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Photograph of a detail of the Mosaic in the Apse of Seoul Cathedral.

Committee:

Canon Austin Masters, SSM, has been appointed Commissary for the Bishop of Seoul, as well as Taejon, to succeed the late Canon Bear.

Canon Degwel Thomas has retired from the Committee on the grounds of ill health.

The Office would draw to the attention of all kind donors from abroad that it would be helpful if gifts could be sent by International Money Order as dollars are severely discounted at the Banks in the U.K.

LABELS FOR LENT ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.

MORE CENTENARIES!

This year is the Centenary of the first use of Seoul Cathedral site. The building was not, of course, constructed until Bishop Trollope's time. Mr Edwin Ward of U.S.P.G. was present at the magnificent Service in the Cathedral in November, to celebrate these 100 years of Christian worship, with other members of the Partnership Consultation.

Next year will be the Centenary of the arrival of the Sisters from St. Peter's, Woking and the beginning of what is now the Society of the Holy Cross in Seoul.

Seoul Cathedral has launched an appeal for approximately £2 million to fund an extension to provide increased space for worshippers, offices, lecture rooms, etc.

The Cathedral makes substantial donations to the wider work of the Church, having budgeted to give 20million won to various parishes and institutions both in Seoul Diocese and Taejon and Pusan in addition to donations to the Publishing Board and Seminary which are National Church institutions.

SEOUL - NEW WORK

On Easter Day Bishop Simon blessed a new **House of Sharing** in Pongchondong in Seoul. **Leonard Song**, a catechist, and two volunteers are working there and have begun various activities to serve the local community.

On 11th July Bishop Simon dedicated a two storey building in a new development area of Seoul. This will serve as a centre for community, social and education work among the underprivileged. An appeal was made in the Church's monthly newspaper both for volunteers and financial assistance towards the running costs of the new centre.

"Are you a Christian?
Which Church do you go to?
What is that?
Is it a Christian Church?

Yes I am.
I go to the Anglican Church in the city centre.
of course it is. The Anglican Church is"

When I was working as a Pharmacist in a Pharmacy in Korea, people were interested to know about the Anglican Church.

At the same time I always asked myself why the Anglican Church could not grow as other Churches in Korea.

I first came to England in April 1988. I was interested in Medical Mission work as well as the Religious Life. Father Torrey at Jesus Abbey in Korea helped me to come to The Community of St John The Divine in Birmingham, where I stayed for 3 months. Although I could not speak much English it had been a wonderful time with the sisters.

When I returned to Korea I decided to study Theology and came back to England in July 1989. Since then I have studied Theology at Trinity College Bristol for 2 years, and am now studying for an M.A. Degree in Pastoral Studies at the University of Birmingham. It is good to be back in Birmingham and to stay again with The Sisters. Although it has not been an easy time I have, however, learnt a lot, gained a wider perspective of Christianity, and made many friends among students from other countries. It has been exciting to get to know people of other cultures and traditions.

When I finish the course in September 1992, I will return to Korea, but as yet I do not know where God will lead me. However I hope to be able to contribute something to the Anglican Church in Korea. If possible I would like to explore women's ministry in the Anglican Church. I also hope to introduce the subject of Pastoral Studies in Korea especially relating to medicine, because very little has been done in this area. It is my hope for the future that the Anglican Church at home will develop and grow.

Aida Jinhyun Kim

FR. ABRAHAM KIM returned to Korea in August and is working in the Diocesan office. It is hoped he will replace Fr. Hugo Lee at Onchongdong on Fr. Lee's retirement.

FR. RICHARD LEE, formerly of Masan, is currently at Crowther College, Selly Oak and it is hoped that he will work in an English parish for two years. He is sponsored by C.M.S.

FR. ALBERT KIM is still at the College of the Ascension, Selly Oak. He spent the Summer vacation working with Missions to Seamen in Rotterdam.

ERRATA

In the last issue of Morning Calm it was reported that Stephen Pak was running the House of Love, Onyang - it should be, of course, Stephen Kim whom some will know from his year in England in the early eighties.

The Korean Church in Japan, which received a gift from the National Lent Offerings, is in Osaka.



