find it that of the field force, that an antedating of a furlough is very apt to involve a post dating of return. We hesitate to approve such a sweeping action as is involved in antedating eleven furloughs in one season from one Mission. Precedents of a very such lead sweeping sort were before the Foreign Council at the same time, though nothing so notable as this.

I read to the Council your explanatory note of November 20, but it was felt that the explanations were not quite sufficient. For example, it was not very satisfactory to speak "of an arrangement in Pyongyang Station which antedates some furloughs and postpones others" when this calls for an antedating of five months for two workers. The Manual rule in Art.82(a) specifies that any adjustment for seasons "the term of service shall not be shortened and the furlough will not be lengthened except as specifically stated elsewhere." The reasons affecting the antedating of Mrs. Sharrocks' furlough seemed to the Council quite adequate and if the Mission desires this it will be granted without difficulty. We have felt also that no ordinary rules ought to apply just now to the case of Mr. Bruen in view of the experiences through which he has passed in which all of us have shared. In view of Miss Delzarter's school duties we can understand the desire to have her six months' furlough changed so that she can be on the field again in March. We do not know anything of the plans of Dr. and Mrs. Smith "to spend part of the time in Europe for study." It would seem that the summer would be a quite suitable time for medical work and it would hardly affect his work in Europe to be there just at one time rather than another since he could not take a real course of study in six months furlough.

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January 8, 1951.

All this is written with great hesitation. We are exceedingly anxious that we do not give even the semblance of authoritative control over a body of such people as are involved in this list. The only ground we have for it is the ~~conviction~~ ^{conviction} we have for the steady continuance of a work in which it seems important for all of us to catch step and march together. The Manual is not to be our chain but it ought to be a connecting link among all of us.

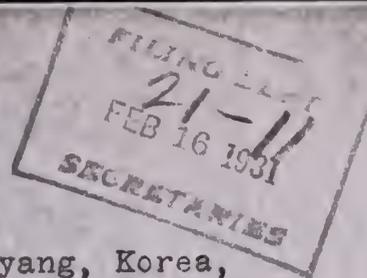
If the necessities of Mr. Gense's office, in securing accommodations for those who are coming, make it impossible for us to receive word from you again by mail please do not hesitate to cable regarding any of these cases on which the Executive Committee will feel it must insist. I am sorry there has been any delay, but I did not feel like presenting these matters to the Council until we could have the printed minutes and these did not arrive until December 18. In my cable to Mr. Gense I indicated that the regular furloughs were all approved and you will realize that as a matter of course that since Mr. Harold Henderson had been made a delegate to the Decennial Conference that his furlough was antedated two months to enable him to reach the Conference at its opening on June 20.

I will be sending you in a few days the actions of the Board regarding other items in the Minutes of your annual meeting which have been thoroughly enjoyed here in the offices.

Trusting yours,

(Copy to Mr. Gense)

Samuel A. Moffett



Pyongyang, Korea,
January 9, 1931.

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Dear Friends:

We should be glad were it possible to gather you all with us again that you might take part in the station activities. We miss you greatly and we need others to take your places in the care of the many phases of work which call so loudly for attention and oversight. We trust you are praying for us and especially that the Lord will send forth laborers into the harvest. Also we trust you are looking for some who may meet our needs.

The greatest need just now is for a nurse to take Miss Reist's (Mrs. Wm. Baird Jr.) place in the hospital. It is now two years since this vacancy occurred and still there is no one in sight to fill it. We have tried for Lizette and Anna Miller, Mary Swallen and Theo Sharrocks but not one seems to be available. We need a nurse more than ever now that our new "J. Hunter Wells Memorial Dispensary" has been built. This is our Presbyterian contribution to the Union Hospital plant which adds so much to the convenience of the staff and to the efficiency of the work. Our station has been glad to show its appreciation of the pioneer Medical work done by Dr. Wells by dedicating this dispensary as a memorial to him. In a few days a large photo of Dr. Wells will be hung in the waiting room. Yesterday the new baby clinic was opened with 71 babies calling for attention the first day. Miss Ethel Butts is directing this new work but is not very strong after her very serious illness, and this but emphasizes our need for a nurse. Dr. and Mrs. Bercovitz are with us, he in the Hospital, while she is looking after the Korean nurses and helping in the baby clinic.

You will be interested also in the fact that the Board of Officers of the Central Church have put up a Memorial stone in memory of Dr. Graham Lee in the grounds of the church. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance" said the Psalmist and certainly both Dr. Lee and Dr. Wells will be kept in remembrance for their work in Pyongyang.

November and December saw great gatherings in the new Auditorium-gymnasium of the College when the Revival Meetings were carried on and when the Training Class was in session. Dr. Baird is writing a special account of the Revivals for a Station publicity letter. It was great to see the more than 5000 people in these gatherings, an inspiration to us all. The three Presbyteries united in the Bible Training Class and I am told there were between two and three thousand in attendance at the night meetings.

All phases of the work go on as usual. The Agricultural Department of the College has the promise of Government approval and plans are under way for a dairy in connection with it. Mr. Lutz and Mr. F. O. Clark were busy for two months with the special course for fifty men from all over Korea--one from each Presbytery or Conference. We are still hoping

for designation for our Girls' Academy. Join us in prayer that this may soon be granted. Miss Snook was quite sick with pneumonia but is better. She goes on furlough this summer and we are hoping for designation before she leaves. Dr. Clark is laid up with serious trouble with his eyes but we hope for speedy improvement. Dr. Baird has gone to Seoul for three months to work on Bible revision in the hope that this great task may be finished.

Another item of station news is the arrival in the Hamilton home of another daughter, Ruth Lucile, on the 7th--so it looks as though the P.Y.F.S. will be needed for some years to come. Quite a number of the teachers and pupils of the school spent a part of the Christmas vacation in Peking, returning safely with the spoils in the shape of fur coats, brassware, silk garments, etc., having gleefully passed the Customs Inspector at Antung.

The Community celebrated Christmas with the usual dinner and tree, a beautiful snow having come the day before, while New Year's Day brought us another snow-storm. We are having more snow than for a number of years.

As usual the station is helping in the work of other stations. Dr. Blair and Dr. McCune have attended the classes in Taiku and Chinju and in Andong and Chunju. Miss Butts helped Miss Ross in Kangkei and later goes to Chairyung for a month there. Mr. Kinsler is in Kangkei and later goes to Manchuria, while Miss Doriss has been visiting the scenes of her former work in Chungju and Fusan. Dr. and Mrs. Swallen are just as indefatigable as 30 years ago in their Evangelistic itineration while from all quarters comes news of large attendance upon Bible Classes.

