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PREFACE

In preparing this Report the Editorial Committee has aimed at usefulness rather than at completeness,—to provide a convenient record in the smallest possible compass.

For this reason almost all messages between the two Houses are omitted, but when they are given, the original numbering is adhered to.

Similarly, in the draft Canons submitted to the Synod, mere alterations in phrasing, whether English or Chinese, are not recorded, the final result arrived at appearing in the Canons as printed.

Although the Report is given by days, this division is not strictly accurate: in many cases the debates on Canons, etc., were continued from day to day. For sake of clearness, the results of the consideration have generally been inserted wherever the subject was first taken up.

The personnel and work of temporary Committees has likewise for the most part been omitted, while the membership of Standing Committees appears only once in the Report—under the list of such Committees.

The printing of Reports to Synod of its Standing Committees is a cause of considerable expenditure. These Reports in their full form were sent to all the members of the Synod: since they have all been adopted by the Synod it was considered unnecessary to include more than a digest thereof in this book.

An effort has been made to provide an Index and cross references of the subject matter considered by the two Houses, and to make the English and Chinese versions of the Proceedings as much alike as possible.

A considerable amount of space has been saved in the printing by the shortening of those constantly recurring names, "The House of Bishops" and "The House of Delegates" to "H.B." and "H.D." respectively.

The Editorial Committee is as deeply conscious of the imperfections of this Report as it is of the difficulties attendant upon its hurried preparation. It considers that the form in which the Proceedings of the two Houses are reported leaves much to be desired. A book more convenient for reference purposes could be produced if the precedent of recording the work of the two Houses separately were abandoned.

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MONDAY, APRIL 8th, 1918.

House called to order at 10.40 a.m. by the Bishop of Shanghai.

After Prayer by the Bishop of Shanghai the Roll Call was taken by the Bishop in North China.

The following Bishops were also present:

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Cecil, of South Tokyo, Japan.

Officers.
The following officers were elected:

Chairman: The Bishop of Shanghai.
Secretary: The Bishop in North China.

The Bishop in North China announced the appointment of the following Recording Secretaries:

Rev. W. P. Roberts, for English,
Rev. T. K. Shen, for Chinese,
who were then elected in accordance with Canon Regulations (Canon II, § 4).

RESOLUTION I.

This House expresses its sincere regret at the absence from the General Synod of the Bishop and Delegates from the Diocese of Western China owing to the disturbed state of the country, and hereby assures the Bishop, and through him the clerical and lay members of his Diocese, of its earnest sympathy with them in their present isolation with all its attendant anxieties. (By concurrence of H. D. this became a Resolution of Synod.)
The Report of the Standing Committee of the General Synod was then read by the Bishop in North China. (See Appendix IV.)
This was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Business.

Rules of Order.
Rule of Order No. 5 (see Appendix III) was adopted by the House.

Greetings.
The following cable was received from Dr. J. W. Wood, Secretary of the Mission Board in New York: "Greetings best wishes Synod—Wood."
The House then proceeded to consider the Report of the Standing Committee on Canons.
(See Appendix V.)

Canon IV.
Canon IV: (of Diocesan Standing Committees), was adopted as a whole, with two changes.

Missionary Districts and Synod.
Message 4 from H. D. The following Resolution has been passed by this House:
Resolved: H. B. concurring, that the Committee on Canons be requested to prepare and present to this meeting of the Synod, a Canon to provide for the representation in the Synod of Missionary Districts of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.
(H. B. concurred. No report presented.)

RESOLUTION II.

Chinese Text of Canons.
The House refers all questions concerning the Chinese text of the new Canons as raised in this House, to the Committee on Canons, for conference with the Committee on Canons of H. D. with instructions to report to this House.

Canon V.
Canon V: of Missionary Bishops.
The canon was discussed in detail, and the clauses, with the exception of clause 2, adopted with slight alterations in phrasing. Clause 2 was referred to the Committee on Canons and the whole Canon laid on the table pending their report.

Canon VI.
Canon VI: of Assistant Bishops.
§1 carried unchanged.
§2 referred to the Committee for rewording. The Committee reported later: its report was accepted and §2 adopted. The Canon as a whole was adopted next day.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9th.

Visiting Bishops from Japan.

The visiting Bishops from Japan were formally welcomed by the Bishop of Shanghai, and addressed the House briefly. The purport of their remarks was that, owing to the present relations existing between China and Japan, an obligation to closer contact and sympathy rested upon the Christian churches in the two countries. The informal greetings of the Japanese Church were conveyed to the Synod by the Bishop of Kyoto.

RESOLUTION III.

Delegation from Church of England Congregations in China.

RESOLVED: H. D. concurring, that the General Synod shall meet in joint session on Thursday at 3 p.m. to receive a deputation (consisting of the Chief Judge of the British Supreme Court in China, the Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, and Mr. Edney Page), representing Church of England Congregations in China. (H. D. concurred.)

RESOLUTION IV.

Assessments for Board of Missions.

RESOLVED: H. D. concurring, that the Chairmen of both Houses appoint a Joint Committee on Assessments for the work of the Board of Missions.

House of Delegates concurred and a Committee was appointed.

RESOLUTION V.

Synod Expenses.

RESOLVED: H. D. concurring, that a Joint Committee on Synod Expenses be appointed by the Chairmen of the two Houses.

House of Delegates concurred, and a Committee was appointed. (For Report which was accepted see Appendix.)
Canon VII. (A new Canon, VII, was introduced later, q.v.)

Canon VIII: of the Ordination of Deacons and Priests.

This Canon was adopted with certain alterations in phrasing, and (§4) by the addition of alternative subjects for examinations.

Position of Chinese Congregations in Japan.

The Bishop in North China read letters from Rev. W. H. Elwin and from the Chinese Church in Tokyo asking for help, and for affiliation with the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

The Bishop of South Tokyo and the Bishop of Kyoto spoke briefly about the need for Episcopal oversight by a Bishop from China.

Resolutions in regard to the whole question of the position of Chinese congregations in Japan were presented later, and adopted by both Houses in the following form:—

RESOLVED: That having regard to the conditions of congregations of Chinese in Japan, and hearing of parallel problems concerning congregations of Japanese in China, this Synod takes the following action, and expresses readiness to facilitate parallel action on the part of the Nippon Sei Kokwai, if so desired, for the good of the congregations of Japanese in China:

1. That the Bishop of the Nippon Sei Kokwai in whose Diocese or jurisdiction any such congregation is situated be recognised as the normal and proper authority for that congregation; but that in view of the difference of language and the need of effective administration it would be well if the Bishop of the Nippon Sei Kokwai, in each case concerned, would give a commission to a Bishop of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui to act for him in the oversight of such congregations:—

Provided that this proceeding should have the standing approval of the General Synod of the Nippon Sei Kokwai; and further that the Bishop of the Nippon Sei Kokwai should request the Bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui to authorise one of their number so to act.
2. That, without prejudice to the foregoing, the General Synod recognise the congregations of Chinese in Japan as congregations of members of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui when duly assured of the formal assent of their Clergy and Church officers to the Constitution and Canons of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

3. That two representatives elected by these congregations jointly be given seats and the privilege of the floor in the House of Delegates at meetings of the General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

4. That all members of the aforesaid congregations in Japan, baptised or catechumens, should on return to China forthwith present their certificates of membership to the Bishop of the Diocese in China in which they are residing.

5. That this Synod, in taking the foregoing action, desires to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the congregations of Chinese in Japan and to assure the said congregations of its hearty sympathy, and of its sincere desire to promote their spiritual edification. It would further express its earnest hope that they may so richly receive the grace of God in their special circumstances, that they may greatly contribute to the deepening, and to the manifestation, of true Christian love and fellowship between Chinese and Japanese Christians, and to the furtherance of friendship and mutually helpful relations between the two countries.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th.

Resignation of Bishop in Fukien.

The Chairman read a letter from the Bishop in Fukien announcing his resignation, and the appointment of the Rev. John Hind, M.A., as his successor.

It was moved that the letter be received with an expression of deep affection for Bishop Price and of sincere regret at his departure from China, together with an expression of sympathy for the motives leading him to resign.

The motion was carried by a rising vote.
RESOLUTION VI.

Greetings to Nippon Sei Kokwai.

RESOLVED: H. D. concurring, that the General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui now in session in Shanghai sends its most cordial brotherly greetings to the Bishops, Clergy, and People of the Nippon Sei Kokwai. In sending this message the Synod desires to record its sense of the privilege which it has enjoyed in having the Bishops of South Tokyo and of Kybto present at its debates, and of the pleasure and benefit derived from the words of wisdom and sympathy which they addressed to it. (H. D. concurred.)

Canon IX.

Canon IX: of Voting, was adopted.

(Finish of work on New Canons.)

RESOLUTION VII.

Canon VII: on Declaration of Belief and Conformity.

