Minutes of the
First Annual Meeting of the
Siberia-Manchuria Mission of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South

СИБИРСКО-МАНЬЧЖУРСКОЕ МИССИОНЕРСТВО
Южной Методистской Епархии Сибири.

First Session
July 31st—August 1st, 1921
Nikolsk-Ussurisk, Siberia
REV. J. O. J. TAYLOR,
Missionary in charge
Siberia-Manchuria Mission.

REV. CHUNG CHAI DUK,
our pioneer missionary
in Siberia-Manchuria Mission.

REV. CHOI SOO YUNG,
Pastor Kirin Circuit.
PROF. H. W. JENKINS, AND HIS FAMILY.

REV. J. S. RYANG,
Centenary Secretary.

THE FIRST MISSIONARY PART FOR SIBERIA AND MANCHURIA.

From left to right: J. S. Ryang, Dr. W. G. Cram, Bishop Lambuth, and Rev. Chung Chai Duk.
OUR VLADIVOSTOK CONGREGATION, AUGUST, 1921.
OUR KIRIN CONGREGATION, TAKEN IN JUNE, 1921.

A SILVER MEDAL PRESENTED TO BISHOP LAMBUTH,
DR. CRAM, AND REV. RYANG BY THE KIRIN CHURCH.

A KOREAN RETIE IN NIKOLSK.
ONE OF THE GREEK CHURCHES
IN NIKOLSK-USS., SIBERIA.

The original members of the Siberia-Manchuria Mission under the welcome arch, which was erected in their honor on the Nikolsk Church Compound.
A SAMPLE OF WOOD PILES IN SIBERIA.

OUR COUNTRY CONGREGATION IN SIBERIA.
THE CITY OF NIKOLSK-USHURISK, SIBERIA.
OUR NIKOLSK CONGREGATION TAKEN IN JUNE, 1921.

WIDE FIELD AND HAY STAGS IN SIBERIA.
One of the "forts" found in the Korean villages in Siberia, which have been built against Hunghutzes, (the Chinese bandits).

A KOREAN HOME IN SIBERIA.
ARMOURED TRAIN ON TRAN-SIBERIAN RAIL ROAD.

VLADIVOSTOCK FORT AND DR. CRAM.
EPWORTH LEAGUE OF THE NIKOLSK CHURCH, TAKEN WHEN DR. F. S. PARKER WAS VISITING, NOV., 1921.
OFFICERS OF THE MEETING.

BISHOP W. R. LAMBUTH, M. D., D. D., F. R. G. S., PRESIDENT.

J. O. J. TAYLOR, SECRETARY.

CHOI SOO YUNG, KOREAN SECRETARY.
### SIBERIA-MANCHURIA MISSION.

DIRECTORY FOR 1921—1922.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The first session of the Siberia-Manchuria Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held on our church compound in the city of Nikolsk-Ussuriski, Siberia, beginning, Sunday July 31st and closing, Monday August 1st, 1921.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Bishop Lambuth preached upon the Call of Abraham, emphasizing faith, obedience, and the sacrificial spirit, from Hebrew 11:8. and Dr. Cram followed with an exhortation.

At 3:30 in the afternoon, a reception was tendered the visiting brethren with welcome addresses and presentation of gifts including a beautiful map of Siberia and Manchuria drawn on cloth to the Bishop. Responses were made by Bishop Lambuth and Rev. Brannan and Rev. Taylor. At 5 o'clock, Rev. L. C. Brannan preached a sermon to the Meeting from John 12:24, on the subject, Death to the world must preceed the sacrificial life.

Second Day.

At 9:30 A.M. Monday, August 1st, 1921, the Annual Meeting convened with Bishop W. R. Lambuth in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. O. J. Taylor reading Matt. 28:18; John 16:8; Acts 9:., emphasizing the necessity and vital importance of the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop and Dr. Cram, others assisting.

J. O. J. Taylor and Choi Soo Yung were elected temporary secretaries. The roll was called and the following persons responded:


J. O. J. Taylor and Choi Soo Young were elected permanent Secretaries.
Bishop Lambuth addressed the meeting giving the action of the Board of Missions in establishing a Mission in May 1920 and the providential leadings which resulted in two visits to the field by W. G. Cram, Superintendent, J. S. Ryang and Chung Chai Duk pioneer missionary and evangelist. Now on this third visit the Mission is duly organized and the First Annual Meeting held under the most auspicious circumstances.

Dr. W. G. Cram, Superintendent, made his report as follows:—(See report)

The following Licensing Committee for local preachers was appointed: J. O. J. Taylor, Chung Chai Duk, Choi Soo Young.

The motion was made and adopted that two lay delegates be elected by the members of the Annual Meeting to the next Annual Meeting.

