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Recording Secretary, 
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MINUTES
OF THE
KOREA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

The first session of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Korea Woman's Conference was held on the afternoon of March 8, 1916, at Ewha Haktang, Seoul.

The opening hymn was "Break Thou the Bread of Life." Bishop Harris read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer. Twenty-nine members answered to the roll call.

Proceeded to the election of officers; the following officers were elected for the year 1916-1917:

President .... Mrs. W. A. Noble.
First Vice President ... Mrs. A. H. Norton.
Second Vice President ... Mrs. E. M. Cable.
Recording Secretary ... Miss Lulu A. Miller.
Statistical Secretary ... Mrs. D. A. Bunker.
Treasurer .... Miss Jeannette Hulbert.

The Reference Committee was elected as follows:

Mrs. Alice H. Sharp, Misses Mary A. Hillman, Lulu E. Frey, Henrietta P. Robbins, Lulu A. Miller, Ethel M. Estey.

Moved and seconded that the Chairman appoint a Resolution Committee, consisting of three members. Carried.

The Chairman appointed the Resolution Committee as follows:

Miss Hess, Miss Barlow, Mrs. Norton.

The report of the Editing Committee was presented by Miss Tuttle, and accepted.

Moved and seconded that last year's Editing Committee be re-elected. Carried.
Miss Anderson presented the Treasurer's report. Accepted. Adjourned.

Thursday, March 9, 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Norton led the opening devotions.

Reading of Minutes.

Moved that this Conference send a petition to New England Branch asking that Miss Beiler be returned not later than September 1st, 1916. Seconded. Carried.

Moved and seconded that this petition be sent to Mrs. Thomas also. Carried.

Proceeded to the reading of reports.

Evangelistic Work and Day Schools on
Kongju East and West Districts, Miss Bair.
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools,
Yeng Byen, Miss Estey.
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools,
Haiju District Miss Snavely.
Haiju City Day Schools, Mrs. Norton.
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools,
Chemulpo District, Miss Hess.
Evangelistic Work and Day Schools,
Suwon District, Miss Miller.
Pyeng Yang Educational Work, Miss Dillingham.
Pyeng Yang Medical Work, Dr. Hall.
Seoul Medical Work, Dr. Stewart.
Bible Woman's Training School, Miss Albertson

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M. of the same day.

Thursday, March 9, 7:30.

The meeting was opened by a short devotional service led by Mrs. Sharp.

Reading of Minutes.

Proceeded to part of the Questionaire touching on the Evangelistic work, which led into very helpful discussion.
Moved and seconded that the chair appoint a special Committee to set the time of next meeting. Mrs. Lawton and Miss Estey were appointed.
Miss Wood led in closing prayer.
Adjourned.

Monday, March 13, 2:30 P. M.

The meeting opened with singing and Scripture reading.
Miss Raabe led in prayer.
Reading of Minutes.
Moved and seconded that a change be made in the motion regarding Miss Beiler's return to read "by the middle of October," instead of September 1st. Carried.
The first reading of the Resolutions was given.
The report of the Statistical Secretary was read and accepted.
Moved that the proposed change in the constitution, viz., Article 9, to read, "Korea Conference" instead of "Korea Mission," be made. Seconded. Carried.
Moved that the Educational Committee be changed from 7 to 8 members, and that the members be as follows:— Misses Frey, Dillingham, Miller, Beiler, Hillman, Tuttle, Trissel, and Mrs. Sharp.
Seconded. Carried.
Moved that our representatives on the Board of Control of the Pyeng Yang Union Academy be appointed by the Pyeng Yang Station. Seconded. Carried.
Moved and seconded that our Woman's Conference begin its sessions two days before the Annual Conference convenes. Carried.
Report of Wonju Evangelistic work and Day Schools was given by Miss Hillman.
Moved and seconded that the Resolution Committee draw up a resolution in regard to Dr. Borrow and her nurse's tak-
ing up medical work under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Carried.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Tuesday, March 14th.

Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 P. M.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Chaffin.

Reading of Minutes.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted.

Moved and seconded that we ask for Dr. Cutler's return. Carried.

Miss Marker read a card from Miss Wambold, of the Presbyterian Mission, extending an invitation to our Evangelistic workers to meet for a conference with their workers on March 20th, 1916.

Second reading of Resolutions. The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That we express to Bishop Harris our appreciation of his loving thoughtfulness and ready response to our request for help in the work, and assure him that it is our earnest hope that he may choose to return to Chosen, and continue to live and work with us.

Resolved, that, in as much as it has pleased God to remove our fellow-worker, Mrs. H. G. Appenzeller, to the Heavenly Home, we express our appreciation of her faithful work for God, and extend to Miss Appenzeller and the other members of the family our loving sympathy.

Resolved, That, as we have recently received the news of the translation to her Father's Home of Miss Scharpff's mother, we extend our deepest sympathy to Miss Scharpff and other members of the family.

Resolved, That, as Miss Haenig and Miss Scharpff are indefinitely detained in America, we express our sympathy and assure them of our prayers for their speedy return.
Resolved, That, whereas we have received the intelligence of the passing away of Mrs. Florence Mills Sherman, a fellow worker, we express our appreciation of her work and our sympathy for the family.

Resolved, That we express our hearty thanks to the ladies at home for sending three much needed workers, Miss Marie E. Church, Miss Bessie C. Salmon and Miss Rosa M. Raabe.

Resolved, That we earnestly request the members of the General Board to set aside the afternoon hours during Annual Conference for the Woman's Conference sessions.

Whereas, Miss Renick and Miss Denman have returned to the homeland, be it

Resolved, That we express our thanks for their voluntary assistance in the work while with us.

Resolved, That we request that Miss Beiler be permitted to leave America in September, in order that she may reach Korea early in the fall.

Resolved, That we express to Dr. Borrow of Chemulpo our appreciation of her willingness to consider the possibility of entering the medical work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Also be it further

Resolved, That in view of the fact of her successful career both as a surgeon and physician and of her Christian character, we respectfully request that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society make an effort to secure her for our Women's Medical work in Korea; and that we further request that it be ascertained whether Miss Carswell, Dr. Borrow's efficient nurse, would also consider becoming a member of our staff of medical workers.

Report of Seoul educational work by Miss Frey.

At the Methodist Council held in Seoul September 1915, Miss Hillman was chosen as our representative on the joint
Committee for the Correlation of Bible Study Courses. Miss Hillman gave a report of the work of that Committee.

Moved and seconded that Bible Study Courses as laid out by that Committee be printed in our Annual Report. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a Woman's Conference Evangelistic Committee be formed to consist of those who assisted in the preparation of the previously mentioned Bible Study Course, those members to be as follows:—

Misses Hillman, Esteb, Miller, Snavely, Marker, Robbins, Mrs. Sharp. Carried.

The Reference Committee recommended for Property Committee as follows: Misses Frey, Miller, and Robbins. The recommendation was accepted.

The report of the Reference Committee was read and accepted.

The minutes were read and accepted.

The Conference adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. J. Z. MOORE) RUTH BENEDICT MOORE,
Secretary.
REPORTS.

EVANGELISTIC AND EDUCATIONAL WORK ON
CHEMULPO DISTRICT, AND THE CHEMULPO
CITY DAY SCHOOLS.

MARGARET I. HESS.

Last year the revival fires burned high through-out the Chemulpo District. The Lord worked marvelously. Naturally this year has been one of sifting. Many of the churches and leaders have gone through severe trials, but for the most part have claimed victory through Christ and have come thru with a stronger faith.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The Chemulpo District Bible Women have worked well this year in the face of some trying circumstances. During the year Sinduk has been obliged to discontinue her work. Her successor, Camelia, for years has done good work in Chemulpo as a classleader. Deborah has been severely tested but it has only brought her nearer to God. She is working bravely in a hard place. The great blessing received by Chunsen has enabled her to be victor in a most trying experience. Frances Mary is ever faithful and zealous; and Eunice has worked in the strength of a new blessing, received in last year's revival. On Yung Chong circuit, Sara has experienced some hard travel on the treacherous seas between her islands. She has been alone in half of her class work, but has been brave and has given her best in all things. Thru the prayerful efforts of herself and her colporteurs, a revival accompanied her class work in
Tolmoro. She preached and taught with power. On one small island in her circuit I was privileged to be the first foreigner the people had ever seen. As I sat on the floor, I counted 35 faces peering in at the two doors. On Chumoon Island Elizabeth has done good work and the circuit is a blaze of enthusiasm. In one place I found a fine new church that the women, with the help of a carpenter and local preacher, had built. On their heads they had carried the stone, wood, mud and straw for the building. Elizabeth also teaches the girls of the district, giving a month to each island. Sunie, on west Kang Wha, gave good faithful service until Christmas time, when she returned to the Bible School to complete her training.

In all, the women will have held 45 classes on Chemulpo District during the year. They report great interest on the part of most of the women studying. Because of language limitations and necessity for study I have been able to attend only one of the study classes; that at Kang Wha Up. This year I am introducing a four year home study course, adapted from Miss Miller's work, as she has found it most successful. In the last District Conference I appealed to the leaders among the men to teach the women in their homes, and to use their influence among the other men of the churches. The men and women alike have given enthusiastic response.

During the year I have visited all the schools and churches except those of South Kang Wha circuit and four on Yung Chong. The rough seas prevented my going to the latter when I itinerated the circuit. Because of the high tides of Chemulpo and the vicinity, my helpers and I have had to go at all hours of the day and night. We have had ample opportunity to study Oriental sunrises. Mr. George P. Marsh, of Lebanon, Ohio, is sending a detachable motor which will enable us to go at any tide, and save much
time and strength. I am deeply grateful for this real help in making the work lighter. There are high passes to climb, cold, rough seas to sail, and juggling chairs to ride in, but the joy of the work far out-weighs the hard things of itinerating.

This year has meant almost steady advancement for the majority of the Chemulpo District schools. The teachers have worked zealously and now the total roll for the district is 575.

