

In the face of the old official opposition, he had established law courts on the modern system. In the higher court at least five trained judges sit, whilst in two minor courts for lesser offences there are three judges. Altogether there are in the Province nine judges trained on modern lines, and they form a court of appeal.

The court-houses are on modern lines, with raised benches for the judges, tables on either side for the opposing advocates, and railed-in seats on either side for the spectators. And instead of having to kneel, as in old times, the defendant is allowed to stand.

There are law courts in other Provinces, but few have such an enlightened Chief Justice as Mr. Hsü to direct them. If only all courts in China were directed like this, one of the greatest scandals in the country would be removed.

Another innovation at Taiyüan is a small modern garden with a lake and a building like a church, in which moral lectures were given weekly on Sundays. Officials from the governor downwards used to come to these lectures, but the practice has been gradually falling off.

Leaving this progressive city on March 7 with one four-mule open cart and two two-mule Peking carts, Pereira was delayed one and a half hours at the start because carts were not allowed to go over the modern roads of the city. Eventually leave from the Police Commissioner was obtained and he proceeded on his way. On the following day he was able to do $35\frac{3}{4}$ miles. The mules did not look much and were uncared for and dirty. But even on the wretched Chinese