At 11:30 Rev. J. S. Ryang addressed the meeting on the Centenary in Korea placing emphasis upon three great lines—An informed church, a revived church, a giving church.

The following resolution with regard to the Centenary was adopted: “Since God has greatly blessed and empowered the Centenary program in Korea in the bringing forth of much fruit to the glory of God, be it resolved that the Centenary program followed in Korea be adopted by the Siberia-Manchuria Mission.”

(Signed) W. G. Cram,
J. S. Ryang.

It was moved and adopted that a copy of the resolution be sent the Centenary Commission in the United States.

Reports upon the work of the year were made by Chung Chai Duk and Choi Soo Young.

The Meeting adjourned to meet at 2:30 P.M., with the benediction by Choi Soo Young.
Afternoon Session.

Devotional exercises were led by L. C. Brannan and Chung Chai Duk. The minutes were read and approved. J. O. J. Taylor and J. S. Ryang were appointed to edit the Minutes.

Reports were made by the following: Kim Deuk Soo, Suh Yung Pok, Pak San Oo.

Dr. Cram took the chair to permit the Bishop to interview a Christian Japanese captain who had called to express his interest.

J. S. Ryang addressed the meeting with regard to the Centenary program in the Siberia-Manchuria Mission.

Yu Cha Hun reported his work.

The Bishop resumed the chair and appointed the following committee to send a letter to the church in Korea: W. G. Cram, J. S. Ryang and Chung Chai Duk.

The Bishop was requested to send the greetings of the Meeting to the Board of Missions in the United States and to the church through the General Conference to convene in Hot Springs, Arkansas, May 1922.

The following delegate to General Conference, in accordance with the provision in Paragraph 85 of the Discipline, was elected by ballot: W. G. Cram, and J. S. Ryang was elected (alternate).

The following were licensed to preach after examination and recommendation by the committee: Pak San Wo, Kim Deuk Soo, Suh Yung Pok. The Bishop addressed these newly licensed local preachers impressing them with the solemn and important duties of the work to which they were called.

A communication from the Korean Independent Baptist Church was read by Chung Chai Duk and J. S. Ryang was requested to make suitable reply. The following committee was appointed to investigate the situation of that church and
authorized to take such action as might be deemed wise: W. G. Cram, J. O. J. Taylor and Chung Chai Duk.

A resolution of thanks for the hospitality tendered us by the Korean Church at Nikolsk was adopted by a rising vote.

Vladivostock was fixed as the place for the Annual Meeting in 1922. After the adoption of the Minutes, and the reading of the appointments the Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P. M. with prayer by L. C. Brannan followed by the benediction by Bishop Lambuth.

W. R. LAMBUTH, President,
J. O. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.
APPOINTMENTS.

Siberia-Manchuria Mission, 1921-1922.

Bishop W. R. LAMBUTH, Presiding.

Superintendent of the
Mission ... ... ... W. G. Cram.

Missionary in Charge on
Field ... ... ... J. O. J. Taylor, Vladivostok.
Russian work, ... ... ... W. H. Jenkins, Harbin, Manchuria.
Centenary Secretary ... J. S. Ryang.

Training Institute for
Preachers, Nikolsk ... J. O. J. Taylor, J. S. Ryang.

Vladivostock ... ... ... J. O. J. Taylor, Suh Yung Bok
Chung Chai Duk in charge of following work.
Choo-foong Mission Ct. ... Kim Deuk Soo.
Grodekovo Mission Ct. ... One to be supplied.
Ha-ma-tang Mission Ct. ... One to be supplied.
Hailim Mission Ct. ... ... One to be supplied.
Hun-chun Mission Ct. ... One to be supplied.
Mung-kogai Mission Ct. ... One to be supplied.
Nai Soocheng ... ... ... One to be supplied.
Nikolsk ... ... ... Chung Chai Duk, Pak San Woo.
Spasko Mission Ct. ... ... One to be supplied.
Wey Sucheng Mission Ct. One to be supplied.
Da-chun-cai Mission Ct. ... One to be supplied.

Choi Soo Yung in charge of following work.
Kirin ... ... ... Choi Soo Yung, One to be supplied.
Ang-mok-hyen Mission Ct. One to be supplied.
Hwa-jun Mission Ct. ... One to be supplied.
Sin-chan Mission Ct. ... One to be supplied.
REPORT

OF

W. G. CRAM, SUPERINTENDENT.

SIBERIA-MANCHURIA MISSION.

