[page 46] **Annual Report of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1984**

The Royal Asiatic Society, Korea Branch, is one of several branches of its parent organization, the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Founded in London in 1824 under the royal patronage of King George IV,the purpose of the Society as a whole is to study the " progress of knowledge in Asia and the means of its extension." Since its founding in Seoul in June 1900 by a small group of foreign residents, the Korea Branch has been devoted, as its Constitution requires, to stimulating interest in, promoting the study of, and disseminating knowledge about the arts, history, literature and customs of Korea and neighboring countries. To meet these requirements, the Korea Branch sponsors lecture meetings, tours, and publications. Among the requirements of the Branch's Constitu¬tion is one that specifies an Annual Meeting at which a report of the year's activities should be made to the membership and an election of the next year's officers and Council held. The Annual Report follows:

*Membership:* From its founding 17 members in 1900,the Korea Branch has grown to number nearly 1,700. This year membership increased from 1,644 in January to 1,682 as of the end of November, an increase of 38 during the year. The total figure includes 60 life members, 499 overseas members and 1,123 regular members residing in Korea. Membership includes not only those who participate in the activities of the Branch in Seoul but also those who have joined the Taegu and Kwangju Chapters. Meetings: During the year, 20 lecture meetings were held in Seoul and ten lecture meetings each were held by the Taegu and Kwangju Chapters, Lists of the programs and attendance are provided below. *Tours:* Full schedules of tours were carried out by the Branch in both the spring and fall of 1984, with participation totaling more than 1,600. Members in Kwangju and Taegu also organized tour activities for their Chapter members. Lists of destinations and attendance follow below.

*Publications:* The Korea Branch is justifiably proud of its accomplishments in producing and distributing works in English about Korea. Besides its an¬nual Transactions—Volume 58 for 1983, which was distributed free, as usual, to members—the following titles were reprinted in 1984 to meet con¬tinuing demands:

In This Earth and In That Wind by Lee O-young, translated by David Steinberg

The Dutch Come to Korea by Gari Ledyard

[page 47] *Finances:* Monthly statements from the Treasurer report that because of the continuing sale of its publications, the Korea Branch enjoys a state of financial health which allows it to continue to offer meetings, tours, and publications in order to meet its commitment to contribute to the "progress of knowledge" about Korea and her neighbors.

*Douglas Fund:* The Douglas scholarship was awarded to Miss Chong Hyon-ju, a junior in history education at Songgyun'gwan University.

Seoul Programs

Data Topic Attendance

January 11 A Review of the Evidence for a Genetic 50

Affiliation Between the Korean and Japanese

Languages

(Prof. John Whitman)

January 25 In Work, Play and Death: The Music of Chindo 80

(Mr. Keith Howard)

February 8 Sailing the Seas Without the Helmsman: 120

A Look at China after Mao

(Ms. Brenda Sansom)

February 22 Trekking to the Base Camp at Mt. Everest 150

(Ms. Lori Claus)

March 14 Tourists, Traders and Diplomats: 19th Century 90

British Visitors to Korea

(Dr. Tony Michell)

March 28 Chon Bong-jun and the Tonghak Rebellion 50

(Dr. Young I. Lew)

April 11 A Railroad Retrospective on Seoul and Korea 70

(Mr. Richard Dickie)

April 25 Korea after the March First Movement 50

(Dr. Ku Dae-yeol)

May 9 The Manchurian Connection: The Life 50

and Work of the Rev. John Ross

(Dr. James Grayson)

May 23 History, Nationalism, and Textbooks in Japan 80

and Korea

(Dr. G. Cameron Hurst, III)

[page 48] June 13 Middle Korean Poetry 40

(Prof. Robert D. Kirk)

June 27 Yanghwajin and Other Cemeteries: An Informal 60

History of the Foreign Community in Seoul

(Dr. Donald Clark)

August 22 Special Performance 250

of the Kangnyong Mask Dance

(Introduced by Ms. Suzanna M. Samstag)

September 12 Territorial Disputes over Uninhabited Islands 40

(Dr. Park Choon-ho)

September 26 Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture 50

(Dr. Sunu Ki, O.M.D.)

October 11 Entry Sequence to Korean Temples 70

(Prof. Kyun Kim)

October 24 Search for Nirvana: Korean Monks' Life 80

(Lee Kwan-jo Sunim)

November 14 Traditional Susok (Rock) Gardens of Korea— 45

From Shilla to Choson

(Dr. Min Kyung-hyun)

November 28 The Amerasian Immigration Law: A Reflection 30

on 200 Years of East Asian Immigration

to the U.S.A.

