

## MEDICAL EDUCATION IN CHINA.

Through the courtesy of Sir James Grant, M.D., K.C.M.G., of Ottawa, we have received an interesting piece of news regarding medical education in China. A system of co-operation has been established between the Chinese at Changsha and Yale University in the United States. Ever since 1906 Yale has been paving the way for the practical results that came into operation in 1913.

Much attention has been given towards assisting Red Cross work in China, and other philanthropic movements, and especially those for the improvement of sanitary conditions. In 1913 a large gift was obtained in the United States for the erection of a new Yale hospital. The Chinese became interested and seized the opportunity. More than eighty prominent persons of Honan and a number of provincial officials sent in a united petition to the Governor asking that an agreement be made with Yale for the establishment of a medical college. This was granted and an agreement made in 1913 between Yale and the Governor of Honan.

In addition to the opening of a medical college, with standards similar to those in the East, there will be two nursing schools, one for men and one for women. There will be a hospital and research laboratories for the investigation of public health matters and diseases peculiar to China. The Honan Government is to provide the college buildings, costing \$156,000, nine acres of land, worth \$50,000, and an annual sum of \$50,000 for the maintenance of the college and hospital. Yale has undertaken to provide a hospital at a cost of \$150,000. A medical preparatory department and the two nurses' training schools were opened in 1913.

When the question of the language to be used was considered, the Chinese authorities unanimously agreed that it should be the English language. The preliminary education and some of the lower form work may have to be given in the Chinese to enable the students to grasp the more advanced teaching. The opinion was quite decided among the Chinese in order that the college be a first-class one, the English language must be used; and that the Chinese students should receive a first-class training with this end in view this appeared to be the only way.

The medical preparatory college with nineteen students, another two training schools for nurses with 35 in attendance have been in full operation, under the management of Yale, for some time. This whole movement will introduce sound medical teaching into China and do much to spread the use of the English language.