Hingking, Kangkei, Chairyung, Taiku and Andong all call desperately for Evangelistic Women workers and we plead with you to try to find some who may feel the call to offer themselves to the Board for this work.

The Men's Bible Institute is in session with 170 in attendance, 80 of whom are young men from the country churches in the entering class. We do not seem to be losing our hold upon the young men! Incidentally Mr. Kinsler needs \$500.00 for putting into operation plans for a larger work among the young people, a work which is already doing much, but which has almost unlimited opportunities. Miss Best too must have \$300.00 for her Women's Higher Bible School if she is not to run a deficit. Some one ought to find these two sums and send them out.

Keep us in mind, remember us in prayer, rejoice with us in our blessings, and keep up your interest.

In behalf of Pyengyang Station.



Samuel A. Moffett

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Pyongyang, Korea,
January 17, 1931.
Jan. 17, 1931

Rev. W. F. Schell, D. D.,
100 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

see Andong Hospital Corresp #567

Dear Dr. Schell:

I am writing you personally and not as Chairman of the Ex. Com., and I write thus because unofficially I have been trying to straighten out a misunderstanding between Andong Station and Dr. Bercovits.

Andong Station has written you in respect to this, feeling that Mrs. Kennedy's gift to Dr. Bercovits for Hospital Equipment should go to the Andong Hospital and not follow Dr. Bercovits to his new station. He on the contrary feels that since he consulted you and Dr. Ernest Hall on the subject he was doing the perfectly natural thing in using the gift for Equipment for his work in the new station.

I had hoped we had reached a settlement of the question after Dr. B's explanations had been heard, but I have word from Andong that they have written you about the matter.

In all fairness I suppose Dr. B. should know of this but as we are trying to make conditions here such as will help him to carry on to advantage to the work and to himself I want to avoid the raising of any more contention between Andong Station and Dr. Bercovits and so have said nothing to him about their writing to you and yet I feel that I ought to represent to you what he has said about it. I wrote Andong about his explanation in which he said that when he found he was to go to Pyongyang and not to Andong he consulted you and Dr. Hall as to what he should do with Mrs. Kennedy's gift for Equipment for his work and that with your advice or approval or acquiescence (I am not sure which word is the right one to use) he brought the gift with him for use in his work here.

Mrs. Kennedy's secretary in writing to Andong Station about the gift of course wrote of it as intended for his use in Andong and so they feel that Dr. Bercovits should turn it over to them there.

Having raised the question in New York he has felt warranted in using it for his own work, as it was given to him directly and not as an appropriation for the hospital through the Board.

This much I think must be said in fairness to him and so far as I can see all any of us want is a settlement according to facts.

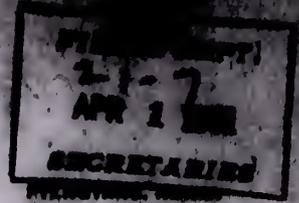
Yours sincerely,

(signed) Samuel A. Moffett

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Rev. Samuel A. Muffitt
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN
DR. McAFEE, RECD.



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Ans'd ~~1771~~ - 3/10/31

February 11, 1931

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Rev. C. B. McAfee, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Dr. McAfee:

Your letter of January 3 regarding ante-dated furloughs is at hand and I want first of all to express our appreciation of the sympathetic and considerate way in which you have written. Very evidently I am at fault in not having written more explicitly our reasons for asking to ante-date these furloughs--each one of which has its own distinctive circumstances. We interpret your letter as approving the ante-dating of the furloughs of Mrs. Sharrocks and Mr. Bruen and also of Miss Delmarter, although Mr. Genso has just written me that Miss Delmarter "does not plan to go at all this year."

In the case of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson also since we need not have asked to ante-date their furlough seeing that it is a regular one for 12 months and leeway in arranging sailing date would allow them to leave as desired,- we take it that their furlough comes under the regular rules. They plan to leave June 29th on a steamer which will enable them to attend the Christian Endeavor Convention in San Francisco in July. Mr. Anderson is Executive Secretary of the Christian Endeavor movement in Korea.

Now that leaves the furloughs of the Hills, Cooks, and Smiths as the only ones concerning which your letter calls for more detailed explanation.

First of all these are not requested to meet the convenience of the men but in the interest of the better oversight and care of the work. Our plan for the furloughs will take the men off the field for the three months of July, August, and September, instead of three months in Spring or the following Fall or Winter. The men can be spared during those three months with far less injury to the work--since July and August and September are taken up with vacations, rainy season and meetings of various organizations. Little (if any) itineration or Bible Training Class work is carried on during those months--the time which is not given to vacation being taken up with letter-writing, making up of accounts and preparation for teaching in Schools, Bible Institutes and Training Classes, and in attendance upon meetings of General Assembly, Federal Council, Presbyterian Council, Bible Com., C.L.S., and Institutional Boards, all of them important but all of which can be attended to without drawing off men from the teaching staffs of the institutions or from the itineration and Bible Class work of the hundreds of churches to be cared for.

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Absences during July-September do not begin to make the problems for us, nor interfere with the carrying on of our most arduous work as do absences during the months of October to May, and our desire to ante-date these furloughs for from 2, or 3 months is in order to conserve their time for the more important months.

May I take up each case please, that you may consider each one on its merits.

For Mr. and Mrs. Hill we request a full 12 months furlough due regularly November 23, 1931, but to be ante-dated to July 1, 1931. This is not at the request of Mr. Hill but is a request from the Station that he consent to ante-date his furlough so as not to miss two years of the Bible-Institute work (of which he is Principal) this ante-dating to be on the basis of an adjustment of furloughs which will postpone some and ante-date some to the ultimate advantage of the whole work.

Herewith our schedule of furloughs in Pyengyang Station for the next few years:

- Dr. and Mrs. Blair. A proportional furlough due August 27, 1932 to be antedated to July 1, or 1 month 27 days.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. A regular 12 months furlough due August 27, 1932, which by the Board rules can begin July 1, 1932.
- Dr. and Mrs. McCune. A proportional furlough, after five years, due May 9, 1933 to be antedated to May 1, or 9 days.
- Mr. McMurtrie. Regular furlough due March 1932 postponed to March 1933, one year.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mowry. Regular furlough due August 18, 1933, postponed to July 1, 1934, 10 mos. 13 days.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lutz. Regular furlough due November 11, 1934, postponed to July 1, 1935, 7 mos. 19 days.