Photograph of Aida with the Reverend Mother Magareth Angela, C.S.J.D., at the Convent in Birmingham.

INTERNATIONAL PEREGRINATIONS

Andrew Messom returned to England at the beginning of August. In July he was visited by Christopher and Chad Messom plus two friends. Susannah Chang (Fr. Abraham Chang's daughter) acted as guide around the various tourist spots. She and her brother, John, came to England in September for a three month visit. During this time they visited Europe for three weeks, getting as far as Hungary. It should be noted that they had no difficulty in entering Hungary - but were detained for three hours at Heathrow Airport by the Immigration authorities!

A group of ten Korean Anglicans visited England for the renewal conference held at Brighton in July 1991.

From time to time belated news reaches us of Korean Anglicans having visited England and of English Anglicans having visited Korea. It could possibly be of mutual benefit if we were to learn of such visits before rather than after the event. Incidentally, does anyone know of Scouts or Guides who went to Korea for the World Jamboree? Did the official chaplains make any contact with the local church? One even hears of representatives of Anglican Mission Societies who visit Korea yet don't seem to think supporters of the K.M. might be interested in their trip.

FOUND IN A BOOKSHOP

Actually, the following were found in different Bookshops, the first two were even at reduced prices – so keep your eyes open!

KOREA – THE UNKNOWN WAR by JOHN HALLIDAY & BRUCE CUMINGS (Viking Press 1988)

This is the book of the ITV series shown a few years ago. Some people found the ITV series a little too pro-North Korea but read at leisure it does give an interesting alternative view of the Korean War and the events leading up to it.

THE RAINY SPELL AND OTHER KOREAN STORIES translated by SUH JI-MOON (Onyx Press 1983)

This is one of the UNESCO COLLECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE WORKS – KOREAN SERIES and is a collection of short stories by various writers from the turn of the century until the post-Korean War period. As the translator indicates in her preface the various stories display the typical Korean response to adversity which is one of tears and sighs rather than vengeance and revolt. It provides an interesting series of almost tragic episodes representative of the various sub-periods of this particular era of Korean history.

AT THE COURT OF KOREA by WILLIAM FRANKLIN SANDS (Century Press – one of the Lives and Letters series 1987)

This is a reprint of a book written in the early 1900's by an American diplomat with a modern introduction by Christopher Hitchens. The book gives an insight into the intricacies of the diplomatic intrigue of that time but also has interesting comments on customs which were essentially of the pre-modern era. Perhaps of local interest to supporters of the Korean Mission it also contains two amusing stories about Bishop Turner.

Those who are of a theological bent will undoubtedly have come across the term "Minjung Theology" but books on this subject tend to be conspicuous by their absence, even in many specialised bookshops. It was a coup, therefore to discover **AN EMERGING THEOLOGY IN WORLD PERSPECTIVE – COMMENTARY ON KOREAN MINJUNG THEOLOGY** edited by JUNG YOUNG LEE (Twenty-third Publication 1988) This is essentially a series of essays favourable to the theology but in some cases with critical reservations. It is also useful in that the bibliography lists books and articles that are examples of MINJUNG THEOLOGY as opposed to critiques of it.

At the time of the Olympic Games in 1988 there was great concern that various large squatter areas had been bulldozed and the people dispersed. Although this was probably the largest and most published occasion of forced re-settlement it did and still does happen on a smaller scale – so although the details may be dated of **"DISPOSABLE PEOPLE – FORCED EVICTIONS IN SOUTH KOREA"** (CIIR 1988) it might still be interesting, especially as it is mainly photographs.

Perhaps a visit to a library might be in order as libraries will normally arrange to acquire books they don't have on their shelves.

Alan Messom

POSITION STATEMENTS DIOCESE OF PUSAN

The Diocese still depends to a fair extent on external aid – 50million won in 1990 and 40million won anticipated for 1991. Of this last year the Diocese received 20million from the Diocese of Seoul and the same amount is budgeted for this year.

Although the K.M. contributions is a decreasing proportion of their total support it is still envisaged that for a few years our yearly remittance will be necessary even for the general budget with additional help for capital projects required.