On Yung Chong circuit there was no school for girls, either government or Christian. The church leaders came entreat ing me to give them a salaried teacher. I told them that I could probably find a teacher, but a whole salary was at that time out of the question. They went home to pray and talk the matter over, with the result that in a few days they came back to say that they would furnish the school room and half the salary, if I would secure the teacher and the remaining half salary. Our prayers were heard and answered with the result that now there are 40 girls on roll for that school. In another place where there was no school, the leaders begged for a teacher. Finally I promised to get one for them, but insisted that they must furnish the room and all expenses aside from the salary. The Bible Woman, Tabitha, prayed all night about the room, and finally the Lord put it into her heart to give it herself. She moved her son into the room with herself and her husband, and gave that room for the school. At Kang Wha the church has assumed the support of the Chinese teacher; that gives them one teacher more, making the school much better. A very efficient young man has gone there to teach the Japanese and assume the responsibility for raising the standard of the school. Last fall Mr. Kim Ya Tak was sent to Tolmororo as a colporteur; his wife teaches the school. In recent years, because of a changing population, the school has had a rather hard time; but Mr. Kim has come with
new zeal and such a strong belief and firm hold on God that he has been wonderfully used to bring new interest and enthusiasm to the school and church. As is his custom everywhere, he immediately allied himself with the aggressive forces for the Master, and began praying for a revival in Tolmoro. God sent the revival and caused the people to think more generously of the school. As Mr. Kim travels about selling his books, he urges parents to send their girls to school; consequently there are now almost 40 who want to come. The room is too small for them all, so they are asking, not only for a building, but for another teacher also. Since Mr. Kim has gone there, the officials are more kindly disposed toward the school, but insist upon a proper building and teaching force.

The Chemulpo City schools enroll over 280 girls. Mr. Kim Hark In, the new teacher granted last year, has been a real blessing to us. He is a very capable young man and as he has an excellent knowledge of the Japanese, he has been invaluable. He is a tireless worker and always having some plan for the improvement of the schools. One of our other teachers, Miss Lousia Ha, has successfully passed the Government teachers' examination and secured a certificate to teach. The other teachers are studying Japanese, preparing to take the examination later. The weekly teachers' prayer-meeting has been a help and inspiration to us all. Our mothers' meetings have been instructive and well attended, but still need more attention in order to be of more value to the mothers. Already the newly appointed mothers' meeting committee has been able to suggest many improvements. During the past year we have had several specially instructive addresses on subjects of vital interest to mothers. The speakers have been Korean Christian leaders, among them being Mr. Hugh Cynn, Mrs. Hahr, Miss Alice Cho and Dr. Pak. At Christmas the Christ story was told, followed by an
impromptu entertainment given by the students from Ewha Haktang. The mothers enjoyed it very much.

I wish to express my appreciation of all the kindnesses I have received from patrons and friends during the year. The Danville and Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Churches have gladdened my heart by sending boxes of useful supplies, which have helped in meeting the needs at Christmas time. I am grateful also for the helpful, encouraging letters that have come from time to time, especially those from busy patrons.

I feel so grateful to the Father, for I know He has honored and used our efforts, and I give Him praise for the way He has overruled mistakes and blessed the work.

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EVANGELISTIC WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS ON HAIJU DISTRICT.

WRITTEN BY GERTRUDE E. SNAVELY.

Some one has said, "The end of life is not to do good, although so many of us think so. It is not to win souls, although I once thought so. The end of life is—TO DO THE WILL OF GOD." Christ said, "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God," "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me," and "I delight to do Thy will, O my God." So we have entered another year of service with an ambition, only to do His will, and we have proven that "Strength and gladness are in His place."

The changes which have come in the work this year, we believe have been in the will of God. With the return of Dr. Norton and his family from furlough, Miss Barlow has been relieved of the management of the hospital finances, and I have been relieved of the supervision of the girls' day school in Haiju city. We are very grateful for the interest and enthusiasm with which Mrs. Norton has taken hold of the day
school work here, and she will report on this. We have welcomed into our home Miss Battles, the new nurse for the hospital, so our family now numbers three.

Just before Annual Conference last year, the little country primary school at Kang Yung, which was supported by the New England Branch of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, closed of its own accord. The teacher resigned, and since then our girls, less than a dozen altogether, have been going to the government school. We accepted the resignation because, in such a small place as Kang Yung, in view of the excellent provision already made by the government, even the Koreans felt that it was not worth while for us to go on. So we have not tried to start the work there again. On our last visit to Kang Yung, at the close of the Sunday morning church service, we were encouraged by seeing four little heathen girls raise their hands expressing their desire to become Christians. These heathen girls were led into the church by our Christian girls since they have been attending the government school. There is great interest now in the children's Sunday school which has just been organized there, and the church is in a more healthful condition than ever before. Five new Sunday Schools for children have been organized on the district this year. We have been very grateful to the friends who have sent us old picture post cards. We paste tracts on the address side and give them to the heathen children who come into the Sunday schools. The message thus carried home by the children also reaches the parents, and in this way new believers have been won.

We are grateful to the New England branch for the permission granted to use the Kang Yung school money in the Ha-i-ju day school. This has enabled me to turn over the city school to Mrs. Norton with all financial needs met, for which we are both thankful.

The three remaining little country schools were supported
entirely on funds received through Dr. Stearns. By our withdrawal of all this money, we have gained wholly self supporting day schools, and the interest in the work is greater than before, because the Koreans are furnishing the support entirely themselves. Now, instead of four little primary schools entirely dependent upon us, we have three wholly self supporting ones on the district.

During the summer and fall, Miss Barlow has taught regularly a class of young women in the Sunday school in Haiju city, led a weekly women's meeting, visited the outlying places in the Haiju circuit, and helped in the city and circuit generally. There has been a growth in this work, both in numbers and in spiritual results.

In the early fall, for a period of two weeks, I helped Miss Albertson teach in the Bible Woman's Training School in Seoul. I found the students very receptive and appreciative, as I gave them spiritual lessons on the Cross of Christ, using Mrs. Field's charts.

On the Haiju district, we now have a most earnest and faithful band of thirteen Bible women, three of whom are supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and ten by gifts received through Dr. Stearns. They have been going on with God, learning to know Him and the power of His resurrection. One of these women, upon the authority of God's Word by His Spirit, having driven out a devil from a woman so possessed that she had to be kept in chains, said, "Pouine, I believe every word of the Bible." These women however not only have faith, but the greatest of all gifts—love, which has been the drawing power in winning others to Christ. The fifty five churches and thirty church groups on the district are formed into circuits, each one in charge of a Bible woman.

Since last Conference time, when Miss Barlow came into the mission as my regular coworker, she has been travelling
with me and helping in all the country Bible classes. As conference has been called earlier this year, and as ten day classes were held this winter instead of weekly classes, we were not able to hold so many. Altogether, during the spring and winter, eight were held on the district with an enrollment of 330 women and 126 men. In the mornings I taught dispensational Truth and the Cross of Christ with charts, as most of the classes were held in places where this message had not yet been given; and in the places where it had been received, it was given again by special request. In the afternoons, Miss Barlow gave special messages to the women alone, after which all joined in going out for personal work among the heathen. The evening evangelistic meetings were conducted by the native preachers, and also our cook whom God has greatly used. In every class there was a revival among the Christians and also many new believers were won. The Holy Spirit has worked in the hearts of the people, and has made the message of the Cross so real in their lives, that by its power many difficult problems in the churches on the district have been happily settled.

As a result of the new life received through these Bible classes, the people have come to realize more and more their need of feeding upon the Word in order to maintain the life. Consequently, a request has come from them for the opportunity of more Bible study. Then, the more we travel in the country, the more we have realized the great need of training unsupported church workers among the Koreans, such as Sunday school teachers and class leaders, if the work in the country churches is to go on. After much prayer, in order to meet this need, we were led to start three small Bible Institutes on the district last fall, one in Paikchun, one in Yunpaik, and one in Haiju city. The money received through Dr. Stearns which was withdrawn from the now self-supporting day schools, has been put into this work. Our first session of six
weeks was held last fall. In the Haiju city Institute, Miss Barlow had charge of the personal workers' class, I taught 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, and the native teachers taught the reading of the native script, the Methodist Catechism, the book of Genesis, the Gospel of Mark, and a simple Introductory study to the books of the Old and New Testaments. This Introduction and also a simple study on the Life of Christ, which I translated into Korean last summer and had published for use in the Bible Institute work, are books in question and answer form, written by Mrs. Vail of Philadelphia, formerly Miss Phillips of England.

There was much interest and blessing in this Institute work last fall. As we have realized however the difficulties in properly manning three growing Institutes, after much prayer, at the time of our district conference, we were led to make plans for uniting our three little Institutes in one large one here in the centre. God has marvellously worked for us in providing native teachers among the Bible women, so that we are all ready to begin the spring session of six weeks with one Institute here in Haiju city. By thus combining the three, we shall be enabled to give the whole work personal supervision. It is difficult to hold country Bible classes in the spring and fall, because during the farming season the women do most of the work. Hence, by having the Institute work during this time, it leaves the winter free as usual for holding country Bible classes, but, with an added force of workers however, because our Bible Institute native teachers can also go out holding classes on the district. As the Bible Institute here in the city is simply the result of the natural growth of the work during the last few years, we believe that this plan is of God.

We have been grateful indeed for all the gifts received through Dr. Stearns, meeting needs in the work. We were also glad for the mission boxes received this year from St.
Matthews Church, Philadelphia, Grace Church, Harrisburg, and York, Pennsylvania.

We praise God for the Spirit's guidance in all things during the year, for health, strength, and joy in the winter's work, and for praying friends and coworkers in the homeland. Our expectation is from Him, and we are going on as He leads, trusting Him to supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, till He come.

Haiju, Korea (Chosen).
March 6, 1916.

REPORT LUCY J. SCOTT GIRLS' SCHOOL OF HAIJU.

Last November, soon after our return from America, I was given charged of the Girls' School of Haiju, and have enjoyed the work very much. One of the Government Officials said it was the best in the Province. However, there is still room for improvement.

The present enrollment is 75. All of the pupils live in the city, except twelve, who come from various parts of the District, and live in the dormitory. The board is three yen per month. Five pay their own way and the rest are helped wholly or in part. Up to date there are twelve graduates from the grammar department and this will be increased by five this Spring. Of the twelve girls who graduated from the grammar department, eight went on to High School, four having graduated from Ewha and four from the High School in Pyeng Yang.

