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KOREAN CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

ANOTHER CENTENARY

As you probably know, St. Saviour's Church, Swindon, has always supported the Church in Korea. My husband and I throughout the years have had several Bishops and Priests to stay with us while visiting St. Saviour's.

We, too, like the Church in Korea, have been celebrating our Centenary. The final event was a Mass concelebrated by the Bishop of Malmesbury on the feast of Christ the King (November 25th).

One of the events during our Centenary year was a Flower Festival. One of the displays showed the 100 years link between our Parish and Korea, with a suitable card of explanation. Our last Korean Priest visitor was Fr. Valentine Han from St. Christopher, Pusan.

Eileen Beard
Secretary to St. Saviour's District Council,
Swindon.

AFTER THE CENTENARY

I gave my second talk to children in our Primary School here this p.m. on KOREA. Just think, when I asked them to give me the name of the Archbishop of Canterbury, there were two hands raised –
"Mr Roberts" NO!
"Dr Rumbold" NO!
Then I asked them to give me the name of the FIRST BISHOP IN KOREA and about 25 hands out of some 45 went up – 'Yes': "John Corfe" Marvellous!

"HE BEING DEAD – YET SPEAKETH"

S.J.D.



ENCLOSED SPECIAL ISSUE TO COMMEMORATE KOREAN 'CENTENNIAL'

ORDINATIONS

Seoul

On the 31st May in his Cathedral, Bishop Simon ordained Moses Chu to the Priesthood and ordained to the Diaconate, Jeremiah Yang, John Chang and Paul Chu.

Taejon

On the 6th June in Chungju Church, Bishop Paul ordained Deacon Cyprian O.

Pusan

On July 17th in St. Peter's Church, Pusan, John Lee was ordained Deacon by Bishop Bundo.

MOVEMENTS

The Missionary Sisters of Saint Francis are back in Taejon City helping the new Church in Songchongdong.

Seoul

Father Moses Chu has moved from the Publications Board to be Assistant at Songnam.

Father Columba Lee is now at Ch'onhodong, having moved from the Catechetical Centre.

Two of the new Deacons have also moved: Jeremiah Yang is now Assistant at Puch'on and Paul Chu, Assistant at St. Augustine's, Sinchon.

Taejon

Fr. Theodore Lee has moved from Kwangju to Paesokpo and Father Boniface So has replaced him there. Fr. Augustine Kang is now at Songchongdong, Taejon and Fr. Augustine Pang has gone to Chinchon as Assistant. Father Stephen Ho has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Chonju and Diocesan Secretary. Father Michael Kwon has moved to Ch'ungju and the new Deacon is the Assistant at Kwanghyewon.

Pusan

Fr. Michael Lee has moved to Chinju to look after the new congregation there. Fr. Ignatius Pak has moved to Grace Church, Taegu, Father Solomon Yun is studying in Canada, not teaching in the Seminary, and Father Albert Kim is working with the Missions to Seamen in Pusan. Fr. Harrison in addition to his work as Missions to Seamen Chaplain, helps in the Diocesan Office.

Fr. Abraham Kim arrived in England in September and is now studying at the College of the Ascension, Selly Oak.

COLLECTORS ITEM

One of our Korean Committee members on his visit to Korea for the Centennial Celebrations was presented with a stamp album containing the special issue for the event of our 100 won stamps and two beautiful first day covers. Not being a philatelist he would like offers over £10 for Korean fund. Please write to Canon H.G. Bear, 28A Belmont Park, London, SE13 5BJ.

LENT LABELS FOR THE KOREAN MISSION are available from the Office.

CHAIRMAN OF COURAGE

There are so many wonderful memories of the Centenary Celebrations in Korea, but some of the more personal ones are those that I shared with our Chairman, Father S.J. Davies

Anyone meeting him for the first time and knowing nothing about him, might well think – What a kind and gentle priest, a man who has obviously been able to sail through life sheltered from all its nastiness. He is indeed a most kind and gentle priest, but also a man of great courage and deep inner strength, and without these qualities he would never have survived the horrors of the Korean War and the dreadful sufferings as a Prisoner of War in Communist hands.



At the great service for the Re-Unification of Korea, celebrated beside the fateful Bridge of No Return, which leads to the border to the North, Father Davies was a splendid figure in his scarlet cassock of a chaplain to the Queen and all the dignity of a Church of England clergyman – but he stood out from all the rest of us. He was the only man present wearing the medal of a veteran of the Korean War. I felt so proud of him when I saw him accompanying the Archbishop of Canterbury in the car taking them over the Bridge to the Demilitarised Zone. (I heard later that the Old Soldier had not lost his survival tactics, and had offered the rather thirsty Archbishop some American chewing gum – an offer that was gratefully accepted).

