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THE NORTH CHINA MISSION.

IT is interesting to note, in view of the present very serious state of affairs, that the diocese of North China, which was founded in 1880, consists of the six northern provinces of China, and is six or eight times the size of England. The population is estimated at between eighty and a hundred millions.

The staff of the North China Mission, headed by Bishop Charles Perry Scott, consists of

Russell made the present Bishop of North China an Hon. Canon of his Cathedral. The new diocese for North China, was as stated, formed in 1880, and Archbishop Tait selected Mr. Scott to be the first Bishop, his consecration taking place in St. Paul's Cathedral in the month of October of the year named.

The Rev. Mackwood Stevens, general secretary of the North China Mission, has written a letter to the Press, in the course of which he says:—



THE RIGHT REV. C. P. SCOTT, BISHOP OF NORTH CHINA.

thirteen or fourteen clergy. Bishop Scott (whose portrait we give) has been labouring in China for a little more than a quarter of a century. In 1874, he—being then curate of St. Peter's, Eaton Square—offered himself as a missionary, went out to China, and was stationed at Cheefoo, one of the Treaty ports on the Gulf of Pechili. At that time the missions of the Church, both in North China and Mid-China, were under Bishop Russell, whose Cathedral was at Shanghai. In 1879 Bishop

“One thing is certain with regard to the serious troubles now distressing all who have interests in China, and that is that whatever happens diplomacy cannot withdraw its official representatives, nor will commerce withdraw its traders. There is another thing equally certain, Christians must not withdraw their missionaries. That the kinsfolk of the brave heroes who have fought and died in South Africa are not willing to forsake the Chinese Christians in their hour of need is shown by