We have one Japanese and four Korean teachers. I have made it a point to visit the school frequently to observe the teaching; the most conspicuous feature is the almost total lack of a knowledge of teaching methods and of discipline, on
the part of some of the teachers. Our most imperative need is normal trained teachers who will know how to make lesson plans and to present the subject to the pupils in an orderly way, and who will appreciate and maintain a neat and orderly room.

Altho we have a fine building we have practically no equipment and this constitutes the greatest criticism the Government makes of our schools. We have neither maps nor charts. We had hoped to equip our school with some of these things this year, but a debt of which we were not aware, had to be paid, and we shall have to postpone most of our purchases until some one supplies these needs. As the building is large enough to accomodate many more pupils, we are forming plans to secure more, but if the attendance is increased we shall need more seats and desks.

Most of the older girls teach in the children's Sunday School. Our aim is to give the girls the "essentials of education with high ideals and strong Christian character."

MINNETTE S. NORTON.
(MRS. A. H. NORTON).

YENG BYEN DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL AND EVANGELISTIC REPORT.

Ethel M. Estey.

It has been a joy to be back in Korea once more, and at my old work in Yeng Byen. The summer was spent in city work, and in preparing Bible outlines for fall classes. The city work was in connection with fortnightly meetings with the Bible women, class and Sunday School teachers. We divided the city and tried to have every house visited. When one woman covered the section assigned her, she was exchanged to an-
other, so as to have each home receive calls from several of the workers.

During September, Pyeng Yang and Yeng Byen co-operated in class work. I had the pleasure of teaching in Pyeng Yang for two weeks, after which Mrs. Morris taught in Yeng Byen for a fortnight. It was a joy to both of us to meet together again the women from over the district. Mrs. Wachs, although unable to teach a regular subject, added much to the pleasure and profit of the class by teaching singing each day. During October, November and December five weeks were spent in the country, holding two classes and visiting 20 churches. Much more had been planned, but the work of enlarging the dormitory kept me in Yeng Byen. December also brought much work in connection with schools and Christmas preparations. Four of the Bible women, however, after three days of special study held 7 classes during this time. In January, the Normal Class for Tithing and Bible Women was held for two weeks. From this class the women have gone out to hold 29 classes besides doing several weeks' work of preaching in heathen villages. As ever, this work has been of great blessing to the churches. Many names have been brought in, but I withhold the number, for, as the Bible Women so often say "They seemed to decide earnestly, but can anyone but God tell whether they will truly believe?" In some of the heathen villages where the women went to preach, they "ate much insult" at first, but as they quietly and earnestly told the story of Jesus, the abuse was changed in many places to pleas for further teaching about the "One who could love Korean women enough to die for them." Even the men, listening sometimes in the outer room to the Bible women's words, said they, too, wanted to believe, asking that a preacher might be sent to teach them.

One of the women said, "Lady, surely the church will grow in the village, for we were persecuted so, when we first
began to preach; but there were many women who seemed eager to hear our words, so we stayed, and here are several names of those who earnestly want to believe.” Some of the women studying in the Normal Class, and entering upon the plan of tithing their time in this work, went out in fear and trembling for the first time to hold classes, saying, “We cannot do it, but we will go in God’s strength and try.” As I have listened to their reports, I have realized again that “His strength is made perfect in weakness,” for some of those very women have had the greatest results in teaching, preaching to the heathen, and in the evening evangelistic meetings. In one village we have new work started. One of the Pyeng Yang School girls married and went to this heathen home to live. She lived such a patient, quiet life that her husband was finally led to believe; then the work began to spread, until we have quite a church, and still it is growing. I visited there last December and then sent two of the Normal Class women to preach for a week among the heathen. The Christians were so eager to study, however, that a class was held for them, and the preaching among the heathen was left for another time. When all the women of a household could not study at one time, they would take turns, so that all might have a share in the “Good news.”

From September until March 15th there will have been held on the district 40 classes, with an enrollment of over 700 women. Since January a weekly Bible class with an enrollment of 50, promises both pleasure and profit to our city women. A class of girls in Sunday School has also been one of my joys since January.

This is the time to speak in war terms, so it is proper to state that the devil has made a most successful assault in our Yeng Byen School this past year. The teaching of young ideas how to shoot has been done with difficulty, because of the fall from grace of one of our trusted teachers. It was a
most disastrous fall, both to school and church. Many school children have been withdrawn from school, and young women kept from the church. We hope to recover lost trenches and be spared further blows of like nature in the future. The school is doing good work, however, and from the spring term will begin work in the fourth higher grammar grade. Mrs. Wachs has taught English three days a week, besides taking charge of music on special occasions.

Our country schools have struggled on without much aid or oversight, but the churches plead for their continuance in preference to the Government Schools, where co-education is the rule. We could have four strong day schools in country centres, if we could but obtain the proper teachers. It is a question, however, if we shall ever find teachers of proper grade for such schools, as long as Korean customs regarding unmarried girls remain in force. Children’s Sunday Schools are the order of the day on Yeng Byen District. We think we have the banner child for leading in others. Last year she brought in 346 heathen girls; if they all came regularly the Sunday School would have to move outdoors!

This year the emphasis is being placed on permanent pupils obtained. Thousands of cards have been given out, and many a little heathen urchin has become a regular member by means of a card. All the larger churches now have their children’s Sunday School started, and some of the smaller churches as well. It has been a great disappointment that I could not do more direct country work these past months; but the restrictions were such that I must perforce obey, especially when they were again repeated in January. Motor cycles seemed the solution to the itinerating question on my return, but I must confess my courage rather ebbed after a ride along the Soo Moo cliffs, for I felt my fate would surely be that of certain animals long ago, who rushed violently down a steep place and perished in the waters!
In looking over the work there are encouraging as well as discouraging things to consider. Among our city women there are many anxious to become Christians. Some of the young women are even quietly learning to read, so as to be ready for study when the day of freedom dawns for them. “The poor ye shall always have with you,” and to this we might add the mothers-in-law, also, as they constitute the main hindrance to the young women's entering the church. The days of persecution are not yet past, as some of these young women can testify. One, as well as suffering other persecution, had her hands burned with a hot iron as punishment for attending church; but she still comes whenever it is possible to steal away, though beatings and hair pullings are an oft-told tale.

For the work of the Bible Women, I have only words of praise. There are 9 on the District. They have long distances to cover and some can reach the main groups only once in one or two months, but they are faithful and earnest. Kilsi, on the hardest circuit of all, tells of deep snows on the mountains of Yang Duk, and how sometimes, in crossing the mountains, she grows so weary that she has lain down in the snow to rest. Yet she says, “You must not change me yet, for no young woman could travel these lonely mountain roads. Old Kilisie must work awhile yet.” We are all eagerly looking forward to Miss Beiler’s return and work among us. I am thankful for the privilege of work and hoping for a future of better service.

EVANGELISTIC WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS
ON KONGJU EAST AND WEST DISTRICTS.

BLANCHE Bair.

The past year has been one of blessing and spiritual growth among our Christians, though not marked with any
startling results. The love and power of God have been manifested in various ways. Last year fine reports of the great revivals which attended the labors of the missionaries were given, and this year we are glad to report the splendid condition in which we have found the churches all over the districts. Since last Conference, I took two full itinerating trips visiting all the churches on the East District twice and teaching in ten classes.

Mrs. Sharp's absence was felt very keenly, not only by the station, but also by the natives, yet her work was not neglected, as Mrs. Swearer faithfully labored on her district, both by itinerary and class work. She itinerated for 19 days in the fall, went to the islands, in fact covered most of the west district, bring back to us good reports of her trip. It was the first itinerating trip she had the privilege and opportunity of taking alone. Her sympathy for the missionary in the country a great lapse of time was lessened because of the joy and pleasure she experienced. Many people feel that the laborer in foreign lands meets with only the sad and darkened side of life; but not so, the pleasure comes to one in boundless measure; thus Mrs. Swearer felt. Besides this, she has held classes steadily throughout the fall and winter. Assisting each other to a great extent we found that the women were more benefited than if we had gone alone. They studied well and there seemed to be a greater interest manifested.

The class work, on the whole, has been very successful, with an attendance of 594 women studying. 41 classes have been held by both Bible Women and missionaries through out the entire year, beginning in June, as the big class for women was held in Kongju directly after the spring itinerary. Just before retuning to America Mrs. Sharp conducted a teacher's institute and Bible Woman's class. The work in the fall and winter was one continual joy, due partially to the cooperation of the missionaries. The women in the station did all they
could toward advancing the work of the Kingdom. Those who have families were obliged to remain home although Mrs. Williams traveled in the country some, besides teaching in the boys' school every day and having charge of the Junior League and the weekly women's prayer meeting, which was most wonderfully attended. She told me one day that it was very difficult to keep the women from testifying after it was time to close, for they all seemed to have such a blessing they wanted to tell it.

With the superintendency of the girls' Sunday School, Mrs. Taylor also taught a class. Had it not been for her kind assistance in training the children for the Christmas program, we could not have enjoyed such a good entertainment. Miss Raabe came to us at the holiday season. Besides studying faithfully on the language she taught English in the girls' school and finds it a pleasure to mingle with the Koreans.

One of the best classes was held at Kapsan, a distance of over 200 li from home. Mrs. Williams and I taught the women, 35 in all. As Kapsan is a very small village people came from neighboring villages; some came 12 miles and one woman walked 14 miles to study in this class. They opened up their hearts and told us the sorrows and hardships they have to endure for the sake of Christ. Some are dreadfully persecuted by their own sons and friends. We tried to encourage them by telling them to be true to Christ and follow Him closely. Last year during the revival at Kapsan one of the women who studied was troubled over her husband's living with a concubine; likewise was he distressed. He knew he must put her away in order to be a Christian, and this cost sacrifice. Furthermore, to send a woman away out in the cold, hard world with no one to care for her is no easy matter; but this man who determined to do God's will made special provision and secured a home for her. When this news was received I had great reason to rejoice because God heard and answered
prayer in her behalf. Another good feature about this class was that it was held at the same time the men's class was held, which afforded us splendid opportunities for good morning and evening devotional exercises. Mr. Taylor kindly consented to teach the women an hour each day, which they enjoyed very much.

There were 37 women who studied in the Kalsan class, the place where God granted a gracious revival last year. This was also a class for both men and women, and the workers report splendid spiritual condition. Instead of losing their blessing, they have made remarkable progress in their Christian lives. Mrs. Sharp had just arrived from America and remained home three days when she left for the Kalsan class. The women there received her with open arms and wept for joy because of meeting the one who has spent many years with them.