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions in May 1920 the Siberia-Manchuria Mission was ordered to be established for the Koreans who had migrated into Siberia and Manchuria. A survey was to be made of the needs of the Russian population looking toward Christian work among them also. Pursuant to this order Bishop Lambuth, at the meeting of the Korea Annual Conference, appointed me Superintendent of this new Mission and ordered me to proceed as soon as possible to the field to make a survey and to lay out the limits of our missionary operation. At this session of the conference he also appointed Chung Chai Duk, a Korean pastor who was to remain in Siberia. Bishop Lambuth requested Rev. J. S. Ryang to accompany me on the journey. Bishop Lambuth was to meet us at Mukden and proceed on this tour of inspection and survey throughout Manchuria and Siberia. But upon reaching China he found that the famine in China was so serious as to demand a close investigation of the conditions on his part. This prevented him from joining the party.

I left the city of Songdo at midnight of Oct. 5th in company with J. S. Ryang and Chung Chai Duk. Our first stop was at Kirin, the capital of the Kirin province in North Manchuria. It was here that we met our Koreans and here we decided to leave Chung Chai Duk, our Korean missionary. He was instructed to establish a group in the city of Kirin and to make extended visits to the surrounding country, looking up the Koreans who had occupied the fertile valleys of this region. After spending a few days with Chung in Kirin and having received many courtesies from the resident missionaries of the Irish Presbyterian Mission we went to Harbin. Here we found a colony of about five hundred Koreans and were urged by several faithful Christians to open missionary work there at once. It was at this time that we began to realize that the field was much larger than we had thought and that the opportunities for missionary work with the immediate results were more than we had expected.

We had been told before leaving Korea that it was positively dangerous to travel from Harbin to Vladivostock over the Chinese Eastern Railway because of the many robber bands and the general disturbed
condition of Siberia. But upon arriving at Harbin we found the Chinese Eastern Railway, from the city of Harbin to the Manchuria-Siberian border town of Pogranichnaya, was carefully guarded by Chinese troops who had recently taken over the guarding of the railroad from the Russian. We proceeded with much fear and trembling but the whole trip was made without the least disturbance. On this trip we visited the city of Vladivostock and found there a normal population of fifteen thousand Koreans. We found a great opening for Christian work in this city. On our return trip we stopped at the city of Nikolsk and it was here that we saw a typical Russian city in which about five thousand Koreans live. This city is the center of the Korean population in Siberia. As to the number of Koreans living in Siberia we found it variously estimated from five hundred thousand to two million. Seven hundred and fifty thousand is a conservative estimate. From the city of Nikolsk we returned with a deep impression as to the immediate needs of the field and were surprised at the fact that the field had been woefully neglected by the Mission Boards of America. We saw this field as one full of great possibilities and planned to do missionary work upon a large scale. It was decided that the center of our operations should be from the two cities of Vladivostock and Nikolsk and that we should lay great stress upon an immediate advance into the Ussuri river valley region. It is in this region that a large number of Koreans who have become thoroughly Russianized live. Chung Chai Duk, our resident missionary, after establishing several groups in and about the city of Kirin pressed on to Harbin and from there down into Siberia for I desired him to take advantage of the great opportunities that were presented to us in Siberia.

Reports from the work were so encouraging in Siberia that it was impossible for Chung Chai Duk to return to Kirin so I sent Choi Soo Young to Kirin to take charge of the work begun there so make a second trip over the same route to ascertain the real value of the remarkable results that has been reported by these two pastors. So in May in company with Mr. Ryang another visit was made to the field which revealed the encouraging features of our missionary operations of which we had heard. We found flourishing groups in Kirin, Harbin, Nikolsk. In the surrounding country there were about twenty small groups. At this time we went into the city of Vladivostock and formally opened our station there. In Vladivostock we have about sixty in our congregation, which has promise of being a great church. We have in the city of Nikolsk an attendance of about one hundred and fifty with fine prospects for boys' and girl's schools. Here we have bought a fine piece of proper-
ty which can be used for the church and school. We have also in prospect the purchase of a compound at a very reasonable figure which has on it six Russian residences, three of which can be occupied by missionaries.

We have to date twelve hundred names on the rolls of the mission and thirty groups and churches. An overture has been presented to us from an independent group of Christians requesting us to take supervision of their organizations. We have the matter under advisement and investigation at present. From this the newest mission of the M. E. Church, South, we expect great results both among the Koreans and Russians.

STATISTICS, SIBERIA-MANCHURIA MISSION,

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| 11. | Infant baptisms |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 11 |
| 12. | Sunday Schools |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 11 |
| 13. | S. S. teachers and officers |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 20 |
| 14. | S. S. Pupils |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 630 |
| 15. | Boys' primary school |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
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| 17. | Total pupils |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 53 |

18. Contributions:
   For Local schools |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Yen 341.00 |
   For Missions |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 11.95 |
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   Total contributions |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Yen 652.39 |