RESOLVED: That the Committee on Canons of this House be instructed to prepare a Canon requiring a Declaration of Belief and Conformity to be made by any person chosen Bishop of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui before his consecration.

This Canon was prepared, submitted to both Houses, and adopted. (See Canon VII.)

Report of Committee on Unity.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Unity was read by the Bishop in Fukien and accepted. After the addition of a new paragraph referring to Flood Relief Work in North China, and revision of the Resolution in the Report, it was adopted. (See Appendix VI.)

RESOLUTION VIII.

RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the House of Bishops be requested to send a copy of the resolutions on the China Continuation Committee Report on Comity to the Secretary of the China Continuation Committee.

A letter was drafted by the Secretary and read by him before the House.
RESOLUTION IX.

**Committee on State of the Church.**

**Resolved:** H. D. concurring, that there be a Standing Committee of this Synod on the State of the Church and that this Committee be nominated by the Chairmen of the two Houses. (H. D. concurred. See List of Standing Committees.)

**Report of Committee on Prayer Book.**

The Report of the Standing Committee on Prayer Book was read by the Bishop in Shantung and accepted. (See Appendix VII.)

A letter from Bishop Cassels was referred to the incoming Committee.

**Sunday School Committee Report.**

The Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools was read by the Bishop of Honan and accepted.

RESOLUTION X.

**Three Year Cycle of Sunday School Lessons.**

**Resolved:** H. D. concurring, that this Synod approves in general of the Three Year Cycle of Church Sunday School Lessons as arranged by the Sunday School Committee: and further requests the Committee on Religious Education to carry out as far as possible the instructions of the last General Synod to the Sunday School Committee. (H. D. concurred.)

RESOLUTION XI.

**Special Sundays.**

**Resolved:** H. D. concurring, that the three Special Sundays suggested in the Sunday School Committee's Report, that is, Bible, Missionary, and Children's Sundays, be recommended for observance throughout the Church in China. (H. D. concurred.)

**Church Literature Committee Report.**

The Report of the Standing Committee on Church Literature was read by the Bishop in North China, and accepted, with an expression of thanks to the Committee.

**Executive Session.**

The House of Bishops met in Executive Session to act upon the question of the Confirmation of the Election of the Assistant Bishop for Chekiang Diocese.
On resuming session as the House of Bishops, the election of Archdeacon Sing to be Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Chekiang was solemnly confirmed.

Message No. 24 to H. D.

H. B. informs H. D. that it has confirmed the election of the Venerable T. S. Sing, Archdeacon, as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Chekiang. (Message No. 23 from H. D. reported that the House of Delegates had likewise confirmed the election.)

Ad interim Board of Missions, The report of the Nominating Committee for the ad interim Board of Missions was read by the Bishop in Chekiang, and adopted. (H. D. concurred. See List of Committees.)

Report on Central Theological School, The report of the Committee on a Central Theological School was read by the Bishop of Hankow and accepted. Action was then taken on the resolutions printed in the report. The four Resolutions were accepted and adopted with certain verbal changes. (H. D. concurred. See Appendix X.)

Lectionary, The Report of the Standing Committee on Lectionary was read by the Bishop in North China, and was adopted with certain changes. (See Appendix XI.)

Consecration of an Assistant Bishop in Chekiang The House having previously gone into Executive Session to discuss the question of the consecration of the newly elected Assistant Bishop for Chekiang, drew up the following statement and sent it to H. D.

H. B. informs H. D. that those members of H. B. who are also Suffragans of the Archbishop of Canterbury as well as Bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, have requested a delay in the consecration of the Assistant Bishop in Chekiang, until the formal assent of the Archbishop of Canterbury to his Suffragans acting in this matter as Bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui (parallel to the formal Resolution of the House of Bishops in the American Church already received) has come to hand;
the Bishop in Honan having received instructions from his Metropolitan in Canada to await the issue to the English Bishops of such formal assent from the Archbishop of Canterbury before acting: there being reason to suppose that some letters between England and China have miscarried. Members of the Synod will be informed through their Diocesan Bishop as soon as such assent has been received from the Archbishop.

RESOLUTION XIII.

Standing Committee matters

(1) RESOLVED: that it be a standing instruction to the Standing Committee, that in making arrangements for the Synod, when a meeting of the Standing Committee is impracticable, the Chairman and Secretary of the Standing Committee shall act on behalf of the Committee. (H. D. concurred.)

RESOLUTION XIV.

(2) RESOLVED: H. D. concurring, that vacancies occurring in any Standing or other Committee between meetings of Synod, shall be filled by the Committee concerned electing new members. (H. D. concurred.)

(3) Message No. 33 to H. D. approving of the election of Mr. S. C. Lin as Treasurer of Synod, and announcing that it has elected the Bishop in Chekiang as a member of the Standing Committee.

Enlargement of Board of Missions.

A motion by the Bishop of Honan that the membership of the Board of Missions should be increased, having been referred to the Business Committee, that Committee reported that such increase is advisable at present: but recommends that the Board should keep the suggestion to enlarge its membership in mind, and report as to its advisability at the next Synod.

Relation between Diocesan Synods and General Synod. The Report of Committee on Relation between Diocesan Synods and the General Synod was read by the Bishop in Fukien, and referred to the Committee on Canons. (See Appendix XII.)
RESOLUTION XV.

The War Situation: a Call to Prayer.

RESOLVED: H. D. concurring, that this General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, meeting as it does amid distress of nations and perilous times in the East as well as in the West, calls upon all its members (1) to pray earnestly in Christian assemblies and in private for the coming of the Kingdom of Our Lord in Righteousness and Peace, and for all combatants and sufferers in and through this war; (2) to witness with all their power to the principles of self-sacrifice, social amelioration, universal brotherhood and international charity contained in our Holy Religion, and furthermore to cherish the ideal of a league of nations capable of maintaining the peace of the world. (H. D. concurred.)

RESOLUTION XVI.

Committee on Social Service.

RESOLVED: H. D. concurring, that the Chairmen of both Houses be requested to appoint a Committee of Synod on Social Service. (H. D. concurred. The Committee was appointed.)

RESOLUTION XVII.

Synod Report.

RESOLVED: H. D. concurring, that the preparation of the Report of the Synod be left in the hands of the Secretaries of the two Houses in consultation with the Chairmen, asking such help as they may require. (H. D. concurred.)

RESOLUTION XVIII.

Bishop-Designate in Fukien.

RESOLVED: that this House expresses its very cordial welcome to the Rev. John Hind, M.A., on his appointment as Bishop in Fukien: and assures him that he will have the earnest prayers of all his brother bishops of the C. H. S. K. H. for the blessing of Almighty God on his consecration and upon the work of his episcopate.
RESOLUTION XIX.

(a) A resolution of thanks to the Chairman.

(b) A resolution of thanks and appreciation to the Synod's hosts at St. John's, and Shanghai.

Bishop Scott expressed his gratitude for the welcome given him, and his sense of the growth under God's good Providence of the work of the General Synod.

Bishop Graves replied in the name of the House. At 4.20 p.m. on April 13th the House of Bishops adjourned to the House of Delegates and met in a short Joint Session before the closing of Synod.
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

MONDAY, APRIL 8th, 10.30 a.m.

The Acting Chairman, Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott, called the meeting to order, and announced the presence of a quorum, sixty-four delegates being present.

After Prayers and Roll Call, the House proceeded to the election of Officers as follows:

Chairman: Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Archie T. L. Ts' en.
Secretary: Rev. S. H. Littell.
Recording Secretaries: Rev. T. H. Tai.
Rev. C. McDouall.
Editorial Secretary: Mr. David Z. T. Yui.

The House proceeded to consideration of the report of the Standing Committee of the Synod, and adopted it. (See Appendix IV.)

Rev. L. Tsen drew attention to the presence of visitors, and particularly to that of the Rev. D. M. Koeh, from Shensi.

RESOLUTION I.

RESOLVED: That this House extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Koeh, and offers him a seat in the House.

Rev. D. M. Koeh then took a seat with the North China delegation.

RESOLUTION II.

RESOLVED: H. B. concurring, that the Committee on Canons be requested to prepare and present to this Synod a Canon to provide for the
representation in the Synod of Missionary Districts of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.
(H. B. concurred: but no report was presented to the Synod.)

Greetings.
The Chairman announced the receipt of a cable of greetings to the Synod from the Secretary of the Board of Missions in New York.

RESOLUTION III.

Deputation from Japan.
RESOLVED: That the visitors from the Chinese congregations in Japan be invited to take seats in this House, with the right of taking part in debates.

The three visitors, Rev. W. H. Elwin, Rev. H. D. Yü, and Mr. S. C. Ch’en, then took seats.

Canon IV.
The House then proceeded to consideration of the Report of the Committee on Canons. (See Appendix V.)

Canon IV: of Diocesan Standing Committees, was adopted as a whole. Two changes suggested by H. B. were concurred in later.

