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A word about our winter class. Mr. Swallen has charge of the enrollment, and he told me last evening that there are over one thousand in from the country attending the class. Some have come a great distance. I know of several who have come three hundred *li* and some who came from a group 360 *li* from here. These men have had to walk over mountains and rough roads through the cold to get here to study the Bible two weeks. Each of them has to meet his own expenses going and coming and while here, all of which is no small amount.

And what a zealous set of men these are! It would do your heart good to see the mass of them as they go in the evening to Central Church, some with lanterns, most of them without lanterns. We began last night to have a series of evening meetings throughout the time of the class. The women of the churches are to meet in the various churches, namely North Church, East Gate church, South Gate church, and in the men's *sarang* outside the West gate, services to be conducted by the wives of the missionaries in charge of these places. The lower school boys are meeting in the chapel of the college and academy building, meeting led by one of the elders. The men gather as I have said, in the large Central Church. It was estimated last night that there were two thousand men crowded into that building, and there were no fewer in the building this evening, I'm sure. After Mr. Hunt's sermon Mr. Lee said a few words. The latter said "Let us pray," and immediately the room full of men was filled with voices lifted to God in prayer. I am sure that most of the men in the room were praying aloud. It was wonderful! No man prayed with a loud voice, and yet, if you would listen, you could distinguish between the different ones. Some were crying and pleading God's forgiveness for certain sins which they named to Him in prayer. All were pleading for the infilling of the Holy Ghost. Although there were so many voices, there was no confusion at all. It was all a subdued, perfect harmony. I cannot explain it with words. One must surely witness such to be able to understand it. There was an absence of the sensational, the "emotional" (in the sense in which the word is so often used), and there was perfect concentration in the prayer of each one. And it is only the beginning! What great blessings are in store for us the coming days and evenings!

We missionaries had our union meetings with the Methodists one week before the class began. They were a source of the richest blessing to all of us, and when we were closing Thursday evening, it being suggested that we continue the meetings for the next

week or so, meeting at noon in the foreign school room, we decided to do so. Daily we have been meeting there and praying for the Holy Spirit. We have no leader for the meeting : each one enters the room quietly, kneels down, and, as he is led, prays. God is answering our prayers. Surely the meetings of last night and to-night have proven it. The men who preached were filled with the Holy Ghost, else they couldn't have spoken as they did and we wouldn't have seen and heard what I have related above. I am sure you will join us in prayer for this same thing that we are praying for - that these men may take to their groups the power received here and that the work may increase more than we have ever seen work grow.

A week later from Dr. J. H. Wells :

Our entire community and the Korean church especially last night and today has received such a manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit as has not been felt or witnessed by most of us in all our lives. It is wonderful, and every individual present of the missionaries has been wonderfully blest. We pray that the manifestations may go on and on without end.

Two days later: The evidence of the presence of the Spirit here continues and subsequent meetings have shown more manifest evidence than those mentioned a few days ago. The best of it all has been the renewal of determination to do better and confession of sins by some of the most prominent officers and members.