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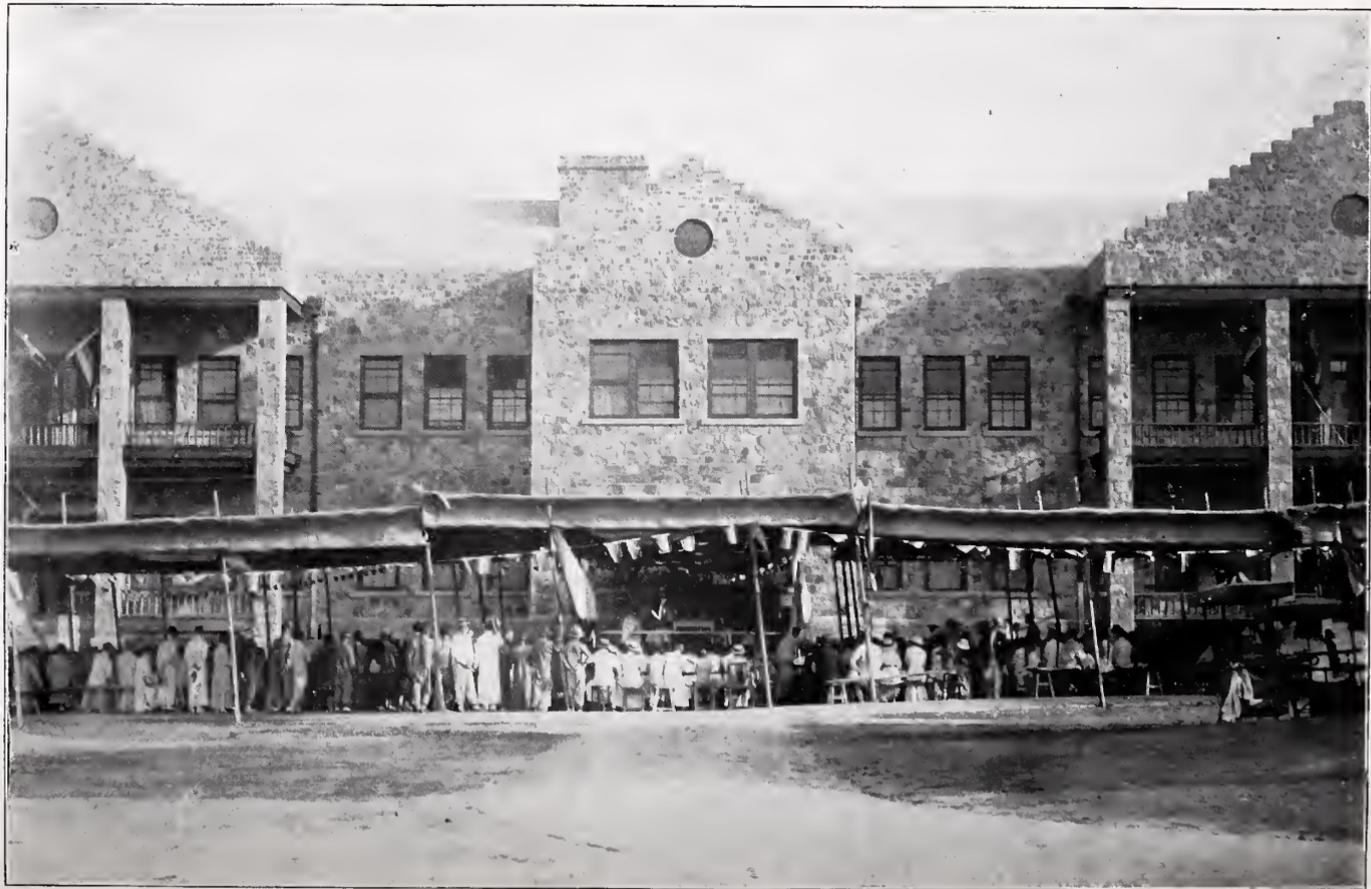


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Public Meeting at the Opening of the New Hospital

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June 30, 1914, marked an epoch in the history of the Presbyterian Mission at Chefoo, China. Upwards of one thousand representative Chinese and a large gathering of foreigners of different nationalities assembled to witness the opening ceremony of the new hospital on Temple Hill. Relays of visitors were escorted by appointed guides not only over the main building, but also to see the isolation wards, the servants buildings, the deep septic tanks, constructed after the latest American pattern, the two deep artesian wells supplying an inexhaustable supply of excellent water, the dispensary building, room for supplies of medicine, etc. The gasolene engine, pumping water into three immense tanks, and the machine for compressing air to force the water through pipes leading into every room of the hospital awakened very special interest, also the furnace sending heat wherever needed.

The missionary ladies and Chinese Christian women escorted the lady visitors not only over the western section of the hospital set apart solely for women patients but over the entire plant as all were eager to see the western method of treating the sick.

The location is ideal. Upwards of four foreign acres free from graves were secured and all enclosed by a high stone wall. The hospital having about 100 beds is a three story building and the dispensary is two stories. Both are built of stone of a fine quality and present a massive appearance.