I remember too at breakfast one morning, as we sat high up in the hotel restaurant, looking along the very wide and busy main street of Seoul, he said that he could so clearly remember being marched along that street during the war. As they marched, they had to clamber over fallen telephone wires and the rubble of destroyed buildings, and all the time he had fixed his eyes on the jagged mountains lying ahead of them to the north. What lay ahead of them? he had asked himself. Alas, he discovered what was there, and those who have read his book "In Spite of Dungeons" will know what he and so many others endured, but somehow with God's grace he survived.

To have been in Korea for the Centenary was a wonderful experience, which was made all the richer by being in the company of a kind and gentle priest, who also happens to be a very brave and strong man.

H.F. Capener

CENTENNIAL OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN KOREA



Centennial Eucharist 9th September 1990

CENTENNIAL EUCHARIST

*Thank you very much for your congratulations
for the centennial of the Anglican Church in Korea*

With your kind assistance and prayer,
all events of the centennial are finished successfully.

The 2nd missionary century
of the Anglican Church in Korea
will be the time to witness

“Jesus Christ: the life of our nation”

By your continuous concern and prayer
this church will continue to grow
in His name.

The Right Reverend Simon S. Kim

The Chairman of
the Committee for Centennial,
The Anglican Church in Korea

1890 CENTENARY IN KOREA 1990

For the Anglican Church in Korea the culmination of "The Centennial Year of repentance, reflection and renewal" was the great final Centenary Week in the capital city of Seoul, 24-30 September, 1990, commemorating Bishop Corfe's arrival and the commencement of the English Church Mission to Korea on Michaelmas Day, 1980.

The visiting group from England consisted of the Reverend S J Davies, Chairman of the London Committee of the Korean mission; Bishop Paul Burrough (who served as a missionary priest in Korea 1951-59) and his wife; the Reverend Mother of the Community of St. Peter, Woking, accompanied by Miss Brenda Martin, SRN; Miss J O Roberts, well known for her MU work in Korea; the Reverend Roger Tennant (who served in Korea, 1954-62) and his wife; Canon H G Bear, a Commisary for the Bishop of Seoul, and the Reverend H F Capener, a member of the KM Committee.

At 2 pm on Monday 24 September, Bishop Paul Lee, Seoul's first Korean Bishop (now retired), and the British Ambassador, Mr Wright, declared open the week-long Centennial Exhibition, wisely and strategically centred in a hall in the always thronged Subway Station. Very many thousands of Korean citizens dropped in to see it during the week.

Among the many fascinating exhibits and enlarged photographs from 1890 onwards was the silver pectoral cross worn by Mother Mary Clare of the Society of the Holy Cross, Seoul, who perished on the long enforced march into imprisonment under North Korean Communist guards in the bitter winter, November 1950. Mother Margaret Paul of Woking movingly told us, standing before Mother Mary Clare's photograph, that Bishop Cooper, also on that cruel march, was able to retrieve the cross and secrete it during his three year long internment in North Korea. Bishop Cooper somehow survived, as did Commissioner Lord of the Salvation Army, though Bishop Byrne, the RC Bishop, died on the march, along with some Carmelite nuns, and Father Hunt, one of our priests of the Korean Mission.

During the North Korean occupation of Seoul in the terrible early days of the Korean War, 1950-53, the Cathedral was desecrated and Bishop Cooper's house ransacked. Among his belongings thrown out into the precinct garden was a lovely three hundred years old crucifix with a mother-of-pearl facing bearing the date 1641. This was later found in 1951 by a trooper (one of the armoured Hussar Regiment now serving in Saudi Arabia), when British forces re-took Seoul. The Regiment took it in care, had it carefully repaired and years later returned it to Seoul Cathedral. There it was in the Centennial Exhibition, proudly displayed in a glass case containing, among other remarkable exhibits, a first edition of the New Testament in Korean signed "C.J. Corfe, 1903".

The photographs themselves were a wonderful history of the Korean Mission. One showed Bishop Trollope with Father Mark Hee-Jun Kim, the very first Korean-born priest; another the first Mission

Hospital in the early 1890s: with the devoted Dr Landis are patients clustered around a cast iron stove from England, the same stove in working order actually exhibited on the floor below the photograph!

The second memorable event was the Choral Concert by the St Nicholas' Cathedral Boys' Choir in the magnificent City Arts Centre on 25 September. To a huge audience the boys gave a recital of haunting Korean folk-songs and English and European polyphonic anthems and motets, some in Latin. We were not only enthralled by the boys' lovely vibrant singing, but also amazed by their fluent mastery of both English and Latin – and this without any word sheets or music sheets whatever!

On Wednesday, a Solemn Requiem was sung in Seoul's Romanesque Cathedral, a listed national monument now, completed by the indomitable Bishop Trollope in 1926. His great memorial brass lies in the floor of the Cathedral crypt chapel, before the Altar, where Mass is said daily at 7 am. Bishop Simon Kim of Seoul was the celebrant and Bishop Paul Yoon of Taejon preached to a packed congregation. The Mass was in honour of the Korean Martyrs, and after the service, Bishop Kim and the other Korean Bishops consecrated a memorial in the precinct gardens to the martyrs who include the English priests Father Lee and Father Hunt and Mother Mary Clare.

