

MEDICAL, DENTAL AND NURSING WORK IN WEST CHINA

A GREAT ADVANCE PLANNED.

About mid-September the Board of Governors of West China Union University—representing five constituent denominations, convened in Toronto. A great many very important questions were dealt with by the Board, especially looking toward large developments of the institution in the future. Great stress was laid upon the importance of promoting medical, dental and nursing instruction, for China is especially weak along these lines.

Victoria College took advantage of the occasion to give a dinner to the members of the Board, in order that they might meet with some of the leading doctors and dentists of the city, together with other guests.

The great theme of the occasion was the consideration of an enlarged scheme of professional education in connection with the Chengtu University, which the three professions of medicine, dentistry and nursing in Canada and Newfoundland, are being asked to specially provide for. A central committee has already been formed in Toronto and every member of these professions in this country will be circularized and invited to cooperate in a movement which must mean large developments in medical, dental and nursing instruction among the one hundred millions of Chinese, aborigines and Tibetans in West China.

Rev. Dr. Goucher, Chairman of the Board of Governors, sketched the scope and outlook of the University, and its immensely strategic position; and Rev. Dr. Beech, the President of the University, followed with a lucid survey of its rise and development, illustrating it most convincingly by the exhibition of some beautiful lantern slides showing buildings and groups of students. These pictures visualized the institution and impressed all with its wonderful progress since its beginning ten years ago, and also with its possibilities for a great future.

Dr. C. W. Service, of Chengtu, was then called upon to make a statement as to the medical needs of China. He urged that fully 99 per cent. of China's need for doctors and nurses and almost 100 per cent. of her need for dentists have still to be met. He stated that the proposal for enlisting the healing professions of Canada and Newfoundland in an effort to secure more adequate facilities for training Chinese doctors, dentists and nurses would do much to help meet these dire needs.

Dr. N. A. Powell, in a brief but earnest address, spoke on behalf of the members of the medical profession, promising hearty sympathy and cooperation.

Dr. A. E. Webster, Dean of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, enthusiastically seconded Dr. Powell's address, making mention of the fact that four of the dental surgeons of China were graduates of the