The outlook from the wide verandahs on the north, nearly one hundred feet above sea level gives a distinct view of almost the entire city, compactly built of stone and brick having tile roofs, also of the Chefoo harbor with its two revolving lights, and of a group of islands in the ocean. The harbor for beauty rivals the harbor of Naples, Italy.

From the large verandahs on the south are seen several small villages and groups of houses surrounded by fruit orchards and well cultivated fields and vineyards growing on terraced fields

leading to a range of hills upwards of 1000 feet high. The hills resemble an amphitheatre surrounding the entire city and plain. In the winter when covered with snow it has been compared to a small section of the Swiss Alps in appearance.

Captain Tong of the Haiche, a Chinese Man of War, which recently visited New York, came and brought the ship's band which added much to the pleasure of the visitors.

After about two hours had been spent in sightseeing, tea drinking, and social intercourse, all were seated in the open court under a mat covering especially prepared and addresses were made both in English and Chinese. Dr. Wm. O. Elterich acted as interpreter for the English speeches.

Mr. Julian H. Arnold, the U. S. Consul, made a stirring address. He spoke of extensive journeys he had made inland, both in the north and south of China, of his visits to mission stations and hospitals, and in this way learned, as those who only spend their lives at the open ports could not, of the great and good work the missionaries were doing, of the thousands treated by the medical missionaries at dispensaries, hospitals, and on itinerating journeys, saving multitudes of lives and relieving untold suffering. He spoke of some centers he had visited where for want of medical skill, sanitary arrangements, and proper care and nourishment it was estimated that probably seven out of every ten children died.

Mr. J. Howard Stooke spoke as the representative of the foreign business men and residents of Chefoo. He prophesied that the trouble would not be to secure patients for such a hospital, but to make people, when cured, willing to leave the luxury and restfulness of such a place to return to their ill ventilated and crowded homes.

Mention was made of the long business depression of the port of Chefoo and the fear of some of still more gloomy days. Dr. Hills in providing such a fully equipped hospital for the sick and suffering, showed that he at least, had a bright vision for the future. In the atmosphere of such an example, all were given a more cheerful outlook, and made more hopeful and optimistic for the future.

The Taotai, the chief civil official of the city, had hoped to be present but was detained by serious illness. He was represented

by Mr. Sun Ku Chin, his English speaking interpreter. He assured Dr. Hills of the deep appreciation of the official for all that he was doing for the welfare of China.

Mr. Li Yui Sen, Secretary Chinese Chamber of Commerce, presented a beautifully written address expressing the deep appreciation of all Dr. Hills was doing for all classes of the suffering Chinese.

Mr. Liu Shu Teh, a graduate of the Tengchow College and one of our leading Christian men, made the closing address in Chinese. He spoke eloquently of the skill of western physicians and nurses and the many useful lessons they were teaching the Chinese. He contrasted the treatment of the sick in large well ventilated rooms, kept spotlessly clean and quiet, in striking contrast to the average Chinese home, where sunshine and fresh air are as a rule excluded, and where friends and neighbors during all hours of the day crowd into the sick room and freely express their views of the various remedies which had been found helpful. He said when a Chinese required treatment the rule was to send for a physician and first bargain about the fee demanded. If the medicine taken did not give immediate relief the rule was to dismiss the physician and call another and try a new medicine. If the family of the sick person had the money, possibly one physician after another would be called until perhaps a score of them had tried all known remedies and the patient at last died of exhaustion. He praised the custom of foreign physicians, who when they discovered some new and successful remedy at once made it known so that all were free to use it, whereas in China it was kept a secret, only made known from father to son and possibly lost in time. He felt called upon to speak a favorable word for the Chinese physicians which the audience applauded. He said the Chinese greatly feared the method of using cold packs and ice to reduce high temperature. In his opinion it might be mutually helpful if foreign and Chinese physicians would consult more fully and learn lessons from one another.

At 8 A. M. on the day previous to the formal opening, a delegation of about twenty influential men, representing an aristocratic and wealthy walled town, arrived bringing a beautiful tablet to present to Dr. Hills. Ali waited at the large outer gate to be received by Dr. Hills, and escorted to the hospital preceded by a Chinese brass band and the deafening noise of guns and firecrackers.

Scarcely had this party been seated and begun tea drinking until Dr. Hills was summoned to receive in a similar way a party from another village with a tablet. This continued at intervals until no less than seventeen were presented.

On both days multitudes seemed to think some foreign New Year was being celebrated on a grand scale and wished to have some part in the celebration. The head of the police sent a force to guard the outer gate and prevent a rush of uninvited guests.

The following Chinese has been copied from the tablets above mentioned. The English version has been made by the venerable Rev. Wm. A. P. Martin, D.D., LL.D. who since his arrival in 1850 has been a great power in the intellectual and moral uplift of China.

COPIES OF TABLETS PRESENTED IN  
HONOR OF DR. HILLS.

仁術慈心

煙台鎮守使聶憲藩贈

Medical skill and a heart of compassion,  
In the service of humanity.

Presented by General Nie, Commander of the Chefoo Garrison.