Thursday 27 September was a day given over to a Theological Symposium, following on from a lecture and discussion on the Wednesday evening, and including further lectures.

The Archbishop of Canterbury arrived on Friday, and on Saturday 29 September. At 6.30 am, Michaelmas Day, the Revd Clifford Smart, an English priest who has now given 35 years service in Korea, said the first Mass in the new chapel of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Seoul, where the big re-planned convent centre is nearing completion under Mother Catherine's watchful eye.

In the Cathedral, too, early that Michaelmas morning, Mass was said and a sermon given recalling the arrival in Korea of Bishop Corfe a hundred years ago.

In the afternoon, Bishop Kim and the Archbishop of Canterbury addressed some 3,500 people at an open-air service "for re-unification and reconciliation" on the border. Afterwards, the Archbishop, under American Army escort, crossed the Imjin River and was taken through the demilitarised zone. Dr Runcie was accompanied by the Revd Stanley Davies, chairman of the Korean Mission, who was a prisoner in North Korea for two and a half years during the Korean War. They looked across from the final outpost to where North Korean guards were keeping the Archbishop under binocular surveillance.

Father Davies, realising that His Grace's throat was rather dry after his speech in the hot afternoon sun,

made an offer of some American chewing-gum as they travelled North, which received the grateful Archiepiscopal acceptance, and Fr Davies has since found himself wondering whether he might be the first priest to have given the Primate of All England a stick of chewing-gum.

The American Commanding Officer at the final military outpost overlooking North Korea, Colonel Turner, hapened to be an Episcopalian, and offered his American Prayer Book to Dr Runcie for the Archbishop's dated signature, which was gladly inscribed.

And so back through the eerie, deserted "no-man's land", past the notorious Bridge of No Return (over which Fr Davies had once come back from imprisonment in the far north of Korea, in September 1953), to Seoul itself, where that evening a Grand Reception was given for the Archbishop and Lady Runcie in the Dusoo hall of the Plaza Hotel. Just a hundred years ago, one ruminated in that festive setting high up in the Hotel, Charles John Corfe had arrived in infinitely less auspicious circumstances in the "Land of the Morning Calm", where only twenty four years previously, six French Catholic priests had been publicly executed in the City Square below.

Sharing in the great Memorial High Mass on Sunday morning, 30 September, in the Seoul Olympic Gymnasium, with some 10,000 worshippers, it was not easy to recall that this church in Korea, no stranger to suffering and struggle in its one hundred years of life, has survived the Japanese annexation of the country, culminating in the expulsion of all English priests; the division of the Marxist North from the South with a total ban on evangelisation beyond the de-militarised zone, and the destructive horrors and martyrdoms of the Korean War, 1950-53.

Bishops from Canada, Australia, America, Japan and England were with the Archbishop of Canterbury on the dais behind the Celebrant, the Bishop of Seoul with his brother bishops and attendant ministers. New Zealand Franciscans were also present and the Reverend David Cobbett, Australian Board of Missions (a former missionary priest in Pusan). The Solemn Eucharistic liturgy unfolded in an incense-laden pageant of colour, ceremonial movement and acclamation. Some forty Korean priests administered Holy Communion as the vast

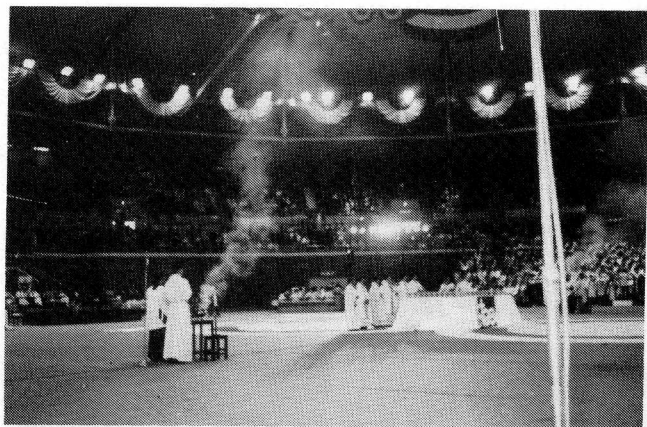
congregation filed to the administrative locations. The out-going procession was headed by a hundred children carrying aloft above their heads a huge white papier mache cross.

After a sandwich lunch everyone returned to the Gymnasium for an afternoon of celebration, symbolic mime, music and dance. Bishop Paul Burrough as befits an old Rowing Blue fresh from his rowing exploits with three other old Blues in Berlin a week earlier, was observed vigorously participating in a huge linked congregational dance.

