

Formosa by Dr. W. W. Meyers, and in Hong Kong a bearer section was inaugurated, equipped and maintained by Mr. Cantlie from amongst the students of the College of Medicine. This bearer section was attached to the Hong Kong Volunteer Artillery and has done excellent work." These are the only medical schools in China to-day; but there are practitioners of Chinese origin galore, such as they are. Some examples of their therapy is a plaster to a fractured leg; for a poultice, a live duck is cut up longitudinally, and half applied to the affected part; for fever, the duck's blood is smeared over the temples, face and neck, which with magic, mythical rites and incantations, constitute a large part of the Chinese medico's armamentarium. *The Lancet* is of the opinion that while the medical missionaries from Great Britain and the United States have no doubt done a vast amount of good work, that good work has in most instances been thwarted by the fact that proselytising has constituted a feature of the improvement which hardly tends to advancement in medical science amongst the Chinese. They advise the encouragement of secular Western education and especially medical science amongst the Chinese by sending Chinamen thus trained into every centre and town of China. In this way will the country progress in education, and science and civilization, and Christianity will follow as a natural consequence.

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### A BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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Dr. Roddick, M.P., took the opportunity the other day from his place in the Dominion House of Commons of calling the attention of the Government, and the Minister of Agriculture in particular, to the importance and necessity of having established in Canada a Department of Public Health. In looking up material for his speech he had occasion to go to several departments of the public service and his labors in this direction brought the matter more forcibly home to his mind, so that the need of concentrating all matters relating to the health of the community at large was abundantly apparent. He was not, he stated, casting any reflection upon the excellent work performed by the present Director-General of Public Health, Dr. Montizambert, whom he considered would make an admirable Deputy-Minister if such department were established by the Government, but held that all such matters as marine quarantine, sanitary inspection of Indian Reserves, inspection of leper asylums, vital statistics, the sanitary portion of the census, the protection of waterways, sanitary police, the control of sanitary measures in unorganized districts, the protection of the public health against the invasion of tuberculosis, a watch over the arrival