Canon V.
Canon V: of Missionary Bishops, with slight verbal amendments, was adopted as a whole. Further amendments by H. B. were also concurred in.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9th.

Canon VI.
Canon VI: of Assistant Bishops.
After a lengthy discussion, Canon VI, §1 was adopted, with the characters for "Chinese" before those for "presbyter," by a vote of 31 to 21. Later, the decision to include the characters for "Chinese" was reversed.

The remaining clauses of Canon VI were subsequently adopted in the form agreed to by H. B. In H. D. several amendments were proposed but not adopted. These dealt with the sources of support for a Chinese Assistant Bishop being guaranteed in whole or in part by Chinese, and with the question of the right of succession.
Visitors.

The Bishop of South Tokyo and the Bishop of Kyoto entered as visitors at 11 a.m. and the House suspended consideration of the report of the Committee on Canons to hear addresses from the visitors.

The Bishop of South Tokyo asked to be excused detailing work among Chinese in Japan, and expressed a hope that Mr. Elwin and his fellow delegates might be given an opportunity to speak on that point. He spoke on our ideal as exemplified in the name of our Church, "Sheng Kung Hui."

The Bishop of Kyoto pressed for a measure of co-operation between the Church in Japan and in China during this formative period: if there could not be official conferences, yet let the Churches be kept mutually informed of each other's acts. He expressed a hope that Churchmen in the two countries would endeavour favourably to influence the political relations between their countries.

He further expressed his hope that an invitation would be sent to the Nippon Sei Kokwai to help with work among the Japanese in China, and vice-versa.

Delegation from C. M. S. Chinese Student Church in Tokyo.

The Chairman introduced the three delegates at 3 p.m. Each of them spoke in favour of their requests:

(1) That the Church work among Chinese in Japan should receive official recognition by the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui:

(2) That a means be devised to give this work official connection with the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui: either by means of joining this work to some Diocese in China, or by declaring it a Missionary District, or that it be joined up with other work among Chinese overseas, such as that in Canada.

The House then voted that a Committee be appointed by the Chairman of the House, to take into consideration this communication and petition from the Church Missionary Society Student Church in Tokyo, and report to this
session of the Synod. This Committee was appointed and reported in due course.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th.**

(The Proceedings of this day will be found in the report of Joint Sessions.)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11th.**

**Announcement.**

The Chairman announced an invitation from the Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, inviting the Synod to attend a special service on Sunday, 14th inst., at 11 a.m. The Clergy were invited to robe, and seats would be reserved for all desiring to attend.

**Canon VII.**

Later in the Session, a new Canon, numbered VII, was introduced (*q. v.*).

**Canon VIII.**

Consideration of Canon VIII was temporarily deferred.

**Canon IX.**

Canon IX: of Voting, was adopted as a whole after some discussion as to the circumstances under which a vote by orders might be called for.

**Report of the Committee on Unity.**

The Report of the Standing Committee on Unity, including the Resolution at the end thereof, was adopted. (See Appendix VI.)

The North China delegates proposed the following

**RESOLUTION IV,** which was carried, H. B., concurring:

**Resolved:** That the Committee on Unity be asked to add to their Report a reference to the work done by the North China Christian Flood Relief Committee, and to its value in bringing together both the North China Christians, and also the Christians of all provinces, in common work for Christ and China.

This Resolution was added to the report of the Committee on Unity.

**Report of the Committee on Prayer Book.**

The report of the Committee on Prayer Book was adopted.

**Report of Sunday School Committee.**

The report of the Sunday School Committee was adopted.
RESOLUTION V.

Resolved: H. B. concurring, that the Standing Committee on Canons be requested to prepare a Canon on a Board of Religious Education, and to report at the next meeting of the General Synod. (H. B. concurred.)

RESOLUTION VI.

Resolved: H. B. concurring, that the name of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools be changed to the Standing Committee on Religious Education, and that the Chairmen of the two Houses be requested to appoint a large and representative Committee to act until the Canon on Religious Education has been enacted, and a Board of Religious Education appointed. (H. B. concurred.)

Report of Committee on Church Literature. The Report of the Committee on Church Literature was adopted, with a recommendation to the incoming Committee that the Editor of the "Chinese Churchman" should be a Chinese.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th.

Invitation. The Chairman announced an invitation to delegates from the St. John's Christian Association to attend an entertainment that evening.

RESOLUTION VII.

Appointment of some Standing Committees. Resolved: That in accordance with the precedent of the Synod of 1915, the following Standing Committees be appointed by the Chairmen of the two Houses, namely:

On Church Literature
On Sunday Schools (on Religious Education)
On Canons
On Unity
On Prayer Book

RESOLUTION VIII.

Revision of Canon III. Resolved: That the Standing Committee on Canons be requested to revise Canon III, Clause 3, §2 providing for a three years' assessment: and that they report to this Synod. This revision was made and adopted by both Houses.
RESOLUTION IX.

Chinese Abroad.

Resolved: H. B. concurring, that the Chairmen of the two Houses be asked to appoint a Joint Committee to prepare and send out a letter of fraternal greeting and fellowship from the Synod to Chinese congregations outside of China and Hongkong.

H. B. concurred, and the Committee was duly appointed.

Report of Committee on Synod Expenses.

The Report of the Committee on Synod Expenses was read and adopted. (See Appendix XIII.)

Canon VIII.

Canon VIII: of the Ordination of Deacons and Priests. The whole Canon as submitted by the Committee, and amended by H. B. was adopted after some discussion on the matter of subjects for examination of Candidates for Holy Orders.


The Committee on Chinese Congregations in Japan presented a Report on the same general lines as the Resolutions on this subject by H. B. For the sake of uniformity the House adopted as its Report that which came from H. B. (q. v.)

Canon VII.

Canon VII: on a Declaration of Belief and Conformity. Message 23 H. B. was received concerning the preparation of a Canon requiring a Declaration of Belief and Conformity to be made by a Bishop-elect.

The House concurred, and Canon VII as prepared, was adopted.

Confirmation of Archdeacon Sing's Election.

Message 24 H. B. was received announcing the solemn confirmation by the House of Bishops of the election of Archdeacon Sing as Assistant Bishop of Chekiang.

The House then went into executive session for consideration of its own confirmation of this election. The testimonial from the Diocesan Synod of Chekiang having been read, after silent prayer, the House proceeded to vote by orders on the confirmation of the election. The Chairman announced that there was more than a two-thirds majority in each order, and that the
election was therefore confirmed. The House then stood to pray for the Bishop-elect. The House came out of executive session. This confirmation was reported to the House of Bishops.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th.

Announcement. The Chairman announced the names of those Standing Committees of the Synod appointed by the Chairmen of the two Houses. (See List of Committees.)

RESOLUTION X.

Hospital Sunday. RESOLVED: H. B. concurring, that a Sunday, preferably that nearest to St. Luke's Day, be recommended for observance as Hospital Sunday. (H. B. concurred.)

RESOLUTION XI.

The Tentative Prayer Book. RESOLVED: H. B. concurring, that the following resolution from the Diocesan Synod of Hankow be referred to the new Committee on Prayer Book for their consideration: "Resolved: That this Synod is of opinion that the new tentative translation of the Prayer Book is not suitable for use in this Diocese, and votes to communicate this opinion to the General Synod." (H. B. concurred.)

RESOLUTION XII.

In Memoriam. RESOLVED: That this House records its grateful memory of the Reverend Henry John Benjamin-Brown, who, having for twenty years and more, laboured for the Lord in China, and having for over two years worked with all his powers as Editor of "The Chinese Churchman," passed away last year; and this Synod respectfully informs his widow of this action.

RESOLUTION XIII.

RESOLVED: That this House desires to express its devout thankfulness to Almighty God, for
the life and labours of the late Louis Byrde, Archdeacon in the Diocese of Kwangsi-Hunan, during close on twenty years in China: and the House wishes to assure the family of the late Archdeacon of its sympathy in this time of sorrow, and of its prayers for the comfort which God alone can give.

Both these resolutions were carried by a standing vote.

Election of Standing Committee.

The following officers were elected:

Treasurer: Mr. S. C. Lin (Shanghai) subject to concurrence by H. B. (H. B. concurred.)

Clerical delegate on the Standing Committee: Rev. P. N. Tsu (Shanghai).

Lay delegate on the Standing Committee: Mr. Archie T. L. Ts'en (Hankow).

Ad interim Board of Missions.

The fifteen members nominated for the new Board of Missions were elected, the House thus concurring in the action of the House of Bishops.

Lectionary.

The House adopted the report of the Committee on Lectionary, as amended by the House of Bishops.

Central Theological School.

The Report of the Committee on a Central Theological School, and the four resolutions with the amendments passed by the House of Bishops, were adopted.

RESOLUTION XIV.

The Conference of Church of England Congregations.

