

Sunday School:

In this department of our work great interest is manifested. The Koreans are bright, intelligent and persistent students. This makes teaching easy. In April at Mr. Gale's request Mrs. Foote and I opened two Sunday school classes for the young people of our congregation. We could not speak many words of the language and the task was difficult. Twenty-seven boys and girls came the first morning and since then several have been added to their number. The interest has spread beyond these classes and several adults of the congregation are following the same course. We prepare our own maps and helps.

Every member, catechumen and adherent attends Sunday school. At present Bible study occupies a prominent place in our congregational work. The men, who meet every Sunday morning before preaching service, are taught by two of the best and most experienced members. The women meet in the afternoon and are taught by Mrs. Foote.

We also have two special classes for catechumens, one for the men and one for the women. These classes are very interesting. Mrs. Foote teaches the latter, and I teach the former. Catechumens are received as such after examination. No one is admitted into the catechumenate unless the session is satisfied that the applicant is a Christian. After a person has been a catechumen for six months and has taken a course of instruction, he is allowed to apply for baptism. We find the members of these classes very diligent students and are pleased with the progress they are making.

Training Classes:

Although Mr. Gale alone delivered the lectures to the Christians who gathered here last February for three weeks' study, we may claim to have had some small share in the work. The leading men in this mission living outside of Wonsan were invited to join the Christians here for a short course of Bible study.

We were surprised at the large number who came. One man walked over one hundred and eighty miles to be present. Several came one hundred and thirty miles. Others came one hundred miles. Sixty in all were enrolled. The Wonsan Christians provided entertainment for their visiting brethren. Classes were held in the morning and evening of each day. In the afternoon the Christians visited different parts of the city and held services or spoke to their friends of the claims of Christ. After the evening lecture, time was given for prayer and testimony. This is the beginning of our future college and native ministry.

During the last of March and first of April Mrs. Swallen held a similar class for women. Four came from Ham Hung one hundred miles distant. As but few Korean women can read, and as they do not have equal opportunities with the men for study, the

teaching of necessity was elementary. However, a good beginning was made, which already has proved a blessing to the Church.

Evening Study:

To those who in earlier years were wedded to idolatry, and whose only religious acts were to worship at the graves of their ancestors, but are now Christians, the Bible is a wonderful book. Even the oldest Christians here first heard the Gospel but a few years ago, and the way they study the Word of God is certainly remarkable.

In connection with this congregation during the long winter evenings, there are three places where the Christians meet every night for Bible study. They sit on the floor in a circle around the lamp, and often far on into the night without reference Bible or commentary, but with reverent minds and prayerful hearts try to understand aright the message of God.

Prayer Meetings:

A prayer meeting is conducted in every section of the congregation. The marked difference between the number who attend preaching service and prayer meeting in the home land is entirely wanting with us. Every person who attends service makes it a point to be at prayer meeting.

Preaching Services:

I cannot speak too highly of the assistance rendered by the natives in these services, or of the average attendance. It has been some months since Mr. Gale, who by his pleasing manner and beautiful Korean language, made Sunday services especially attractive, went to Seoul, yet the interest has not suffered and the attendance has increased.

Hitherto we have been labouring under the disadvantage of having to divide the congregation into two sections; and have these meet in different parts of the city, or at different times, because of the limited size of our largest meeting place.

At present the congregation is divided into three sections. A native preaches at each place.

All this is about to be changed as the new church is nearing completion. Mrs. Gale has rendered valuable assistance at the service for women. The Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and baptism were administered twice during the year. The church members number fifty-seven, the catechumens thirty-nine, and the baptized children six. Contributions and income from land and interest for the year amount to 4,250 yang, or \$425 00 gold (one yang is a day's wage in Korea).

Church building:

The principal interest of the congregation at present centres in the new church. As soon as Mr. Gale knew he was going to Seoul, he called a meeting of the congregation and it was decided to supply a long felt want and build a church. After some