Summarized as follows:

	<u>Antedated</u>	<u>Postponed</u>
Mr. and Mrs. Hill	4 mos. 23 days	
Dr. and Mrs. Blair	1 mos. 27 days	
Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton	As per rule	
Dr. and Mrs. McCune	9 days	
Mr. McMurtrie		1 year.
Mr. and Mrs. Mowry		10 mos. 13 da.
Mr. and Mrs. Lutz		7 mos. 19 da.
Total	7 months	2 yrs. 6 mos. 2 da.

This constitutes a net postponing of nearly 3 years and is consented to by these men in order to avoid injurious over-lapping of furloughs--to arrange for 2 greatly desired proportional furloughs and to have the men off the field during summer rather than winter months where that is feasible.

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I should have written this in detail in my former letter instead of just referring to it as an adjustment within the Station, clear to us but not to you. It seems to us that granting the ante-dating of the Hill furlough will be an advantage. It is not a favor to the Hills but to the Station work.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cook. The request to ante-date their furlough, a 9 months one, by 1 month and 4 days is certainly justified by the fact they they come out from Manchuria (an arduous journey over rough roads) to attend the Annual meeting at Pyengyang in June and that they then, if they do not leave on furlough July 1st, will either have two more arduous journeys to Manchuria and return for about a two weeks stay there, or as Mr. Genso writes me, "The Cooks will have left their station and will just have to hang around somewhere for a month and four days." It will be better for this month and 4 days to go into the furlough and thus bring them back to the field in the Spring.

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Dr. and Mrs. Smith. This is for a 6 months furlough due September 6, 1931, with request to ante-date 2 months and 6 days-- both summer months. It is far better to have them off the field during July and August than to wait until September 6th and then be off the field during two Spring months. Mrs. Smith has also presented a number of subsidiary reasons somewhat personal and I have asked her to write you concerning them. Some of these are:

1. If they accompany their two older boys through Europe as they return to America to enter College, they can secure family rates for travel--no rebates however being given to children traveling alone.

2. If they can leave July 1st taking Albert, the youngest son, he will be able to enter High School at a more advantageous time of the year than if they leave later.

3. Mrs. Smith writes, "According to the Manual the Board does not engage to meet the expense of a return after the age of 16 except as a missionary. Albert would be over sixteen and still have his senior year of school which would mean he could not come back. We bore ALL expenses of his first two trips personally, so to date he has had but two trips on Board expense and is entitled to three more."

4. The medical study desired in Vienna is of itself not an adequate reason, but a month of study there while the older boys are seeing a little of Europe would enable the Doctor to brush up in some subjects and would give him added prestige when he returns, since some of the Koreans doctors are returning here after having studied some in Europe.

5. Both Dr. and Mrs. Smith have been under physicians' oversight and advice for some time and it seems desirable that both of them should have opportunity to secure special treatment and examinations and this can be secured while studying there and yet not

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interfere with their travel to America with their boys. Psychological reasons cause us to desire very greatly that the Board allow this request and Mission and Station will appreciate this.

It does seem that we are asking for a large number of furloughs but each case to our minds has sufficient justification and is in the interest of the "steady continuance of the work". We think our plan secures this but certainly we do not "feel that we must insist" upon this if our reasons, which seem so conclusive to us, do not appeal to the Board as being adequate.

We are hoping this will reach you before the March meeting of the Board and that you can cable us by the middle of March. If we know by the middle of March whether these three furloughs (Hills, Cooks, Smiths) are granted there will still be time to make reservations.

With most cordial greetings,

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett.

Pyeng Yang, Korea
February 20, 1931

Dear Friends:

We deeply appreciate the fellowship we have with you in prayer for revival, and wish to keep you informed as to how God is answering prayer here in Pyeng Yang and of our further desires and plans.

The church recognizes its need of a revival deep and sweeping and wholly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Revival committee of the Pastors Association arranged for special meetings throughout the year and the spirit of prayer has increased and continues throughout our churches and schools. The interest has spread to many of the churches in the surrounding circuits and reports of real revival reach us from outlying districts.

In April 1930 a week's meeting, especially for the pastors and elders of all the twelve churches, was conducted by one of the missionaries. By request this was followed by another week of such meetings and was attended by the church officers and any other members. There was an earnest desire for a deepening of the spiritual life, and the prayers offered were almost all for heart cleansing, spiritual power, and for the conversion of sinners. Following these union, preparatory meetings there were subsequent meetings held in almost all the churches of the city with the same ends in view. Frequent prayers were offered both by the church and by the missionaries during the summer months and the people waited in expectation of a fuller blessing during the fall meetings.

The large revival meetings were held from October 16th to 23rd, all the twelve Presbyterian churches of the city uniting. Daybreak prayer meeting services were held, also Bible Study each morning, and preaching services each evening. No church building in the city could hold the large crowds in attendance. The new College Auditorium was well filled at the daybreak prayer service and in the evening the crowds could not all get into the building. Approximately five thousand people gathered in the Auditorium building each night and overflow meetings for children were held at the West Gate Church. During each day much personal work was done by the Christians in house to house visitation, distributing Christian tracts and urging their neighbors to become Christians. In this way many new ones were brought to hear the gospel preached. Rev. Cha Chai Myung led all of the meetings, morning, noon and night. His messages were earnest and Scriptural and held the close attention of the people. It was a great sight to see the large Auditorium packed to capacity. When the preacher said that he himself had once been a worshipper of idols we heartily praised God that he could now present the claims of Christ to his own people.

A large choir, composed of some of the students of our Christian schools in Pyengyang, very efficiently led, sang some specially prepared Christian songs, and led the congregational singing. These songs so feelingly given did much to deepen the spiritual impressions made by the meetings.

At the close of each evening service very many gave in their names as desiring to become Christians. More than eight hundred names were given in, which were sent to the twelve cooperating churches for

follow-up work. At the close of each evening service the new believers were conducted to some near-by quiet room where they could be further taught. Some of the missionaries and Korean pastors were in charge of these groups and tried to lead them to know Christ as their personal Savior, to repent of sin, to pray, and to live good lives. Before the close of the meetings there were fourteen such classes held simultaneously. Much of the best work of the revival was no doubt done in these after meetings where the teachers met the inquirers intimately. Special literature was also given to help instruct these new ones how to become Christians. It was found that about three hundred of those who had given in their names continued to the end of the meetings and received the special book which was given them. Reports from the various city churches since show that about two hundred of those who gave in their names were then known to be in attendance at the churches. In addition to these some backsliden Christians have been restored. Since then it is reported that in many of the country districts revival meetings have been held with good results in renewing churches and increasing the number of the Christians.