In the Kuimekol class we felt the Spirit of the Lord very present. The night services were especially good, many were seeking light and there seemed to be an atmosphere of spiritual power manifested in the meetings. In all of the classes the women studied well and seemed very enthusiastic over their work. The course of study was carried out about the same as heretofore and the Bible women gave special reading lessons to those who cannot read. It was a delight to see how some of them advanced when they had studied only a short time.

The Bible Women have worked very faithfully all year. Traveling over long roads and high mountain passes has made some feel that the work is hard, but still they are toiling on and love the winning of souls just as much as if it were easier. One told me of some of her hardships as she went to a far away place, that when she could not stand it any longer she simply had to cry. The winter travel requires much patience and grace.
We are glad to report that the schools have done good work and have been a great blessing to the churches.

The enrollment in the Kongju school was 72 and the average attendance 63. The teachers have worked hard, the children have studied diligently. It is delightful to see how interested many of them are in spiritual things. Some have led their parents to decide for Christ and have shown great enthusiasm in the work of the Church. One girl suffered great persecution from her grandfather who forbade her to attend Church. Even though he tore her Bible all to pieces yet she came out victorious and did not become discouraged. There are three teachers who receive salary beside voluntary workers, but we find that next year it is absolutely necessary to employ another teacher. The building is very small and the cry for a better is often heard.

The girls’ school at Tunpo is doing nicely, with an attendance about the same as last year. We wish you could see the bright, happy faces among the girls. They are certainly a choice selection and we hope will make splendid women. Many of the girls come from heathen homes, which is of course very sad; yet the lessons they learn daily will make of them different women than they would be had they not had school privileges. There is no Government school there for girls. The teacher is an exceptional character, beautiful in disposition, attractive and industrious. It is impossible for her to carry on the work alone that is required by the Government, so we must in some way secure money for another teacher.

Our school at Yangdae is growing. The teacher who is a graduate from the Southern Methodist school in Seoul has an attendance of 32 girls. Dr. Scranton presented the church with a gift of yen 30.00 making it possible to move the school to a better quarter, and now the church and school building both are very much improved. The Church
is growing and the attendance of women this year has been almost double last year's.

The schools on the south district are about the same as reported last year, with the exception of the Kiung-kengie school which has had a change in teachers.

We wish to thank those who have supported our Bible Women and school teachers; those whose special gift supported a Bible Woman; those who helped us with funds to buy Christmas gifts for the children and make the holiday season a pleasant one. For the kind words and prayers from those in the dear homeland; and for the continual grace and strength which God has granted us to enjoy, we render Him thanks.

PYENG YANG EDUCATIONAL REPORT,

FOR 1915-1916.

GRACE L. DILLINGHAM.

Union Academy. Just about a year ago I moved into the school and felt that I was really a part of it. As the supervision of the dormitory fell to me, I had a splendid opportunity to become acquainted with the girls, as I could not, coming in for class work only. I love to inspect rooms in the morning before the girls go across the road to chapel and the day's work, or again in the evening to peep in on them, seated thick as they can pack, around the study tables on the hall floor, diligently and silently preparing the next day's lessons. But I will confess I do not enjoy seeing how many of them have to sleep in a room, or the whole 100 crowded into the little dining room, and overflowing into the bedroom next door, which can poorly be spared.

But even with crowding the dormitory proper, and the
DR. HALL, MISS DENMAN AND KOREAN TEACHERS
WITH GROUP OF BLIND AND DEAF GRADUATES OF 1915.
Pyeng Yang Day Schools. The day schools have grown satisfactorily under the efficient care of Miss Trissel, who has spared no effort for their betterment, even while studying the language. The city day school, with 9 very faithful, capable teachers, has increased to 210, a growth of 78 over last year. The first class of the middle school has been eliminated, as it duplicated work taught in the Academy. While this relieves somewhat the crowded conditions, there is a daily shifting of classes to make room for the constantly increasing primary grade. These poor infants are piled almost on top of one another in classes, and huddled in a room not half large enough to hold them for prayers. But the spirit in the school is beautiful, and pupils and teachers alike enthusiastic.

Parents’ meeting are likewise increasing in attendance and interest; tuition, which has always been so difficult to collect, at least in a girls’ school, is paid regularly and quite promptly each month.

The enrollment in the district day schools for the year has been 714, and the average attending 706. Any one who has been on a trip to the distant country villages, where a little Christian church is shedding its clear light on the surrounding darkness, and has seen the important part the Christian school plays in gaining entrance to the heathen homes, and what a help it is in holding the struggling church itself together, only such a one can know what 700 little girls in school mean to the work. Then, too, from these schools our higher institutions are fed, and the standard must be maintained, for that reason, as well as that of the government’s requirements. But this costs money, and we would plead again for help for the day school.

School for Blind and Deaf Girls. The aim of Dr. Hall, who has built up and carried on this worthy work, is to prepare pupils to enter other schools, where they
may become fitted to live in a world of seeing, hearing people. During the year two girls have been graduated from the Pyeng Yang Day School, and one from the Union Academy. The latter graduate, who is the second girl to complete this course, is doing very acceptable work as teacher in the special department for the blind in the Day School. At three other places outside of Pyeng Yang, from which blind pupils have been sent, they have been received back into the regular schools. Each of our Woman's Hospitals employs one of the pupils of the school for massage, and we hope the time will come when more of the students will be able to support themselves in this way. Good reports continue to come from our two blind pupils in the Government school in Tokyo. Fanny Cho spent her summer vacation at home, and her friends were amazed at the progress she has made in the Japanese language in little over a year's time. Two of our other blind girls are pursuing their studies at the Government school here, which is more economical and practical than sending them to Japan.

Miss Fanny Denman, an old school friend of Dr. Hall, who has given nearly two years of faithful service, has returned to America, and her going has been a great loss to the school.

At the industrial exhibit in Seoul last fall, the exhibit from the Pyeng Yang Blind and Deaf school was awarded a silver medal.

To Mrs. Rockwell, for her gracious quarterly contribution, to faithful patrons in America and Korea, who support scholarships, and to local friends for small contributions and treats for the girls, our gratitude is due.

Kindergarten. Because the primary school cannot admit all who apply, and because in Korea even the babies cry to study, the Koreans themselves started a kindergarten in Pyeng Yang. Mrs. Grove, who is a trained kindergartener, consented to take charge, and besides having the
supervision, has helped financially with the building of the little school, though the parents raised most of the funds and did the work. One of the young men of the church became much interested in the kindergarten work in Seoul, and came home to put into operation some of the good points he had gained from observation. He has been of great help in the school during the year, as have two of the Academy graduates, one of whom has been sent to Ewha Haktang by Mrs. Grove, to take the course in kindergarten training.

From 25 to 48 babies have been in attendance; the kindergarten did not meet during January and February, when the weather was supposed to be too cold for little tots to venture out, and coal bills too exorbitant. But spring weather will doubtless increase the previous attendance, though the tuition is more than for the higher schools. Teachers' salaries and all expenses are met by the tuition. Can it be due to suddenly increasing ambition on the part of fond mothers, alone, or can they be heartless enough to want to be rid of the little dears a few hours each day?

A drill with pine wreaths, which the children from the Kindergarten gave at Christmas in the churches, was remarkable. Korean babies are the cutest, anyway; they are able to hold their own in any kind of competition.

HOSPITAL OF EXTENDED GRACE TO WOMEN

ROSETTA S. HALL, M. D.

For the year ending March 1st, 1916 the total

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Including the friends attending children or other sick people, the Bible Women report the attendance at prayers in the Dispensary waiting-room over 23,000. The receipts from patients have totaled only Y1496.35 (about $750.00) a smaller amount than in some former years. 55% of the Dispensary patients were Christian, and for the first in some years, the Methodists outnumber the Presbyterians. I can not explain the reason for this, unless it may be because of the proposed closing of our Woman's hospital. Patients of several nationalities, Roman Catholics, Congregationalists and Seventh day Adventists are also in attendance.

This year half of our new patients came from the country, the majority from a radius of 100 li (about 33 miles); others from 200-400 li; 18 came from 500 li, and a few yet farther. 40% of the adults read and write.

The diseases classified appear in the same order as reported last year, except that skin diseases come next to surgical, instead of eye diseases. More than one fourth of new patients were gynaseological, and almost half of the return cases belong to this class. The three young women students continue to pursue their medical studies at the Government school, and two more are seeking admission this year. I was pleased to find five Korean young women among the students in the Tokyo Woman's Medical School, when I visited it last year. The needs of the work demand many more Christian young women to be qualifying themselves as physicians.
Deprived of the services of Mrs. Yi-we-sang since last Annual Conference and with Dr. Cutler on furlough, I have been forced to overwork all this Conference year, and for the past month have been suffering severely for it. My brain feels like a sprained joint, so that it hurts even to think, much more to force thoughts into expression. So you will kindly excuse me if I add no flesh to this skeleton of a report, and pray you all to do what you can to find present relief for our hospital work, and for the future to guard against like trouble for the work’s sake. Make use of all the medical women licensed to practice in Korea, and encourage many young Korean women to study medicine. As I saw stated recently, "It is as natural for a woman to be a doctor as it is for her to be a mother."

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EVANGELISTIC WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS ON SUWON DISTRICT.

LULA A. MILLER.

Having arrived in Korea late in August, there are but six months of work to report. In some ways this time has been the happiest of all my years of service, for I have received in a very new way His commission "Go ye." It was a joy indeed to be privileged to return to the people who had unceasingly prayed for me during my long months of suffering.

Itinerating. Soon after reaching Korea Miss Hillman decided to go to Wonju, but kindly offered to work with me on the Suwon District until Christmas. I appreciated this, for during 18 months nothing had been done for the women of the District, except two classes held by Miss Marker and one by myself after my accident. During the
fall trip, Miss Hillman and I visited nearly all of the churches and prayer meeting groups on five circuits. I found that there had been much spiritual growth and a better understanding of what Christianity means than when I last visited the churches. There is great cause for rejoicing in the bond of unity which exists among the native workers. The people in one of the churches said to us, "We have a pastor who loves so well that we call him 'Loving pastor.'" In another section the people told me that they had quite the best pastor on the District, and I believe the people love the Bible Women in the same way. The leaders are all eager to help each other in any emergency, and are possessed with a strong desire to raise the standard of the work, spiritually and financially. Not a few men and women on the District tithe, and in the universal systematic giving of the tenth we see the solution of our financial problem. Eight of my twelve Bible women tithe, as do many other women of the churches. In one of our villages live Mary and Martha, not sisters but friends. Martha, who is very poor, sweetly told in one of my classes the story of Mary's tithe of cabbage, of a part of which she was the recipient. My teacher and I have been preparing a tract on the subject of Tithing which will soon be published.