That Sunday evening Lady Runcie gave a piano-forte recital in the Sejong Cultural Centre, ranging from Mozart to Shostakovich. Her playing of Haydn's Sonata in F Major (an infrequently heard piece), and the lovely Impromptu No 1 in C Major, Op 90, of Schubert, drew especially enthusiastic applause. At this recital, the admission fees were in aid of the "Houses of Sharing" in the Seoul diocese in which the Anglican Church demonstrates its desire to share the love of Christ with the destitute, the poor and homeless, the abandoned children, or those in need of urgent care, in this vast city with its 11,000,000 inhabitants.

Finally, there was a convivial buffet supper at which, after several speeches and presentations, the Archbishop himself gave his farewell speech, Mother Catherine of the Holy Cross Sisters, translating for him, expressing his joy at being in Korea and his sincere hope that the time would soon come when Korea could be declared an independent province of the Anglican Communion. He also said how deeply he had appreciated the liturgical order and beauty of the Memorial High Mass that morning - an act of worship that would remain long in his memory.

Thus ended the unforgettable Centennial Week. All who visited Korea for this event were deeply moved by the warmth of welcome; the abiding sense of Christian love and fellowship; the flawless organisation; the wonderful hospitality everywhere so generously given, and, beyond all, the longing for independence as a Province within the Communion. No one pretends that the Korean Church is without its internal problems and its difficulties (is the C of E?), but it enters its second century with optimism in a spirit of renewal by God's grace with the belief that in fulfilment of the long-cherished desire for re-unification of the nation, the Gospel offers that abundant newness of life which Jesus came to bring.



SERMON DELIVERED BY THE
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
(The Most Rev Robert Runcie)
ON THE OCCASION OF THE
CENTENARY OF THE ANGLICAN
CHURCH OF KOREA.

SEOUL, SUNDAY
30 SEPTEMBER 1990

"So come to him, our living Stone – the stone rejected by men but choice and precious in the sight of God. Come, and let yourselves be built, as living stones into a spiritual temple."

1 Peter 2.4

Come to HIM – our living foundation stone so that we may become living stones of a spiritual house – that is why we come to this and every Christian Eucharist.

It is the call of God to find in Jesus Christ a sure foundation for faith, a deep fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and the hope of building his kingdom of love.



It is my great joy and happiness, on behalf of the whole Anglican Communion, to bring you greetings on the occasion of your one hundredth birthday. Anglicans all over the world rejoice with you today. We celebrate with you the triumphs of Him who has called you "out of darkness into His own marvellous light", and blessed the Anglican Church in Korea.

A centenary is a time to recall the past. A Church needs to cherish its history and preserve its memories. It needs to recall the faith of its pioneers, its first heroes in the Gospel.

Yours has been a brave Church. No-one who knows your history can fail to be inspired by the strength of your faith. Your first bishop, Bishop Corfe, described his task in nautical terms – "It is like attacking a battleship with a dinghy". But, undeterred, he arrived almost alone, and with meagre resources, on Michaelmas Day 1890. Doubtless there were moments in his fifteen years as bishop when the whole enterprise seemed beyond him – moments of isolation, indifference, opposition. Missionaries from other Churches who preceded him would have understood. But their work, too, has given birth to other vigorous Korean communities of faith, and we greet their successors here

today, our fellow-workers for the Gospel of Christ. We are not strangers, but fellow pilgrims.

The Church in Korea has seldom been free from hardship. Three days ago you celebrated the Festival of Martyrs. Every Church true to Jesus Christ will have its martyrs. Your Church has known martyrdom and persecution, war and occupation, but it has remained true to the Gospel. It has taught the faith, been loyal to its traditions, open to the Spirit and enthusiastic in its evangelism. That's why I call you a brave Church. Today we give thanks for these gifts from God, and for all our tutors in Christ who have built their lives on His foundation.

A centenary is also a time for taking stock. You have invited your friends to be with you. I welcome those who have been especially inspired by your witness – from Japan, America, Canada, Australia and many other places including my own country. There will be many reunions today. There is also an unseen company from all over the world who are thinking of us and supporting us.

But above all this is a Korean celebration. Your theme is 'Jesus Christ, the life of the nation'. Our missionaries were asked to come by missionaries already active in this region. They set themselves to build an entirely Korean Church in its leadership, thinking and social concern. Bishop Corfe said they should not begin making converts until they had learnt the Korean language. You have been working hard in recent years to form a separate Province of our Anglican Communion. That process is now almost complete. I want to hand over my authority to a Korean Archbishop who will lead a Korean Church free to order its own affairs. When a constitution has been agreed which is consistent with the traditions of the Anglican Communion, your Primate can be elected. I believe and pray that this will happen in a matter of months. I believe it will be an important symbol when you have your own Korean Archbishop.