The struggle for existence has become much more acute in Korea than formerly. Many who desire to be Christians find it hard to find the time to attend the services. This partially explains why some of those whose names were handed in have not yet been found in the churches. Prayer is needed that they may be led and helped to take up the cross and follow Christ.

We are very thankful for the blessings which God has already given. Much has happened to encourage faith and effort. Surely God answers prayer. But this is not yet the revival for which we have prayed. Doubtless it is like the showers which precede the promised rain. Let all who love the Lord's work here in Korea join with us in prayer that God would still further pour out the spirit of revival upon the whole church, cleansing lives, sweeping out sin, and bringing many more to Christ the Savior. A nation-wide, yes, a world-wide revival is certainly much needed today. With the present surrounding conditions of worldliness, materialism, scepticism, and wickedness, certainly revival should be on the program of every church. "Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Yours in His Service,

Pyongyang Station.

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Feb. 28, 1931.

"Jamie Boy" as your Mother liked to
call you - it is 26 years ago today since
you arrived in this house and how I do wish
you might be with us here. I keep wondering just
what the near future has in store for us and
just when we may get together again. It looks
now as though Charles will get a year with us
here before you do for I expect him to come
out next summer to take the Mc Cune's place
as secretary to Dr. McCune and to me. It will
mean a good deal of hard work for him and yet leave
him a good deal of time for reading, study, athletics
and travel. It ought to be a profitable year
and certainly will be a most delightful one to us.
I wish I had more news of you but will try
to give you some news of us.

Things go on much as usual - Sam & Howard are great
big boys doing fine work in school - Sam is a High School
Freshman now. Tommy is in first year learning things
oh - so fast and becoming a big boy. Do you
remember how he took to you - at the R.R. station -

North Madison - the first time he ever saw you?
 The School is a great success - nearly 100 enrolled.
 Your Class-mate Kathryn Blair is one of the teachers
 and Logan whom you knew at Princeton has been teaching
 now for about 2 years. He seems to enjoy it.

Dr. McCune of course is a lively factor in all our
 station life work. They live in the house Mr. Soltan
 built - just inside what you knew as Miss Best's gate
 quarters - back a distance - just behind the big
 Chestnut tree which you will locate in the lower
 part of Miss Best's Compound. So we are very close
 neighbors.

He is just receiving from the Government - Permit for
 an Agricultural Course in the College - which will mean
 much.

I sent you photos of the new Gymnasium - Auditorium -
 the biggest auditorium in the Country. It is playing a
 great part in life of the school and of the Church.
 Our Churches continue to grow and our hands are full
 of work as always.

The Corn Product Co. of U.S.A. are further up an immense
 plant across the river just below the R.R. bridge.
 \$5,000,000. to be invested I am told. They will give
 employment to some 500 people while in the erection of
 the plant they have been employing a thousand or more

SAMUEL A. MOFFETT

PRESBYTERIAN (U. S. A.) MISSION

PYENGYANG, KOREA

Word got out among the Koreans that a recommendation from me would give them a job - so this year there had fully a thousand five hundred ~~to~~ people apply to me. - ten-fifteen cents a day came for months - now only about 3 to 5 a day - but still you they have kept me busy explaining that I have nothing to do with the Company.

I never knew a time when so many people are looking for work - It is a world wide situation and it has struck Korea also. -
 - understanding hard times the Church leaders and there are many new believers.

The enclosed state letter will give you some news. The other day I spent a good part of my time in Court.

helping Miss Hayes who is being sued for \$235. - by a Japanese whose errand boy on a motor-bike ran out of a cross street and crashed into her auto and broke his bike pretty badly. The job of course is trying to hold her responsible which she was not.

Had a good letter from Uncle Tom - in Panama Canal zone where he is having a good time and investigating as to work among Indians.
 Word from Abe tells of Bruce + Sam in school and

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in the Boy Scouts. They have become Eagle Scouts.
Howard writes of the financial depression. I guess
all you will be struck some - for a time at least
and we may have to curtail our expenses some.
This last year I saw so many good uses for money that
I advanced a little too much and find myself pretty
well (straightened) just now. Hope however to have
income enough to catch up again in about 3 months,
and at some time help you and Charles out some
as may be needed.

— Did you ever receive the Korean Candy I sent you about
James time? Mon si made it and has asked several
times if you received it.

— I have wanted to write Eleanor but have no word as to
her address - Mother has concluded to write anyone
and encloses this letter for her. Send it on to her please.
I am wondering much what she is doing this year,
also as to what you expect to do this summer.
Remember we especially please to Dr. Erdman and to Dr. Zewers.
Wonder if you are seeing anything of the Koons or the Phillips.
We are not sure what we shall do - but incline to go up
the river. Will certainly do so - if you cannot one other
family to go. Many happy returns of the day - + lots of love to you
Father.



First Building Used by the Presbyterian Church at Pyengyang, Chosen

Pyengyang, Chosen

Do you know that—

Pyengyang is the largest church center under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

The station was opened in 1894.

There are 313 churches and groups; 697 Sunday schools, a theological seminary, 2 Bible institutes and 87 schools.

There are 46 missionaries and a national force of 631.

These facts and figures may sound cold and uninteresting but when one considers that the first Protestant church was organized in Korea not quite forty-four years ago there is a real thrill in knowing that in just one section of our own field of work such remarkable progress has been made.

The establishing of the station in 1894 was not without difficulties and dangers as some old letters from Dr. Moffett at Pyengyang to the Mission Treasurer at Seoul testify. War had broken out, Japanese and Chinese fighting for control of Korea. On July 26, 1894, Dr. Moffett wrote: "People are getting scared and fleeing by hundreds, and the officials are supposed to be rattled. If the Japanese come from Seoul and the Chinese from Euiju and meet here for a battle, probably I too will get up and run. However, seriously, my duty seems to be here and the Lord reigns." Dr. Moffett stayed until after the Chinese had taken Pyengyang and only on the approach of the Japanese did he flee to Seoul.

Thirty-five years later Dr. Moffett said: "I am greatly impressed with the opportunities (in Pyengyang) for work among young people and the fact that so very many of them are in attendance upon church services."

One of the secrets of the success of our Presbyterian mission work in Pyengyang is the active part taken by the young people in church and school, in evangelistic effort, helping in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, primary Sunday schools and street chapels.

Bands of boys and girls in various places are meeting morning and evening for prayer.

During the National Sunday school Convention held in Pyengyang in October, 1929, there was a daily attendance of 3,000 people. For the better training of the 25,000 teachers who teach 254,000 pupils every Sunday, forty Sunday school institutes were held in Korea during last year.