RESOLVED: H. B. concurring, that the Synod expresses its warm appreciation of the visit of the Deputation from the Conference of the Church of England Congregations in China, and of their courteous and brotherly expression of interest in the work of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui: and further, the Synod instructs the Standing Committee to consider the documents presented by the Deputation, and to reply to the Committee of that Conference appointed to receive the answer. (H. B. concurred.)
RESOLUTION XV.

That the matter of the translation of the words "Holy Catholic Church" in the various places where these words occur in the Prayer Book, together with the resolutions of the several Diocesan Synods on the subject, be referred to the Standing Committee on Prayer Book.

RESOLUTION XVI.

Date and Place for next meeting of Synod.

Resolved: H. B. concurring, that the next meeting of Synod be held at Hankow, beginning from the third Sunday after Easter (April 17th), 1921. (H. B. concurred.)

RESOLUTION XVII.

Canon II A Vice-Chairman for H. D.

Resolved: H. B. concurring, that a new clause be added to Canon II, after clause 1, to read, The House of Delegates shall also elect a Vice-Chairman, and that the subsequent clauses be numbered accordingly. (H. B. concurred.)

RESOLUTION XVIII.

Thanks.

The following votes of thanks were passed:

(a) A rising vote of thanks to Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott, Chairman.

(b) To the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Archie T. L. Ts'en.

(c) To the Secretaries of the House.

(d) To workers of the Shensi Mission: the Missionaries, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer.

(e) To the foreign and Chinese Clergy and Laity of Shanghai, as an expression of appreciation of their kindly hospitality.

(f) To the members of the St. John's Christian Association, for their entertainment arranged on behalf of members of the Synod.

Close of Synod.

4.20 p.m. the separate session ended and the Third Joint Session began.
MINUTES OF JOINT SESSIONS OF THE TWO HOUSES

I

Sitting as the Board of Missions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th, 9.30 a.m.

The Bishop of Shanghai took the Chair and called the meeting to order.

Chairman’s Address

After a hymn and prayer, the Chairman said he desired to take this opportunity of expressing, on behalf of the Diocese of Shanghai, greetings and a hearty welcome to the delegates from other Dioceses.

For the most part, the time of the Synod was occupied with matters of administration, but today the delegates were met together to consider a greater thing: the progress, increase, and building up of the Church of Christ in this land.

In the name of the Synod, he desired to express the sincere thanks of its members to the missionaries who have laboured amid difficulties at Si-an; and to the members of the Executive Committee of the Board for their labours in the cause.

Rev. D. M. Koeh.

In presenting the Report on the Shensi Mission, already in the hands of members of the Board, Mr. Koeh added a few words of explanation of that report, and drew from it three conclusions:

1. an increase in the staff is necessary;
2. now is the time to spend freely to secure the buildings and plant needed: for this he thought $8,000 should be found at once;
3. in spite of, or rather because of, the specially difficult conditions now obtaining in Shensi, a determined effort should be made to maintain such work as had been begun there by the Mission.
Board's Report
Rev. Lindel Tsen presented the Board's Report, of which copies had early been placed in the hands of members.

Business Arising from the Report.

Moved: That the general principle of assessment of the Church at the average rate of twenty cents (20 cents) per annum per baptized member, for the Missionary Work of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, be reaffirmed.

An amendment was moved:
Each diocese shall undertake for the next three years a voluntary contribution according to its ability.''

The Board decided to lay both resolution and amendment on the table, and proceed to hear the report of the Synod's Joint Committee on assessment for the Board of Missions.

Report of Committee on Assessment for Board of Missions.
The Report was presented by Archdeacon Hu, and recommended the following scale of diocesan assessments:

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Support of the Mission.
The following resolution was then brought before the Board:

Seeing that we have before us the aim of constituting Shensi as a Chinese Diocese under a Chinese Bishop; and seeing that—according to the draft Canon on the Episcopate—no said Bishop can be consecrated until the necessary support is forthcoming from the Church; for the present, at least until such Chinese diocese in Shensi shall have been fully constituted, no "foreign" subscriptions or donations shall be
asked for or encouraged, and no "foreign" workers shall be accepted by the Board of Missions.

After a lengthy and animated debate the Motion was carried (34-10).

Deputation to Western China. It was also RESOLVED: that, in view of the vast size of the Diocese of Western China and its difficulty of access, the General Synod shall authorize the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions—with the consent of the Bishop in Western China—to arrange for a deputation to visit that Diocese, in the interests of the work of the Board of Missions, the cost of such deputation being met by special subscriptions.

Nomination of the New Board of Missions. RESOLVED: that the Chairmen of the two Houses shall appoint a Joint Nominating Committee to nominate the fifteen members of the New Board of Missions, and to report to the Synod for further action.

Building Fund for Si-an. RESOLVED: that the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions be asked to confer with Mr. Koeh with a view to his visiting the larger congregations in convenient centres, for the purpose of placing before them his message regarding the work in Shensi, and to solicit their help towards specially raising the $8,000 required for the Si-an buildings.

RESOLVED: that the method of raising the sum asked for as a building fund, be referred to the incoming Board of Missions for decision.

The Board then adjourned.

JOINT SESSION II

To Receive a Deputation from the Conference of Congregations in China of Members of the Church of England.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14th, 3 p.m.

The Bishop of Shanghai took the Chair, welcomed the delegation in the name of the Synod, and introduced the members of the deputation: The Chief Judge of the British Supreme Court
in China, the Very Reverend the Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, and Mr. Edney Page.

Sir Havillard then read the petition from the Conference:

"We, Sir Havillard Walter de Sausmarez, the Very Reverend Alfred James Walker, and Edney Page, Esquire, are the delegates of a Conference convened by the Bishops of the Church of England in China at Shanghai and consisting of

I. All the Bishops of the Church of England in China,

II. All Clergy who minister to regular or occasional Congregations of English Churchmen, whether they be Chaplains or Missionaries acting as honorary Chaplains,

III. Lay Representatives of these Congregations. The Conference sat on the sixth and eighth days of the month of April in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and passed certain resolutions designed to express the corporate position of these Congregations and to record their recognition of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui as the Church of the Anglican Communion in China, with which, while retaining their membership in the Church of England, they desire, as in times past, to remain in communion, and further to record their goodwill to such Church.

To these resolutions is attached a Scheme for the regulation of these Congregations and their future governance.

It was further resolved that the Acts of the Conference should be communicated to the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, now in General Synod assembled, and we, who are present today, are delegated to attend the General Synod for that purpose.

We, therefore, ask you to receive this document and to consider it with a view to taking such action as to you may seem fit.
We wish to tell you that the action of the Conference has been prompted by the desire to continue in the membership of our Mother Church and at the same time to recognise that those of a different nation and speaking a different language from our own, have aspirations which will lead to their development on lines suited to their national character and aims.

We wish further to assure you that our debates were regulated by a sincere sympathy with the CHUNG HUA SHENG KUNG HUI, and to ask of you that, in considering our action and the proposals we are presenting to you, you will shew the same sympathy with the Congregations of the CHURCH OF ENGLAND now living and worshipping GOD in your midst.''

The Dean explained that this scheme aimed

(1) at developing work among Englishmen in China

(2) at maintaining that work in orderly relation to the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui: The deputation expected to have the definition of the relationship between the two bodies given by the Church of the land.

Mr. Page also spoke.

In reply, the Chairman emphasized the very representative nature of the Synod. In the name of the Synod, he wished to give immediate recognition firstly, to the largeness of spirit which characterized the petition, showing frank recognition of the independence of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, and its fellowship with the rest of the Anglican Communion; and secondly, to the sympathy expressed with the aspirations of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui. The delegation then withdrew and the Joint Session ended.
JOINT SESSION III

For the Close of the Synod.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th, 4.20 p.m.

The House of Bishops entered the House of Delegates and the Chair was taken by the Bishop of Shanghai. The Chairman reviewed the work of the Synod, emphasised the intense importance of the work done, especially in bringing so very much nearer the establishment of a Chinese Episcopate. He trusted that at the next Synod there would be a Chinese Bishop sitting in the House of Bishops.

He desired also to make mention of the harmonious relationship between the two Houses.

After a hymn, recitation of the Creed, and prayer, the Synod was declared closed.
APPENDICES

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   (The text of Canons as submitted by the Committee is not printed in full. The Canons as adopted may be found in the "Constitution and Canons.")

VI. Report of the Standing Committee on Unity.


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APPENDIX I

General Synod, 1918.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th.

10.30 a.m. Opening Service of the Synod, with Celebration of the Holy Communion. (Celebrant: the Chairman of the House of Bishops. Preacher: the Bishop in Western China.*).

_N.B._—All members of the Synod will assemble in the Library in good time; the Bishops and Clergy will robe for this service; and the Synod will then proceed to the Pro-Cathedral.

3 p.m. Missionary Service in the Church of our Saviour, Dixwell Road, Shanghai. (Arrangements to be left to the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions.)

*Note* :—At both these Services the collections will be given to the Board of Missions of the General Synod.

