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SYPENCHUN STATION.

In presenting the station's thirteenth annual report, it is with thankfulness that we look back over the years, eighteen in fact, since the first of us began work in the province, and with hopefulness that we look forward as we see the indications for advance and aggressive work in the immediate future.

The church has passed through two years of testing, and it is stronger for the fears overcome, and in a healthier condition,—ready to enter upon a more energetic campaign for the conquest of our field, which has been considerably enlarged during this past year.

The following report is not an attempt to give an exhaustive account of the station's activities for the year, but merely a resumé of a few of the newer and more salient points of the work of the past twelve months.

First a word as to the conditions under which our year has been spent. The people at large are more reconciled and satisfied with their political situation than they were a year or two ago. They are no longer afraid of sudden and unjust taxation and extortion, and the wealthy do not hesitate to build roomy and comfortable houses, as had long been the case. The people have gained confidence in the courts, and at times are too prone to seek their aid.

The improved roads and the consequent better means of transportation by bicycle, carriage and automobile, have facilitated the reaching of our groups and the extension of the post and telegraph service has greatly assisted us in communicating with our churches. The frequent rural delivery makes it possible for us to reach even a remote village without the
necessity of sending a special messenger as formerly. There
has been very much less suspicion of the church on the part
of the police officials, and less interference with church work.
As a result the Christians are more encouraged and hopeful.
They are resuming their former interest in spreading the truth
especially in sending workers to the distant and more needy
sections of the country.

Mr. Morris of the Methodist Mission North,
assisted us at the annual Euiju class. Mr. Moose
of the Southern Methodist Mission in the large
station class in February, and Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Hold-
croft in the general class for the women of the province. For
all this help we desire to express our most sincere thanks. We
also greatly enjoyed other visitors of whom we had a goodly
number especially during the summer months.

CHURCH WORK.

The railroad shortened the east and west dimen-
sions of our old field from three days travel to
three hours, but the north and south distances have been made
only less tiresome by the new roads, and the northern end of
Mr. Lampe's territory in Pyuktong still remains over five
days distant.

This last year assuming charge of the Korean work in
Moukden province of Manchuria, has greatly enlarged our
field and increased the population by 60,000. Considerable
time has been given to the investigation of this field, to deter-
mine the number and location of the Korean settlers. At
present we report four regularly organized groups in Antung
county and four more in the vicinity of Moukden, besides
large numbers of Christians scattered over a wide area. Many
of our church people have gone way beyond, not only our
own territory, but that of Kangkeai station, into that of the
Canadian Mission, settling along the railroad between Harbin
and the Russian frontier to the east.
Syenchun Station.

Everywhere there is renewed activity. New believers are again coming in as a result of renewed zeal in preaching. There has been an increased demand for sheet tracts, for the one sen gospels, and especially for the ten sen testaments. The churches too have been using a decidedly greater number of the Sunday School quarterlies.

There have been only 13 new church buildings erected during the past twelve months, but one of these, the West Church of Euiji City, is the second largest in the province, seating 1,200, and is a most successful adaptation of Korean architecture.

We rejoice to report 7 new groups with the prospect of many more to be set apart this fall. The number of adult baptisms for the year is 1,255. This brings our total church membership up to 11,213. The number of catechumens received during the year was 1,292 making a total of 4,512 catechumens, the whole number of adherents being 26,479. With a population for our field of 660,000 this shows our adherents to be 72 per cent of the whole.

Now a word as to the status of the church organization which cares for this large body of Christians. We to-day have sixteen ordained Korean pastors, fourteen of whom are working as co-pastors with foreign missionaries, while two are installed as sole pastors. This preponderance of the co-pastoral relation has come about largely as a result of the Koreans' preference. In Mr. Ross' territory, of the 57 groups with which he has been connected, he has been sole pastor of only twenty-four. In considering the plans for his furlough the Korean pastors have expressed a strong desire that some other missionary shall be appointed for the year to fill his co-pastoral positions as they seem to feel their need of an adviser. Three more men from the graduating class of the seminary will undoubtedly be ordained as pastors this summer, so increasing our effective force. Besides these men there are also five ordained men from our territory now laboring in other fields, and six within the limits for
Kangkei’s territory. These ordained men have had varied histories. Before he became a Christian one was a dissipated fellow. After his conversion he was a cook for one of the missionaries, then in turn colporteur, helper and pastor. Now he is doing a successful work in the Moukden district of Manchuria. Two others were coolies when they first believed, working as chair coolies, sawyers or at any job that offered. Today one of them is considered one of the two or three most effective preachers in the Korean church, while the other, tho’ still very young, is by his quiet spiritual life doing a splendid pastoral work. In addition we have 30 helpers all of whom have had or are taking the theological course. This year we had 48 students in the seminary or 1/4 of the undergraduates, also 4 post-graduates. All these helpers and pastors, except two, are on full Korean pay.