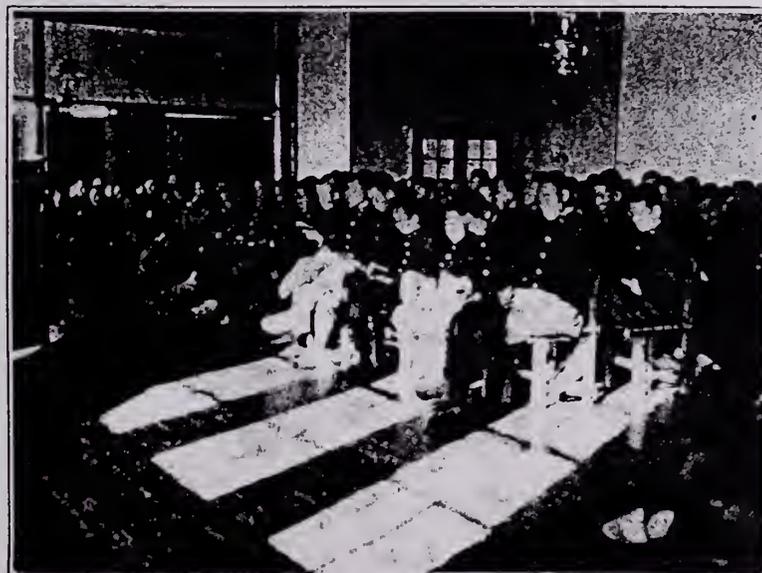
The Pioneer program for boys is being developed in a few of the churches, and it is planned to unite the Pioneer idea with the Christian Endeavor. About one hundred boys too poor to go to school are now meeting nightly in the Bible Institute building in a combination night school and club meeting. It is taught by seminary and college students and seeks to give the boys training which will develop them spiritually, mentally and physically.

Missionaries go to foreign countries to carry the message of Christ and to obey His command. There are many avenues of approach and education is one great entrance to the mind and heart of a nation.

Four hundred and fifty-seven fortunate boys who can attend school regularly were

Bible study. About 10% of the students graded above 70% on the examination. The highest grade, 95%, was earned by a boy who is very poor and is working his way through school. If these students carry into practice the results of their efforts in their Bible study examination, Pyengyang may still continue to be the largest church center under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

enrolled in the Boys' Academy last year. Their studies and activities were very much like those of any group of high school students, except that in the mission school Bible study is one of the most important phases of the work. Four hundred of the students were given a test at the end of a special week of



Boys' Academy Chapel, Pyengyang, Korea

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~~1931~~
march(?) 1931

Dear Mary and Agnes,
You dear girls. That trumps you
are - unecclesiastical though the
expression may be. You tell me
you know the parcel arrived and
I proceed with the news. But I was
horrified just the same to think
I had put the useful things away
in a dark, dark place to wait for
the birthday intending to write when
they came out - and then felt
sure I had written. The presents
have not been presented yet. Their
turn comes in a few days. The differ-
are a joy and were the high spot of
Sam's celebration.

Now the records have come and

We are all waiting for Apr. 7th to see what they are like. You have not only our thanks but the schools.

The man was going to charge \$41 duty but when we refused to take them (all bluff!) and pointed out that they could not be duplicated here and were for educational purpose only - the customs officer was very nice indeed about it and very reasonable. Have everything marked at factory or wholesale price, that is expected.

The big country class is just distanding this noon. There have been 1100 women and girls registered and a great many more attending. Sunday they went to different churches but even so, there was not room for all of them.

Even yet we do not know whether Charles is coming out next summer or not. The children will be dreadfully disappointed if he doesn't and I



hardly think he will let anything interfere.

All the smaller children had to take diphtheria serum yesterday. The disease hit a family of five small children, the baby only a few weeks old, the father in Seoul at the time and no foreign nurse in town. Our Presbyterian nurse married two years ago and we have had none since. The Methodist nurse has been ordered home on health leave. That makes things rather disorganized at the hospital and the graduate nurses very, very busy but a younger nurse did go to Mrs. Hamilton.

A swarm of infants is coming in after the morning session of school.

It is a tuneful bunch for the High School gives Pinafore in two weeks and the melodies have percolated down

To First Grade.

I wish we could hear your Chinese stars. Are these later ones as nice as the old ones used to be?

A thousand, thousand Thank
you for all you do and all you are.

Affectionately,
Lucia.

The Samuel A. Moffett
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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PYONGYANG, KOREA

DR. McAFEE, RECD.

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March 11, 1931

Ans'd 4/17/31-

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Dr. McAfee:

As we have heard nothing as to the prospects for the appointment of a nurse for the Hospital here, the first on our list of Preference for new workers, I am writing to ask for a special effort to find a nurse soon--in view of the emergency which exists--an emergency the more acute because of the ill health of Miss Ethel Butts, the nurse of the Methodist Mission in the Hospital.

Miss Butts has been quite ill off and on for a year or more and has now been ordered home by her Physician--leaving the Hospital without a foreign nurse (Miss Anderson formerly in the Nursing department has for a long time been engaged in laboratory work only.) Since Miss Reist's marriage to Mr. Baird our Mission has been without a nurse--nearly two years now. Will you not please issue a special appeal for some one to fill this vacancy and to meet the emergency.

We have not kept up our quota of workers in this Union Hospital and in three months more Dr. Bigger goes on furlough.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett.

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April 1, 1981.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Maffett,
Pyongyang, Chosen (Korea)

Dear Dr. Maffett:

I am having a rather active correspondence with Mr. Ralph Q. Reiner and have been hoping for rather more definite word from Dr. McCune, to whom I wrote sometime ago. Mr. Reiner takes quite positive ground that he cannot accept the assignment of the Mission to continue to teach his subject in the Union Christian College unless he can remain in this country long enough to get his advanced degree. His reasons are familiar to you. The action of the Mission authorizes him to remain and the Board would acquiesce in this desire if Mr. Reiner could see any way of financing it. I do not feel that I can properly ask the Board to violate a principle which it has maintained for years by extending furlough allowances for two years for the sake of advanced study. It is enough to have the work disorganized by such a long absence though there are very essential reasons for that at times. Mr. Reiner wants the matter put before the Board for decision and there is no question in my mind about what the decision would be. He asks me whether I think he should send word to the Mission that he cannot agree to further work in the College but he is not at all clear that there is any other work which he can or ought to do at Pyongyang. He does not think it is wise for a missionary to devote his whole time to the Foreign School and thinks the Mission would reject it immediately. I am trying to make him feel that what he needs is not the degree but the training for it and that this year of intensive work has fitted him to teach his subject; the only demand for the degree being from the educational authorities who are not holding the College in suspicion for lack of it. He could teach for another term with his present preparation and come back to finish his work for his degree after another period of service.