MONDAY, APRIL 8th.

9.30 a.m. The Secretary of the House of Delegates will sit in the Library to receive Delegates' certificates of election and to make any amendments in the Roll of Delegates.

10.30 a.m. Both Houses will assemble in the Library for organization.

PROCEDURE:

(1) The Chairman in each House will call the House to order, and offer Prayer.

(2) The Secretary will call the Roll.

(3) Officers shall be elected in each House.

(4) The Chairman in each House will announce the names of the Joint Committees, (1) on Business, (2) on Canons.

*The Bishop in Western China being unavoidably absent, the sermon was preached by the Bishop in Fukien.*
2 p.m. Both Houses will reassemble and proceed to business.

Thence forward:—the Synod will sit daily, unless otherwise agreed upon, from 9.45 a.m.—12 noon; 2.00 p.m.—4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th.

The Synod will meet in Joint Session and sit as the Board of Missions: (programme to be determined by the Executive Committee of the Board).

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th.

N.B.—The Morning session will be suspended to allow of meetings of Committees. (This was found unnecessary.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th.

There will be special services in the Shanghai churches, of which notice will be given: and also at 11 a.m. a Special Service at Holy Trinity Cathedral, in English.

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APPENDIX II

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Agenda.

A. Reports of Committees in both Houses.
      Report to be followed by Resolution on Synod Expenses.
   2. Standing Committee on Canons.
   3. Standing Committee on Christian Unity.
   5. Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.
   6. Standing Committee on Church Literature.
   7. Synod Committee on Central Theological College.
   8. Synod Committee on the Lectionary.
   9. Board of Missions.

N.B.—The Chairman of each Committee will arrange for the presentation of its Report in both Houses.
B. The following Committees will present Reports to the House of Bishops:
   1. Committee on Relations between Diocesan Synods and the General Synod.
   2. Committee on Special Services.

C. Matters for Discussion.
   1. Issue of a letter from the General Synod to Chinese Congregations outside China and Hongkong.
   2. Such other business as may be determined.

APPENDIX III

Rules of Order.

I. HOUSE OF BISHOPS:

1. As an indication of our humble dependence upon the Word and Spirit of God, and following the example of the Primitive Councils, a copy of the Holy Scriptures shall always be reverently placed in view at the meetings of this House, and a short portion of Scripture shall be read at the opening of each daily session.

2. Members in discussion shall address the Chair, and shall confine themselves to the point in debate. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.

3. All Resolutions offered to the House shall be made in writing, and no question shall be considered as before the House until seconded.

4. All questions of Order shall be decided by the Chair without discussion, but appeal may be taken against such decision.

5. A Committee on Business shall be appointed by the Chairman:
   (a) to arrange with a similar committee of the House of Delegates as to matters for discussion in both Houses: and
   (b) to arrange for the order of business which concerns this House alone.
6. The Secretary shall be asked to lay before the Committee on Business a list of unfinished Business, before the opening of each Session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AS ADOPTED FOR THIS MEETING OF SYNOD:

1. Prayer and reading of Scripture.
2. Minutes of previous Day.
3. Communications from Chairman.
4. Messages from House of Delegates which have not been disposed of.
5. Miscellaneous Business (limited to 15 minutes).
6. Reports of Special Committees.
   This shall be determined by the House on recommendation of the Committee on Business.

II. HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

1. As an indication of our humble dependence upon the Word and Spirit of God, and following the example of the Primitive Councils, a copy of the Holy Scriptures shall always be reverently placed in view at the meetings of this House.

2. Members in discussion shall address the Chair, and shall confine themselves to the point in debate. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.

3. All Resolutions offered to the House shall be made in writing, and no question shall be considered as before the House until seconded.

4. All questions of Order shall be decided by the Chair without discussion, but appeal may be taken against such decision.

5. The Secretary shall be asked to lay before the Committee on Business a list of unfinished Business, before the opening of each session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS AS ADOPTED FOR THIS MEETING OF SYNOD:

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes of previous Day.
3. Communications from Chairman.
4. Messages from House of Bishops which have not been disposed of.
5. Miscellaneous Business (limited to 15 minutes).
6. Reports of Special Committees.
   This shall be determined by the House on recommendation of the Committee on Business.

III. JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES:

1. Members in discussion shall address the Chair, and shall confine themselves to the point in debate.
2. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.
3. All questions of Order shall be decided by the Chair, without discussion, but appeal may be made from his decision.
4. All Resolutions offered to the House shall be made in writing, and no motion shall be considered as before the House until seconded.

APPENDIX IV

Report of the Standing Committee Presented to the General Synod, 1918.

The Standing Committee has held two meetings,—13th September, 1917, and 5th April, 1918. The attendance at the former meeting was unfortunately very meagre, only numbering five. The accounts of the 1915 Synod were presented and passed, the total expenditure of $737.09 being almost entirely accounted for by the printing of the Synod Report in English and Chinese.

The appointment of the Rev. M. H. Throop as Statistical Secretary was confirmed.

The Committee approved of a proposal made by the Rev. S. H. Littell with regard to placing on the Agenda paper the matter of a circular letter to Chinese congregations of the Church outside China, which therefore appears on the Agenda paper.
Steps were taken to secure additional Secretaries, numbering four altogether, for both Houses; and the Chairman was asked to write Bishop Scott, expressing a hope that he would attend the Synod.

Finally, a provisional Programme for the Synod's meeting was drawn up and approved.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee communicated with all Bishops on the subject of how best to meet the Synod's expenses.

He also did his best to secure the timely printing of Reports from all Committees, though unfortunately there was considerable delay about this in some cases.

The Committee met again on April 5th, mainly to consider subjects suggested for the Agenda paper. The Standing Committee wishes to recommend to the Synod that:

1. The consideration of the Report of the Standing Committee on Canons and the proposed Canons IV, V, and VI be given as early a place on the Agenda in both Houses as possible, with a view to further action in connection with the reported election of an assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Chekiang.

2. The consideration of the position of the Chinese Students' Church in Japan be also given an early place, and that the delegates and visitors from Japan be asked to address the Synod on this subject.

3. That a special Committee of Synod be appointed by the Chairmen of both Houses to consider and report on the matter of Synod expenses, such Committee to report to the Synod before its close.

The Standing Committee further

1. Appointed the Bishop of Honan, the Bishop in Fukien, and Mr. Ch'en Tsun-liang to consider the possibility of arranging for an informal evening meeting or meetings to hear reports on the work of the Church, and

2. Appointed the Rev. J. W. Nichols and Dr. Y. V. Tsu a Committee to arrange for all services during the meeting of the Synod.

The Standing Committee having learned that the Board of Missions wishes a Special Committee on Assessment to be appointed to report before the close of the Synod, further recommends that the two Houses should request the Chairman of the Board of Missions to appoint such Committee without delay.
Various other subjects for the Agenda paper were left for the proposers to bring forward or not when the Synod should be in session.

A financial statement of the funds entrusted to the Standing Committee will this year appear in the report of the Church Literature Committee, and no reference needs to be made here.

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APPENDIX V

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Report of the Standing Committee on Canons.

The Committee on Canons was instructed by the General Synod of 1915 to prepare a Canon or Canons dealing with the election and consecration of Bishops, (Resolution X, p. 25 of Report), to be laid before the General Synod in April, 1918, and further to prepare a Canon covering the question of voting by Orders in Synod (p. 49 of Report).

When the Committee proceeded to carry out these instructions they were of the opinion that the only cases which were likely to come before the Synod at this time or in the immediate future were those of the election and consecration of Missionary Bishops or of Assistant Bishops, and that there was consequently no reason for presenting to the Synod any other Canons than such as would be sufficient to cover these cases. The Committee therefore presents Canons V and VI as in their opinion sufficiently providing for the present situation in the Chinese Church.

Canon VIII was prepared to cover the question of voting by Orders.

The preparation of these three Canons completed the work which the Committee had been instructed to undertake. However, since the last Synod, the question of the ordination of Deacons and Priests, as clergy of the Chinese Church and not of the foreign Church represented in particular dioceses, had become pressing, and, by correspondence, it was found that all the members of the Committee were agreed that we ought to go beyond our instructions and prepare a Canon to cover the examination and ordination of Deacons and Priests, so that when the question of ordination came up in the Synod, as it seemed certain that it would, preparation would have been made to meet it. Canon VII is presented with this explanation.
With regard to Canon IV on Standing Committees, it is only necessary to say that the existence and work of Standing Committees is recognised throughout Canons V, VI, and VII, and it therefore became necessary to supply such a Canon in order that the others might be put into operation if they were adopted.

The Canons presented herewith were adopted by the Committee at its meeting in Shanghai on September 12th, 1917.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of one of our members, the Rev. H. J. Benham-Brown. One of the last acts of his life was to provide that a reply should be sent to correspondence about these Canons. At the request of the Chairman, as notified to all the members, the Bishop of North China consented to take the vacant place and to act as a member of the Committee.

