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The year 1974 has seen another active year in the life of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. We have continued along the path laid down by the Founding Fathers in 1900,that is “to investigate the Arts, History, Literature and Customs of Korea and the neighbouring countries”. This is our aim through our programs, publications and tours.

We were very disappointed to learn, after his election as President of the Society, that the Right Rev. Richard Rutt had been appointed as Suffragan Bishop of St. Germans in Cornwall. The Council took the occasion of his address to the Society in April to honour him for all that he had done for the Society during his years in Korea.

Following is an account of important events in the life of the Society in 1974.

1. Office location: 1974 saw another office change for the Society. We moved in October to the 9th floor of the Christian Building at Chongno 5-ka.

2. Membership: As of December 1, 1974 the total membership stood at 941 ; of this total 42 were life members,281 overseas, and 618 in Korea.

3. Meetings: During the year,the Society held 32 meetings of which 10 were held in Taegu. Meetings were attended by 4,980 people during the year.

4. Tours: During the year 800 persons participated in 30 tours. Thanks are due to Mr. Yoon Young-il who has made all the tour arrangements and to those members of the Society who have gladly given time to lead tours, notably Mr. Edward Adams, Dr. Samuel Moffett, Dr. Horace G. Underwood and Mr. Cornelius Choy.

5. Publications: There have been no new publications but Korean Patterns by Dr. Paul Crane was again reprinted. A number of publications projects are in preparation for 1975.

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1974 Meetings

Date Event Attendance

January 9 Pirate Incursions on the Korean Coast 100

during the Medieval Period

(Mr. Robert Chudy)

January 10 Buddhist Art 37

(Taegu RAS) (Mr. Lee Musselwhite & Miss Carol Beecher)

January 23 Mr. Carpentier—a French Mining 110

Engineer in Korea 1899-1902

(Ambassador Pierre Landy)

February 6 Slide Evening-RAS Armchair Tour 200

(Mr. Paul Van Weddingen)

February 14 Korean Pottery Old and New 60

(Taegu RAS) (Mr. Ron duBois & Mr. Lee Musselwhite)

February 20 Korean Temple Bells 150

(Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

March 5 Early Stone Age Excavations in Korea 120

(Dr. Sohn Pow-Key)

March 14 Curvillier Slide Collection 57

(Taegu RAS) (Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

March 20 Some Korean Painters and Their Paintings 125

(Mr. Graham Weakley)

April 3 Yi Kyubo and his White Cloud Essays

(Rt. Rev. Richard Rutt) 250

April 11 Korean Folk Dance in a Cultural Context 42

(Taegu RAS) (Mr. Kim Se-chung)

April 17 An Introduction to the Kayagum and other 70

Korean Instruments

(Ms. Coralie Rockwell)

May 8 Research on Korea—U.N.C.U.R.K. 65

(Mr. Norman Thorpe)

Research on Korea—Urban Migration

(Mr. John Sloboda) [page 109]

May 16 Korean Traditional Weddings 60

(Taegu RAS)

May 22 Curvillier Slides 300

(Dr. Horace G. Underwood)

June 12 Some Aspects of 16th Century Korean 121

Landscape Paintings

(Dr. Ahn Hee Jun)

June 13 Some Korean Painters and their Paintings 30

(Taegu RAS) (Mr. Graham Weakley)

June 26 Changes in Korean Family Life 100

(Dr. Herbert Barringer)

July 10 Korea from a Helicopter-slide Evening 130

(Chaplain Louie Walter)

July 24 The Kayagum and other Korean Musical 150

Instruments

(Mrs. Coralie Rockwell)

September 11 Buddhist Ceremony 150

September 19 Little Known Places Within Taegu City 31

(Taegu RAS) (Mr. James Grayson)

September 25 Modern Korean Poetry 80

(Prof. Kim Hai-hiun)

August 22 Film Evening—The Legacy of 160

Korea, Land of Contrasts

October 9 Korean Buddhist Sculpture 100

(Dr. Lena Kim Lee)

October 23 Korea Before and During the Korean War 310

(Mr. Robert A. Kinney)

Octover 26 Hahoe Mask Dance Group 110

(Taegu RAS)

November 6 Research on Korea一 68

Chinese Music in Sacrificial Rites

(Mr. Robert Provine)

Research on Korea—

Traditional Background to Early Modern

Korean Verse

(Mr. David McCann) [page 110]

November 20 Life in Seoul Half a Century Ago 130

(Dr. J. Earnest Fisher)

December 4 Slides of Korea from the Pre- 160

1900 Period

(Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

December 5 Korean National Personality 35

(Taegu RAS) (Dr. Lee Shi-hyung)

December 18 Annual Meeting 100

An Introduction to the Korean Drum

(Mr. Kim Byong-sup and Mr. Gary Rector)

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Tours 1974

Date Place Participants

April 5-6-7 Cheju Island 17

April 13 Kangwha Island 52

April 19-20-21 Chinhae, Chinju 21

April 27 Namhan-sansong 64

May 3-4-5 Kyongju-South Mountain 22

May 11 Inchon-Suwon Railroad 78

May 18 Yoju 39

May 25-26-27 Andong Pusoksa 58

June 1 Vegetarian Dinner 38

June 8 Puyo & Nonsan 65

June 15-16 Haeinsa 28

June 22 Haengju-sansong 16

June 28-29-30 Mallipo 20

September 8 Kangwha Island 37

September 14 Yongwol 14

September 21 Emillle Museum 80

September 28-29 Popchusa 19

October 5 Pukhan-sansong 25

October 12-13-14 Chungmu 25

October 20 Military Academy 28

October 25-26-27-28 Chiri-san 25

November 2 Ewha & Yonsei Museums 16

November 9 Kimchi Making Tour 42

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Following are vital statistics for the Society in 1975.