小閣倚蓬萊好向僊山掇靈藥  
上池挹溟渤從今苦海得慈航

煙台膠東道尹兼外交部交涉員吳永撰並書

A small pavilion resting on the Sacred Hill,  
Draws effectual remedies from the Mount of the Immortals.  
The Upper Pool faces the Dark Sea,  
Henceforth the Ocean of Misery has a Ship of Mercy.

From the Tautai and Commissioner of  
Foreign Affairs, Wu Yung.

# 衆濟施博

有萬靈樞文仲師少古上慕  
一方垣見鵲扁桑長世中學

贈名四十先生長老師牧會長老台煙

Broadly giving relief to all.

He rivals the doctors of Antiquity.

The magic arts, he has them all.

He studies the methods of the Middle Ages.

You may see them all in one hall.

From Pastors, Elders, and Teachers of the  
Presbyterian Church. (40 persons.)

仰共民軍春回手妙  
欽同中外世救心慈  
贈榮咸王官帶管營防巡

His sleight of hand bring back the Spring.

Army and people together look up to him.

His kindness saves the work.

The Middle (Chinese) and Outside (Foreigners) join in admiration.

From Wang Hsieh Yung, In command of Police Force

# 衆濟施博 帳子

馬翼君哪噉領事署文案

劉浚辰法國領事署文案

三人贈

劉肇唐沿海水上警查局局長

With broad charity he succors all.

From Ma E Kuin, Secretary of Norwegian Consulate.

Liu Chuin Chin, Secretary French Consulate.

Liu Chao Tang, Head Patrol of the Sea Coast. (A Banner.)

# 造化同功

煙台西南河南宏街儒林街六十二家贈

His merits equal a new creation.

From South West River, Philosopher Forest Street. (62 families.)

# 功同活國

煙台錢業公會全體贈

His merit is giving life to the Nation.

From the Chefoo Mining Company.

# 仁心壽世

理無他歧醫術原由學術

性本一致人心猶是天心

煙台長老會女教友三十名贈

Kindness out of a pure heart gives the World longevity.

Truth has no byeways. The art of healing

Comes from the art of learning.

Nature is one, and man's heart is like the heart of Heaven.

From 30 families of Christian women of the

Chefoo Presbyterian Church.

上醫醫國宏願在振

拔東亞病夫咸登壽域

夏雨雨人慈心先救

度牟州瘵子共躋春台

絲業公會會董贈

A high class physician cures the State.

His vast aim is to rennovate East Asia,

That the sick may all reach longevity.

From all engaged in the Silk Industry

# 益壽延年

著名商號及報館十三家贈

He adds to our longevity, and lengthens out our years.

From Merchants and Officials. (13 families.)

# 中西和緩帳子

奇山所紳士及商號二十二名贈

The Middle and the West in Harmony.

From the Gentry and Merchants of the

Ke San Soh. (22 families) A Banner.

# 濟生拔萃

協成機器廠德成木舖同贈

He excels in succoring life.

From the Kee Ching Factory, and the Teh Ching Contractors.

學精術精萬家甘雨  
人壽已壽九轉靈丹

煙台警察署署長陸耀章贈

Exact in science; exact in art, ten thousand families get kindly rain.

He gives men longevity. May he have long life.

By the use of an elixer, nine times distilled.

From Yao Chang. Head of the Chefoo Police.

# 德被中華

著名商號四十一家贈

His virtues reach the Flowery Land.

From 41 families of merchants.

# 惠施東海

商務總會商董三十四名贈

His goodness overflows the Eastern Seas.

From 34 families in the Chamber of Commerce.

# 惠濟亞東

世和村全體贈

His goodness brings succor to Eastern Asia.

From all of the people of the village of Everlasting Harmony.

# 理意滄養

洋行經理及學界共十二名贈

His first principle is to nourish.

From Compradores of Foreign Firms and Scholars, 12 families.

The American Presbyterian Mission at Chefoo was opened in 1862 by D. B. McCartee, M.D. He had had 14 years of successful medical practise in the city of Ningpo and surrounding country. He wrote and spoke the language well and was a man of tact and unusual resources. During the three years that he remained at Chefoo he was unable to secure a suitable place to open a dispensary, or to draw the people by the offer of free treatment, and free medicine. At that time following closely the war which opened Peking and the ports north of Shanghai, the people of the north of China had heard only evil reports of all foreign people. They seemed to think of missionaries only as enemies and spies sent to ruin China. They feared to take medicine from the foreign physician, lest if it did not prove fatal it would bewitch them or bring some dire calamity. Posters were put in many places warning the people to take every precaution, examine the wells lest the foreigners had thrown into them poisonous drugs, also warning parents of the danger of having their children kidnapped by the foreigners.

Surely it is a cause for thanksgiving that the radical change has been so signally demonstrated at this time.

The Medical work is in charge of Oscar F. Hills, M.D. of the University of Pennsylvania Medical College, Philadelphia, assisted by Robert W. Dunlap, M.D. of the Johns Hopkins Medical College, Baltimore Md., and Miss Adelaide Primrose of the Union Protestant Infirmary, Baltimore, Md. and Chinese foreign trained physicians and nurses.

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