F. R. Graves, Chairman.

Note: The text of the Canons as submitted by the Committee is not printed, as the Canons in the form in which they were finally adopted are printed in full in the "Constitution and Canons."

APPENDIX VI

Report of the Standing Committee on Unity.

Your Committee has not as yet been called upon to take any action as the Commission of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, in matters connected with the proposed World Conference on Faith and Order. (See Resolution V of the General Synod 1912.) Recent communications from the secretary of the Preliminary Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church show that the preparation for the Conference continues with most encouraging results. "There is an increasing recognition that only the visible unity of Christians in the one Body of the one Lord will avail to establish Christ's Kingdom of peace and righteousness and love." The suggestion made by the Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church that the period of January, 18-25, 1918, should be observed throughout the world as a season of special prayer for the Reunion of Christendom, has met with cordial approval.

Your Committee feels bound to give expression to the disappointment felt by many that the essential Unity of God's people throughout the world has been so little revealed during the present war. This may have been partly due to the
regrettable action of many leading Christian Divines in Germany at the outset. But we are convinced that there has been and still is an opportunity for public manifestation of this Unity, and we venture to ask for prayers that this opportunity may not pass away before an effort has been made to seize and use it.

Replies have been received from several Bishops to a circular asking if they had had to deal with the matter of inter-Communion, or interchange of pulpits, since the publication of the Advice of the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Kikuyu question. It seems evident that whilst the responsible leaders of the Churches of the Anglican Communion in our Home-lands heartily desire to further the cause of Reunion, and constantly pray for guidance towards it, they generally feel bound to preach caution at the present time. This on the whole would seem to be the attitude of the Bishops in China.

Two Bishops have issued a joint letter to their clergy in which they say "We would desire to let it be understood that henceforward no one not in Communion with us or unconfirmed should be admitted to the Holy Communion without the Bishop's sanction: and the Bishop must have all the circumstances in each case put before him, and be given time to consider them, and to give formal permission in each case." Another Bishop writes "Our general practice is to permit and encourage Communicants of other Christian bodies to receive Communion with us when they are so situated that they cannot attend their own Churches." The general practice would seem to be included between these two statements.

Some Dioceses where Bishops, as for example the Bishop in Chekiang, have had occasion to deal with the question of united Communion Services, they have followed the Archbishop's Advice, and have expressed their opinion that it is better for the present for our clergy and people to refrain from arranging or taking part in such services. As to the interchange of pulpits, one Bishop replies "Our clergy not infrequently preach in other Churches besides our own, and we occasionally invite ministers and lay members of other bodies to speak from our pulpits." No special difficulty seems to have arisen in regard to the interchange.

A movement in which Chinese Christians of our own and many other Communions were drawn together arose in connection with the proposal to adopt Confucianism as the state religion of China and the basis of National Education.
Some leading Christians of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui in Peking organized a "Religious Freedom Society" to oppose the adoption of a State Religion. The movement was entirely Chinese. Christians of many denominations were banded together in this effort. We rejoice to be able to report that both the Roman and Russian Orthodox Churches were represented on the Committee, and took a real part in its work. This marks somewhat of a new departure, and is, we trust, of good omen for the future. The movement, however, has—at least for the present—subsided in the chaos following the dissolution of Parliament.

Flood relief in North China has brought Christians together in practical work for Christ and China in much the same way as the work of the Religious Liberty Movement united them. The country stations of several Missions have been reinforced with parties of men and women, Chinese and foreigners, from other Missions helping in this good work. The North China Christian Flood Relief Committee has appealed for support for this effort from Christians all over China.

The China Continuation Committee has adopted and commended to the attention of the Churches in China the report of the Special Committee on Comity. The few comments on this Report which have reached this Committee have been quite favourable. Your Committee therefore begs to propose the following Resolution for the consideration of the Synod.

Resolved: that the Report on Comity adopted by the China Continuation Committee, be referred to the Standing Committee on Unity, that Committee to report its conclusions to the Bishops for consideration in their Diocesan Synods if they so desire.

H. McC. E. Price, Bishop in Fukien (Chairman).

APPENDIX VII


The Union Mandarin Prayer Book has been printed in full—containing the Occasional Offices which were not included in the edition published before the Synod last met. This book has been put forth, not as representing the ideal Prayer Book for use in China, but as a translation which should combine the English and American versions, approaching as far as possible to those translations already in use. The book
has been fully adopted in four Dioceses—Szechwan, Shantung, Honan, and Kuangsi. In the other Dioceses where Mandarin is used entirely—North China, Hankow, and Anking—a strong preference is felt for their own books, and there is but little likelihood of the Union Version being adopted for general use. In Fukien and Chekiang, the book has been found of service in places where Mandarin can be used; while in Shanghai Diocese, those places which use Mandarin prefer their own book. No report has been received from the Hongkong Diocese.

A strong objection is expressed in nearly every Diocese to the words distinguishing the English and American uses. These might, if desired, easily be done away with in any future reprint, leaving the variations merely as alternative uses.

It is strongly felt that any further steps in the work of the Committee on Prayer Book should consist mainly, on the one hand, in watching Liturgical development in England, America, and Canada; and, on the other, in noting carefully any suggestions which may come from the Chinese Church itself, with a view to issuing in course of time a book which may more perfectly meet the needs of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

GEORGE D. ILIFF (Bishop), Chairman.

APPENDIX VIII

Report of the Sunday School Committee.

The Sunday School Committee has every reason to be encouraged over the growth of the Sunday Schools of our Church in China during the last three years, as the following statistics show:

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I. INSTRUCTIONS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The issue of Calendars of the International Uniform Lessons, with additional Lessons on the Church Catechism and Formularies was taken in hand by the Fukien Diocesan Sunday School Committee, and issued by that Committee
during 1916 and 1917. It was published in Wenli, and in 1916 no less than 14,265 copies were issued among the eleven Dioceses, one-half of the number being used in Fukien.

Owing to the limitations of Wenli for the work in general a change was made to Mandarin, and a Three Years' Cycle of Church Sunday School Lessons has been prepared, and the First Year issued in Booklet form, while Notes on the same are being published in the current numbers of the "Chinese Churchman."

II. THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON SCHEME.

This scheme was formerly received with much hesitation by many, but the abundance and quality and cheapness of the Lesson Helps issued by the China Sunday School Union, made it almost indispensable for our work. The former disadvantages have also now been greatly removed in the "Improved Uniform Series." Under these circumstances the Committee very definitely recommends the adoption of this Scripture course for the Church in China, with the thought in mind, that through the China Sunday School Union very full and admirable Helps may be obtained at a very nominal cost, both in English and Chinese; while large coloured picture rolls to illustrate the lessons may also be obtained from the Union.

III. THREE YEAR CYCLE OF CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

The general outline of this Cycle, drawn up with the view of providing a series of Church Lessons supplementary to the Uniform Series of Scripture Lessons, is as follows:

First Year of Cycle:

52 Sundays, covering:—

4 Lessons on Bible Introduction.
5 Lessons on the Christian Year.
42 Lessons on the Church Catechism,—the Christian Name, Privileges, and Duties, the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles’ Creed, and the Ten Commandments.
1 Children’s Day,—no lesson arranged for.
Second Year of Cycle:

8 Lessons on the Christian Year.
9 Lessons on the Christian Church,—Status in the Church (6); Confirmation (3).
12 Lessons on the Church Catechism,—covering the Sacraments.
3 Lessons on Christian Conduct,—the Prayer Life.
11 Lessons on the Prayer Book,—covering Morning and Evening Prayer, the Litany, Confirmation Service, and Holy Communion Service.
8 Lessons on the Missionary work of the Church.
1 Children's Day.

Third Year of Cycle:

11 Lessons on the Christian Church.
6 Lessons on Christian Doctrine.
34 Lessons on Christian Conduct.
1 Children's Day.

There ought to be both Junior and Senior Grades of this Cycle, which will no doubt be developed later, but meanwhile elasticity should be allowed to teach the subject according to the attainments of the scholars. The main difference here would be in the memory work; those able to do so would follow the memory work laid down, while for those unable to do this, the memory work would be designated by the teacher, either to abbreviate that prescribed, or on some days to omit the memory work altogether.

A Cycle of three years we consider preferable to a longer series as being more likely to afford our pupils a complete course of instruction.

The Committee has published a small booklet covering the first year of the Cycle, which may be obtained for four cents each postpaid, though with a larger demand the price could be brought down to two or three cents each.

As drawn up, the course of study for any given year represents as far as possible a complete unit, each year beginning with Advent and ending the Sunday next before Advent. But as the Uniform Sunday School Lessons begin the first Sunday in January, and are numbered consecutively for 52 Sundays, we have numbered the lessons in the small booklet to correspond, so that it could readily be used side by
side with the Uniform Lessons. This does not disturb the unity of the courses, as the Advent groups of lessons are complete in themselves. Although the Courses each round off a Church Year, it will be noticed that rigid sequence of subject has not been followed, and we feel that this not only avoids undesirable monotony, but allows more freedom in arranging to suit the Church’s Seasons.