(Mr. Donald Haffner)

December 12 The Korean Family System

(Dr. Lee Kwang-gyu) 100

Tours

Date Destination Attendance

February 4 Yongp'yong Ski Resort 20

February 18-20 Soraksan 31

March 4 Sokchonje in Songgyun'gwan 20

March 11 Bird Watching on the Imjin River 41

March 24 Inch`on to Suwon on the Narrow Gauge 130

March 25 Old Hanyang: A Ramble 20

through Historic Seoul

March 31 Factory Tour 25

April 1 Insa-dong and "Mountain Village" Restaurant 40

April 7 Paekche Tour: Puyo and Kongju 85

[page 49] April 13-15 Zen Amidst the Cherry Blossoms: Chinhae and 40

Temples in Kyongsangnam-do

April 21-22 Pusok-sa and Hahoe 35

April 28 Realms of the Immortals 63

April 27-29 Cheju-do 30

May 5-6 Magnolia Tour to Ch`ollip`o Arboretum 24

May 8 City Temples on Buddha's Birthday 40

May 12 Yongwol: The Story of the Tragic Boy-King Tanjong 33

May 19 Sudok-sa and Haemi 23

May 20 North Han River Valley 64

May 26-28 Tamyang Bamboo Market and Cholla-do 39

June 3 Kanghwa and Songmo Islands 43

June 9 Garden Party 250

June 23 Inch'on Harbor and Island Hopping 40

June 29-July 2 Hong-do 25

July 7 Emileh Museum and Popchu-sa 85

August 18 British Embassy Compound and Anglican 20

Cathedral

August 25-26 Ch'ollip'o Beach and Arboretum 27

September 8 Hanyak (Oriental Medicine) Tour 30

September 8-10 Hallyo Waterway and Songkwang-sa 42

September 22 Puwon-ni Kiln 36

September 23 Pokwang-sa and Paju Miruk 31

September 29- Korea Past & Present: Yangdong,

October 1 Kyongju, & Pohang 24

October 6-9 Ullung-do 32

October 13-14 Chonju 40

October 21-22 Chuwang-san National Park 35

October 27 Yongmun-sa 40

October 28 Magok-sa 41

November 3 North Fortress Hiking Tour 20

November 10-11 Temples in Chollapuk-do 33

November 10 Sejong University Museum 20

November 11 Pakistani Restaurant Moghul 42

November 17 Artists' Studio Tour 18

November 18 Patriots' Tombs in Seoul 15

November 24 Kimjang Tour 42

November 30-

December 2 Bird Watching on the Naktong River Delta 18

[page 50] Taegu Chapter Officers

President Mr. Ahn Joon-sang

Treasurer Fr. Josef Platzer

Books Mr. Yoo Kwang-kil

Membership Dr. Hwang Kisuk

Membership Mrs. Warren W. Moylse

Member-at-large Ms. Maureen S. Taylor

Member-at-large Ms. Linda Forbriger

Taegu Chapter Activities

Date Topic Participants

January 12 Render unto Caesar: American Educators 15

in Korea, 1910-1942

(Dr. Donald N. Clark)

February 9 John Ross: The Scottish-Manchurian 20

Connection

(Dr. James H. Grayson)

March 8 English Education in Korea 23

(Dr. Chae Joon-kee)

April 12 Historical Relationships Between the Korean 20

and Japanese Languages

(Prof. John B. Whitman)

May 10 Korean Monuments: For History, Heroes, and 19

the Humble

(Ms. Maggie Dodds)

June 14 New Religious Movements in Korea 22

(Dr. Kwon Kyu-shik)

September 12 Special Education in Korea 18

(Dr. Kang Wee-young)

October 17 A Visit to Paektu-san 25

(Dr. Horace G. Underwood)

November 14 British Scholarship About Korea 20

(Dr. James E. Hoare)

December 13 Christianity in Korea 20

(Dr. Choi Sung-chan)

[page 51] *Field Trip*

May 20 Field Trip to Yangban villages: 33

Yangdong, Andong, Tosan, Sowon

(Mr. Ahn Joon-sang, Tour Leader)

Kwangju Chapter Officers

Chairperson Martha Huntley

Secretary and

Membership Ko Pok-soon

Programs Shin Sang-soon

Tours John Underwood

Treasurer and

Books Larry Finn

Arrangements Mary Carlin

Kwangju Activities

Date Topic

January 27 Film: Trip to Paektu Mountain, 1931

(John Underwood)

February 4 Tour: Chungsim-sa and Mudung-san

February 24 Lecture: Shamanism

(Sean Dwan)

March 17 Tour: Tamyang Market Day, Side-Trip for Buddhist

Antiquities

March 23 Lecture: Legal Status of Women in Korea

(Judge Kim Eung-yul)

April 27 Lecture: The Dowry System in Korea

(Dr. Moon Suk-nam)

May 19 Tour: Pagoda Valley

May 25 Lecture: 200 Years of Catholicism in Korea

(Thomas Egan)

June 6 Tour: Yongdam-sa, Manbok-sa site, and Ch'unhyang

Memorial Park in Namwon

June 22 Slide lecture: Yanghwajin and Other Cemeteries: An Informal

History of the Foreign Community in Korea

(Dr. Donald N. Clark)

[page 52] September 28 Lecture: Korean Folk Beliefs and Their Impact

(Dr. Shin Sang-soon)

October 9 Tour: Pagoda Valley

November 2 Lecture: Korean Silhak: Rejected Yesterday, Needed Today

(Dr. Yi Eul-ho)

November 10 Tour: Songkwang-sa, Wilson Rehabilitation Center,

and Sonam-sa

December 7 Slide lecture: The Opening Skirmish: The Emeute or

Little War of December 4,1884

(Martha Huntley)

All tours were led by John Underwood, with six to 20 persons on each tour. Attendance at lecture meetings ranged from 15 to 65.