My sympathy is with men who feel the pressure of educational authorities for these higher degrees. We are in a perfect panic regarding them here in America. A lot of us are trying to be patient under some very foolish requirements. My sympathy is entirely with Mr. Reiner at this point, but I think the conclusion which we have reached will be the only one which we can reach. I am very anxious that the Mission shall not feel that we disregard its action. We are wholly ready to acquiesce in it, sharing the regret which you would all feel at the loss of a worker for another year. It is the financial allowances which seem to make the complication

Sincerely yours,

Cleland B. McAfee

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DR. McAFEE, RECD

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PYEONGYANG, KOREA
April 10, 1931.

Ans' Rev. ~~Clarence B. McAfee~~, D.D., L.L.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U. S. A.

Dear Dr. McAfee:-

The Executive Committee of the Chosen Mission wishes to call the attention of the Board again to Appendix Z (pp.124-126, Minutes of Chosen Mission, 1930) on Recommendations of the Educational Conference, and earnestly requests a more favorable reply than was given in Board letter No.768, page 12 under date of Jan.7, 1931. We make this request for the following reasons:

(1) We do not deem it wise to postpone further consideration of this matter until another Annual Meeting, then "face it again" come to the same conclusion, and wait more months before another answer comes from the Board. With three of the five years already past we do not feel that there is the "ample time" that you mention in your letter, to plan from the year 1933 for another period. At the Board's request (B.L.750) the Mission at the last Annual Meeting, went into the subject thoroughly, giving a full extra day to it. The Mission's policy to maintain the eight Mission academies has been arrived at again and again. The Board to our great relief acquiesced in this policy when it gave permission to raise the fifty thousand dollar fund. It was discussed at length by our missionaries on furlough with representatives of the Board in the Conference in New York, and there is nothing to indicate that the Mission's judgment is any different now or that it is likely to change. Any change would be an injury to the work.

(2) In your letter you refer to the Mission's "clear statement made when the five year subscriptions were sought, that this would take care of the troublous conditions". We wish to say that the statement was

made as the best judgment of the Mission at the time. We had good reason to hope that the "designation" of our academies would not be delayed as it has been. Although but two more schools have been designated (making three in all), we still believe that designation will be secured in time for the other schools if we maintain a sustained policy of seeking for designation. Furthermore, while the financial advantages of a designated school are not just what we at first expected they would be, still with the year 1931-32 we are beginning to decrease the annual grants to some of our schools. It is not surprising that we could not forecast accurately the economic conditions under which our schools must operate, or that we could not know for sure what the attitude of a new set of government officials would be. Nevertheless both in regard to the attitude of the government and in regard to finances our expectations in part have been fulfilled.

(3) The plan which we now propose looks forward to a more permanent solution and not merely for another five year period. An endowment of \$100,000 will provide an annual income of 10,000 yen a year as long as needed. This is half the amount now being received from the \$50,000 fund. For the other half we propose that the larger part of it will be discontinued gradually by reducing the Board's appropriation 1500 yen a year from 1933-34, and that this decrease will be made up by increase from Korean sources. Our present experience in regard to our Syenchun schools leads us to believe that this plan will succeed in regard to other schools also. Unless an unforeseen crisis comes in the life of any school, the Mission intends to "insist" on a decreasing grant to designated schools as outlined in the plan.

(4) It has been our hope that when large bequests like the Harkness and Kennedy bequests are received by the Board that at least a part of these will be used to provide for such emergency needs as the

Chosen Mission presents in regard to its academies. Surely this is a reasonable expectation. No Mission can know in advance the critical stages of its development. If the Lord raises up people who give in hundreds of thousands and millions, naturally we feel that some of the critical needs of the missions should be met at once. In the Chosen Mission, the situation regarding our academies has been our major problem for years and has occupied the attention of the Mission and the Board in many earnest conferences. If it is possible to provide the endowment fund requested from the above mentioned or other bequests, it will bring great relief. If this is not possible then we ask that the Board will cooperate with the Mission in raising it by special gifts as was done before.

(5) If we are to secure additional and enlarged cooperation on the part of the Korean Church, it is urgent that the Mission and the Board fix on a settled policy for the maintenance of our academies. Also from the government standpoint in granting designation, this is important. The program as outlined for the Future is on the basis of Korean cooperation. In the midst of the present economic depression in Korea and considering the heroic giving of our Korean Christians to maintain all departments of the work of the Church, additional financial assistance will not be easily secured if the Koreans are left in doubt as to whether or not we intend to maintain the particular school in which they are interested. The Korean Church is interested in education; one-third of their total gifts of \$375,000 last year was for education. The encouraging cooperation of the Korean Church in the support of our Syenchun schools, resulting in designation, encourages us to believe that they will cooperate in other schools as they have begun to do in some.

These are some of the reasons why we urge the Board to give a favorable reply to our request as soon as possible and before next Annual

Meeting; otherwise we will be embarrassed as to how to plan for the future both in our representations to the Korean Church and to the Government.

May we emphasize the fact that to maintain our academies to date has cost many of our missionaries and many of our Korean Christians sacrificial living and giving. In some cases Korean teachers have voluntarily reduced their own salaries. Givers to the \$50,000 fund believed that the maintenance of these academies is a worthy cause in the interest of Christian education in Korea. At this time of writing the status of the Christian movement in this land is most encouraging. There is a large increase of interest and attendance in all our churches, Sunday Schools and Bible classes. It is too late and it would not be wise to embark on a policy of retrenchment.

If the Board cannot give us (very soon) a favorable reply to our request, we suggest that as soon as possible, and not later than at the time of the Decennial Conference, the Board arrange another conference with missionaries from Korea on furlough, and go into the merits of the case again if the Board is not satisfied, and send us a cable before the close of our next Annual Meeting. We hope however that such a delay will not be necessary, but that the Executive Committee's explanations herewith will be a satisfactory answer to the questions you raise, and that you will be led to consider favorably our plan as outlined at last Annual Meeting with whatever modifications you may deem necessary. In conclusion we wish to emphasize that from the Mission's viewpoint, this "academy question" is regarded as a very critical stage in the development of our work.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Moffett
(signed) *H. H. Rhodes.*

P. S. This reply has been prepared by Dr. Rhodes and myself for the Executive Committee and is sent with the hope and prayer that the Board may find it possible to continue to co-operate with us in maintaining these Academies. This policy of continuing to press for designation with the right to teach the Bible is a great testimony to the whole Church in Korea.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett.

