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**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

The Annual Meeting of the Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was held in the Social Hall of the Seoul Union, on Wednesday, June 8th, 1932, at 4:30 P. M. About forty members were present Dr. H. H. Underwood presided.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read, and after slight correction, were adopted.

The President’s annual report covering the activities of the Society was read for the information of the Society. (See report attached).

The Librarian, Mr. N. C. Whittemore, read his report on the library. (See report attached).

On motion the Librarian’s recommendation that ¥150.00 be appropriated for the purchase of books and the binding of periodicals, during the coming year, was approved.

The Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Miller, gave his report on the financial actions of the Society during the year, and the present state of the Treasury. (See report attached).

On motion the report was adopted with thanks to Mr. Miller.

The following names were presented for membership and on motion were elected members of the Society : Rev. C. S. Hoffman, Ensign. C. W. Widdowson, Dr. Helen Kim, Rev. J. L. Gerdine, Mrs. W. A. Noble.

It was moved and seconded that the Society adopt the usage of having a Nominating Committee to bring in nominations each year for the officers for the ensuing year.

Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Chairman appoint a committee of three members who are not members of the [page 107] Council to bring in nominations for officers at the next Annual Meeting. Carried.

For the coming year the following officers were elected, after having been nominated by the Council

President \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ H. H. Underwood

Vice-President \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ W. C. Kerr

Secretary \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Ernest Fisher

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Councillors \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J. L. Davis

Mrs. Massy Royds

The minutes were read and after slight correction were adopted.

Dr. J. L. Boots read the second part of his paper on “Korean Arms and Armour Some very rare and interesting pieces of defensive armour were exhibited before the Society.

On motion the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.

H. H. UNDERWOOD, EARNEST FISHER

President Secretary

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Seoul, June 8th, 1932

It is with great pleasure that I present a brief report of the activities of the past year. The Council has met three times and two open meetings of the Society have been held. At the first of these meetings Miss Olivette Swallen read a most valuable and interesting paper on “Korean Nursery Rhymes” after which moving pictures of the Paik Tu San were shown. At the second open meeting, Mr. Mun Whan Oh gave us the result of his years of paintaking research on the “Life of the Rev. Jermain Thomas.”

Publications

Of the papers previously read before the Society the “Partial Bibliography of Occidental Literature on Korea” with its accompanying paper was published as Vol. XX of our “Transaction” ; and Bishop Trollope’s paper on “Korean Literature” will appear as Vol. XXI and will be in your hands in a few days. As you may be aware, the Bishop left us only his notes and these have been completely edited and prepared for publication at great expense of labor and time by the Rev. Charles Hunt, to whom our gratitude for this work is due. We have attempted to add to the interest of the paper by publishing with the text the portraits of four of Korea’s famous men of letters, the pictures being from the Chosen Christian College collection of portraits. We are also adding some notes on certain catalogues of Korean literature prepared by Dr. J. S. Gale.

The publication of these papers still leaves four to be published, i. e.

Korean Birds Rev. D. J. Cumming

Korean Arms and Armor, I & II Dr. J. L. Boots

Korean Nursery Rhymes Miss O. Swallen

The Life of Rev. Jermain Thomas Mr. Mun Whan Oh [page 109]

Papers in Preparation

There are now in preparation two articies.

Nak Ryang by Dr. L. G. Paik

Korean Ships by the present speaker.

It is hoped that Dr. Paik’s paper will be ready for pre-sentation in October but work on the second is progressing so slowly that there is no prospect of its being ready for at least another year.

It is very much to be hoped that some of you will undertake the study of some special phases of Korean life or culture so that we may continue the interesting series which we have had of late and not fall again on the lean years such as preceded 1929.

It is a great pleasure to report a considerable increase in membership, some forty or fifty new members having been added during the year.

It is also a pleasure to announce that two of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Gompertz, of Yokohama, have undertaken to continue the work of the Bibliography so that from time to time supplements may be issued bringing it up to date. If you will forward to them full information as to any new titles on Korea which come to your attention you will be doing the Society a great service.

I should like to say something about the work of our Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary and other officers, but I feel sure that the bare facts of their reports will make plain to you all the splendid work they have done.

All the members of the Council have given many hours of work to the affairs of the Society and the relatively prosperous state of the Korea Branch is due to the efforts of these gentlemen, and to the loyal support which you have all given in membership and attendance at our meetings.

