

children as well as adults have been born into the kingdom. Indeed the success with which God has blessed evangelistic work in Korea is wonderful, and the progress has been greater than in any other country since apostolic times.

Travellers are unstinted in their praise of the beautiful scenery in Korea. The country is mountainous and well watered, the valleys very fertile and well cultivated, as the people are mainly devoted to agriculture. There is great wealth of ore deposits, especially of gold.

The climate varies. The winters of the north are much like our own; the southern portion is affected by the warm currents which give Japan its tropical climate.

Its people are well built and strong, a loyal, contented race, not grasping, and rather too easy in disposition. They are intelligent, learning with great ease.

The native language of Korea possesses an alphabet and grammar, and is polysyllabic, thus strongly resembling English.

Their houses are well built and heated by a system of flues under the floor.

Rice is the staple article of food in the central and southern provinces, while wheat enters more largely into the diet of the northern people. Still the people eat much beef. Their cattle are as large and fine as may be found anywhere.

The king rules as an absolute monarch. His palace includes some hundreds of acres and is the home of more than 3,000 attendants. At night, when the state business is transacted, the palace is most brilliantly lighted with electric light. Should a king die the whole nation would be compelled to dress in white, the mourning color.

Korea is a pagan country—pagan in its life, its religion, its morals. A nation without a religion is Christianity's opportunity. When Christianity enters the field moral stagnation ends, and whatever may be the travail and sorrow which shall lead to triumph, or however long the final result may be delayed, the time will surely come when even the Korean will behold, in the benefits and blessings of the Gospel, the soul's true heritage.