Two years ago all of the leaders promised to urge the men of their Circuits to teach the women in their homes to read the native character. Some of the men have been faithful, for many women have learned to read, and others are still studying. However, the great mass of the women have, I fear, not even begun to think that study is a possibility for them.

Class Work. We provide for the Christian education of the women under our care, by conducting Fall Bible Normal classes, by a yearly Spring Institute held in Chemulpo for the Bible women, class leaders and volunteer workers of
the Suwon and Chemulpo Districts, and by a course for
home study. The women trained in the Normal classes are
sent out two by two, to hold classes in the smaller villages of
the Circuits where they live. This year as a result of three
Normal classes, 127 classes to be held by native women were
arranged for; 75 of these classes were arranged for the Su­
won District. The Spirit of the Lord was manifestly present
in all of the classes held, some for the first time coming into
a real Christian experience, while others renewed their cov­
enant with God.

In the Yaju class was Margaret Ye, the beautiful wife of
a young theological student in Seoul. For years she had
been praying for an opportunity to attend a study class, but
until this year the way never opened. She was an inspira­
tion to all in the class, and much beloved. The very day
that her husband for the first time left home to begin his
studies, she went to the little church across the street to
pray, continuing to do so until the day of his return. It was
in the church that he found her, and when asked why she
came there to pray, she replied, "I have come here every
day since you left, asking God by His Spirit to bless you and
to save this village." He knelt by her side and soon began
to agonize for the people of this village. He arose to go out
upon the street and into the homes, beseeching all to repent.
It is said of him that he preached night and day, taking
almost no time for rest and refreshment. His long periods
of exhortation caused his throat and mouth to become so
sore, that for some time he was able to take only soft foods.

Another bright young woman feared that she might not
be able to attend the Chungju class, on account of her baby.
But the father-in-law said he would cook and keep house,
and the mother-in-law said she would go along and care for
the baby while the mother studied. This young woman
received a high grade in all of her subjects. In all of the
classes held this winter the women have shown a marked advance in their ability to grasp the teaching given. No Institute was held last Spring, but next June will be given to this work. The Home Study Course is being appreciated more and more by the women of the District. 112 names are enrolled; during the past six months 52 examinations have been held, and as many certificates given out. A few days ago in Chemulpo the first class was graduated from the Course.

I am unable to express in words all that my Bible Women. Bible women mean to me. What could I do among the 128 churches and prayer meeting groups without their help? Their work often takes them over high mountain passes, through deep snows, and across swollen streams. So faithful are they that I am obliged to tell some of them to remain at home and rest for a while. Last year while I was at home on furlough, Annie, our beloved Bible woman, our friend and co-worker left us for the better land. She had worked unceasingly for months, and was so utterly exhausted that she was unable to resist the cold which fastened itself upon her. She was a woman of rare judgment, and a real intercessor. The saying that God buries his workers but carries on His work, is again proven true; Sin Seung has taken up the work, and I have visited in the homes with her. I have been pleased with her winning manner, as she approaches the women. Mrs. Lawton has charge of the evangelistic work in Whado church, directing the Bible woman, calling in the homes, and attending the Sunday services.

On the District are 6 day schools, with a total enrollment of 254 girls. We are proud of the Suwon school. Under the direction of our efficient head teacher, the school has steadily advanced. When I left Korea, the grounds were perfectly bare, but upon our return
we found them to be a bower of beauty. Many trees and flowers have been planted, new walks have been laid, and Mr. Kim, the teacher, has made at the side of the building, a relief map of Korea which attracts the attention of all visitors. In front, across the little creek by the school, he has built a bridge high enough to span the stream, even in the rainy season. We have the new building, ample grounds, and a good corps of teacher, but also one great difficulty. The cost of maintaining this school per year, not including fuel, is $270.00, and we receive but $60.00 from the Society. Surely some heart will be opened to supply this need before many months have passed. The other 5 schools are struggling for existence. Two of them have but one teacher each, while the others have the whole time of one and only half the time of a second teacher. We very much need the full time of 2 teachers for each of the 5 schools. The Suwon school can not possibly be maintained by so small a number of teachers.

In Yechun we are in special need of a new school building. The school is now housed in a native dwelling house. All four grades and the Primary department are huddled together in one room, with only paper pasted over doors and windows to admit light. This one room is heated by a smoky little stove, and the yard in so small that the children can hardly get into it, when all are assembled.

For our children’s Christmas, we received a goodly number of packages from the Standard Bearers, and from the “Korea Circle” of Stamford, Connecticut, a large box for the Suwon school girls. For these, for gifts of money for special work, for an organ which is on its way to me from my home church in Little Falls, N. Y., I am thankful. I am looking forward to the coming year with a larger expectation, and I trust with a firmer faith for God’s blessing upon His church.
REPORT OF WONJU AND KANG NEUNG DISTRICTS.

MARY R. HILLMAN.

To meet with this Conference again as one of your own number, to share the burdens, the responsibilities, the opportunities and the joys of our experiences as missionaries, I count a more sacred privilege than ever before. Until Christmas, excepting the two weeks in the fall, when all Korean housewives make kimchi, their pickle, I was associated with Miss Miller in the work of the Suwon District. In passing I wish to record the peculiar joy with which, I again greeted the dear Bible-women and Korean pastors, beloved because of the happy association of past years, and the thanksgivings to Him who is so wonderfully leading them into closer fellowship with Himself. Nothing short of our Master's "Go ye" could have induced me to enter my new work. In Sherwood Eddy's words, Wonju was for me "the challenge of a great opportunity and the call of a great human need;" and as I followed the Master's bidding II Cor. 9:8 was the promise given me, "And God is able to make all grace abound unto you, that ye, having always all sufficiency in every thing, may abound unto every good work."

The two weeks at kimchi time were wonderful weeks of blessing. Brother Kim, the Conference evangelist, held 8 days of revival services in Wonju, when many of the members, both men and women, came into a new life in Christ Jesus. Since that time, there are a few men and women who have not failed to keep the morning watch, as they quietly slip into the little church before day break.

Miss Miller spent the Christmas season with us, and later taught in the Teachers' Training Class in Wonju early in January. Her teaching on Malachi helped the women of the class to see the sacredness of the tithe, and each one in the class pledged herself to set apart the tenth as God's.
This teaching proved most timely, no doubt aiding greatly in the organization of a "Tithers' League", which was consummated a few days later in the Wonju Church. As a result of the Training class 11 Bible classes were arranged for. Only the reports of the 4 in which I assisted are available. I found the teaching given was much more advanced than those women were prepared for, and that the most fundamental work was necessary. Indeed, in two classes the evenings were given up to teaching reading, rather than holding evangelistic services. One night they were still studying at 11 o'clock, and sometimes the last sounds of which I was conscious were the "ka kya" of the Korean syllabary. The Bible woman and I visited in the homes between study hours, especially seeking out the discouraged ones. The people on the whole hear the message more eagerly and with a readier response than in sections where they have had more opportunities.

At one place my room adjoined the church. Before I had been there many hours I found the Christians went regularly to the church to pray at all hours of day and night. One woman told of praying especially by "hundred day" periods for the different members of her family who were not yet Christians. Another told of being persecuted by her husband when she first decided to believe, of his threatening to divorce her and of her reply, "All right, divorce me: even though you take my life, I cannot give up Jesus!" At last her prayers were heard and her faith rewarded when her husband decided to believe. That was on the first Sabbath after his return from Dr. Anderson's hospital, where he had gone for treatment.

While engaged in class work at another place, I returned from the Sabbath service very ill. The people must have turned the evening service into a special prayer meeting, for though quite sick until the middle of the night, the follow-
ing day I was able to teach both morning and afternoon. The corrugated iron roof of the Tangmoru church gleams from a distance. It is a fine church, built almost entirely by the giving of one man, the well-to-do husband of Delia Chun, one of our Ewha girls. As I watched Delia, cleanly, modest, quiet, efficient, in her beautiful home, I could understand why the heathen mothers with whom I talked begged that some provision might be made for the education of their girls. We are hoping to open a school in the near future. Here the women promised to read the Bible daily and to have a quiet talk with the Lord. I had not thought of holding a class at Moonmak; but as the members sent in a special request saying that the men also wanted to study, and the helper further added that last year, when the Konan pastor and Presiding Elder had tried to hold a class there, the men would not come to study, their invitation seemed more imperative. Later they reported new zeal, an increased desire to study the Word, and to know and do the will of God.

Up to January there were but three women Bible Women, telling the “good news” on these two whole districts. Chang Louisa, the only Bible woman working on Kang Neung District, sends in monthly reports, I hope to itinerate that section this spring. Ha Tabitha is traveling the most mountainous section of this mountainous region. At the close of the training class, in a testimony service, she told of how she had begun to grow discouraged over the hardness of climbing the mountain passes; but Paul’s portrait of a Christian worker in I Thess. II was sending her back with a new determination. She told of going through waist-high snow, but her reports show that she is winning the women of those mountain recesses for our Master.

In Kyung Sook, our Wonju Bible Woman, I have found real companionship in the work. At the services last fall
she received a clear witness of her full salvation. She is a woman of much prayer, great faith, and abounding in fruitful service. The grant of a Bible woman for Mrs. Anderson made it possible for her to have the long needed hospital Bible woman. Clara is the wife of Dr. Anderson's helper; husband and wife working together is an ideal arrangement. Upon the women everywhere we are urging daily secret prayer and daily Bible study as the sustenance of a real spiritual life. The women and girls are being enrolled in the Home Study Course as rapidly as I can come in touch with them.

