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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE KOREA BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY FOR 1976**

The Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society this year celebrated its 76th birthday.

*Membership* — As of December 1, 1976 the total membership was 1,054. This number breaks down into Life 46, Overseas 370 and in-country members 638. During the year we have kept in touch with our overseas members by means of our quarterly newsletter and with our local members by our monthly activities notice.

*Meetings* ᅳ During 1976 we held 32 meetings, 22 in Seoul and 10 in Taegu. The average attendance in Seoul has been 12b persons. A variety of programs have been offered namely 5 films, 2 dance presentations, 13 lectures and 8 slide lectures. Taegu, among others, had a demonstration lecture on Acupuncture.

*Tours* — We had 13 day tours and 7 weekend tours. The average number of participants on day tours was 41 persons and for weekend tours, 27. Some highlights of the Tour program were the train trip to Pusok temple, the tour to Silsang-sa tucked away up in the Chirisan range, two hiking tours, two tours up the North Han valley and the Chongpyong Dam, and an outing to the Kaya hills. The tour program is dependent on the members of our council and others who so freely give of their time to act as leaders.

*Publications* ᅳ New books published:

RAS Transaction, Vol. 50.

The Changing Korean Village — Pak Ki Hyuk with Sidney Gamble.

The Voyage of Discovery ᅳ Basil Hall (first published in 1816).

Korean Repository (five volumes) — first published in 1898.

*Douglas Fund* — This year we distributed two Douglas scholarships to Mr. Chang Moo Koo and Mr. Yim Joong Ho of Sung-Kyun-Kwan University. These students are both engaged in graduate work in Korean studies.

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Date Event Attendance

January 7 Korean Buddhist Painting 180

 (Mr. Carl Strom)

January 21 Film evening — Treasures of Haeinsa 320

February 4 Farmers Dance Programme 140

(Mr. Gary Rector & Mr. Kim Byung Sup)

February 18 Let’s re-do Hangul 40

 (Prof. Pae Yang Seo)

March 10 Korea’s 1946 Semi-Election: 84

 Too Little and Too Soon

 (Mr. Donald S. Macdonald)

March 24 Cranes and Conservation in Korea 176

 (Korean Council for Crane Preservation)

April 7 Contemporary Korea in the Light of 100

 the Traditional Value System ana World View

 (Mr. Michael Kalton)

April 21 Blood and Stone; 76

 the story of the Yi dynasty’s Foundation

 (Mr. Donald N. Clark)

May 12 Christian Beginnings in Korea 300

 (Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

May 26 World Perceptions of Korea 97

 (Dr. Shannon B. McCune)

June 2 New Religions of Korea after 1850 98

 (Dr. Gernot Prunner)

June 23 The Effects and Implications of the 52

 Japanese Cadastral Survey 1910-1918

 (Mr. Edward J. Baker)

July 21 Trends in Interpretation of Korean 70

 Confucianism

 (Dr. James Palais)

August 18 Film evening — Treasures of Haeinsa 250

September 1 Art of Korean Furniture 170

 (Dr. Pai Man-sill and

 Dr. Edward R. Wright)

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September 22 Early Korean Magazines and the 48

 Research for National Identity: 1910-1930

 (Mr. Michael Robinson)

October 6 Slavery in the Kory6 Dynasty 60

 (Ms. Ellen Unruh)

October 20 Some Little Known Korean 63

 Ornamental Trees

 (Mr. Carl Miller)

November 3 Journey to Ullong-do 65

 (Mr. Cornelius Choy)

November 17 Korean Celadon 158

 (Mr. G.M. Gompertz)

December 1 Confucian Thought Forms 105

 (Dr. Han Tae Dong)

December 15 Film evening — Korea: the Unexplored Orient 96

**1976 Tours**

Date Place Participants

April 3-4-5 Kyongju 33

April 11 Yoju & Silluksa 39

April 17 North Fortress 36

April 24 North Han Valley 112

May 1-2 Pusok-sa 35

May 8 Pokwang-sa 28

May 15-16 Kyeryong-san Sindoan 33

May 23 Sujong-sa 28

May 29-30-31 Sillsang-sa & Vicinity 26

June 5 Inch’on 30

June 12-13 Kangwha island 26

June 19 Restaurant (Hyang-won) 15

September 4-5-6 East Coast 20

September 11 Chong Pyong 73

September 18-19 Kangwha Island 23

October 3 Taedun Mountain 34

October 16 Yoju & Yongmunsa 33

October 23-24-25 Muchu Kuch ‘on-dong 18

October 30 Kwanak-san hiking 24

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November 6 Sudoksa 26

November 13 Emillle Museum 60

November 20 Shard collecting 15