There are at present 37 organized churches with 45 elders. These elders with the Korean and foreign pastors make a Presbytery of over fifty. So far the Koreans have strongly insisted upon electing the foreigners as moderators of Presbytery, and as chairmen of the principal committees, but they do their full share of the Presbytery work both on the floor and in committees.

Organized Missionary Work of the Church.

The most marked feature of the year has been the organized missionary work of the church, as carried on by the Presbytery. At one time during the year there were fifteen men and women under appointment by the Presbytery’s committee beside one under the Assembly’s Board who is supported by the churches of our Presbytery. At present there are thirteen workers, including four ordained ministers, who are scattered from Moukden and Sekando on the north to Mounkyung county in Andong station’s field on the south. This result has been obtained by the use of the “Special Object Plan,” with some latitude of choice on the part of the supporting church or society, of the field to be worked. For example the Women’ Missionary...
SYENCHUN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
Society of the two churches in the town of Syenchun (See picture of society taken in front of the South Church in Syenchun) are now supporting the ordained missionary in the Moukden district, as he ministers to a people who are very poor and scattered. This Society also contributed liberally toward the erection of a new church building in Moukden and has over a year's salary now in the treasury in advance.

The academy boys too are supporting a worker, one of the graduates of a few years ago, the one mentioned as laboring in Andong station territory.

In addition, the Syenchun city and country churches are paying the salary and moving expenses of an ordained missionary to Sekando. The churches in Mr. Roberts' eastern territory are supporting the former pastor of the Tyungju church, in his new field of work in northern Sekando, from whence had come a most urgent call for an ordained man to look after the numerous groups of Christian settlers from all over Korea. He too plans to move his family north in the autumn. The churches and Nyongchun counties are both supporting missionaries, one an ordained pastor in the north in Kangkei's territory, and this other an elder in the eastern part of our territory.

In addition to the worker supported by the Syenchun Women's Society, five missionaries are supported by other women's societies within our station field. The way these women, most of whom are very poor, are giving for this work is enough to put most of us to shame. In these societies they have a plan of giving annual dues, a small offering at every monthly meeting, and a fine if they are absent. Not long ago one society desiring to give for a special object, decided by an overwhelming vote not to take the money out of the treasury but to give a free will offering, which brought in more than the suggested amount. Mrs. Ross said of one of their recent meetings "that there didn't seem to be any regular program but most of the time they sat around and counted money."
Both the Bible Institutes have enjoyed prosperous years, the one for men running one month, and that for women two and a half.

We are all rejoicing over the receipt of the money for the Louise Junkin Comegys Institute, the land for which has already been secured and the work begun. We are earnestly hoping that we may soon have the dormitories for this Bible Institute plant, so that we may adequately house the large number of people constantly attending these institutes and classes. The attendance at the Women's Bible Institute this year was not large, only twenty-one, but Miss Helstrom writes as follows: "If our women lacked in quantity there was nothing the matter with the quality for they are certainly consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ. They all made good progress and I could see a great improvement upon last year, for instance the dear old lady who last year triumphantly waved her examination paper marked 27% praising the Lord for having learned that much, this year received 54% and 74% in my subjects.

Of the country classes there have been 28 for women taught by Miss Samuel, Miss Helstrom and Mrs. Ross, besides others taught by the Korean women.

Of the men's classes taught by the helpers and pastors there were 122 held during the year with an enrollment of 8,584.

Concerning the character of the men and women who attend these classes Mr. Lampe mentions a Christian barber of Chyang Shyang who, when the Japanese soldiers came to him on Sunday morning and asked him to shave them said, he could not. Later in the day they returned and insistently urged it but on his refusing again said it was all right that they were only trying to test his sincerity, and congratulated him upon his steadfastness. In the women's class this year there was one old lady, past sixty, who walked over a hundred miles to attend the class, "leading" time or four other women whom she had persuaded to come.
MEDICAL WORK.

