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AFTER THE CENTENARY

The danger with jubilees, centenaries etc. is that instead of marking a new stage in the development of an institution they more often than not seem to be a high-water mark from which the future recedes instead of exceeds. Supporters of the Korean Church will be relieved that our Korean brethren did not wear themselves out totally last year with all the special events, schemes, new work etc. The three dioceses all have plans to continue developing both existing work and breaking new ground. Taejon and Pusan have especially set their sights high! In the South Cholla province the priest at Kwangju is hoping to begin work in other urban areas and has appealed in the monthly newspaper for information about existing Anglicans who have migrated to Kwangyang, Yochon, Yosu and Suncheon. Pusan hope during the next five years to begin work in Gumi and Ch'angnyong and to revive work in Pansongdong, Pusan where in the mid-seventies there was a group of 30-40 teenagers and three or four adults (Pansongdong Church ceased when the diocese could no longer afford to rent the enlarged shed which had served as a worship centre).

In Seoul diocese especially but also in Taejon there has been rebuilding of churches and priest's houses and many of the churches meeting in rented rooms are saving-up for their "own place". The concern for the underprivileged continues in the three dioceses with an increasing concern to provide "Houses of Sharing" and recently there was a symposium to consider the theological and practical implications of this ministry.

Fr. Stephen Pak continues with the "House of Love" at Onyang working among underprivileged children and has gathered a group of financial supporters. They help several families financially and twice a month a friend provides free hair-cutting. Perhaps this does not sound too exciting but it represents someone's time and effort as well as money going into the loving service of the less fortunate. There is

a definite movement to try to create a church of the people – the minjung of minjung theology.

Information is somewhat sketchy as in the last twelve months over half of the issues of the monthly church paper have not been received resulting in a desperate phone call to Pusan requesting faxed material to a tame churchwarden's place of work.

THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 1991

The audited accounts and Balance Sheet were received by the Committee at its meeting on the 4th June, and it was decided that a "Noddy's Guide" of them should be included in MORNING CALM.

INCOME:

The live donations and subscriptions were £8,551, compared with £9,808 for the previous year.

Legacies: £476, compared with £7,585 last year.

The rest of the income came from the Investments to make a grand total of £17,165, compared with £26,715 last year.

HOME EXPENDITURE:

This amounted to £4,507. Last year's total was £4,002 but this included an additional £1,200 for the cost of K.M. representation at the Centennial.

The cost of the special issue of MORNING CALM was £1,129.

£2,146 was expended in England for Korea, and a total of £14,835 was sent to Korea, plus a special payment of £25,000 from Reserves to the National Synod.

VISIT TO KOREA SEPTEMBER 4th - OCTOBER 16TH 1990



In a boarded up bombed church in Burnt Oak the parish priest was leading his people in prayer. 'Now we will go over to Korea and pray for Bishop Cooper and Sister Mary Clare'. I was a young student nurse and had never heard of Korea and had no idea we had nuns in the Church of England.

Forty years later, as Mother Superior of the Community of S. Peter Woking I was privileged to visit Korea and stay with our dear Korean Sisters of the Society of the Holy Cross, the Community founded by our Sisterhood whose first Mother Superior was our Sister Mary Clare whom as you know died in captivity during the Korean war.

It was to be an unforgettable experience and I will always be thankful to God who inspired me to go, to the Community who made it possible and to Miss Brenda Martin one of our Associates who kindly came with me.

Dr. Runcie had been to bless our new Convent home at Woking and in his address spoke with great warmth of his association with the Korean Sisterhood and especially Mother Catherine whom he knew well.

My visit was deliberately arranged to coincide with the centenary celebrations of the Anglican church in Korea but the main purpose was of course to be with the Sisters sharing their life and visiting their branch houses.

Whilst we had been building *our* new home they had also built a new Convent complex which included accomodation for guests and retreatants with a lovely chapel in the centre.

Some work needed to be completed inside but the Sisters had moved in and so we were accommodated in their new home receiving most gracious loving care and hospitality.

The chapel was one of the areas where work was still in progress so a large room was being used for worship.

It was a tremendous joy to realise how the little group of Sisters who remained after the war had regrouped and gradually more members joined so that today they number 22 with a waiting list for those wishing to enter the Sisterhood.