Notes on this Course, a month in advance of the current lessons, are being published regularly in the “Chinese Churchman,” and it is hoped that later on text books on the course may be prepared.

We would particularly call attention to three special days suggested in the scheme:

(a) BIBLE SUNDAY.—At present most Dioceses observe one Sunday a year as “Bible Sunday,” and we suggest the 2nd Sunday in Advent, the day when the Scriptures are specially brought to our notice in the Church Year, as most appropriate.

(b) MISSIONARY SUNDAY.—The same may be said of “Missionary Sunday” at the beginning of the Epiphany Season. At present the Board of Missions is experiencing difficulty through assessments being sent in late in the year. The observance of this Sunday would bring this question before the congregations early in the year, and the collections taken up on behalf of the Board would, we presume, be thus remitted earlier than usual.

(c) CHILDREN’S DAY.—Regarding Children’s Day it is not necessary to point out how this day may be observed, but its purpose would be threefold:

(1) EDUCATIONAL.—To instruct our people in the importance of Religious Education, particularly of the young, and to bring to their notice the work of the Sunday School.

(2) INSPIRATIONAL.—To encourage the workers in this particular field, and to stimulate all our members to greater activity thereto.

(3) FINANCIAL.—To give the Church an opportunity to recognize her responsibility for this work, and to show her appreciation by offerings for its maintenance.

Note: There is one disadvantage in using the Church supplementary lessons with the Scripture Lessons, in the fact that the Sunday School hour is all too short for teaching both lessons adequately.
It will require care on the part of the superintendents and teachers, to arrange that the Church Lesson shall be systematically taught within the limits of the allotted time, and that it should be brief, simple, and attractive. Where a special hour weekly can be given, the Church Lessons might be well taught as a regular full hour course, especially in Schools of all kinds; while they ought to be of great value for our Christians in general, making them stronger and more faithful members of the Anglican Church.

IV. ENLARGEMENT OF SCOPE OF COMMITTEE.

The Churches in the United States and Canada have both found it necessary to enlarge the scope of their General Sunday School Committees, making them Boards of Religious Education.

The day is not far distant when this may be necessary in the Church in China, making Religious Education a more integral part of the Church’s organized work, in the same way as the missionary work of the Church. At present there is nothing in the Constitution or Canons that touches in any way the important work of Religious Education, and the S. S. Committee, necessarily limited in its sphere, is the only Committee of the Synod that deals with religious education directly. The Committee therefore proposes to introduce a Resolution asking for a Canon on this subject.

WILLIAM C. WHITE, Bishop, Chairman.
S. H. LITTELL, Secretary.

January 31st, 1918.

APPENDIX IX

Report of the Church Literature Committee.

I. FINANCE.

When the present Committee came into office the financial situation was lamentable. On December 31, 1914, there was a debit balance on the “Committee’s Account” of $66.16, and a credit balance on the “Churchman’s Account” of $42.34, while on April 1, 1915, there was a balance on the P. A. T. grant of Taels 59.48, and on the S. P. C. K. grant of Taels 166.19. (See second Synod Report, pages 80-82.)
At the end of 1915, the Chairman had had to advance $407.25 to the "Churchman A/c" and there was a debit balance in Hankow of $455.75 on the same account: the Chairman had had to advance $176.05 on the Publishing A/c (formerly called the "Committee's A/c") in Peking, though it had a balance in Hankow of $272.53. But over and above this there were unpaid bills in Hankow amounting to over $600.

From this disastrous state of things we were delivered in due time, partly by the unexpected generosity of friends in U. S. A., partly by the payment of the second, and later of the third and last, instalments of the original S. P. C. K. grant. Help from the U. S. A. was derived from the American Church Board of Missions, Gold $600: and, through the exertions of the Rev. Dr. Hawks Pott, from other friends to the amount of Gold $500. For this help in a time of great need the Church cannot but be warmly grateful.

As regards the payment of the £400 outstanding on the S. P. C. K. grant, we cannot do better than quote from a circular issued to the Church Literature Committee on January 25th, 1916:

"Owing partly to a misunderstanding, partly to really culpable negligence on our part in not complying with the conditions attached to their grant by the S. P. C. K., we very nearly forfeited two-thirds of the said grant. We have, however, I rejoice to say, avoided such a catastrophe, and the balance of the grant will be at our disposal."

And it is only fair to add that not only did the Society forgive what had been amiss in our use of the first instalment of its grant, but it further sanctioned a payment of $672.26 towards the deficit on the "Churchman" A/c in June, 1916. With the exception of that sum, the whole of the £400 has been credited to the Publishing A/c, in accordance with the Society's wishes; but this would have been impossible if it had not been for the help received from the U. S. A.

II. "The Chinese Churchman."

Something has already been said under the head of Finance. It remains to speak of the Editing and Contents. In the opinion of the Church Literature Committee—with only one possible exception—the work done by the Rev. H. J. Benham-Brown as Editor of the Churchman was most valuable. He was able to devote some three or four hours every morning to this work; and he really "edited" the Magazine.
His death was a heavy blow, and it cannot be said that as yet his place has been filled.

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There was a Balance in hand on 31 December, 1917, of $908.66 on the Churchman A/c: which would have been larger if subscribers would pay their subscriptions more promptly.

III. Publishing.

On the Publishing Account there has been a satisfactory beginning in the amount realized by Sales. Naturally this heading did not appear in the 1913-14 Accounts presented to the last Synod, as there was practically nothing to sell. But in 1915 Sales realized $55.95, in 1916 $74.87, and in 1917 $139.17. These are small sums, but they show an upward tendency which is reassuring. The Editorial Secretary is convinced that there ought to be, and he hopes there will be, a great advance in the next three years.

There was a Balance in hand on 31 December, 1917, of $1,991.10 on the Publishing A/c: this is largely due to the fact that there have been no office expenses, etc., charged to this account.

PUBLICATIONS.

The following books are in stock, and on sale at:

The Book-room, Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, Peking.
The Book-room, Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, Hankow.
The Book-room, St. John’s University, Shanghai.

1.—Preparation for Confirmation.—Gaunt — $0.05
   (A translation of Canon Macnult’s book in simple Mandarin.)
2.—Sunday School Lessons—per set of 52 leaves — $0.05
   (Based on Macpherson's Lessons on the Catechism. A large stock in hand, price reduced 50%.)

3.—Introduction to Church History, Vol. I.—Ridgely 0.12

4.—History of the Reformation.—Bishop Graves — 0.30
   (A translation of Canon Perry's well-known book.)

5.—Early Narratives of Genesis (I—XI).—Bishop Norris — 0.10
   (Adapted from Bishop Ryle's "Early Narratives.")

6.—Key to the Four Gospels.—Bishop Norris — 0.30
   (A translation of the late Archdeacon Norris' well-known book.)

7.—The Events of Holy Week.—(English $2.50 per 100 Bishop Norris — 0.15
   Chinese $1.00 ,, ,,)
   (also sold singly at 5 coppers and 2 coppers respectively.)
   (An outline of the events of each day, with full references to the Gospel narratives, arranged in a scheme.)

8.—Life after Death.—A. J. H. Moule — 0.15
   (An adaptation of a book by Rev. J. Reid Howatt.)

9.—The Church's Year.—W. Pakenham Walsh — 0.30
   ($2.50 for ten copies.)
   (Based on Archdeacon Melville Scott's book on the Collects, Epistles and Gospels.)

10.—Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.—By three Chinese Priests of the Diocese of Anking — 0.05
   (A most useful little book for wide circulation. It ought to sell well.)

11.—"Four Dialogues" on Evolution, Morality, and Religion, by the Rev. P. M. Scott — 0.10
   (Published in Chinese and in English, at ten cents for each language; very useful for students, especially for those who know English.)
12.—The Nestorian Tablet—the meaning of the Inscription.—By Mr. P’an Shen, Bishop Graves’ writer ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- $0.25

13.—A Letter to God-parents.—By the Rev. G. F. Mosher, for circulation (with a reminder of who their God-children are) in every parish and district ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- ----- Per 100, $0.50

FORTHCOMING BOOKS.

The first is in the printers’ hands, and we hope before long to publish some more of the following:—


c.—A translation of Bishop Gibson’s book on the Apocalypse, by Bishop Scott.

d.—(some day D. V.) A Commentary on St. John’s Gospel, by the Rev. James Tsang, of Shihnan.

e.—Some early Christian Classics, translated by Rev. M. H. Throop and others.

f.—A Manual on the Prayerbook.

g.—A Book of Family Prayers.

h.—A revised Edition of Bishop Graves’ “Extracts from Bingham’s Antiquities.”

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES.

