

Bishop, should immediately after exercise his highest episcopal functions in connexion with the Native Church, illustrating thereby, in his own person and procedure, the subject of one of his discourses on the day of installation—"the Unity of the Church"—as perhaps no other Bishop in this country had before been to illustrate it.

The two great events, occurring so closely together, bind the Church of the West with the Church of the East under one chief pastor in a very marked and memorable manner.

The Chinese Christian admitted to the sacred ministry of the Church by Bishop Russell is a native of Ningpo, by name Sing Eng-teh—Sing being his surname, and Eng-teh (grace and virtue) his baptismal name. He is a thin, wiry man, about fifty years of age, of very active habits, and possesses much natural eloquence. For nearly twenty years past he had been a paid evangelist or catechist of the C.M.S. Mission, and of late years has been located in the district of Sœn-poh, residing at the small walled town of Kwun-hœ-we, a short distance from the sea coast, and about thirty-five miles due north from Ningpo.

In this place and neighbourhood a Mission was opened by the Bishop (then Mr. Russell) upwards of twenty years ago, in the face of much opposition, and even at the risk of life—for the natives of the district have the character of being a fierce and independent people. Mr. Gough also devoted much evangelistic labour to this field during the early years of his missionary course.

A year or two after the commencement of the Mission the first convert was baptized; and since that time, chiefly under the fostering care of the brothers Moule, the Mission has extended further and further, and converts have been added from year to year, so that now, in connexion with the Kwun-hœ-we church, there are (including the outlying branch stations) 150 Christians. There is a pretty church, with native parsonage and missionary's lodge at the back, and also a flourishing day-school for boys. Over this church and congregation the Rev. Sing Eng-teh has been called to preside.

On the day of ordination, the Bishop, the Rev. G. E. Moule, of Ningpo, and the Rev. J. D. Valentine, of Shaou-hing, were present, together with Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Valentine, and Miss Laurence, superintendent of the Ningpo Girls' Boarding School. The native congregation at morning service numbered about 170; probably there would have been a much larger assembly if the weather had not been, as it was, excessively wet. In the forenoon there were two services—the first consisting of morning prayers and hymns only; and the second of sermon, ordination service, and Holy Communion. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. G. E. Moule, who took for his text 2 Cor. xii. 9, and pointed out at length the weakness of human agents in sustaining the immense responsibilities of the ministerial office. The newly ordained native deacon read the Gospel habited in surplice and stole, which foreign friends had presented to him; and also took part in the administration of the Lord's Supper, when fifty Chinese and seven English Christians communicated. Miss Laurence, to the immense astonishment of the natives, who had never heard a musical instrument in church before, led the singing with the harmonium, which she brought from Ningpo for the purpose, and several of the women present walked up to the instrument to know what the strange sounds meant.

At the afternoon service there was a large attendance of heathen, as well as a good number of Christians. After Mr. Valentine had read prayers, and Mr. A. E. Moule the Lessons, the Rev. Sing Eng-teh delivered an earnest discourse from the words, "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. i. 23), in the course of which he shewed how the preaching of Christ's Cross was a stumbling block to the Jew and the Chinaman alike; but how, after St. Paul's conversion, it was what he delighted in; and he concluded by telling his hearers that, although his fear was greater than his pleasure at being called to the office of the ministry, yet that, as in the past, so in the future, he should always endeavour to set before them Christ only, and Him crucified.

Late in the day the native Christians, some of whom had travelled for miles to be present at the interesting service, had to return home in the drenching rain.