We stayed six weeks during which time we met so many people, visited so many places and attended so many services and functions associated with the centenary celebrations as well as meeting Dr Runcie again who kindly slotted a visit to the Convent into his very busy week-end. An added bonus came when we were asked if Mrs Runcie could come to lunch on the Saturday as her husband had another engagement. We were delighted and enjoyed meeting her so much. She gave a most enjoyable piano recital in the evening at the cultural hall.

Miss Martin as a member of the Red Cross was able to see something of their work which included a visit to the Red Cross hospital and nursing training centre. I was invited to go too and we found it very interesting.

A memorial service for the Korean Martyrs was held in the cathedral, the names of those who had died being engraved on a large stone outside. Sister Mary Clare was amongst them and I was asked to assist Mother Catherine and some of the relatives present to unveil this memorial. It was a most moving experience.

Earlier I had visited one of the branch houses where mentally handicapped women were cared for - this home, built on the side of a mountain had been given to the Community by the parents of one of the residents. On an adjoining mountain (also given by the same family) the Sisters had buried Mother Phoebe (the first Korean Sister to die) and beside her grave a small stone had been inscribed in memory of Sister Mary Clare. So many memories flooded back as I remembered the faithfulness of a humble parish priest praying for her and Bishop Cooper. The Bishop was to come home . . . and at the time of my Profession, since we had no Bishop in the diocese, Mother Enid asked him if he would come to receive my vows. When I was told this I went quietly to my room knowing that only God could have arranged this moment, and as I stood looking across the glorious Korean view I knew again that only God could have arranged this moment too.

A tremendous effort was made to finish the cleaning and interior work in the new Chapel so that on October 16th, two days before we flew home the Eucharistic Service of blessing took place. Bishop Simon Kim celebrated assisted by Fr. Clifford Smart. Bishop Paul Lee preached. The chapel looked absolutely lovely with beautiful floral arrangements either side of the altar. Sister Mary Clare's commemorative lamp which we gave to the Community hung above the altar and the Blessed Sacrament.

A large crowd, who could not be fitted into the chapel were in the garden and the service was relayed via T.V.

After the service a number of people who had supported the Community financially and in many other ways were presented with commemorative

KOREAN VISIT (continued)

plaques, Mother Catherine reading the citations. I was called to go forward for a presentation too. It is beautifully inscribed expressing gratitude for their foundation and the joy of our mutual love for one another.

Our visit ended as all visits must but distance is no barrier to love, and we are hoping that Sisters may be able to come over to England again when such visits can safely be arranged.

+Margaret Paul
Community of S. Peter.

NEWS OF THE DIASPORA

Fr. Stephen Kim has left Sangju, Pusan Diocese for the United States where he hopes to take up work among a Korean Community. A group of Korean Anglicans have begun to worship together in St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Seattle (Diocese of Olympia). The American rector says mass twice a month for the congregation of ten families. A layman, John Kim is acting as a co-ordinator for the group. **Father Paul Kim** (Seoul Diocese) has gone to Canada to work among the Korean Community there.

The Korean Church's Lent Offerings have been allocated to a Korean Congregation in Taipan (Japan). This church has previously received support from the Anglican Church in Japan.

ORDINATIONS

Although no other information is available we discover that **Barnabas Lee** was ordained priest last year. He continues at Saint Francis' Friary, New Zealand. From the most recent clergy-list received we learn that **Boniface Song, Michael Cho** and **Cyprian Ho** were ordained priests in the Taejon diocese earlier this year - we missed notification of Cyprian's ordination to the diaconate. **John Kim (Imbo)** was also ordained deacon earlier this year. **Bishop Simon** in Saint Nicholas' Day last year ordained five deacons and three priests. On December 19th, **Bishop Bundo** ordained **Ignatius Pak** to the priesthood and some time since the beginning of February he has ordained both **Michael Lee** and **John Lee** priest. **Stephen Ho** has also been made deacon.

PUSAN DIOCESAN SECRETARY

Fr. John Yom has moved to St. Nicholas Church in Sangju to be replaced by Fr. Samuel Chon as Diocesan Secretary. Father Samuel Chon will continue his work at St. Barnabas Church while he is carrying out his duties as Diocesan Secretary.

In November 1990 the office moved into the Training Centre to provide a better environment in which to work. Two of the dormitories in the Training Centre have been converted into three offices, one for the Bishop, one for the Diocesan team and one for the Diocesan Financial Director.

The office has also been updated to enable it to function more efficiently with the purchase of a FAX machine and a computer. The computer will be used to widen the scope of education for the laity as well as the clergy.