The two important events in the history of the medical work for the year have been the arrival of Miss E. E. Sanders in Korea, and the beginning of work on the hospital, the gift of Mrs. Herbert Archibald in memory of her mother. Miss Sanders has been helping temporarily in the Severance Hospital, awaiting the building of our new hospital, but we are looking forward to her joining our circle in the fall.

In preparation for the new hospital building the site of the north church parsonage, immediately in the rear of the dispensary, was purchased and now the hospital walls are up to the first floor level, with every prospect of the building being carried to an early completion. The new site is quite ample and has room in the rear for an isolation ward and a house for nurses.

Dr. Sharrocks' figures for the year's work are as follows:

**NEW CASES.**

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Visits in homes:
- By foreign physician | 371 |
- By Korean physicians | 1,562 |

Total for twelve months | 16,329 |

**RECEIPTS.**

| From the Board | ¥ 875.00 |
| Raised on field | Drugs and Instruments | ¥ 3,504.88 |
| From Dispensary | ¥ 4,108.53 |
| From Boarding Dept. | ¥ 1,090.28 |
| This year's deficit | ¥ 75.27 |

Last year's deficit | ¥ 308.16 |

General Expenses | ¥ 252.21 |
Boarding Dept. Expenses | ¥ 1,316.51 |

Total | ¥ 6,149.06 |

**EXPENDITURES.**

| ¥ 6,149.06 |

One very encouraging sign of the effect of medical instruction is the increased appreciation of the danger of contagion and the need for caution.
EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Mr. McCune's absence during the entire year has been greatly felt and in consequence Mr. Lampé has had a decidedly strenuous year as he endeavored to cover his entire country work as well as caring for the academy and the local lower schools.

The most important thing which has occurred in connection with the Hugh O'Neill Jr. Academy has been the gift by Mrs. O'Neill of $20,000 gold. With this the station has decided to double the dormitory accommodations, to build and equip the work shops, buy more land for the campus and put in a good water supply and a drainage system. Other things of importance have been the adoption of the Senate curriculum for academies and the securing of a Christian Japanese for the instruction of the pupils in both the boys' and the girls' academies.

New rules have been instituted for the work department, as it has been found impossible for boys with no funds at all to get along, as they are not able to do their classroom work and earn enough money to live on. All candidates for the work department have therefore been required to have at least two yen a month to supplement their earnings. Otherwise it has been proved to be a case of slow starvation and eventual breakdown.

The need for Normal instruction has so changed from what it was a few years ago, when practically none of the lower school teachers had anything more than a knowledge of Chinese, that it is now felt that a short teachers institute every summer, for inspiration and instruction in pedagogy, is what is most needed.

The Girls' academy has had a satisfactory year with Miss Stevens in sole charge. The chief event was the taking over by the station of the control of the two lower years of the Ko-tyung, or Grammar.
School. This has brought more girls into the dormitories and increased the need for more rooms. This change was made to allow the girls coming in from the country to prepare for the academy under proper supervision. The station has also decided to buy more land for the enlargement of the academy campus.

In spite of the transferring of the girls of the Grammar School to the Preparatory Department of the Academy the Girls' Lower School now has an enrollment of eighty-three, the largest for several years. This school has again become self-supporting after the two years of hard times.

During the absence of Mrs. McCune, Mrs. Lampe has conducted the School for Young Married Women and has given to it a great deal of time, especially to the Work Department, which has included girls from the academy. There has been an average attendance of eighteen in the school. The work department has been self-supporting, having done a larger business than last year. Many orders have been received from America and from other parts of Korea. At times over 500 hours of work were provided per week, at an expenditure for the year of 1,291 yen. Of this amount about one half was for student labor.

In summing up all the varied activities of the church it is borne in upon us that the Watchword for the year has been "Missionary Effort." The Koreans are filled with the spirit of the missionary Apostles, and are pressing on to carry the truth to the remotest sections of the field.

And when one considers the unrealized financial strength of our Korean church and what it could do when once fully aroused, as the Moravian church has been for years, one has a vision of a missionary campaign which would win all this north country for Christ within this generation. May the faith of all of us be equal to this wonderful opportunity.
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