In this current 5 year plan it is hoped to begin three new churches in Kumi, Ch'ang-nyong and in Pansongdong project will also incorporate a House of Sharing programme as the area is one of the most disadvantaged in Pusan. Near Pansongdong, but outside the city boundaries in Yangsan County, the Diocese have acquired government land for a Retreat Centre and a centre for social welfare activities, but there is a time limit for development. The Diocese is to sell the Diocesan Training Centre and Onchongdong Church as the change in population distribution and comparative land prices make it advantageous to move these ventures to different sites. It is hoped that there will be some surplus to help with the Yangsan and Pansongdong projects but it is still envisaged that overseas support will be necessary if these are to get off the ground.

There are three students currently engaged in the pre-ordination course at the seminary and there are others doing under graduate theology courses at other institutes who hope to offer themselves for ordination.

There are plans to develop Sunday School work – not only among children as at present, but to cover all ages.

To encourage evangelism four church growth seminars are to be organised for the clergy who in turn will lead parish-based courses for the laity. In addition, every parish is planning faith-sharing sessions in which church members will invite non Christians to come and learn about Christianity and the Church.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Fr. Aidan Kang (79) died on the 23rd February 1991. He was ordained in 1949 and having been a faithful priest in various parishes retired in 1977. He often came out of retirement to look after parishes during interregna.

Fr. Elijah Kim (89) died on 12th June 1991, only a few weeks after he returned from the United States. He served as a catechist for twenty years, then was ordained to the Diaconate in 1950 and priested the following year. Again after a faithful ministry in various parishes he retired in 1968 coming out of retirement to fill temporary gaps. Latterly he had acted as a non-stipendiary priest in the United States.

BISHOP JOHN DALY

OBITUARY

After his stroke earlier this year, 1991, Bishop John was in hospital for a time, but since late October, is in a Nursing Home – Bromson Hill Nursing Home, Ashorne, Warwick, CV35 9AG. Because of his disabilities, he will be unable to return, as of course he wished, to his own bungalow in Shipston-on-Stour.

He is gradually settling down to his new life, and looking well. He loves receiving letters and items of news from all his friends and well-wishers, so do find time to write to him.

Born in 1903, ordained priest in 1927, he was consecrated Bishop in 1935 and was affectionately known as "The boy-Bishop". There is only **one** other Anglican Bishop alive now who was consecrated earlier than Bishop John. He is, of course, President of The Korean Mission.

S.J. Davies

The Reverend Bridget Morley-Pearce died on 21st October, aged 63, in the Brampton War Memorial Cottage Hospital, Cumbria. Her funeral took place at St. Aidan's Church, Carlisle on 30th October. She will be mourned by many a pastoral worker: from 1972-78 she served as Deaconess at Christ Church with St. John, Isle of Dogs, and from 1979-88 she was Assistant Chaplain of HMP Holloway. She was ordained Deacon in 1987.

She will also be mourned as a very strong member of the Korean Mission Committee which she continued to serve after her retirement to Cumbria, in spite of her illness. Her last appearance was at the June meeting at which she appeared to be "fighting fit". Her death so soon afterwards came as a great shock.

We particularly express our condolences to Connie Young, our former Secretary, who was a very close friend.

May she rest in peace.

LAY TRAINING

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Earlier in the year 48 graduated from the Scripture Correspondence College after a four year course.

CATECHETICAL SCHOOL

Fr. Zechariah Mun is running a catechetical course at Chopyang for three hours each Saturday for three months. The seventeen who attend are studying the Old & New Testaments, Liturgy and Evangelism.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

Seoul and Pusan Dioceses held a combined two-day course for Sunday School teachers at the Seminary.

Pusan held an additional course at the Diocesan Training Centre.

Taejon held their own course at Chonan.

THE DIASPORA

Fr. Cha of the Taejon Diocese has gone to work with the Japanese Anglican Church in Okinawa.

Aidan Ko was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Los Angeles on 15th June. Aidan, after graduating from College, worked in Seoul Diocesan Office from 1984 until he went to the States to continue his theological studies.

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