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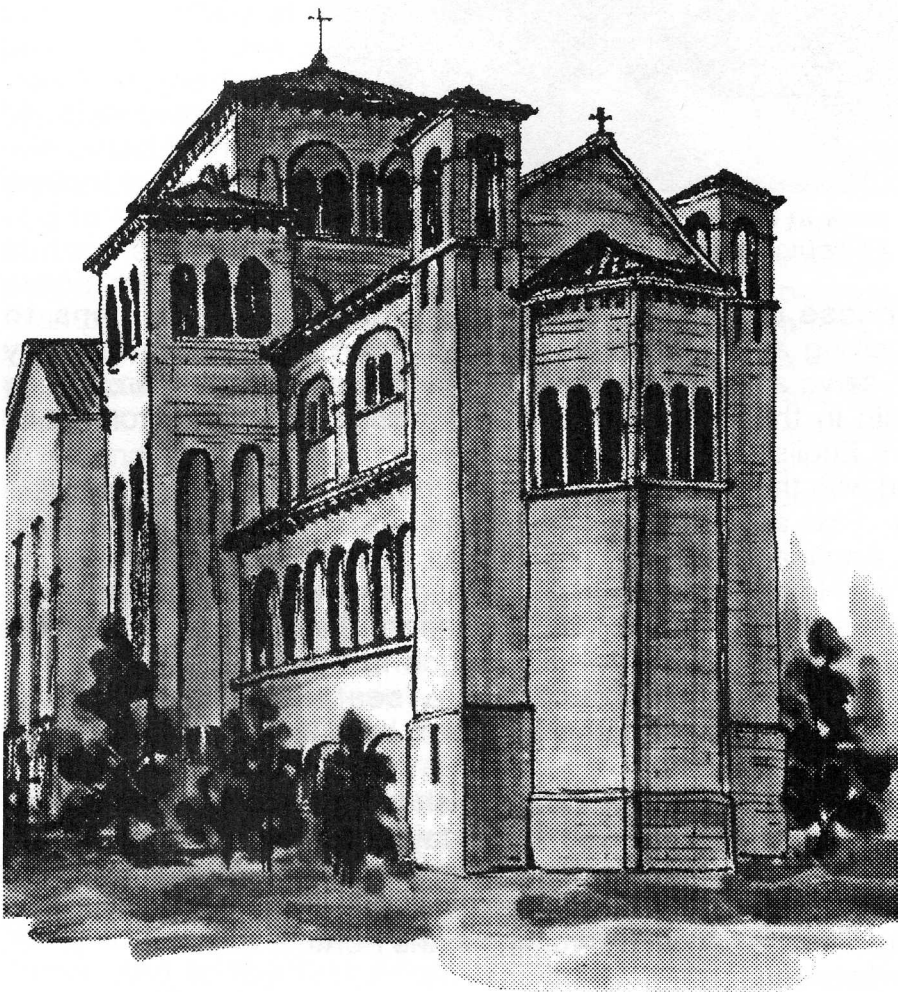
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THE DAY OF JUBILEE FOR PEACE AND REUNIFICATION : 15 AUGUST 1995

PRAY WITH KOREAN CHRISTIANS ON SUNDAY 13 AUGUST



Since 1988, The National Council of Churches in Korea has asked Christians around the world to join with them on the Sunday immediately preceding 15 August every year in prayers for the reunification of Korea. Details of this are on a separate leaflet enclosed.