Respectfnlly Submitted,

HORACE H. UNDERWOOD.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

MR. HUGH MILLER

INCOME EXPENDITURE

Balance from last account ¥2,177.92 Printing Transactions ... ¥ 560.60

Collected from dues … … 591.08 Library … … … … ... 313.17

Cash Sales … … … … 130.93 Stationery… … … … ... 1.35

Interest ... … … … … 62.49 Postage … … … … ... 17.82

Refund on Furniture ... ... 103.65 Expended for book-keeping ... 20.00

Kim Young Jun … … … 20.00

Typing (Bishop Trollope’s

Paper) … … … … ... 16.60

Mn M. W. Oh,s travel

expense … … … … ... 15.00

Total ¥ 963.94

Balance on hand 2,102.13

¥ 3,066.07

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**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY**

June 8th, 1932

Cataloging

The cataloging of all the recent acquisitions, including the files of exchanges, is up to date, with the exception of cross reference cataloging, which has never been attempted very much in our library. Some binding [of our serial acquisitions has also been done, notably a complete set of our own Transactions, which has been possible only as a result of considerable searching.

Request for Extra Copies

If our members have any extra copies of Volumes X, XI and XII which they would care to dispose of to the Society, they will be very much appreciated by several libraries that are very anxious indeed to complete the file of our Transactions. [page 112]

Accessions

Title Author Received From

Korea, The Hermit Nation W. E. Griffis Purchased

The Case of Korea Henry Chung Purchased

The Village Devil Tree F. S. Miller Gift

Korea Calls ！ L. H. Swinehart Purchased

Tobit Transplanted Stella Benson Purchased

History of the Korean People J. S. Gale Purchased

China, Mother of Gardens E. H. Wilson Miss K. Wambold

A Brief History of Eastern Asia I. C. Hannah Purchased

The Unveiled East F. A. McKenzie Purchased

Life in Korea Carles Purchased

The Tragedy of Korea F. A. McKenzie Purchased

The Rural Mission of the Churchin Eastern Asia

K. Butterfield

Gift

Annual Meteorological Report, Observatory, Jinsen, 1929

Govt. Publication Gov. Office

The Coming Struggle in Eastern Asia

Putnam Weale Purchased

East of the Sun & West of the Moon

T.& K.Roosevelt

Purchased

Rural Korea E. de S. Brunner Gift

Flowers and Folk-Lore from Far Korea F. H. Crane Purchased

The Truth about Korea C. W. Kendall Purchased

Korea Missions Year Book 1928 Purchased

Eastern Art —Korai Celadon Mrs. L. Warner Gift from Editor

The Ainu of Japan Batchelor Purchased

Korea Angus Hamilton Purchased

Corea, Life in A. H. Savage-Land or

Manchuria and Korea H. J. Whigham Purchased

The Story of Korea J. H. Longford Purchased

Bulletin of the Cleveland Museum of Art

Gift

The Tiger of Tong San W. N. Gurney Purchased

Album of Korean Antiquities

Vols. IX, X and XI

Gov. Publication

Government-General Museum [page 113]

Amongst the above accessions, I would call especial attention to one or two Government publications—Vols. IX, X and XI of Korean Antiquities presented to our library by Mr. Fujita, Director of the Government General’s Museum ; also the Annual Meteorological Report of the Chemulpo Observatory. Another interesting accession is Volume III of “ Eastern Art”, containing Mrs. Langdon Warner’s very scholarly article on Korai Celadon, which was presented to us by Mr. Langdon Warner, one of the editors of “Eastern Art”.

Expenditures on Library Account, exclusive of the book-cases, was ¥92.07.

Request

I would call the attention of all our friends and members to the fact that the R. A. S. Council greatly appreciates donations of books and pamphlets on the Orient, and trusts that these friends will keep us in mind when they have any duplicate copies or other publications on the Orient which they do not care to keep for their own libraries.

Recommendation

We have several desirable purchases in sight, notably Hulbert’s “The Passing of Korea” and the three-volume album of the Prince Yi Museum.

I therefore recommend : That ¥150.00 be appropriated for the library for the ensuing year.

NORMAN C. WHITTEMORE,

Librarian.