[page 81] **Annual Report of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1978**

The Korea Branch of the RAS was founded in 1900 by a small group of foreigners who were concerned with the scholarly investigation of Korea and her neighbors. The Korea Branch of the RAS has grown tremendously into a large society of over 1100 members with meetings in Seoul, Taegu and, beginning this year, Taejon.

*Membership* — As of December 5, 1978, the total membership in the Korea Branch of the RAS reached an all time high of 1172 consisting of 52 life members, 375 overseas members, and 745 local members. During the year, we kept in touch with our overseas members by means of our Quarterly Newsletter and with our local members by our monthly activities notice.

*Meetings* — During 1978 we sponsored 31 meetings (20 in Seoul, 8 in Taegu, and 3 in Taejon). These included 13 slide lectures, five film evenings, four demonstration lectures and, in Taegu, two lecture-tour combinations. Demonstration lectures included a Kayagum performance, Korean Drum rhythms, an acupuncture demonstration, and a maverick Buddhist priest turned artist. Taegu’s lecture tours were to the Kyongbuk University museum and to an acupuncture hospital. A complete listing of meetings follows.

*Tours* ― During the year of the horse we took 1024 persons on 23 tours including six weekend tours and 17 day tours. They included trips to Taech’on beach, two to the ancient capital of Kyongju, Mr. Carl Miller’s Herbarium, and the ever fascinating Kyeryong-san. The annual Garden Party was held at the French Ambassador’s Residence. A detailed listing of our complete tour schedule follows.

*Publications* ― This year we published:

RAS Transaction Vol. 52 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $3 for members

I Married a Korean by Agnes Davis Kim . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$6 for members

Korean Works and Days and Korean Patterns were each reprinted in yet another edition.

*Douglas Fund* — We continue to distribute the Douglas fund.

[page 82] Seoul Meetings

Date Event Attendance

January 4 Film Evening: “Religions of Korea” and 30

 “Korean Dance”

January 18 Early Germans and Early Britons in Korea 75

 (Dr. H.J. Zaborowski & Mr. W. Morris)

February 1 Korean Birds inDanger 65

 (Dr. George Archibald)

February 15 The Buddhist Rag and His Art 200

 (Mr. Zozayong & Chung Kwang, “The Rag”)

March 8 Chinoui-kut: Shaman Death Ceremonies 160

 (Fr. Daniel Kister S. J.)

March 22 Korean Drum Rhythms 85

 (Mr. Gary Rector)

April 12 The Sinan Treasure 110

 (Dr. Kim Won Young)

April 26 The History and Practice of Acupuncture 100

 (Dr. Kang Sung-keel)

May 10 An Introduction to the Yangju Mask Dance 120

 (Dr. Lee Du-hyun)

May 24 The Land of the Rainbow: Color in Korea 130

 (Mr. Thomas B. Kass)

June 7 Kayagum Demonstration 120

 (Prof. Hwang Byung-ki)

June 21 Films by Humphrey Leynse: “The Legacy” 130

 and “Out There: A Lone Island”

August 23 Film Evening: “5000 Years of Korean Art” 100

 and “The Kayagum”

September 6 Jack London in Korea 70

 (Mr. James Wade)

September 20 Pictorial Journey Through Old Korea 250

 (Mr. Robert A. Kinney)

October 11 Neo-Confucianism: The Impulse for Social 90

 Action in Early Yi Dynasty Korea

 (Dr. Martina Deuchler)

October 25 Kinship System in Korea 70

 (Dr. Lee Kwang-kyoo)

November 8 Women in Korean Literature 95

 (Ms. Bonnie Crown)

[page 83] November 22 Korean Art Treasures Taken by 130

 Hideyoshi to Japanese Soil

 (Dr. Jon Covell)

December 13 Korea’s Troubled Alliance with the 85

 Chinese During the Japanese Invasions

 of the I590’s

 (Dr. Gari Ledyard)

Taegu Meetings

January 18 Film Evening: “The Unexplored Orient:

 Excavations in Kyongju”

February 15 Film Evening: “Religions of Korea” and

 “Traditional Korean Dance”

March 15 The History of Taegu

 (Prof. Choung Man-Deog)

April 19 Pictorial Journey Through Ola Korea

 (Mr. Robert A. Kinney)

May 17 The Silla Legacy

 (Mr. Edward B. Adams)

June 21 Lecture Tour to Jae Han (acupuncture)

 Hospital

 (Director Pyon, translated by Hwang Kee-sok)

September 27 Historical Slides

 (Ms. Eileen Moffett)

November 29 Lecture Tour to Kyongbuk University Museum

 (Dr. Kim Young Ha, Director)

Taejon Meetings

September 29 Historical Slides

 (Dr. Samuel H. Moffett)

October 27 From Hong Kong to Bonn by Train

 (Dr. Karl Leuteritz)

November 17 Pictorial Journey Through Old Korea

 (Mr. Robert A. Kinney)

[page 84] 1978 Tours

Date Place Participants

January 27-29 Kyongju 14

April 1 University Museum 30

April 7-9 Haein-sa & Taegu Area 31

April 15 Yoju 39

April 22 North Han River Valley 98

May 6 Kanghwa-do 38

May 13 Kyeryong-san 31

May 20 Wolchong-sa & Odae-san 28

June 3 Yongwol 22

June 10-11 Ch’ollip’o Beach & Mr. Miller’s Arboretum 10

June l7 Annual Garden Party 220

June 24 Pulgogi on the Han 60

August 26-28 Taech’on Beach “Get away” Tour 27

September 2 Chong p’yong Boat Trip 38

September 9 Paju Miruk & Pogwang-sa 31

September 23 Puyo, Unjin Miruk & Kongju 76

October 7-9 Andong & Pusok-sa 22

October 14 Kyeryong- san 37

October 21 Pukhan-sansong Hiking Tour 23

October 28 Sudok-sa,Haemi & Hongsong 23

November 4-5 Kyongju & Tongdo-sa 21

November 11 Popchu-sa & Songni-san 41

November 18 Magok-sa 64