DR. McAFEE, RECD.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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V. 795
Affirmative

PYONGYANG, KOREA

April 22, 1951

Ans'd
Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Dr. McAfee:

At its March meeting the Executive Committee sent three recommendations to the Mission. The vote on the same is as follows, 87 votes being required to pass:

V. 794. Our attention having been called to our error in making Executive Committee action I. 563 an "I Action", we now make it a V action, and recommend that we accede to the request of the Bible Society to appoint Rev. W.M. Baird, Jr. to Bible revision and that this be added to his assignment of work.

Affirmative 113; Negative 0; Not voting 16. Passed.

V. 795. Recommend that we request the Board to transfer their interests in the Chungju City Church and site to the Juridical Person of the Presbytery, if and when such a Juridical Person is formed; the Chungju Station to retain such parts of this site, including the dispersary, as they may desire to use for Station purposes.

Affirmative 111; Negative 0; Not voting 18. Passed.

V. 796. In view of receipts on the field sufficient for building the addition to the Chairyung Hospital, recommend that item No. 10 of the Mission's Preferred Property docket be changed to read "Chairyung Hospital Equipment ¥10,000.00"

Affirmative 112; Negative 0; Not voting 17. Passed.

A Circular request was also sent to the Stations as follows:

V. 797. Request for six months leave of absence for Miss O.C. Johnson of Chungju who has just received word of the death of her father leaving her 80 year old mother alone so that Miss Johnson feels that duty calls her to go to her mother for a while at least.

Affirmative 119; Negative 0; Not voting 11. Passed.

You will note that V. 795 is similar to the request for Andong Station as recommended by the Executive Committee in V. 787 and upon which the Board commented in Board Letter #770. I am quite sure the Board will not be asked for "a long series of transfers" for the reason that there are only a very few Church sites which have been provided by the Board. I have asked for a report

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from each Station as to the number of church sites which are held by the Board and while I have not yet received reports from all I am quite sure I am quite safe in saying that Sinpin, Kangkei, Pyengyang, Syen Chun, and Chai Ryung have none; Seoul and Chungju have two each; Andong has one, and Taiku may have one or two. All other Church sites to the number of between 1500 and 2000 belong to the Korean Church, almost all of these having been provided by the Koreans without assistance.

The reason for the request to transfer these sites in Andong and Chungju to the Presbyteries is in order that the Presbyteries may be able to form a "Zaidan Hojin" (Juridical Person) for the holding of Church Property thus preventing its alienation from the Church. These two Presbyteries have not as yet property of sufficient value to meet the requirements for a Zaidan and these transfers will enable them to meet the requirements. ~~Had we had a Zaidan in Taiku owning the property there we would have had the~~ *not* ~~undable and law suit of the last few years.~~

I have secured from Chungju the following information: The total area of the site is 1751.5 tsubo which cost a total of ¥5542.00. A building on the site cost ¥500.00. The Primary School Building cost the Board ¥3194.00, two thirds of its cost, one third being provided by the Koreans. Also one third of the cost of the Church building, ¥666.00 was provided by the Board. This makes a total of ¥4360 provided by the Board for buildings.

It is proposed to turn over to the Presbytery 1519 tsubo of land which cost the Board ¥4800.00 and retain for dispensary and book room use 232.5 tsubo which cost ¥742.00 also to turn over the Board's share of the buildings, costing the Board ¥4360.00 and into which the Koreans put ¥2840.00.

There will be so very few cases of this kind and the desirability of having a Zaidan is so great that our judgment is that it will be better to transfer these two sites to the Korean Church as a gift. The other Church site in Chungju Station is at Cho Chi Won at the junction with the Main line of the Railroad and it cost the Board ¥180 only.

Yours Sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett

Dr. Bible's P.S. We have been deeply disappointed that Dr. Dodd reached us here so greatly tired that it proved impossible to carry out the plans for him to see the work in Korea. He has been in bed most of the time here. Dr. Bible has taken his place in the trip to Kangkei and his visits to Seoul and Pyengyang have been greatly appreciated. Dr. Dodd is much better but we have not attempted to have him see the work and his whole program for Korea has been given up, but we have appreciated his genial presence and have tried to give him a real rest. He and Dr. Bible will be on the Pacific nearing America when this reaches you.

Sted.

McAFEE, RECD

Dr. Samuel A. Moffett

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Ans.

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April, 30, 1931.

Rev, Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.
186 Fifth Ave. New York City.

Dear Dr. McAfee:

Your letter of April 1st. concerning Mr. Lucas is at hand with the enclosure of a copy of your letter to Mr. Lucas.

The situation is this:-

Mr. Lucas has been very eager to return to Korea and has carried on a prolonged and persistent correspondence with a number of our Mission in the hope that the Mission would ask for his appointment. Some of the Mission have been sympathetic, others have been strongly opposed and a good many have felt that he is not the one fitted to our need for a successor to Mr. McMurtrie.

The question has not come before the Mission officially and no one has seemed inclined to make a move requesting his appointment.

A number who had business dealings with him when he was in Korea are very strongly opposed to him. No action has been taken on the field which calls for any move on the part of the Executive Committee or the Board. Your letter however calls for this explanation.

So far as I know most if not all in the Mission have a personal friendship for Mr. Lucas and consider him a consecrated Christian man and regret that they do not see the way clear to ask for his return?

If we must take action on his request I am quite sure the action would be adverse. We have hoped that our non-action on his well known desire and the absence of any encouragement from the Mission would lead him to quietly drop the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel A. Moffett.

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Quotation from letter to Rev. C. B. McAfee D.D. Secy. Board.

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Now for a most perplexing subject--that of Statistics. You certainly are correct in saying there is a "hitch". It is one which gives us no little concern. We are quite fully aware of the unsatisfactory situation as regards our statistics for several years past and we have been trying to ascertain the cause of what we have been convinced is their inaccuracy and also trying to find some remedy for the situation.

Our investigations lead us to several conclusions which in part account for the apparent great loss in Communicants.

We quite readily recognize the fact that there has been a considerable loss from the falling away of those who were too carelessly received into membership and those who have lost interest and become discouraged because of the very difficult economic condition they have had to face, but those so lost have not been in such numbers as to account for the very great loss shown in the reported statistics.

In the first place we find that the church rolls have been unwarrantably pruned so as to avoid the payment of the General Assembly and Presbytery assessments which are made on the basis of the number of Communicants reported. Consequently in the reports made by the individual churches while of course the dead, the suspended and those dismissed by letter are removed from the rolls we find that in addition to this all are dropped from the roll who are not able to pay the per capita assessment and all those who have moved away and not taken their letters of dismissal. Those thus dropped constitute a very large number.

