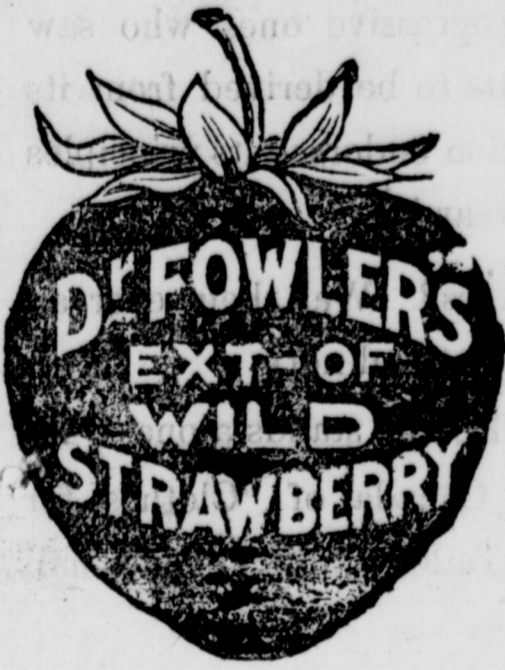


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**KOREAN MISSIONARIES.**

We have received through the kindness of Miss Ethel Estey the fourth annual report of the Korea Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church held at Pyeng Yang, May 16th to 21st, 1902. There are many things in the report we would like to notice but space will not permit. I find however that it contains a report from our beloved Sisters Alice Hammond and Ethel Estey, of Carleton County, and knowing the interest that many of our readers have in those sisters we publish as large extracts as our space will permit.

"At the last Annual Meeting I was appointed to evangelistic work in Mead Memorial church and South Circuit, also to assist in the day school at Tal Sung, in which I had been working since shortly after my arrival on the field. Although my part was small, yet I was thankful to my Father for the privilege of doing something for the advancement of His kingdom so soon after reaching the field of my labors.

Our school has an enrollment of twenty-one girls and an average attendance of fifteen. Most of these are children of Christian parents, but we have some who come from heathen homes and who as yet have not given their hearts to Jesus, but we pray that the time may not be far distant when not only the little ones, but also the parents will learn to trust the Saviour. Last fall just before opening school Miss Pierce and I visited in the home of one of our girls who is about thirteen years old. We asked as we were about to leave if the child was coming back when we opened school; the mother answered, "No, she knows all of Korean, she can read and write, she must now stay at home and learn to cook and sew." It makes our hearts sad to see a girl just old enough to grasp the things she is being taught, put in the prison of her own



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home until she is sent to her mother-in-law.

This last year we have added Chinese to the course for the more advanced. This is intended for an incentive to diligent study in the lower classes. As I look into the bright faces of these little ones realize in these children lie our hope for the future church. May we be able to gather in many who shall become efficient for the Master.

Last winter we had the Epworth League girls meet one afternoon in each week to make clothes for the poor of our flock. They entered heartily into the work, glad that they were able to do something for their more needy sisters.

Since last Annual Meeting I have visited most of the homes of our church members, being accompanied by a Bible woman. At every home the scriptures were read and explained, a song or two sung, and prayer offered. I have felt my hands somewhat tied because of my inability to speak the language, but trust the time is not far distant when I shall be able to talk with the people to whom God sent me.

Every Thursday morning since last October I have been going to Tong Mak a village ten li out to hold a meeting. This work was started by Mrs. Seranton some time ago, but after she was unable to attend the interest seemed to wane. When I first began going there were only six or eight who came, but now about twenty attend. I thank God for the drops and pray that soon there shall be showers of blessing.

I have only made two country trips, visiting in all about twenty five places. Sometimes I was only able to stay a few hours in a place, but there was always seed cast forth and let us hope that some fell on good ground and springing up will bring forth fruit unto the Master. I thought as I travelled from place to place and saw the great work to be done and the great possibilities, truly "the harvest is great and the laborers few." "Let us then pray the Lord of the harvest that more laborers may be thrust forth" in the grand work of garnering souls for the Master."

Respectfully submitted,  
ALICE HAMMOND.

"Where little has been accomplished, of necessity, little can be told, so it will not take long to tell the tale of my work for the past year.

Of course the greater part of the year has been spent in the study of the language. When I began to study I was aware of the fact that Korean was hard, but I can truly say "the half has not been told" of all its difficulties.

Soon after coming here last summer I tried to take up a few of the ends which Mrs. Hall had been obliged to drop. She had spoken particularly of two services at the Wai Sung begun in the homes of former patients in the Hospital. These have been kept up during the year. When not able to go myself as has often been the case since January, either my Bible woman, Susan No, or some one of the Christian women have taken my place. Of these services I cannot say very much—results are not apparent. One of them we think of changing to another home hoping that the women will gather more readily. The trouble there, I think, is due to the aristocratic notions of the Wai Sung people. It is not proper to go about much and the "I am better than thou" air is very apparent.