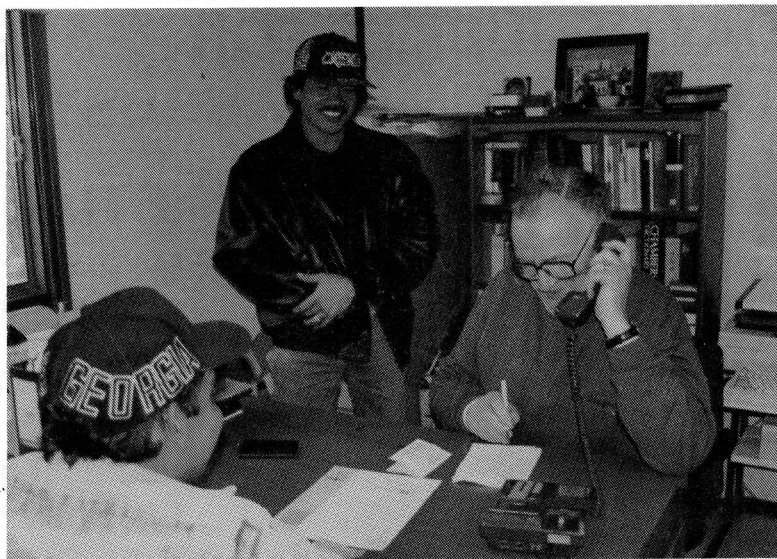
Primate Simon Kim came to the end of his primacy on 30 June this year. He also retired as Bishop of Seoul from the same date. The election of a new Bishop of Seoul takes place shortly and when the new Bishop is in office, the election of the next Primate will take place.

Sketch of the Anglican Cathedral in Seoul, plans for whose completion are presently in operation.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF PUSAN

The Annual Diocesan synod

The 22nd meeting of the Pusan Diocesan Synod took place on 15th and 16th January at a centre near to Taegu City. There were 38 members present plus several observers from various diocesan organizations. The Rev. Andrew H. S. Soh delivered the keynote lecture followed by enthusiastic group discussion on the 1995 mission programmes. At the plenary session on the second day, a number of resolutions were passed which were directed towards the new diocesan projects. These included refresher courses for clergy and laity, a plan for the long range development of mission resources, Some research on local church growth, methodology and the creation of a lay ministry office.



Edwin Ward at work in The Missions to Seamen Centre, Pusan with two Philippino seamen.

Mr Edwin Ward arrived in the Diocese of Pusan in October last year, after receiving an invitation from Bishop Bundo Kim to serve as the Missions to Seamen lay chaplain in the Port of Pusan and to be the Bishop's English secretary. Edwin has been associated with the Church in East Asia for many years. First as the Executive Officer of the Sabah Anglican Interior Mission in Malaysia, then on the Home staff of U.S.P.G, where he was Regional Advisor for East Asia. He left U.S.P.G. in 1992 and then served as the Field Officer for the Korean Mission Partnership. Edwin has made several visits to Korea over the past few years, was a member of the Archbishop's Council of Advice-for Korea which advised the Church of Korea as it prepared to become an independent Province within the Anglican Communion. He also represented the Church of England on two East Asian Partners in Mission Consultations in 1987 and 1991. The Port of Pusan is the sixth largest container terminal in the world, with many ships coming

and going every day. The Missions to Seamen, the Anglican Church's missionary society for the service of seafarers, provides a welcome and friendship to seamen from many countries regardless of their religion, race or rank. Most of the 1½ million seafarers who crew the world's merchant fleet come from Asia. As Port Chaplain, Edwin spends much time ship visiting and welcoming seafarers who visit the centre. Plans have been drawn up for a new centre and an application submitted to a seafarers' Trust for the necessary funds to build it.

The Diocese wishes to become more directly involved in the day to day work of the Mission. Father Jang Chang Kyong has been appointed Hon. Chaplain and he will spend one day each week working in the Port.

(acknowledged to Editor of THE MOUNTAIN SIDE)

In the Footsteps of a Great Great Aunt (concluded)



Sister Helen Constance

As a former postgraduate in International and East Asian affairs at London University, I have had a lifelong love affair with the Orient. My visit to Korea fanned the flames even more. My objectives were to see places and people connected with my relative, to hear about the present work of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and to obtain a brief introduction to Korean culture and people. Nothing could have prepared me for what I found. Seoul, for example, is unlike any other city I have ever visited - noisy, vibrant and colourful with an incredible number of cars and moving neon lights. It is hard to imagine that 40 years ago at the end of the Korean War, south Korea was like Ethiopia today - a wartorn landscape with millions of homeless refugees. Although it is now an economic miracle, due to the hard work and determination of its citizens, the ever present threat of invasion from the North is a terrible tragedy overshadowing south Korea's incredible natural beauty and the real friendliness of its people. The ever growing number of Christians is a great tribute to the English missionaries in Korea who sacrificed and suffered so much for their faith from 1890. While I was in Korea, the Reverend Mother Catherine took me to the Society's Children's Home at Poun, near Taejon; to its old people's Home, and to the first Anglican Church in Korea - both on Kanghwa Island near Seoul. I visited a number of historical buildings in Seoul and Kyongju and also went with a

British Army Guide to Gloucester Hill thanks to the British Embassy. This was where Fr. Sam Davies celebrated the Holy Eucharist before the battle of Imjim.

