

consecrators the Bishop in Shantung, to represent the Church of England, and the Bishop in Honan, to represent the Church in Canada, while four other Bishops were present and took part in the service.

For many years the work of the Anglican Communion in China had been carried on with little inter-communication between the different dioceses, except where they were supported from the same source, but in 1912 all dioceses were organized into the Chung-Hua Sheng-Kung-Hui (Church of China). For the previous six years careful preparations had been taking place, until in April of that year there met at Shanghai a fully representative Conference, composed of lay and clerical delegates who had been formally appointed by each Diocese, and before closing this Conference organized itself into the General Synod of the Chung-Hua Sheng-Kung-Hui.

One Canadian, three American and seven English Dioceses were represented, and it is gratifying that our Canadian Diocese of Honan should from the first have been incorporated in this **new national Church**. We use "National" deliberately; because the name "Chung-Hua" for China, which had been accepted in our Provision Conference three years before, afterwards became the official name of the new Republic of China; because our Church in every Province in China now became joined in one organic body in which has been developed a strong national Church consciousness; because our Chinese Christians throughout the country have so spontaneously and heartily thrown themselves into this movement, which spirit has been steadily increasing; and more than all because by many tokens God's Holy Spirit had obviously brought this about, and the growth and development has consequently been a living one, which we believe is permeating the whole nation.

According to the last available statistics there were in this Chinese Church 142 Chinese Clergy, 19,781 communicants, and 23,165 baptized non-communicants, making a total Anglican Christian constituency of 42,946, and making the Anglican Communion sixth in point of numbers of the regular Protestant denominations in China.