In Sis San, 30 li out, at the home of one of our faithful Christian women, I have held a number of services through the summer and fall, going once a fortnight, except in illness, when Dr. Harris several times kindly took my place.

In September Mr. Noble gave me the name of another village near Sis San and for some time a service was held there the same day as at Sis San. Later when the days grew shorter I combined the two for the winter.

Early in September I went to Qui Hum over one Sunday, having my first experience of country travelling by boat. We were heartily welcomed by the people and also by nightly visitors of various varieties of creeping and crawling things. We concluded that if Noah had not been so careful to save some of these specimens it would have been more comfortable itinerating in Korea. In this place I held four services. I was much pleased with the women. They seemed so eager to learn

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and so eager that their children might be taught. As yet there is no girl's school here although we need one very much.

The latter part of September and early part of October I made a country trip of 19 days, visiting in all 17 villages and holding from one to four services in each. The joy of the Lord was mine in full measure as I went about and saw how much had been accomplished toward bringing this people to Christ. My heart was full of thankfulness that God had granted even to me a little corner of the vineyard of Korea in which to work for Him.

At one village there was an old woman whom I noticed especially. During the service she kept nodding her head just as though she were saying "Amen" in Korean to what was being said. After the service as we talked to her, we found she had only come for a "look see" at the strange being who had come to their village; but the "sweet old story" had interested her and she gave in her name so gladly as one "who wanted to know more of this Jesus who could save even an old woman who did not know how to read." I often thought of her the next two months and wondered if she was true, for the people had told me she would probably be prosecuted by her children.

When I went to the village again this spring one of the first inquiries was concerning this old woman and I found to my sorrow that she had given up Christ because her daughter had said if the mother became a Christian she would turn her out of the house. She was an old woman and this threat was too much for her faith, so she gave up Christ, as many another has done even in Christian America, for the sake of a home. Her son was very angry with her for giving up her name, seeming to think this was something by which I could compel her to become a Christian, so he told her she must

get that name back. She came to see me and begged me give her back her name. I told her she had not given it to me but to God. "How can I get it back?" she said. She agreed with us about the importance of the mansions above, but she wanted a house for the present, and compared with this need, nothing we could say seemed to have any effect upon her.

In our woman's Class in the fall, I had the pleasure of teaching a part of 'Acts' and was much pleased with the way the women seemed to grasp the teaching. To be sure they did get Paul and John Wesley a little mixed at times, but as the theology of the two men is the same a little matter of names make no great difference. However, I think they separated the two even as to names before the class was over.

During the Korean New Year I made another trip of two weeks this time holding a little class in three villages. On the day I closed the last class the women crowded around me, taking hold of my hands arms and clothes, and with tears in their eyes, thanked me for the coming to them, saying "Oh poene (term used to foreign women) if you will only come and teach us how, we will do God's will." The "toil of the way" seemed nothing compared to the joy of winning even one soul for the Master.

In the Woman's Class in the spring I was only able to teach one week, owing to the illness of my Bible woman, without whom, as my interpreter, I could not teach.

The latter part of March and first of April another trip was made, this time holding a class in two villages. Just the same obstacles, just the same excuses for not serving Christ we meet in our work here as in America. There were very few who did not seem to believe what we said of Jesus but the cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches choke the seed to-day just as it did when Christ taught on earth. "When you come again POENE we will believe" so many told us.

During this winter I held several services across the river, two at Keum-tong-sun, three at Chil-san and two at Keum-dong-ni.

Of house to house visitation I have done but very little, but hope to do much of that work in the future.

I feel that I have no words to adequately express the needs of the work. My heart goes out with a great longing and love for these poor ignorant country women. I believe God has called me to them and I do want to fully obey the call. At the most I feel that the little I can do, is like hunting for a needle in a stack of straw, the work is so great. I know however that so long as God's word is true, He can still use the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty, and so in my weakness I will sow the seed and leave to Him the result.

To Susan my Bible woman, I am indebted for the little I have done. In using her as my interpreter I have been able from the first to speak to the women myself—only once in my country trips having to give up a service entirely to her. And now when she has the yet more difficult task of interpreting my Korean and making that plain, she still is able to give my thought.

Of Susanna, a British and Foreign Bible Society woman, I can only say that in the difficult place she is in, she seems to be holding the fort, teaching and selling the scriptures as she can. I hope to see her and visit her work this year.

To the coming year I look forward with the prayer that much may be accomplished along all lines, in and through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Respectfully submitted,  
ETHEL M. ESTEY.

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