**Day Schools.** There are 4 girls' schools on the two Districts, those at Wonju and Kang Neung being held in connection with boys' schools as no other buildings have been available. At Wonju the first class of 5 girls will graduate in March. As the Wonju parents do not approve of boys and girls studying together, we expect a much larger attendance when our school can be housed in its own building. At Huing Seung, Brother Pak has been most zealous in securing a good teacher for the girls' school. Since November the attendance has grown from 14 to 24, and the future is bright with promise.

There could be no report of the women's work of Wonju station without telling of the large place Mrs. Anderson fills in the work. She has had the advanced school girls in her Sabbath School class, and so successfully has she imparted ideals of an educated Christian womanhood, that the 5 girls who soon graduate are all eager to enter Ewha Haktang for further study. To help them to a beginning in English she has met the advanced boys and girls for an hour or more on Saturday afternoons in her own home, and furthermore has secured patrons who will support 3 of those girls while in Ewha. During the summer she helped the young school-teacher in his music, so that he can more intel-
ligently lead the congregational singing; later she taught the children Christmas songs and exercises. From the Christmas boxes sent by her friends in America, Mrs. Anderson provided not only for all the children in the Wonju church, from the tiny tot of a few months to the largest boys and girls in the school, but the Hiung Seung and Moon-mak children's hearts were gladdened as well. The pastors, Bible women and other women of the church feel free to come to her to talk over the work and their personal problems. They are sure of her sympathy and understanding, and often enjoy her gracious hospitality. This same kindly spirit has provided for me comfortable quarters in her home, while a room in the hospital has been placed at my disposal for a study, until the W. F. M. S. Home in Wonju shall become a fact. For the good news that special gift funds are forthcoming for the building of the Huing Seung and Wonju schools, and over half the amount for building the Wonju home is already in the hands of the Cincinnati Branch, I am very thankful; while the much needed support for teachers, and the word from three different friends that they each wish to provide the support for a Bible woman, filled my heart with gratitude to them and to Him. In the provision for the financial needs of the work, in the rich blessings He has poured out upon me in my service, and in the joy of His abiding presence, I find the fulfillment of His word to me, as He sent me into this needy section.
In reviewing the year, it is well for us to count our blessings, and to see what God has done for us.

Our beautiful new class room building, the "Sarah J. Simpson Memorial," a gift from Columbia River Branch, had just been dedicated and opened for use, when we reported on last year's work. Since then $1,000.00 has been received from Cincinati Branch, in $100.00 gifts, for equipment, the rooms of the building to be named by the several donors.

In September Columbia River Branch sent us Miss Church, who so readily fitted into the work of the High School, for which we had long been requesting a special teacher. We realized our need of strengthening the High School, if we would have the best results in the College. Therefore we most gladly welcome Miss Church, and count her one of the blessings of the
year. While two of our members still remain in the home land, one detained for health reasons, and the other waiting to secure a passport which will insure her protection in these troublous war times, we have hope that they, too, may be among us again soon. God has given to all of our workers health and strength sufficient to fulfil the duties of the year. They were even willing and equal to carrying extra burdens that one might take a coveted winter vacation to China and the Philippines, where much knowledge and new inspiration was gained by seeing the work of other fields.

We can surely count a full school as one of our chief blessings, even though we have been crowded to the limit. How can we turn girls away, when Christian schools are so few? Often when a girl is made to wait a year, her opportunity passes for ever. We have had an enrollment of 310 for the year besides 86 little ones in the Kindergarten, an increase of 53 students. The dormitory is so full, with 83 pay pupils, and 86 scholarship girls, that this increase is largely in day pupils. I am sure everyone is tired of hearing us cry for more room; but we can't stop growing and we would not if we could, for we are sent here to touch as many lives as possible.

We are rejoicing over the prospect of securing the property adjoining, the former Sontag Hotel, and hope it can be purchased soon. The main building can easily be converted into an administration building, with recitation rooms for College and High School grades. The smaller buildings covering much valuable ground space, might be torn down, and the material used in the erection of a sorely needed dormitory. It may be interesting, in connection with this hope, to recall the class prophecy, in which one of the graduates of the first College class pictured herself as returning to her Alma Mater twenty years later, and finding the School flourishing in the Sontag Hotel! To us at that
time, it seemed only an air castle, and quite amusing that she should think of such a thing!

The work in all its departments has gone smoothly through the year. Our efforts to secure a suitable Japanese teacher were at last successful when Miss Otobe, one of Kwassui Jo Gakko's College graduates, came to us at the beginning of the fall term. She and the Japanese teacher in charge of the industrial department are both doing good work.

The crowning blessing of the year was the revival which closed a few weeks ago. Not a girl was left untouched by it, and many came into a rich new experience. The day school children, many of them from heathen homes, decided to believe, and together with our girls from Christian homes, rejoiced in their new-found Saviour. For many days preceding, earnest prayers were offered that there should be an outpouring of the Spirit upon the school. Under the faithful preaching of Son Moksa, our First Church pastor, the girls soon became convicted of sin in their lives. The third day the altar was full. As in former revivals, they began laying bare their hearts and confessing wrongdoing. This has been the peculiarity of the Korean revival. Sins such as stealing, lying, hatred, unfaithfulness in Bible reading and prayer, inattention at Church services, indifference to the conversion of non-Christian parents, and countless other sins were alike big sins to them, hiding the Father's face, and only by confessing all could they receive the peace they sought. Groups of little girls, with hands clasped and tears of contrition raining down their faces, were seen "making up" after some disagreement. All night for a week, the sound of prayer could be heard in the chapel and class rooms, for in Oriental fashion all prayer is audible. They can kneel side by side with others and agonize in prayer for their own needs, without a consciousness of the presence of any.
one but themselves and God. In several cases we saw that the falling tears formed little pools of water where the penitent knelt. Is it any wonder that with such an abandonment of self, the Spirit works with marvelous power in Korea? The last nights were so full of songs of rejoicing, that the few who were still struggling for victory could hold out no longer. The personal work done by the girls was beautiful to see.

Raymond Elizabeth McGary, who arrived in November, smiles her consent every day to her mother's visit to the school to give the usual music lessons, which mean so much to our Korean girls. Already she is doing her part. Miss Wood reports as follows on Mrs. McGary's and her work:

"This year our musical department is strengthened and reinforced by the addition of several new features. The teachers' training course is making our twelve pupil-teachers more efficient and responsible for the development of their own pupils, who appear in private recitals at the close of each term. The piano and vocal students give a public recital at the beginning of each term, and are doing very creditable work. The various classes for the purpose of studying the lives of composers, have served to give them a new interest and a better understanding of music in general. In furnishing special music in the churches, many of the girls have developed great power in giving the people the real message in the song. This is one thing we have specially prayed for, and God is wonderfully blessing them as they sing His message. We have many appeals from the churches for the girls to play for the services, and to teach the children to sing. So great is the need, that from one of the little churches some one said, if we would only send a girl who could play even with only one hand, it would be a great help! If we had more organs there would be no necessity for the girls to get up cold winter mornings before the rooms are heated, in order
to get a practice hour. The work is greatly handicapped by lack of instruments and music, and we are all praying that God will put it into the hearts of His people to supply this great need."

The Kindergarten, under Miss Brownlee, grows in interest and numbers. She says; "The parents are coming to realize the value of the Kindergarten much more quickly than I thought they would, after suffering from the great disappointment of not having any native or Chinese characters taught in that department. The total enrollment is 86, with an average attendance of 40. I do not know what we should do if they all came on one day! The use of the chemistry room half a day will serve for a time. The Kindergarten Normal school started one year ago. The course serves two years. Our one graduate this year took a part of her work in Nagasaki, Japan. There are several others taking the course, and I am expecting seven new ones to begin in April. I am told quite often that the crying need is for Kindergarten teachers."

Miss Tuttle who is in charge of the Ewha Day Schools says:

We have 15 schools of primary grade with an enrollment of more than 900 girls and an appropriation of $1,740 with which to which to meet all expenses this year. A very conservative estimate, based on the number of students promoted from chartclass to first primary this year, places our enrollment four years hence at 1,600 and brings us face to face with the problem of housing, seating and teaching this host. It is the old, old story of the mission fields; years of patient labor, a measure of success with great promise of more, then inability to meet the new conditions followed by gradual failure. We are just coming to the flood-tide now but can see ahead far enough to know that unless we have more help than has ever been granted anywhere on this field we must close the
schools and leave the educational work to those who are able to finance it. The new year is full of promise and of discouragements. Children are coming to us from every direction but government regulations and more intelligent parents make it necessary that the equipment of the schools and the educational attainments of the teachers be beyond question. At Aogi this year two girls were taken from school by their parents; one because the teacher made a mistake in arithmetic and the other because of fault in the Japanese teaching. One encouraging feature is the great change that is taking place in the attitude of the Korean men toward the education of women. We could not but notice the difference as we listened to the addresses made by pastors and interested friends during the commencement season. Every where there was evidence of growing favor for the woman who could at least read and write and figure the cost of the rice or cloth she might be buying. Another thing that makes us feel that this work is most important is the large percent of the students that attend prayer meeting, Sunday school and church. At Han Kang where there is only one Christian house in the village we found every school girl at the Sunday service. If there were many Christians in the place it would be necessary to build a larger church at once.

Just lately contracts have been let for five buildings at the most needy places. They are to be pushed as rapidly as possible in order that they may be under roof before rainy season and finished before September. It will certainly be a relief to be able to stop reporting "no building, school held in the church" and to know that the students are in properly lighted and aired buildings and that the schools do not have to be closed whenever any one wants to hold a meeting of any kind. Twice this winter the Yong Wha Bong school had to be closed for part of each day for a week, and at Yong Mori lately we heard meetings announced on Sunday which neces-
sitated the closing of that school two afternoons during the week. A well furnished building and at least three good teachers for every school is the goal toward which we are pressing.

Miss Tuttle has also taught sewing to the high school classes, and has charge of the self-help department on Saturday. The girls make foreign garments. We keep nothing on sale, but are always glad to fill any orders for underwear or children's clothes, and thus help our needy girls. The children in the eight lower grades furnish the material for their crocheting and knitting lessons, so that the article when finished is theirs to sell, and they seem to dispose of them readily among the Koreans. So we are relieved of the responsibility for the sale of their work.

