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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 Sunchon. 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.

