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SKETCH OF  
REV. LEONARD L. P. ANDERSON, B. D.

Rev. Leonard Porter Anderson was born Sept. 3, 1888, at Richburg, Chester County, S. C. He came from an excellent family. He spent his early youth on a farm. Although he lost his mother at the age of two years, he had a splendid father and also a "sweet Christian stepmother," as he describes her, who gave much care and attention to his early training.

He took his preparatory training at Leesville College and at Wofford College Fitting School. He was admitted to the Freshman class at Wofford College in 1906, finishing there in 1911, as he had to drop out of school for one year.

While at Wofford College, from which institution he received the degree of A. B., he made a fine record as a hard student and always devoted much time to religious work and to the Y.M.C.A. He was always active and zealous in every religious activity. During his vacation he engaged in preaching in South Carolina.

His senior year was what he himself calls the turning point of his life, for it was in January 1911 that he was converted and definitely decided to enter the ministry for life.

In the fall of 1911 he entered the theological department of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. This was one of the most important steps of his life for under the influences here he was able to decide upon the field for his life work. In the summer of 1912 he was licensed to preach at Lancaster, S. C.

He finished Vanderbilt with the degree of S. D. in June 1914 and sailed for Korea the following August, arriving August 24, 1914.

He has devoted himself entirely to evangelistic work and has been remarkably successful in this work. He was the leader of an evangelistic movement in the Wonsan district in 1928 and 1929, at which time such revivals were held as have never been paralleled except in the pioneer days of Methodism in America. To these meetings people walked more than 100 miles very often, seeking spiritual blessings, and more than 800 new believers were gained in one year.

The following is taken from Mr. Anderson's report on some of this evangelistic work:

"Great revival interest has recently been manifested on the Wonsan district of Korea. Early in December, 1928, we had a meeting at Censeri, Wonsan, designed to reach the leaders of the various pastoral charges. At this meeting a large number were deeply convicted of sin and entered into a new life in Jesus Christ. Upon their return to their homes, those who had received a spiritual blessing told those that they met of their experiences and began to proclaim the good news all around.

"At Tong Chun, a large county seat in the very center of the Wonsan district, we held the most gracious revival of all. A number of choice young men attended the meeting at Censeri and went back to Tong Chun on fire with a desire to spread the gospel message. An early morning-watch prayer meeting was conducted for over a month without cessation, followed by a week of revivals. Numbers of indifferent

and backslidden members have been reclaimed, and heads of families, who had never professed Christianity, have been born again and led into a real Christian experience.

"The congregation divided itself into eight class meetings on the old-time Methodist order, where they tell their experiences of spiritual blessings received and victories won, and where real Christian fellowship is enjoyed and united prayer and Bible study carried on several nights in the week.

"Personally I have been in Korea over fourteen years but I have never seen the work of the Spirit more manifest than in those meetings at Tong Chun.

"We are still in the midst of our revival campaign in the Gonsan district, and I believe in the number of men prepared for the ministry during the Centenary, who have been getting experience since, we have an army which will do more effective work for Christ's Kingdom than ever before in the history of the Church in Korea. In some of our younger preachers we find special evangelistic zeal and power."

"This report gives only a small part of what God is doing for the work here in Korea."

Mr. Anderson served as presiding elder of the Gonsan district for several years, but in 1932 he was transferred to Songdo, and is now district missionary in the Songdo East and Songdo West districts and in charge of the Central Evangelistic Plant in Songdo and also in charge of all keulpangs (rural primary schools operated under the auspices of the Church) on his two districts. He lives in Songdo.

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REV. L.P. ANDERSON

Rev. L.P. Anderson is widely known for his evangelistic zeal. Since going to Korea in 1914 he has devoted his full time to direct evangelistic work, in which he has had marked success. He was the leader of the great evangelistic movement in the Wonsan district during 1928 and 1929, and in those days great revivals were held in Korea such as have never been paralleled save in pioneer days of Methodism in America. To these meetings people ~~walked~~ walked long distances, sometimes as much as 100 miles, to seek spiritual blessings. More than 600 new believers were gained in one year.

Mr. Anderson is a native of South Carolina, having been born in Richburg, Chester County. He was educated at Wofford College, taking his A.B. degree from that institution in 1911. Later he entered the School of Theology at Vanderbilt University, where he received the degree of B.D. in June, 1914. In the summer of 1912 he was licensed to preach at Lancaster, S.C. He sailed for Korea in August, 1914.

*Send to people in  
M.C.*

A Short Sketch of my Life.