All over the world – especially in America, Canada and Europe – I have seen Korean Anglicans maintain high standards of worship such as we have here this morning, eager to learn to be teachers of the faith, and caring for refugees – their own or other peoples. And you have given priority to prayer. Since the days of Bishop Corfe, religious communities have been part of the life-blood of the Korean Church. The Society of the Sacred Mission has a proud place in your history, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross maintain that tradition today.



But yours is not a Church locked in the past. What is new is the energy of your co-operation with other Churches. True to your Anglican vocation, you stand for a Church that is catholic in order, biblical in preaching, evangelistic and ecumenical in mission. You have linked hands with other Christians to build a common witness in your national life.

Never underestimate the power of Christians to change society. We have seen this clearly in Eastern Europe and Southern Africa, where Christians have united to break down barriers. Let it be so here, however costly. The way of the Cross is always the way of reconciliation and healing. Yesterday I visited Panmunjon. It spoke of a past era, one which must be swept away, in the recovery of the unity of your people.

"Come and let yourselves be built as living stones, into a spiritual temple". We cannot realise our dream for our Church, our nation, or ourselves in our own strength. We need to surrender ourselves to allow the Spirit of Christ to win fresh victories through us.

Today we worship in a sports hall. This reminds us that we are the living stones of Christ's Church. We cherish our holy places, our church buildings, but it is upon us that the mission of the church depends. Here, in the Olympic Games of 1988, the whole world witnessed a great display of human excellence and achievement. When I first came to Korea in 1987, I was taken to see your marvellous stadium, waiting for the exploits of athletes and the roar of the crowd. We walked around the arena, empty of competitors, officials and spectators. My mind recalled St Paul. For him, athletic success suggested a parable of the Christian life. "All the runners run the race," he wrote, "though only one wins the prize. Like them, run to win! Every athlete goes into strict training. They do it to win a fading wreath: we a wreath that never fades".

We honour today generations of Korean Anglicans who have won the wreath that never fades, whose sacrifices were acceptable to God, who now see him face to face. May our faith be renewed by theirs, that with them we may be built as living stones into the temple of God.

At the end of the Solemn Eucharist, Father Davies came to the microphone with Dr Lee in attendance, to deliver a message of encouragement from the Korean Mission in England. He said:-

"I bring greetings in the name of Jesus, our Saviour, from the Korean Mission in England. It was founded by Bishop Corfe, after his consecration in Westminster Abbey in 1898, as 'The English Church Mission to Korea', and is now popularly known as the Korean Mission.

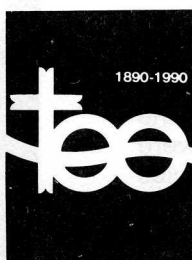
May I also congratulate you all on your achievements under God, over these past 100 years, in spite of catastrophic happenings and sufferings, and so many difficulties, and on the centennial organisation which has culminated in this first great week and in this Solemn Eucharist today.

As I walked in the Toksugung Palace Gardens last Friday morning, at mid-day, I heard the great "Boom, boom, boom" of the Cathedral Bell sounding the Angelus in honour of the Incarnation of Our Lord, and of Our Lady Mary, Mother of God. What a thought! Here in the rush and turmoil of your great capital city, the Good News of the Gospel is sounding out. A hundred years has passed but we cannot rest, much remains to be done in spreading the Gospel - the eternal message of the Holy Catholic Church.

The Lord Jesus has commanded us: "Go forth into the world and preach this Gospel to the whole creation". We have no choice but to obey. the only thing that really matters about each one of us is what effort we are individually trying to make in carrying out that task.

I love Korea: I love the Korean Church, and I hope to return again before I die. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all".

대한성공회
한국교회



선교백주년
기념

SOME FURTHER REFLECTIONS



Father Davies and Canon Bear had travelled to Pusan on 18 September and spent some days with Bishop Bundo Kim at the Diocesan Training Centre, meeting Fr Goodwin, Fr John Yom, Deacon John, Fr Jude Chong and Andrew Messom from Derby, Fr Alan Messom's son, who is doing a year in Korea and whose Korean, learnt in childhood in Pusan, is rapidly becoming fluent again. Several churches were visited including Tae-chong-dong and St Christopher's, Somyon, where Fr Valentine Han and Teresa, his wife gave a delicious Korean lunch. Michael and Bishop Kim took their visitors to the famous Taedong-sa Buddhist Monastery where they saw and heard the two hundred strong community of monks chanting their devotions. Fr Davies was also taken by Fr Albert Kim and Fr Colin Harrison, the Missions to Seamen priests at Pusan, to the beautifully maintained UN War Cemetery where he was able to pray at the graves of many soldiers he had once ministered to who fell in the Korean War 40 years ago. It seemed a fitting conclusion to his earlier visit, by the kindness of the American Army Divisional Senior Chaplain on Monday 17 September, to the Memorial at Solma-ri, just short of the Jujin River, to the "Glorious Glosters", whose Chaplain he was and whose heroic stand there, at great cost, against overwhelmingly larger Chinese forces in late April 1951, until they were completely surrounded, was instrumental in saving Seoul.

