

OPENING OF THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL AT YANGCHOW.

The Yangchow Baptist Hospital was formally opened on Friday, November 29th. When the dispensary was opened, two and a half years ago, there was such a large attendance that it was thought wise to have two services this time. So we invited the Christians in the city to a morning service and the officials and other outside friends for 3 p.m. The morning hour was not very convenient, yet a large number of friends attended, representing all the churches in the city, and Dr. Macklin representing the Nanking friends. There had been so many delays in finishing the building that the time for opening could not be settled till a few days before the event, so there was not time to invite friends from any distance.

The main address of the morning was made by Mr. Chü, pastor of the Methodist Church of this city. Rev. L. W. Pierce, Dr. W. E. Macklin, Rev. A. Y. Napier, Dr. Y. L. Sz, and Dr. Evans also took part.

After the service Chinese tea and cakes were served in the dispensary guest rooms, which were decorated with chrysanthemums. There were no printed programs, but the hymns to be sung were printed on sheets of red paper and handed to each guest.

The afternoon guests were separated. The officials, about sixteen in number, were received in the parlor of Dr. Evans's house, where tea



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YANGCHOW OFFICIAL, AT HOSPITAL OPENING, NOVEMBER 29, 1907.

and cake were served in foreign fashion. The other guests were received in the dispensary guest room, where they received foreign cake and tea in the regular Chinese way.

After refreshments the officials were escorted through the hospital, followed by the other guests; and then all went into the chapel for a service somewhat like that of the morning, but more general in character. We sang once and had a short reading from the Bible, but nothing to correspond to the dedicatory prayer of the morning. The hospital had been opened and dedicated in the morning by the Christians. The afternoon meeting was more of a reception given to allow them to examine the hospital.

The main address was by Mr. Mar, a teacher in one of the foreign-style schools of the city. Dr. Macklin, Mr. Pierce, Dr. A. S. Taylor and Mr. Wu spoke. Mr. P. C. Kwoh, a Christian English-speaking Chinaman, who is in charge of the I. P. O., spoke on behalf of the officials.

Every one seemed much pleased with the new buildings and with the way the "Opening" passed off. The day was pleasant, and the only thing regretted was the shortness of time, which prevented our inviting many friends who had expressed their interest in the work.

Our medical work here is situated on a main cross road a short distance inside the South Gate, in a part of the city that is rather thinly settled, giving lots of sunshine and fresh air, yet very convenient to the centre of the city. The residence of the first foreign doctor was finished in March, 1904, and regular work for Chinese out-patients begun in December of that year,—three years ago. The dispensary opening being delayed till the chapel was completed in April. The contract for this first hospital building was signed December 21st, 1905, nearly two years ago. This long delay is due largely to the time needed to make or buy the furnishings, many of which are still to be gotten.

The chapel is 35 by 25 ft. The dispensary, one end of which has an upper storey, is 68 by 24 ft. The hospital is 65 ft. long, including an 8 ft. verandah on the west end. The east end is 37½ ft. wide, and the west end 27½ ft., including a balcony 2½ ft. wide all along the south side. This verandah is a slight departure from the generally accepted style. The advantage of this arrangement is that you have the sun coming into the rooms, particularly the wards, during the cold months, while it does not even touch the walls in the summer months.

The operating room, 14 by 16, is on the N. E. corner, upstairs, having a sky light 7 by 7, with the adjoining room, 12 x 14, for sterilizer, dressing, etc. There are two wards, 22 x 22, much smaller than first

planned, because of the increase in price of material and poor exchange. There are two rooms for private patients and the regular rooms for office, assistant, linen, bath rooms, etc. The kitchen, servants' room, store-room, laundry, etc., are all separate, being built against the north wall of compound to get good southern exposure.

The hospital staff now consists of two foreign physicians—A. S. Taylor, M.D., P. S. Evans, Jr., M.D.—Y. L. Sz, a graduate of Dr. Park's hospital in Soochow, and four pupil assistants, with other regular help. There have been a good many applicants for the hospital. So far two have come. The dispensary clinic runs along about twenty-five to thirty.

It has only been possible to go to out-calls since a trained assistant was secured. He now carries on most of the routine dispensary work. The out-calls average nearly one a day. Just yesterday one of the out-call patients, wife of the Viceroy Chou Fu, said she was going to send five hundred taels for the hospital. We hope this is a promise that the work can be self-supporting before long.

We need a ward for women, and hope to soon need another for men. The present building was planned with the idea of having other wards beside those in the building. There is room both on the east and west for wards built like the present one, running east and west. Then we have recently purchased about 140 "fang" of land just opposite the gate, where we hope to have a house for the first assistant.

The pictures show what the building looks like and the officials (all but one or two) who came that day. The prefect and one of the magistrates are among the number.

We feel that now it ought to be possible to do a good deal to help on the cause of the Master here. This district has always had the name of being very hard territory for mission work. We are hoping that the medical work may be the means of helping change this condition.