1. Membership: Total members—1,006 (Life members: 44; local members: 624; overseas members: 338).

2. Tours: Total participants—1,089 persons (One-day tours: 894 persons ;; eight weekend tours: 195 persons) .

3. Publications: 1975 was a banner year for RAS publications. In May two volumes were published: *Korean Politics in Transition*, edited by Edward Reynolds Wright and publisned by the University of Washington Press for the RAS, and *The Life of Buddha as depicted in Korean Temple paintings* by Zozayong. In August Gertrude Ferrar’s retelling of Korean folk tales, *Mr. Hong and the Dragon*, was published, followed by Transactions 49 in November. In December the first issues of the new RAS reprint series were published, as follows:

James S. Gale, *Korean Sketches* (originally published, 1898)

Horace N. Allen, *Things Korean* (1908)

William F. Sands, *Undiplomatic Memories* (1903)

Andrew J. Grajdanzev, *Modern Korea* (1944)

A. Ireland, *The New Korea* (1922)

N. F. Nelson*, Korea and the Old Orders in Eastern Asia* (1930)

In press were two books to be published in early 1976: Some Korean Journeys by William and Dorothy Middleton, and The Changing Korean Village by Pak Ki Hyuk with the late Sydney Gamble.

4. The Douglas Scholarship, administered by the Society, was awarded to Mr. Chung Tae Hwan, a graduate student in Korean studies at Sung Kyun Kwan University.

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1975 Meetings

Date Event Attendance

January 15 Life in a Korean Village 180

(Mr. Paul Dredge & Mr. Charles Goldberg)

January 16 Film Program

(Taegu RAS)

January 29 Some Anthropological Impressions of Chejudo 200

(Dr. Yoon Soon Young)

February 12 An Evening Wasted with James Wade 260

February 26 Korean Women and Their Activities for the 152

Amendment of the Family Law

(Dr. Lee Tai Yong)

March 12 A Study of Status and Mobility in 100

Post-1600 Ulsan

(Dr. John N. Somerville)

March 20 An Evening Wasted with James Wade 40

(Taegu RAS)

March 26 Lecture Dance Program on 185

Korean Mask Dance

(Mr. Alan C. Heyman)

April 9 Music in the Confucian Ceremony in 105

Korea

(Mr. Robert Provine)

April 10 Music in the Confucian Ceremony in 35

(Taegu RAS) Korea

(Mr. Robert Provine)

April 23 Korean Fortune-Telling 136

(Dr. Han Tae Dong)

May 7 Topics in Early Yi Dynasty Social 89

History (Dr. Martina Deuchler)

May 15 Introduction to the Korean Drum 35

(Taegu RAS) (Mr. Kim Byong-sup and

Mr. Gary Rector)

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May 21 Early Korean Emigration to Hawaii: 44

1902-1905

(Mr. Wayne Patterson)

June 11 Reflections on Life in Korea: 156

1935-75

(Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Kinney;

Tune 25 Korean War Reminiscences 150

(Dr. Horace G. Underwood

Dr. Elmer Kilbourne

Prof. Song Yo-in

Mr. Yoon Young-il)

July 23 Korean Snakes, 1000 B.C. Until Now 50

(Dr. Maria Silvia Codecasa)

August 20 Film Evening—Tumulus 98 160

September 3 An Evening of Traditional Korean 250

Music

(Mr. Cho Chaeson—narrator)

September 18 Film Evehing-Tumulus 98 40

(Taegu RAS)

October 1 Master Eibokken on Korea and the 83

Korean Language—Supplementary

Remarks to Hamel＇s Narrative

October 15 (Prof. Dr. F. Vos)

Korean Tokkebi 350

(Mr. Zozayong)

October 22 Slides of Korea—Pre-1900 60

(Taegu RAS) (Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

November 5 Slides of Early Korea Including the 320

Independence Movement

(Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

November 15 Korean Buddhist Temple Paintings 40

(Taegu RAS) (Mr. Carl Strom)

November 19 Demonstration Lecture on Traditional 112

Korean Dance (Christine Loken)

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December 3 Annual Meeting 115

Curvillier Slides

(Dr. Horace G. Underwood)

December 10 Maps of Korea 42

(Taegu RAS) (Dr. Shannon McCune)

December 17 Maps of Korea 50

(Dr. Shannon McCune)

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Tours 1975

Date Place Participants

April 6 Yoju 37

April 12 Suwon-Inchon narrow guage 64

railway

April 19 Soraksan 38

April 19-20 Kongju & Magoksa 32

April 26 Namhan-sansong

May 2-3-4 Soraksan 38

May 3 Kumgok 20

May 4 Chongmyo 45

May 10 Palace 65

May 16 Buddha’s birthday 82

May 24-25-26 Kyongju 22

May 31 Kiln & Potsherd Collecting 31

June 7 Kwangnung & Pongsonsa 27

June 15 Paju-miruk & Pokwangsa 33

June 14 Hyunchungsa 28

August 30-31-Sept. 1 Pyunsan Beach 14

September 8 Chong Pyong 80

September 13-14 Kangwha Island 24

September 21 Puyo and Nonsan 73

September 28 Birdwatching 66

October 4 Pukhan-sansong 30

October 11-12-13 Mujukuchon-dong 24

October 11-12-13 Taegu & Kyongju 10

Octiber 18 Kwanaksan 31

November 1 Yongmunsa 51

November 8 Koryo Kiln 60

November 22-23 Maisan & Chonju 22