The gift of a chalice and paten from Miss Havergal of Malvern was presented to Bishop Bundo, and after their long and fruitful conference with the Bishop and his advisers, when problems were discussed and aired, Canon Bear and Father Davies left for Taejon. Here they were welcomed by Bishop Paul Yoon, and later met several of his priests, and in several conferences with him learnt much of

Taejon's particular problems and visions for future development. On Sunday 23 September, Fr Davies left early with Bishop Paul for St Peter's Church at Pyuch'on, a two hour car journey, and gave a short address at the Mass which the Bishop translated to the congregation. Returning that afternoon when Canon Bear joined them, the Bishop consecrated a new mission church and centre in down-town Taejon, now a city of some 4,000,000 people with a big future. Again, Fr Davies gave a short address, and the Bishop introduced Canon Bear to his people. They also met Sisters who are trying to found a Franciscan Convent as part of Taejon's mission. The Bishop also showed them the huge new Taech'ong multi-purpose dam with its topmost span of 495 metres, and arranged for them to visit Korea's awe-inspiring tallest statue of the Buddha, at Bopju-sa temple, dating from 553 AD on Songhi Mountain.



In their travels they found in almost every Sacristy of churches large and small a photograph of Bishop Corfe, and other English Bishops, displayed and were much impressed by the fact that almost everywhere in small villages and in the towns, the Cross was evident – prominently displayed in numerous locations, giving perhaps an almost exaggerated impression of Christianity's presence in a country nominally Buddhist. In fact, 25% of South Korea's 42,000,000 population own the name of Christian.

In Seoul itself from 25 September, where Fr Paul Kim, the Bishop's Chaplain, and Fr Smart were so helpful, they were able to visit some typical small down-town churches, one of which at Kwang-Myong, in an office block basement, was maintained by a Catechist in training for the Diaconate and later the Priesthood, Berekiyah Chang, a former Army sergeant. Later visits included the little churches at Oh-suri, Sunsoori and Samhungri, where the new St Aidan's is a fine, big, airy church with a fine new Vicarage. In Kanghwa, Dr John Lee showed them the famous large and beautifully Korean-styled church – the first Anglican church to be established, 1893, and associated with the name of Fr Warner, Fr Trollope (1896) and Sister Alma of CSP who gave devoted sacrificial service from 1893 to 1905. They saw her tomb-stone there, the memorial to a saintly woman. Beyond Kangwha they visited the Old People's Home run by the

Sisters of the Holy Cross, Seoul and lunched there. Kangwha now has twelve churches and seven clergy.

They had a deeply informative conference with Bishop Simon Kim of Seoul and Father Clifford Smart, and were impressed by the way in which the premier Diocese is able to help financially in the Dioceses of Pusan and Taejon and the Theological College. The Bishop has been able to ordain twenty five priests and confirm 3,000 persons in the last six years, and to build four new churches and re-build three old ones. His Five Year Plan seeks to build six more city churches, and to train more Catechists and priests, while providing laymen with a two year course in Christian leadership and witness in the life of the nation. Finally, it was very clear that Bishop Kim longed for the time when Korea should become an autonomous independent Province.



looking fulfilment, and living proof that Bishop Corfe's initial labours, and those of his first pioneer helpers, with what at times seemed unpromising prospect, were indeed "not in vain in the Lord".

During their stay, the English visitors had the opportunity to be shown by Mother Catherine OHC the splendid new buildings of the re-planned Convent and Conference and Retreat Centre. Some of the charming old typically Korean convent buildings and roofs will be able to be incorporated. Holy Cross Convent, so strategically situated in the heart of teeming Seoul, adjacent also to the British Embassy and St Nicholas Cathedral, clearly has a vital future, and essentially as an oasis of prayer and contemplation, under Mother Catherine's guidance. Mother Margaret Paul's presence (from Woking) was a reminder of the great work in Korea of the CSP and in the past formation of the OHC.



Everywhere in South Korea, in the many often humble but always beautifully kept little churches, the familiar aspects of the Anglo-Catholic tradition in which the Korean Church has been nurtured are apparent. The Church enters its second century with increasing numbers, young ordinands in training, young women postulants in the Sisterhood, and the prospects of another bishopric. There are also the possibilities that long-forbidden evangelisation in the North may before too long be resumed, and so this centenary is a time of forward-

While Michaelmas Day celebrations were proceeding in Seoul, Miss Joan Hackworth, Bishop Corfe's great niece, Father Luke Lee and a group of Koreans were gathered at the Bishop's grave at Brookwood Cemetery here in England, to pay tribute with prayer and praise to his memory, and to pray for God's blessing upon the Church in Korea.