We close the year March 31st, with Commencement, for the first time having graduates in three departments, one College, one Kindergarten Normal and nine High School graduates. Four of the nine high school girls will take College work and the others will go out as teachers. The quality of the one College girl needs no apology, and we expect much from her as a teacher in Ewha. We are proud also of our first Kindergarten Normal graduate. She holds an Ewha High School diploma, taught several years in one of our day schools, studied two terms in Kwassui Jo Gakko, Nagasaki, so was prepared and did do good work on her Kindergarten course.

We are rejoiced to have Mrs. Hahr, who has given so many years of service as teacher in Ewha, be one of the lay delegates chosen to represent the Korean church at General Conference. She is the first Korean woman to be so honored.

It would not do to close our report without a word as to our opportunities and our needs. When we consider that our school is the only one in Korea with registration for high
school and college grades we feel that we must bend every effort to make it acceptable not only to our own constituency but to schools outside our own denomination. We would bring this to the attention of friends who are already interested in our work. Some have kindly sent in books, new and old, for our school library. Both are most acceptable. It is so difficult to work without tools. Gifts large and small which will help in equipping our Music, Physical Culture, Industrial and Domestic Science Departments will be most gratefully received and acknowledged. Christmas boxes often bring in school supplies as well as gifts for the children and it all helps us in building up this Christian institution. We thank you all for your assistance. We need your prayers, your sympathy and your co-operation.

SEOUl, EVANGELISTIC WORK.

JESSIE B. MARKER.

There is one thing I want to impress upon your minds in this report, and lest you might not comprehend it fully, I shall confine myself to this one subject, for it is the great need that presents itself to me in the Seoul evangelistic work. It is the usual thing for us to tell of our needs at the end of our report, as I did last year; but since, to this day, it has not been referred to in a letter to me, I take it for granted that my language was not sufficiently forceful. Therefore this time I am beginning with this topic, and shall try to bring it before you in such a way as I trust will make you want to share this problem with us, and feel this your responsibility as well as ours.

A few weeks ago a band of missionaries met in the parlor of one of our mission homes, to talk over plans for the Seoul Women's Bible Class. There were representative women from the Northern and Southern Methodist churches at this
meeting. They had a good course of study planned for the class. After they had talked over what subjects each would teach, and all the other things that have to be considered in connection with such a class, the usual question that comes up each spring and fall was asked, "But where shall we hold this class?" In this great city of Seoul, we have four large Churches and numerous smaller ones, and the Southern Methodists have three large churches, yet we are without a place to hold such a class. We use one of these big churches now; our classrooms have to be made by partitioning off the church with curtains drawn down between, and the noise is so great with the teachers all shouting at the top of their voices, to make the women hear, that the whole thing sounds like bedlam let loose. Surely it is a shame to Methodism that more than 300 Korean women who want to study the Bible, have no place for their classes better than that! We now have the different divisions in this graded class, which means that we ought to have ten different class rooms in which to conduct our work.

These classes are really the culmination of our work. To them we look forward all the year. The Bible women talk about them to the church women, who plan their work months before hand so as to be able to attend. Immediately before coming they wash and iron their clothes till they are spick and span, so that they may appear well before their sisters. They either get someone to care for the babies during this class or to our dismay, strap them on their backs and bring them along. This class is the greatest event in the year for them, and we try to plan it so they may get many things besides Bible study. We have stereopticon lectures, medical lectures, evangelistic meetings, singing classes, and a big social at the end. It is really a time of joy and inspiration to our Korean Christian women. As it grows larger from year to year, it seems impossible to hold it longer in one of these big one-
roomed churches. What can you who read this report, do to help us?

There is a center to this city, as there is to all cities, and that is the place most convenient for our women to meet for any general class. We have a site for a church in the center of Seoul. If we could only have a nice Sunday school room with separate class rooms, built for our new church at this place, we could hold these big classes in the fall and spring there, and could use it for all sorts of classes throughout the year.

One of the things that appalled me as I took up evangelistic work in Seoul three years ago, was the ignorance of our Christian women. I was distressed about them. I felt that we must lose no time in trying to do something to train them. But I had not tried long until I realized that the process of training them must necessarily be a very slow and tedious one, for, before I could get them to work, I had to kindle in them the desire for study. Not only that, but I had to convince the men of our church of the great need of our women, for no woman can come out to study till she gets the consent of husband. I truly believe now that they have the germ, and it is taking effect. You would agree with me, I am sure, if you could have been with me at Christmas time, and seen our chapel at Ewha packed full of women, who are enrolled in our weekly Bible classes. There were about 300, mostly young women, present from 35 churches. They have come to realize that they must study, if they are going to be intelligent Christians. I do not think any words of mine can picture to you what a great step in advance we are making in getting these women out to study. It is extremely hard to realize how very difficult it is for us to get them, unless one knows the conditions. There is to us every reason why they should come out, but to the minds of their husbands, almost no reason why they should come. They have their home work,
washing, ironing, cooking, sewing, they have their children to care for, and all the work that comes to a mother’s hands. So, if they do get out to study at all, it is with a great effort. We are so overjoyed when we see them coming that there is nothing we would not do for them. If you good women of America could only see the conditions and the great need, I am sure you would provide a building for the carrying on of our class work. We are greatly handicapped because of the lack of a class room building, for we cannot plan to grow as we should like. We are making a great effort to reach the young women of our church, because on them we know the future work of the church must fall. Miss Myers of the Methodist Church, South, and I have often talked of how we should like to organize a school for these lovely young married women who want to study so much just now, during January and February; but we cannot do it, for we have no place to hold a class.

I could tell you many other things about the work, but so that you may be impressed with this great need, I shall leave the rest until another time. I am grateful to all the ladies of our Methodist Mission here in Seoul for the help they have given me in Bible Classes. We could not hold these splendid classes without their help. They also help in the evangelistic work in number of our churches. By our united effort in these churches in the city of Seoul and surrounding villages, we are daily helping the Korean women to a higher plane of living and to a knowledge of Jesus Christ their Saviour.
WEST GATE MEDICAL WORK.

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NAOMI A. ANDERSON, GRADUATE NURSE.

Were our reports for the medical profession only, the task of writing them would not be so difficult. But to select from the year's work that part for the laymen to read is not so easy. At all times it is a greater pleasure to do the work than to tell about it.

However, we hope we shall be pardoned by our fellow-workers if we bring to mind some of the conditions raise which nurses and doctors work. There are always before us, about us every where, morbid conditions of life. Not just one day or so in a month, but every day, every hour of the day, there come to us the awful poverty of the people, the dirt, rags, superstitions, sin, suffering and death. Our work is almost wholly among non-Christians. If a disagreeable task comes to us, we must face it. If we have worked hours over a patient, but to have her die, even that is time well spent. But it is hard to have to explain to the heathen, superstitious relatives the cause of death and disease, when for all time there have been to them but four causes for sickness,—the wind, the cold, the heat and the devil: It takes the patience, skill and love of the whole hospital staff, from the doctor to the scrub woman to quell the fear. Even then we do not know how far we have succeeded. It is a constant struggle for us to keep from being influenced by our depressing surroundings.

The progress of our hospital work is very encouraging. We have worked for two years with a hard pull up stream, on account of the unsettled problems of our work. Yet have we gained 158 inpatients over last year, 368 in all, with an income of ¥1,388.48, almost double our last year's income from patients.
MEDICAL STAFF EAST GATE HOSPITAL
The hospital is not only a place to get well in, but it is also a school. The young mother, yes, and the old mother, too, learns how to care for herself and baby. We could write a story pathetic enough for any story book, about a little motherless girl of eight brought to the hospital by her father. The child had beri-beri. Long after she was well, one morning the nurses told her that her father would come that day to take her home. She cried, refused to eat, clung to the nurses, and so worked upon the sympathy of some of the patients that she had several homes offered her. It was the first time in her life that she had known love and care. We let a Christian woman patient take her home, and she really adopted the child. At the dispensary we did more free work this year than last, the receipt of ¥837.32 coming almost wholly from our gynecological patients. Dispensary was held 256 days, with an average of 37 patients a day.

Because of lack of time we have made fewer outcalls than formerly. If the doctor had a flying machine or an automobile we could do more, but we can not take the time to go long distances by slow travel, so only 72 outcalls were made.

Our nurses — what should we do without our faithful girls! We long for the time when we can have enough nurses to allow for the eight hour relay system. Our Oriental girl has not the strength of the western girl. To do her work and squeeze out enough time for a little study when she is dead tired, taxes even the strongest nurse to the utmost. In addition to all they must do in the practical work, they have in most cases done well in their lessons. During the year two fell by the way,—one leaving entirely, though the other is still helping part time. In their places two probationers last September were accepted; this spring, in view of four nurses graduating, four more probationers were taken on. One nurse from the Pyeng Yang hospital came down to finish her
studies here so our present force is 9 nurses, 4 probationers and one graduate nurse. During the weeks preceding Conference we had a series of prayer meetings with the nurses and all our women helpers; these meetings were very helpful, every one receiving a new spiritual uplift, for which we praise God and from this, look for a very consecrated service from them.

The hospital Bible woman reports visiting 209 homes of hospital patients. As a result of these visits 43 persons decided to believe, 19 have come into the church. Many others also, who were not patients, but connected with the families of patients, have decided to believe. Mabel, the dispensary Bible woman, in her follow up work, made 358 calls. There have been enrolled 27 new members in the church, as a direct result of her efforts.

We have told of our work and some of its fruits; now we shall count our blessings. We wish especially to thank the Japanese Government officials for the kind consideration they have shown us, in trusting us with contagious cases, and for the respect and friendly courtesy always shown us. For the encouragement and sympathy of our fellow workers, you do not know how much this has meant to us at times; for the many packages of baby clothes that our friends in the homeland have sent us; and most of all for the peace we have enjoyed, and the harmony in our work, do we wish to thank our Heavenly Father.

THE WOMAN'S BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

MILLIE M. ALBERTSON.

We are not asking for more room just now, but we are looking forward to a time in the near future when we may occupy a building named, The Louise C. Rothweiler Woman's Bible Training School. In it we hope may be found The
Fowler Chapel, named in honor of Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing's mother; a home for the resident missionaries, named for Miss Anna M. Skeer and Miss Emily Packar; a Jones Library, for Mrs. George Heber Jones, and on the doors of other rooms the names of others who will have done their part in making the building and its equipment possible.