Inquiry in Pyengyang City Churches elicited the fact that in the report of seven of the churches there is a discrepancy of 527 in the number reported and the actual number of those on the roll. One church showed a discrepancy of 170 while the pastor of one of the largest churches in Seoul says that while they have over 500 on the rolls they report but 120 to Presbytery and General Assembly.

From all directions comes the information that the tendency to consider the assessment as one made upon the individual church members and not upon the church as a whole has led to the cutting off from the roll of Communicants in full and regular standing of all those who do not pay the assessment. Correspondence with the Southern Presbyterian and Australian Presbyterian Missions reveals the fact that they too account for the falling off very largely because of the desire of the churches to escape this assessment. The economic conditions have been such as to make it exceedingly difficult for the churches to meet their pastor's salary and all expenses so that they have taken advantage of any opportunity to reduce expenses.

Mr. Bull of the Southern Presbyterian Mission writes giving as one of the causes of the great shrinkage in the number of Communicants the "loss of church standing" and then explains: "Loss of church standing includes a large number of those who have not been disciplined and whose names are still on the church rolls but who have lost their standing in the church because they have not only failed to pay the Presbytery and General Assembly dues but also fail to contribute to the pastor's salary or any of the church causes. While they still come to church they do not do so faithfully and do not in any way assume their responsibility in the work of the church. Last year's statistics of our Presbytery report 4403 Communicants and 1137 who had lost their church standing."

We have no way of showing that the proportion of those not reported is as great as that of the seven churches in Pyengyang cited above but if that proportion should hold good it would account for 20,300 Communicants connected with the churches of the Northern Presbyterian Mission or 27,400 Communicants of the churches of the whole Presbyterian Church in Korea. If the same proportion as reported by Mr. Bull holds good throughout all Presbyteries that would account for 22,700 Communicants not reported to General Assembly, Communicants who are not really lost to the church but who did not get into the reports.

This would certainly seem to indicate that a very large number of Communicants who, by all recognized rules of statistics should have been reported, are apparently not reported in the statistics of the Korean Church.

Another factor which affects the falling off in the rolls-- although it does not mean an equal loss in the number of believers-- is the constant shifting of the population in the hope of bettering their economic condition. This involves the moving of thousands without taking letters of dismissal or if letters are taken they are held pending a more permanent location.

This is particularly true in Manchuria and the Northern provinces of Korea where literally thousands have been moving about from place to place, sometimes almost the whole membership of a church being on the move seeking a new location. When last winter, Mr. Cook and Mr. Henderson visited the far off region of Manchuria between the Harbin-Vladivostock R.R. line and Siberia they found some 20 churches and a Christian constituency of over 4000 in a region never previously visited by a missionary. Many of these are not on the official roll of any church or not reported to General Assembly.

We believe there are thousands--not lost to the church-- but lost from the rolls. One man, a regular attendant of the West Gate Church in Pyengyang for nine years, had not secured his letter of dismissal and was not on any roll.

The difficulty of keeping in touch with the constantly moving membership is indeed great but when you add to that the inefficiency of many of the Clerks of Sessions who have never been accustomed to keeping records or of making accurate reports that difficulty is still greater. There are 90 columns to be filled out

and the confusion of mind of those who report makes it possible to see why there are many inaccuracies and omissions.

This is due in part also to the lack of oversight on the part of the pastors who at best are not as efficient or careful in securing accuracy as were the missionaries who formerly had the oversight of reports from individual churches. When even missionaries often fail to realize the importance of statistics and consider them a nuisance it is not to be wondered at that Korean pastors and elders often have little patience with the reiterated requests for greater accuracy.

It is not easy to train a generation of pastors and elders to a sense of the importance of this phase of their responsibility and while this is not a reason for ceasing ones efforts to train the whole church properly along this line yet it does in part furnish an explanation as to why since this responsibility with other powers and responsibilities has been turned over to the Korean Church and officers there has been greater carelessness in keeping the records.

If the General Assembly printed the reports of the individual churches each year as the American General Assembly does, it would give us a chance to check up on the returns from year to year, but that would involve too great an expense, but without it, it is manifest that it is exceedingly difficult or impossible for the missionary force to secure replies from over 2000 churches however desirous it might be to have such reports in our hands.

We are cudgeling our brains to find some plan which we can get into operation to meet this most unsatisfactory situation which has developed. There is a larger attendance at our churches and at the Bible Training Classes. Our Sunday Schools have increased their attendance and the Church seems stronger than ever. We believe our statistics if accurately reported would show a far more marked increase in Communicants and we shall continue our efforts to devise some plan for arousing the church to a sense of its responsibility for securing fuller and more accurate reports.

If anyone has anything to suggest or anything in the way of criticism to offer which will in any way throw light on our problem or help us in securing a solution of the problem, we shall most gratefully welcome such.

We desire to know the facts and we do not want to offer any unjustifiable explanations. We rejoice in what seems to be a marked growth on the part of the Church and we are perplexed over the apparent decrease as shown by the reported statistics.

We have appointed a Committee, Messrs. Pieters, Coen, and Hamilton, who with the Chairman of the Executive Committee are to continue investigation and to devise plans for securing greater interest in and co-operation of the Korean Church in trying to secure greater accuracy and clearness of the statistical reports.

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Samuel A. Moffett.

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Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Moffett,
Pyongyang,
Chosen (Korea).

Dear Dr. Moffett:

I think perhaps I ought to send the enclosed letter separately to you - at least in semi-confidence. My heart goes out to Dr. Bercovits. I think he did suffer a good deal at Andong though part of it might have been by his own fault.

His reference in the second paragraph to an expression of mine "in private" needs the explanation that I had unmistakable word from Mr. Wilson that he felt medical work in Andong was a mistake and that the hospital ought not to have been built. This was not a confidential expression at all, and the only way in which it occurred "in private" to Dr. Bercovits was that I said it to him in conversation rather than in any public way. Of course you know that there are brethren who would feel that with the heavy educational program that is being carried on we must not load up too heavily with medical work, and that there is danger all the way through of institutionalising our appeal so that the evangelistic contacts are reduced. I said nothing to Dr. Bercovits which is not perfectly common property, and I hope you will realize that was the case.

I think the letter contains nothing that you do not know, but I am a little more comfortable in feeling that you have this letter in your own private files. Dr. Bercovits properly writes to me without much reserve because he knows that I think highly of him, and he trusts me. You will see the letter is not marked "personal," so that I am betraying no friendship in putting it in your hands.

Sincerely,

Cleland B. McAfee

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