"Cor ad Cor loquitur"

IMPRESSIONS OF KOREA

It must be easy to be a millionaire in Korea - at least that is what I thought when I got 130,000 Won for my £100 at the bank before setting out on September 15th in answer to an invitation to take part in the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Anglican Church in Korea.

Fr. Sam Davies and myself, (both members of the Korean Mission Committee for many years, and Commisaries for the Bishop of Seoul) travelled together. Sam had been a British Army chaplain and a prisoner of war in Korea many years ago and as a result of contacts with the American army we were met on our arrival, and whisked off as V.I.P. guests of the GOC north of Seoul. After visiting the U.N. area on the 38th parallel, and standing briefly

on North Korean soil at the conference centre (while sentries from either side stood on guard) we were taken for our second night to the Seoul Plaza Hotel as guests of the Anglican Church - a luxurious place with ten restaurants, befitting a now modern city of ten million people with traffic to match. From our window we could see across the Square the Romanesque cathedral with the new convent of the Holy Cross, with the British Embassy beyond; and to one side one of the old Korean palaces, all in a secluded wooded area amidst the towering buildings.

Pusan and Taejon

The next six days was spent visiting the two poorer dioceses. We travelled 'standard class' train and I must say that it exceeded in comfort and clean-



liness first class on British Rail! Officials in neat light grey uniform with white gloves bowed before addressing us, and cushioned foot rest provided for our shoeless feet. Pusan turned out to be a great port with a largely artisan population, and quite pretty beaches on the outskirts. Here the Anglican Church had a Centre with the Bishop's Office and room for students in rooms full of bunks. And there we lodged, using vacant bunks rather than the guest room which was filled with two large single beds!

Bishop Bundo Kim of Pusan could not have been more hospitable, and we visited two or three little churches in the town and had lunch with the parish priest of one, sitting on the floor Korean fashion. Later we were taken for a Korean dinner at a pretty restaurant by the sea where the food was cooked at the table by candle light. We also visited a great Buddhist temple a few miles outside the city. On our last evening we had dinner with the Bishop in his humble flat, again sitting on the floor as he appeared to have only one chair anyhow. His sister-in-law served the meal but was careful to stay in the kitchen in the more old fashioned Korean way. We had the impression of a devoted Bishop and a small number of young priests living quite poor and simple lives – and quite a few debts to be settled somehow.

We then went to Taejon on our way back to Seoul and found the Bishop there in the old Bishop's House, now used as a Diocesan Office and set up in the American style, and nearby the very modest cathedral. We were lodged in a rooming hotel, the Bishop living elsewhere in a flat. The main event of



our stay was the dedication of a new church centre in a shopping area of the city. It turned out to be in the basement of a small block with quite a large meeting area above, all rented at a quite large rental to be found by the small congregation swollen for the occasion by the cathedral congregation. This use of ordinary business premises seems to be quite usual in Korea where land is dear and building almost impossible because of the cost. It probably accounts for the large number of neon lit crosses to be seen everywhere over what appears to be ordinary business buildings, giving the impression that Korea is a Christian country.

The Centenary Celebrations

Back in Seoul at the Plaza we were involved in a busy programme of festivities – a Recital by the cathedral choir in a grand concert hall that could rival the Festival Hall in London. A Requiem for the Korean Martyrs was celebrated, those who, (including the Rev Mother of the Sisters of the Holy Cross) died on the long march north when the Communists from the north and the Chinese invaded Korea. Afterwards there was the dedication of the memorial to the Martyrs in the grounds of the cathedral. In between we visited the new convent now finished, built largely with help from a Korean – another Kim, (known as “Dynamite Kim”!) who worships at the cathedral. Mother Catherine and her quite large band of sisters, many young and well educated, are a force to be reckoned with.

Then came a reception for the Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife and many visiting bishops from all over Asia, followed on our last Sunday by the grand celebration Mass in one of the Olympic arenas. It was a sight not to be forgotten – the ranks of robed clergy, and up to ten thousand people. The Mass sung in Korean with traditional music and the orchestra also in Korean costume. The great bronze bowls holding incense which filled the place with their aroma, the huge bronze gong which heralded the Sanctus and Consecration. Then Communion given by intinction at the hands of a large number of priests. After an open air lunch there followed a wonderful display of Korean dance drama. In the evening back in Seoul Rosalind Runcie gave a piano recital, followed by a banquet at which the Archbishop spoke.

So ended the festival, but for us, Sam and myself, there were still visits to be made – the island where the first Christian church was built – and very beautiful it was. This was in company with the Archbishop of Toronto and a group of pilgrims from his diocese which is linked with the Seoul diocese. We went to nearby Buddhist Temples, to the traditional Korean Village.

The memorable visit came to an end with an impression of a small courageous and growing church, in Seoul prosperous, but there and elsewhere still very much needing our prayers and support. Anglican Koreans are very much hoping to become an independent church; ‘the church of Korea’, and that the Archbishop promised would soon come about.