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

After a long delay Fr. Paul Mooney has been able to return to the Pusan Diocese as the Flying Angels Chaplain. He arrived in Korea on 5th March and has since then been actively working through a backlog of over three months work.

Fr. Colin Harrison left at the beginning of December and has since then taken up his new appointment in Trinidad. **Fr. Albert Kim** also left at the beginning of December to begin his training to become a Missions to Seamen chaplain. His training will consist of one years training at Selly Oak College, Birmingham and two years assisting at ports around the U.K. He hopes to return to Korea at the end of this period to become the first local Missions to Seamen chaplain.

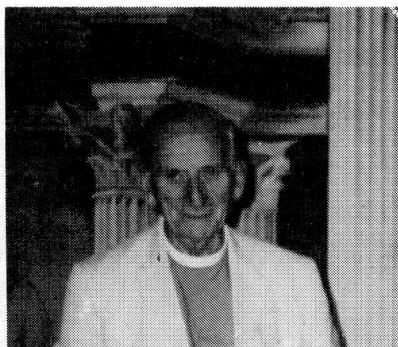
Andrew Messom's stay in Korea

For the past 8 months Andrew has been working as English Secretary to Bishop Bundo Kim (Pusan Diocese). His main duty is to deal with correspondence with the Anglican Church outside of Korea. If there are any foreign visitors it also means acting as interpreter. During the three months that there was no Missions to Seamen's Chaplain Andrew helped out in the office with the Roman Catholic Mission to Seamen Chaplain

Presently he is helping Father Andrew So with the translation of English material (which has been specially prepared for the Decade of Evangelism) into Korean, for the education of the clergy and the laity. He is also helping Father Richard Lee with his English. Father Richard will be going to England for two years to work in a parish after studying at Selly Oak College for three months.

For the last six months Andrew has been attending St. Christopher's Church and become part of the active youth group. He also attends the Sunday School which meets at 9 O'clock and attends the Bible Study class with the Sunday School Teachers. For a while he also led an English Bible Study class.

OBITUARY



CANON GATEHOUSE BEAR

Died 7th March 1991 at St. Christopher's Hospice

Harold Bear entered Kelham Theological College in 1928. He had many affectionate and also some amusing recollections of Kelham, the old Kelham, sadly no more. Kelham gave him his priestly formation.

Harold was made deacon in 1934 and priested the following year. He was rather proud of the fact that he was the only BEAR listed in Crockford for many years. After a curacy in St. Paul's, Deptford, he became a R.A.F. Chaplain from 1941-45. From 1945-53 he was Vicar of St. Anne's, Wandsworth; then Rector of St. Luke's, Charlton, and finally Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham (1966-1971). In 1967 he became an Hon. Canon of Southwark.

From 1968, Canon Bear was a Commisary for the Bishop of Seoul, and a member of the Committee of the Korean Mission. He had an alert and perceptive mind, with a considerable financial acumen. His often searching and sometimes pungent comments in Committees were greatly valued: they will be missed.

In 1990 he realised a great ambition by travelling to Korea for the Centenary Celebrations of the Anglican Church in Korea. I found him a splendid and tolerant travelling companion, and his dry sense of humour was an excellent tonic. We visited Pusan, Taejon and of course Seoul. It cannot have been other than tiring for a man of 80, but Harold was not a complainer. His article in the last issue of "Morning Calm" was a delightful record of his Korean visit. I shall long remember him.

His death, after some five weeks of feeling increasingly unwell, was quite sudden and unexpected. He was in hospital for only four days.

He was always a great encourager, fosterer and trainer of men with a sense of vocation to the Sacred Ministry. In his final "retirement" years he was glad to be Honorary Asst. Curate at St. Margaret's, Lee, and enjoyed greatly the friendship of the Rector, Father Richard Butler and his wife.

His Choral Requiem Mass at St. Margaret's on 19th March was attended by many friends, lay and clerical, and Canon Roger Davison and Father Michael Davenport were robed and represented The Korean Mission.

Requiescat in pace,

S.J.D.

Canon Austin Masters has been appointed Commissary by the Bishop of Taejon, in place of Bishop Rutt.

Copies of the special centennial number of **MORNING CALM** (December 1990) are still freely available from the office.

The total to date of donations received from **Lent boxes** amounts to £521.

Don't forget there are labels for Lent boxes, already printed, which will do for next year!

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