The Rise of Western Medicine in Modern Fatshan: A Brief Discussion of The Establishment, Development, Characteristics and Influence of Fatshan Wesleyan Hospital

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Fatshan is a city located near Guangzhou. From the 1860s onwards, missionaries of the English Wesleyan Missionary Society arrived in Fatshan to propagate Christianity. In the 1890s, they decided to operate as a medical mission and set up the Fatshan Hospital. The Hospital engaged in medical charity in order to facilitate the spread of the Gospel among the Chinese people. It not only facilitated the spread of Christianity but also promoted the rise of western medicine in Fatshan. This essay aims to analyze the course of development of the Fatshan Hospital, its characteristics and its influence on the local society.