Harold G. Bear

BRICKS AND MORTAR

The Church at Songsan (Kangwha) is being re-built and when this is completed it is hoped to build a house for a Priest.

THE HOLY CROSS SISTERS have built a home for Mentally Handicapped Women at Naemri in the Taejon Diocese. They have moved from St. Anne's House in Inchon and have expanded the accommodation and facilities in addition to having more spacious grounds.

On May 12th Bishop Paul blessed a new Rectory at Mukbangni. It has been built with modern conveniences and with modern materials but has also retained certain traditional Korean features.

THE DIASPORA

One of the retired Priests, Fr. Elijah Kim is living in the U.S.A. and worships with Korean congregation in Bogota, New Jersey. He is trying to raise enough money for a Reading Room and Theological books, hoping this might be an effective tool for evangelising the local Korean community. Fr. David O is the Parish Priest.

IN THANKSGIVING

On April 15th, the eve of the 92nd Anniversary of Dr. Eli Barr Landis' death, Fr. Stephen Pak blessed a simple Memorial to him in the Inchon Foreigners' Cemetery. This was part of the year's centenary observations marking his arrival with Bishop Corfe at Inchon on Michaelmas Day 1890.

BUSAN

Bishop Bundo Kim is glad to announce the setting up of a new Church in the Diocese of Busan (Jin-Ju). The Church began its mission on 5th May 1990. the congregation meet in a rented room which is also used by the Deacon and his wife. As the new Church is very busy the Deacon and his wife require a room of their own for the coming winter.

The Bishop's first visit to the Church was on 7th August 1990. He was pleased to find a regular congregation of about 40 people. He was happy to see the new Church growing and flourishing.

John Lee was ordained Deacon on 17th July 1990. Since then he has continued his work as secretary to the Diocese Training Centre.

Bishop Bundo Kim would like to extend his thanks to U.S.P.G. Experience Exchange Programme (EEP) Training Scheme. Andrew Messom arrived in Korea

on 22nd August and will be working in the Diocesan Office for one year assisting Bishop Kim with his English correspondence.

Bishop Bundo has written:

I became the Bishop of Pusan Diocese on May 5th. 1988 and now I have been a Bishop for only 2 years and 6 months. The Pusan Diocese in which I have worked has a short history as it is only 15 years old in June 1989. Pusan Diocese started with only 5 churches, without a cathedral or bishop's office. The Pusan diocese was founded without any long term plan. However, we now have 11 churches and three churches are meeting in rented buildings. There is one bishop, 12 pastors and 1 deacon. Our Diocese is a small diocese but we are not disappointed with our position at present, we are making our best efforts for the growth of the church in our diocese. Please pray for our diocese, Pusan diocese is perservering in its efforts to build the kingdom of God on this earth.



John Lee's
Ordination
(Busan)



KOREAN MISSION THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

Give thanks for

the Centennial Celebrations in Korea

the ministry of Robert, Archbishop of Canterbury, as Metropolitan of Korea.

the new Convent of the Society of the Holy Cross in Seoul.

the life and work of Charles Corfe and his successors and the other faithful ministers and people of Christ in the 100 years of the Korean Church's life.

Pray for

the new Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, in his responsibility as Metropolitan for Korea.

the newly ordained: Priest – Moses Chu (Seoul)
Deacons – Cyprian O(Taejon), John Lee (Pusan), Jeremiah Yang, John Chang and Paul Chu (Seoul).

St. Michael's: the Anglican Theological College.

the life of the Sisters of the Holy Cross in their new Convent.

Andrew Messon working with Bishop Bundo.

Please pray for the souls of all who have loved and served the church in Korea, especially those whose anniversaries come at this time (dates are of service)

December

11 John Sun-mun Kim p 1937-41

12 Rose Maud Cooper missionary 1934-39

14 Augustine Pak p 1929-56

17 Alfred Cecil Cooper - 4th bishop 1908-1954

22 John Yongson Kim p 1924-64

26 Ann Borrow missionary doctor 1911-40

January

15 Timothy Kim p 1977-89

February

20 George Howard Morley p 1922-31

23 Michael Yip 1918-38

March

3 Sister Faith CSP 1919-41

8 Sister Barbara CSP 1899-1939

9 Paul Hirai p 1933-4

William Edward Rees p Secretary - 48

13 William Henry Carr Fawcett p 1949-54

14 Athanasius So p 1970-80

16 Walter Perry Morse p 1922-32

23 Stephen Yu p 1940-67

April

8 Kim Athanasius p 1929-50

14 Lionel O'Sullivan Beere p 1924-41

21 Paul Chu p 1934-57

22 Thomas Elsam p secretary 1956-71

27 Hwang Kyongae p 1926-48

May

2 Mother Phoebe SHC 1925-90

11 Mark Kim p 1915-38

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