I was born near Richburg, S.C., Sept. 5th., 1888. My mother died when I was only two years of age, but I have been blessed with a godly father and sweet Christian step-mother. The greater part of my life until I was sixteen years of age was spent quietly upon the farm. At this age I entered Leesville College for preparatory training. In the fall of 1905 I entered Wafford College Fitting School and the following year was admitted to the Freshman class. I dropped out the next year, but returned again in the fall of 1908 and took my A.B. degree in June 1911. My senior year was the turning point of my life for it was in January 1911 that I was converted and soon after definitely decided to enter the ministry. In the fall of 1911 I entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University. This was one of the most important steps of my life, for under the proper influences I was enabled to definitely decide the field of my life work. I was licensed to preach at Lancaster S.C. July 23, 1912. I have always felt a strong attraction for the foreign work, but it was during my Junior year at the Seminary that I definitely decided to offer my life at the proper time to the Mission Board of my church to send me wherever the demand was greatest. I will get my B.D. Degree June 17, 1914. The rest is known already to many. I will sail.

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Korean Women Start a "Baby Home"

A group of Korean women near Seoul have started a Methodist "Shoong Hyeun Baby Home" where they now care for eighty-three children ranging in age from five months to seven years. They have secured two well-adapted buildings which are shielded in the rear by high mountains.

The Rev. L. P. Anderson, missionary who visited the orphanage recently, writes: "This place was started only three months ago, I believe. When the children first came they either slept most of the time or just sat perfectly still without taking notice of anyone or anything. But little by little they responded to the mother love which they are getting in good measure. They are singing beautifully and as Mrs. Choi said with a twinkle in her eye, 'At first they would not even fuss and fight or play or sing; now they do all these with a vengeance.' Which all goes to show they have just about reached a normal state."

"This particular orphanage," continues Mr. Anderson, "is getting a little help from here, there, and yonder. An Army group nearby helps lots, but if some kind-hearted person or persons could spare something it would do a fine work."

Money for this project may be designated for the work of the Rev. L. P. Anderson and sent through the Office of the Treasurer, Board of Missions and Church Extension, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.



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Methodists Send 78 Bales of Clothing to Korea

By Thoburn T. Brumbaugh  
Associate Secretary  
Division of Foreign Missions

Dr. Hyungki J. Lew, acting bishop of the Methodist Church in Korea, has returned from the United States with approximately 78 bales of clothing -- gifts of Americans who heard the plight of Koreans from the bishop during his four-month tour which ended June 30.

Dr. Lew and Presbyterian Pastor K.C. Han were here together as representatives of the National Christian Council of Korea. Dr. Lew, as the acting head of the Methodist Church, felt particularly responsible for the 300 Methodist pastors under his care and for the 1,700 full-time Methodist workers and family members entirely dependent upon relief. They were refugees from their homes and work in the central and northern regions of Korea.

Korea had already been in the minds of many Ohio Methodists because of special projects the conference has undertaken as part of the "Advance for Christ and His Church." When Dr. Lew came, and the need was emphasized, the congregations responded with hundreds of pounds of clothing. Methodists elsewhere in the Middle West and in the South were also challenged to help, and up and down the West Coast the Korean churches and communities served as agents and collection centers. When it was all assembled, there was a total of 12,880 pounds of clothing -- so much that Dr. Lew and his co-workers (together with the Mission Board representative on the West Coast), began to worry. At ten cents per pound, the regular charge for excess baggage not properly packed for overseas freight shipment, the bill would be tremendous.

The steamship company, impressed by the generosity of Dr. Lew's American friends and the great needs of the Korean people, charged the regular freight rate for six tons of the relief supplies and even forgot the extra 880 pounds.

Now Dr. Lew is back in Korea and there is great rejoicing, both for his safe return and for the aid and inspiration he brought to his fellow-Christians there. It is also learned that a large shipment of clothing and other supplies, constituting a \$50,000 contribution from the Manget and Banks Foundations in Georgia, has also reached Pusan and will be distributed among the families of the doctors and nurses of Severance Hospital, as well as among other needy ones. Medicines and other hospital supplies are also beginning to get into Korea. Church World Service, with which our Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief cooperates, seeks to supplement the Korean Government and the United Nations rations of food and clothing to the destitute.

The Rev. James W. Spitzkeit and Donald Payne have recently returned to Korea from Japan to strengthen the four-man team of Methodist missionaries who have been laboring so valiantly in past months. The Rev. L. P. Anderson and the Rev. Carl Judy are sailing during August from the United States to join the Methodist forces in Korea for relief and rehabilitation as well as to help re-open churches, schools, and other Christian institutions as opportunity permits.

Certainly now is the time for the Christians in America to give all possible aid as efforts are being made to reinforce the spiritual and moral foundations along with the material resources of the democratic movement in Korea. "American Relief for Korea" (ARK), as the over-all United Nations program of aid, deserves full support from every Christian and every church. Church World Service is our united Protestant agency for cooperative relief and is still receiving clothing and other material supplies at its various collection centers for shipment to Korea. M.C.O.R. is our Methodist channel for direct financial offerings for relief in Korea. The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, is supporting both missionaries and Korean Methodist work of many types with the funds contributed through World Service and Advance channels throughout the United States. Gifts have even been received from churches in Japan and the Philippines to help the Christian cause in Korea; surely, American Methodists can do no less than to give generously of the wealth at their command.

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