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PROPOSED NEW METHODIST HOSPITAL, CHENTU, CHINA.

AN APPEAL TO ALL OUR SCHOOLS.

BY THE EDITOR.

We have pleasure in presenting the picture of the new Methodist hospital at Chentu, in Western China. For some time we have had a small hospital, as has also the Woman's Missionary Society. These have proved a great boon to the sick and suffering Chinese, but they are not enough for the growing needs. In no way can one preach the Gospel so effectively to the people of China as by the method of the Master, healing the bodies as well as the souls of men. The hardest heart will be melted by the touch of sympathy, and the darkest mind will be illumined by the light of love. When the Saviour drew near the poor leper, and laid his hand upon his hot and fevered flesh, a thrill of hope came to the soul of the sufferer. So on the couch of pain the aid of the kind and skilled medical missionary finds a way into hearts closed and barred against all other means of approach.

It is a great undertaking of our missionaries in that far-off land to erect this splendid hospital as a most efficient way of preaching the Gospel to the people. The native modes of medical and surgical treatment are so barbarous and so brutal that there is the greater need for the use of the up-to-date science of the

present day; and such treatment will be given. The large and lofty wards and wide verandahs of this building will make this house of pain also a house of blessing to multitudes of the sons and daughters and children of China.

This is a work in which the young people of our Sunday-schools can take an important part. Nothing appeals more to us than the condition of the suffering, of the sick, and of those appointed to die.

Many of these are children, for the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel, and often children are left to perish by their unnatural parents and are rescued by our missionaries, and need sometimes the kindest care to restore them to health.

It is quite within the limits of possibility that the Sunday-schools of our church in Canada should raise during the coming year \$25,000 for this hospital. The small sum of five cents each from each member of our great Sunday-school army would more than secure the needed amount. Even the poorest child in our school could give that. The trouble is, how to collect it. You cannot send your separate givings, but you can unite and send them together.

How To Do It.

Let the teachers explain it in the classes. Let it be the subject of prayer and conversation and study. The Mission Rooms will send you a large picture of the Hospital on stout cardboard, which may be framed and hung up in the school as a reminder of the great work in which you may take part. Your school may adopt as its own a child, or a cot, or a room, and receive from time to time news and pictures of its occupant. He will be in a way your patient, and thus in a few months you may have the joy of helping scores to share the blessings of healing.



THE OLD HOSPITAL, CHENTU, CHINA.

When the new hospital is built this will be used for the Isolation Ward.