During its history of seven years, the Woman's Bible Training School has graduated 28 students. The present senior class is composed of 4 splendid women. The middle class has 16 and the junior class 9. There are 24 in the preparatory class, and we have 6 special students. Altogether the school has an enrollment of 59. One member of the senior class had been a day school teacher for ten years. She will graduate after three years of study in the Bible School, and gives promise of becoming an excellent Bible woman. The other three students are unmarried girls, whose only opportunity for study before coming to the school, had been in their own homes. They have developed strong Christian characters, and will be able to do excellent work as teachers in this school or in day schools, until they are able to travel in the country as Bible women. The middle class has two unmarried girls, some are wives of men studying in the Theological School, College or High School, and others are widows. The above illustrates, in a general way, the class of women received into the school. Women who have studied in other schools before entering are put in advanced classes, while those who had little or no opportunity for study are required to take the two years course of preparatory work, before entering the Bible course.

The Bible course is three years, of nine months each, consisting of three of the four gospels, the Pentateuch, Acts, the Epistles, something of Revelation, the Old Testament Historical books, The Prophets, Bible Doctrine, The Life of Christ and Church History.
Our students come from every district in which we have work. They are recommended by a missionary, Korean pastor and a leading Korean woman. They either bring certificate of good health from a foreign physician, or take a physical examination before matriculating in the school. Our aim is to receive only women of good Christian character who have ability to study. Weaknesses discovered after admission into the school are patiently dealt with, and if not overcome, the student is of necessity sent away from the school. While positions after graduation are not promised to any one, we do not carry women through the course who could not be acceptable in their own districts. Much attention is paid to the students’ physical life, that they may know how to keep well and be able to help their people physically, as well as spiritually. We are introducing home economics as fast as possible. Plain knitting and sewing are taught one period each week. Gradually a more select diet is being introduced, and as a result we have seen marked improvement in health. We have eliminated rice entirely two meals each week, substituting wheat bread, potatoes, beans and milk. The additional cost per student is 5/7 of a cent for each meal. We are also teaching the students to make a few foreign dishes that can be easily made in Korean homes. We have a course of weekly lectures by physicians, nurses and Christian workers, on diseases, care of the sick, church polity and methods of work.

In order to teach practical methods of work, the students under Mrs. Cable’s supervision do evangelistic work each week, and she reports the following: “On Sundays we send two students each to 20 different churches in Seoul and its immediate vicinity. They teach in the morning Sunday School, and after the preaching service they visit, first in homes where there is sickness, afterwards in other homes where some have become discouraged. The latter are especi-
ally exhorted and prayed with; many are thus encouraged, and decide to become more diligent in their church attendance and more earnest in their prayer life. Where they visit the non-Christian homes they are usually well received, and most of the women listen well to the Gospel story. Some say they would like to become Christians, and give their names to the students who visit. Others say they want to believe, but some of their family absolutely refuse them the privilege of attending church. There is a great interest manifest in the special Sunday School for the children which meets in the afternoon. These students all stay for this service and help with the teaching. Several of the Churches are getting the Christian mothers to present their babies to God in infancy; some of our students are appointed especially to this work, and already several mothers have given their babies’ names for the cradle roll.

One chapel hour a week is given up to the hearing of the report of the Sunday work. They report the number present in the morning Sunday School, number present at the preaching service, number of Christian and non-Christian homes visited, number prayed with, number of new believers, the preacher and his text, and any other items of interest. For instance, in one village they are raising money for a new church. One man promised ¥10.00, and though his business failed before he paid it, in order to fulfill his promise, he brought his big rice pot and presented it to the church to be sold and the proceeds given to the church. In the meantime it is being used as a church bell. Another very poor old man promised ¥5.00, and having no way to pay it, he sold all the grapes from a vine he had in his yard and met his obligation. As the students report, each one is advised as to the best way to meet the various conditions. For instance, when one student reported that some baptised Christians had fallen into sin and wished to renounce their baptism, they were
told that a person when once baptised always remained baptised. The student naturally takes the teacher's statement back to the church from which the condition arises. The whole school has the benefit of the various criticisms and suggestions, and becomes acquainted with the condition of the churches all over the District. Beside the Sunday work, the students go each week to a country church for a special evangelistic service. Five students are selected each week for this service, two of whom give short talks especially prepared for the non-Christian women, who have been previously invited. At the close of the service an invitation is given for any who may desire to become a Christian. There is usually some response at each service. Those who decide to become Christians are followed up and taught by the Bible woman in charge of the church or district:

No. of churches supplied with S. S. teacher ..... 18
,, students teaching in S. S. ..... 39
,, Christian homes visited ..... 693
,, of non-Christian homes visited ..... 1,282
,, of non-Christian women exhorted ..... 1,320
,, of new believers ..... 293
,, of special evangelistic services for non-
Christians ..... 18
,, who decided for Christ in these services 23

Throughout the year Mrs. Cable has continued her work of teaching two and sometimes three periods a day. Mrs. Lawton has taught regularly two periods a day during the spring and fall terms, and has taken charge of all work concerning the application of new students, a work involving much time in correspondence and personal interviews. We shall miss her while she is at home on furlough, and shall look forward to her return. Mrs. Weller has secured excellent results in singing and organ lessons, by training one student to help her in teaching. This year we are very hap-
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py to have for the first, one of our own students as chapel organist. Miss Marker, Dr. and Mrs. Noble and Mr. Bunker have also given much appreciated help.

We are still in the formative period. As the needs present themselves, the school will develop along the lines most applicable to our work in Korea. One apparent need is dormitories where women can do light house-keeping and attend the Bible School, while their husbands are studying in the Theological and other schools. There is a great demand in Korea for workers who have had special preparation in Bible, and the way in which God has prospered the work leads us to believe that there is a great future for an institution of this kind.

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COURSE ADOPTED FOR WOMAN'S

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES.

FIRST YEAR.

Life of Christ, .... .... .... Life of Christ. (Con.)
Character Studies in Genesis. Character studies in Genesis. (Con.)

SECOND YEAR.

Life of Christ, .... .... .... Life of Christ.
Exodus Chapters 1-20 .... .... Joshua Chapters 1-11.

THIRD YEAR.

Life of Christ, .... .... .... Life of Christ.
Outline of I Samuel. .... .... Outline II Samuel.
I Corinthians, Chapters 1-10 I Corinthians 11-16, and James.
FIFTH YEAR.

Colossians, .... .... Ephesians.
Outline of I. Kings, .... .... Outline of II. Kings.
I. and II. Thessalonians, .... Amos.

SIXTH YEAR.

Romans, Chapters 1-18 .... Romans 6-16.
Daniel, .... .... Zechariah and Malachi.
I. and II. Peter, .... .... I. II. III. John.

Besides the regular studies, an hour a day for some study with the entire class. Prayers and Roll call. Evening services optional with each class.

HOME STUDY COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Reading.
Memorize Lord’s Prayer, Apostles Creed, Ten Commandments.
Write Chinese Numerals 1-100.

SECOND YEAR.

Mrs. Noble’s Advice to Mothers.
Mark’s Gospel.
Memorize 23rd Psalm.
Write Chinese Numerals 100-1,000.
THIRD YEAR.

Exposition of Ten Commandments.
Catechism on the Life of Christ.
Memorize I Corinthians 13 and Psalm 91.
Write names of the 13 provinces in Chinese.

FOURTH YEAR.

Introduction to the Old and New Testaments.
James.
Letter writing.
Memorize Romans 12.
Write the names of five largest rivers and five largest cities (in the Chinese characters.)
Appointments of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Chemulpo.
Evangelistic work and Schools in ulpo District .... .... .... Margaret I. Hess.
Evangelistic work and language study .... .... .... Rosa M. Raabe.

Haiju.

Kongju.
City and East District evangelistic work and day schools .... .... Blanche R. Bair.
Evangelistic and day school in city and on West District .... .... Alice H. Sharp.

Pyeng Yang.
Evangelistic work in Kyung Mul Church West Dist. and West District Day Schools .... .... Henrietta P. Robbins.
Union Academy and evangelistic work in Sin Chun-kol and on Pyeng Yang Circuit .... .... E. Irene Haynes.
Union Academy and evangelistic work in Nam San Church .... .... Grace L. Dillingham.
Day schools in city and on East District and evangelistic work in Ku Kol and Way Sung .... .... Maude V. Trissel.
Medical work and School for Blind and Deaf .... .... .... Rysetta S. Hall, M. D.
Woman's Hospital and Dispensary and Director of Woman's Medical class .... .... .... .... Mary M. Cutler, M. D.
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Language study and evangelistic work Ni Mun Kol ..... Jessie Salmon.

Seoul.
Principal Ewa Haktang — Lulu E. Frey.
Assistant Principal Ewha Haktang — Alice R. Appenzeller.
Chong Dong Evangelistic — Chong Dong Evangelistic — Alice R. Appenzeller.
Superintendent of Ewha Day Schools — Ora M. Tuttle.
Seoul Evangelistic work — Jessie B. Marker.
Instructor in Ewha Haktang, Chong — Jeanette Hulbert.
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Dong Evangelistic work and language study — Marie E. Church.
Instructor in Ewha Haktang and Sang Dong Evangelistic work — Olive F. Pye.
Jeanette Walter.
Instructor in instrumental music — Grace Harmon McGary.
Ewha Haktang — Lola A. Wood.
Instructor in Vocal Music in Ewha Haktang and Evangelistic work — Charlotte Brownlee.
Chong Dong — Mary S. Stewart, M. D.
Director Kindergarten and Sang Dong Evangelistic work — Naoma Anderson.
Lillian Harris Memorial Hospital and Baldwin Dispensary — Elizabeth S. Roberts.
Superintendent of Nurses Training School and East Gate Evangelistic Work — Millie M. Albertson.
Nurse at East Gate — Yeng Byen.
Principal of Woman’s Bible Training School — Ethel M. Estey.

Class and Evangelistic work in City and Yeng Byen District — Ethel M. Estey.
Day Schools and Evangelistic work
Yeng Byen District. ..... Mary Beiler.
Wonju.

Day Schools and Evangelistic work
on Wonju and Kang Nung Districts Mary R. Hillman.
Suwon.

Day Schools and evangelistic Work
on Suwon District ..... Lulu Miller.

Evangelistic Work on Suwon District Lulu E. Frey.
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