Although I was bombarded by powerful images in a short space of time - several stand out. Firstly, looking across the border to North Korea from P'anmunjom Demilitarised Zone and realising that there is still a deep wound on this peninsula which needs to be healed. Secondly, looking at the unending rows of headstones of young servicemen of many nations at the War cemetery at Pusan, who died often a long way from home in defence of freedom. Thirdly, going to the dedication of a new Church outside Seoul.

Although I did not understand the words of the Service, it was not difficult to feel the presence of God. Fourthly, talking to Primate Kim in his historic office near the Anglican Cathedral, and to the Reverend Dr. John Jae Joung Lee who told me of his exciting plans for Sungkonghoe University which is going from strength to strength under his leadership, in new buildings.

However, my most powerful and abiding memory of my whole time in South Korea was standing by Reverend Mother Catherine at the grave of the Reverend Mother Phoebe and the memorial stone to Sister Mary Clare - an Irish nun who died as a prisoner of war in North Korea on the infamous death march of 1950. She was the first martyr nun of the Community of St. Peter and the Society of the Holy Cross. With the beauty of the Korean countryside blazing in Autumn glory all around me, I was deeply moved by the symbolism and peace of such a holy place: Korean and European Sisters - East and West - side by side - one buried in North Korea and one in South Korea, emphasising the suffering of a still divided people. I can only hope and pray that, unlike my Great Great Aunt, Sister Helen Constance, C.S.P., I will live to see the Korean peninsula and people united and at peace - in the same way that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

WILLIAM SAY

SNIPPETS

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the foundation of Yonsei University, Bishop Simon Kim was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity for services rendered to the Korean Church.

On the 13th April, Bishop Simon presided at the blessing of six new pillars raised to begin a major extension of Seoul Cathedral.

Kuri Church which began in April 1994 as a mission Church of St. Bede's, Seoul, has moved into larger premises which were blessed on May 21st 1995. The original "plant" was started several months before the original room was rented last year by a group of lay people who met as a house-church and said the Offices together.

The Anglican Church Lekotek (Children's Play) Association has been raising money with a monster lottery.

Songt'an Church (not noted in the parish listings under this name) has begun a Series of Seminars for married couples on enriching family life. The lectures have been organised by a member of the Seoul Cathedral congregation who works in the area.

Kansok Church, Inch'on has built an extension comprising various community rooms. The G.F.S. held a bazaar to help fund the work of the Inch'on House of Sharing.

At the end of April, Ch'ungju Church (Taejon) held its seventh programme of community service for the underprivileged.

In April Somyon Church (Pusan) held an open-air evangelism meeting in front of Pusan Station.

About 50 people attended Mass at the House of Sharing in Samgyedong, Seoul and attempts are being made to raise money to extend the premises.

300 youngsters attended a Youth Rally held at the Anglican University at Seoul.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the creation of Seoul diocese, a Mass was celebrated at the Anglican University when Bishop Simon ordained six priests and five deacons.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the creation of Taejon diocese, a Mass was celebrated in the auditorium of Hannam University. Over 1,000 attended the celebration which was why it was held at the University as the church has no building large enough.

In connection with the 30th anniversary celebrations, Taejon M.U. invited Fr. Ladds from Blackburn diocese to lead a Seminar on the work of the M.U. in England.

In Chonan (Taejon) the Church runs a Social Welfare Centre which is mainly funded by the Government. The management committee is seeking to form a Support Group to pledge 1,000 Won each, every month, to help meet the Church's share of the running costs. Taejon diocese also runs a similar Centre in Taejon itself which is funded mainly by the Government. In Seoul diocese there are two such Centres - one in Seoul and one in Inchon. There are also two of these Centres in Pusan but it appears one only exists in name as of yet.

ALAN MESSOM