

some 1,500 Chinese doctors, mostly trained in hospitals and medical missionary colleges in China. That is, there is a maximum of say 2,000 doctors to care for 400 million of people, or one doctor for every 200,000 people. The proportion for Honan is far worse. For the population of 31 million there are only 20 missionary doctors, and certainly not more than that number of skilled Chinese doctors. That is, each foreign doctor in Honan is proportionately responsible for more than a million and a half of population. But in the district our Mission is responsible for medically, that is the prefecture of Kweiteh, the situation is still worse. For the population of seven million at present there is only one lady doctor, and two partially trained Chinese doctors. No other mission has any medical work in this district, and it so far remains the sole responsibility of the Canadian Church.

Our medical work is at present being carried on in connection with the Church work in the centre of Kweiteh city. There, with money provided by the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, a small hospital has been arranged in rather poor and cramped quarters. There are only eight beds for in-patients, but these are always full, and besides, a large out-door dispensary work is carried on. For the year 1919, 3,869 new patients were seen in this dispensary, while the number of return visits was 4,768. And this, despite the fact that no foreign doctor has been attending to this work, but only a Chinese doctor trained in a mission hospital.

The congregation of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, has generously given a large sum of money for the building of a new hospital, and the first buildings for this plant are now being erected and should be opened for work in September, 1920. The site of this hospital is a particularly fine one, outside the north gate of Kweiteh city, by the road leading to the railway station, which is some five miles to the north of the city.

With one small exception, the nearest hospitals are outside a circle having a radius of 80 miles. This means that the hospital will serve more than the prefecture of