

Toronto recently for overseas with the C.A.M.C., where he will engage as an X-ray expert. A Canadian-born, he has the unique record of having built the first hospital at Tzeliutsing, West China, where he went eight years ago as a medical missionary for the Methodist Church of Canada. Dr. Wilford was born in Blyth, Ont., and graduated at Toronto University in medicine, and took post-graduate work in London, Eng., and Edinburgh preparatory to taking up his work in West China.

Tzeliutsing, in the Province of Szechwan, West China, is the centre of the salt industry for the 70,000,000 population of the Province of Szechwan, and is approximately about 11,000 miles from Toronto, and the Canadian Methodist Hospital, which Dr. Wilford built, is the largest one in West China. Tzeliutsing is a city of over one million inhabitants, and before the advent of this young but enterprising Canadian doctor had no hospital whatever, but those who were sick had to make a journey of over 100 miles to the nearest one. With the keen foresight of the earnest worker, Dr. Wilford soon saw the necessity of such an institution, and in 1911 the first actual work was started.

Owing to the conditions caused by the war, however, the work was stopped, and it was not until November, 1915, that the work was recommenced, when much of the work that had been previously done had to be pulled down and built over again. But such progress was made that a record was set up in building in West China, and after only some three months the exterior was practically completed.

That the work of Dr. Wilford, which practically marked a new era in the treatment of disease, not only in the city but in the surrounding country was a necessity is evident by the fact that during the last few years the unrest and revolution in China has brought many wounded to the neighborhood of Tzeliutsing, and then began another sign of the keen foresight of this young man, for at the request of the gentry Dr. Wilford began Red Cross work, and both government and revolutionist soldiers were cared for.

Even in the midst of the building operations about three hundred cases were treated, and the Chinese showed their appreciation of the good work done by the doctor by raising a subscription list, which amounted to about \$10,000 (Chinese currency, equal to about \$5,000 in our money), and when Dr. Wilford left last summer for Canada he was assured that the full amount would be raised, and in fact twenty-five per cent. of the subscription list was then paid. This splendidly equipped hospital will destroy the power of the old Chinese doctor, whose ignorance was paralleled by the superstition of the people.

Now, having fulfilled his mission in the far east, the doctor is off to alleviate the sufferings of his fellowmen in the war zone, yet another