The Statistical work of the Committee has been most efficiently performed by the Rev. M. H. Throop, of St. John’s, to whom special thanks are due for what must always be a very dull but exacting piece of work.

The Committee has taken over from the Diocese of North China the publication of its sheet Calendar, as there seemed to be a demand for it elsewhere: and it also took over from the Rev. W. Pakenham-Walsh the remainder of his book on The Church’s Year, a harmony of the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels. This is a most useful book for preachers, and may need to be republished before long.

* Note.—This book is now published, price 20 cts.
The Committee also made a grant of $20 to the R. T. S. at Hankow to secure the publication of a good tract on "The existence of God" (No. 47 in the R. T. S. catalogue). This step was taken in order to secure a wider circulation for the tract than would have been possible if we had published it ourselves.

The Committee would venture to suggest to intending authors that they should communicate with the Editorial Secretary before making other arrangements, for the following reasons: firstly, the Committee is prepared to help by grants for writers, etc.; secondly, the Committee would relieve the authors of the cost of publication—(and presumably such ventures are not always profitable!)—; and thirdly, under present arrangements books can be passed for publication or refused, without prolonged delay.

V. Accounts.

Full detailed accounts were published in the printed Report presented to the Synod. The accounts appended hereto are concerned only with Trust Funds, which ought by rights to be in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod. With regard to these, the Committee has to acknowledge that it has used considerable freedom,—or rather it would be more true to say that its Chairman has exercised considerable freedom. Under present arrangements, while the Chairman (who is also Treasurer of the Committee) cannot sell out or deal with the P. A. T. debentures, the interest on these, and the S. P. C. K. funds, are all in the Committee's Bank account. This has saved a great deal of trouble, and—what is more important—has enabled the accounts to be properly kept, and the "Churchman" and "Publishing" accounts to be kept distinct.

I. PAN-ANGLICAN THANKOFFERING, 1915-1917.

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Note:—Since July 1, 1916, the interest on the Shanghai Debentures is paid direct to the Church Literature Committee’s Bank Account and credited to the "Churchman" Account in the Treasurer’s books.

II. S.P.C.K. Grant, 1915-1917.

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Total $3,543.06

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Total $3,543.06

Note:—The sum of $672.26 was allotted to the "Churchman" Account by special permission from the S.P.C.K.; the sum of $414.94 (Tls. 300) appearing in the Publishing Account for 1915, does not appear above because included in the Accounts presented to the Synod in 1915. (See Report, p. 81.)

APPENDIX X

Report of the Committee on a Central Theological School.

The Committee appointed by the General Synod in April, 1915, after careful consideration, recommends to the Synod the adoption of the following four Resolutions.

First Resolution.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby establishes a Central Theological School, under the following:—
CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—Object.

The object of the School shall be the training of men for Holy Orders in the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

ARTICLE II.—Management.

The management shall be vested in a Board of Directors, who shall have power:

1. To appoint a Dean and Faculty.
2. To establish Statutes.
3. To authorise rules, regulations, and courses of study.
4. To institute a system of standard examinations open to non-resident students.
5. To grant diplomas, in conjunction with the Faculty.
6. To establish Professorships.
7. To appoint an Executive Committee to act for them in the interim between their own meetings.
8. To take all such measures as they deem needful for the institution, provided that all is done in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

ARTICLE III.—Board of Directors.

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of:
   a. The Diocesan Bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.
   b. The Dean.
   c. One member, Clerical or Lay, from each Diocese of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, elected by the Diocesan Synod.

2. The Board of Directors shall hold at least one regular meeting every year, and may meet at other times at the call of the Chairman.

   At any meeting, eight members shall constitute a quorum, of whom at least three shall be Diocesan Bishops.
ARTICLE IV.—The Executive Committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of
   a. The Bishop of the Diocese in which the School is located.
   b. The Dean.
   c. Two other members, appointed by the Board from among its own number.

2. The Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings, and may hold special meetings, at the call of the Chairman. A special meeting shall also be called at any time at the request of any three members of the Board of Directors.

3. The Executive Committee shall report annually to the Board:

ARTICLE V.—The Dean and Faculty.

1. The Dean and the Professors shall constitute the Faculty, and shall have the power to arrange courses, administer discipline and establish rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

2. The Dean shall be the Executive head of the institution, shall preside at all Faculty meetings, and shall report annually to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.—Visitors.

The Bishops shall be the official visitors of the School.

ARTICLE VII.—Alterations.

Alterations in this Constitution may be made only by concurrent vote of the Board of Directors and the General Synod.

Second Resolution.

Resolved.—That the Synod temporarily locates this School in Hankow, and gratefully accepts the invitation of the American Church Mission to use the buildings of All Saints Catechetical School until able to provide others for the special use of the Central Theological School.
Third Resolution.

Resolved.—That the Synod requests the Bishops to appeal, both in their Dioceses and at home, for money to purchase property and erect buildings for the Central Theological School.

Fourth Resolution.

Resolved.—That the Synod requests the Bishops to act as the Board of Directors, appointing their own Executive, until the full Board is constituted, with a view to the School being opened at an early date.

L. H. Roots, Bishop, Chairman.
L. B. Ridgely, Secretary.

APPENDIX XI

Report of the Committee on the Lectionary.

The Committee explained its reasons for deferring action until the results achieved in the Mother Churches shall have been accepted there in a more or less definite form.

The Committee begs therefore to propose the following Resolutions for adoption by the Synod:—

1. That a new Committee on the Lectionary be appointed by the Chairmen of both Houses.

2. That the Bishops be requested to appoint Diocesan Committees to report to that Committee within a year on the following questions:—

a. Whether the Lectionary shall follow the Church’s year or the civil year.

b. Whether the aim shall be to read as much of the Holy Scriptures as possible, or to read only what seems most edifying to the congregation.

c. Whether the average length of Lessons shall be as long as in the West, or deliberately shortened to allow of brief comment at the time of reading.

d. Whether the Lectionary shall cover two years or one.

Frank L. Norris, Bishop in North China (Chairman).
D. T. Huntington, Bishop of Anking.
H. H. Taylor.
APPENDIX XII

Report of the Committee of the House of Bishops on Relations between Diocesan Synods and the General Synod.

Your Committee can only indicate a few questions upon which it seems desirable that the General Synod should give a ruling:—

(a) Are Canons of the General Synod binding upon all Dioceses when once they have been enacted by the General Synod? Or, do such Canons have to be formally promulgated by the Bishops or formally accepted by the Diocesan Synods?

(II is obviously open to the General Synod to delay final enactment of any Canon if it thinks fit, until after it has been referred to the several Diocesan Synods.)

(b) Is it advisable for Diocesan Synods to enact "Canons" on certain subjects which may be superseded by subsequent action of the General Synod? Or, is it better that they should go on working as much as possible under the Canons of their respective Home Churches until such time as the General Synod passes the needed Canons?

(c) Is it advisable that the General Synod should put forth a list of subjects upon which it recommends that Diocesan Synods should leave the enactment of Canons to the General Synod?

H. Mc. C. E. Price, Bishop in Fukien.

APPENDIX XIII

Report of Committee of Synod on Synod Expenses

Presented and Approved by the Synod.

Our work has been rendered easier by the fact that the Standing Committee had last year estimated the probable expenses and communicated with all the Dioceses as to the defraying of the same. We hope that by rigid economy the $1,500 mentioned by them will not be exceeded and may if possible be reduced.
We recommend:

1. That the Treasurer of the Synod be appointed forthwith and that he take steps to get in all accounts to date.

2. That the Synod pay for the Board of Mission Reports supplied to the delegates, the remainder of these to be paid for by the Board of Missions.

3. That each Diocese be asked how many English copies of the Synod Report it will require and that payment be made by the Bishops for them apart from the General Expenses of the Synod.

4. All other expenses including Chinese Report of Synod, Report of Committees, telegrams, postage, stationery, St. John’s University office expenses, etc., be divided among the Dioceses in the following proportion: Shanghai, Victoria, Chekiang, and Hankow 12% each; North China 10%; Fukien, Shantung, and Anking 8% each; West China, Hunan, and Kwangsi and Honan 6% each; and

5. That there be an immediate call of $400 on account, namely $48 from Shanghai, Victoria, Chekiang, and Hankow; $40 from North China; $32 from Fukien, Shantung, and Anking; $24 from West China, Hunan, and Kwangsi and Honan.

6. Each Diocese should notify to the Secretary of the House of Delegates the number of Chinese copies of the Report it will require.

7. With regard to future meetings of Synod the Secretary of each Committee should send an estimate of its probable printing expenses to the Secretary of the Standing Committee at least six months before the meeting of Synod, and shall only claim from the Treasurer repayment of a sum not exceeding such sum as the Standing Committee shall authorize in writing in reply to his application.

8. We also recommend that a permanent fund be raised to meet the necessary expenses of the Standing Committee including travelling expenses. This purpose would best be accomplished by a Capital Sum that might be invested so as to bring in, say about $500 per annum and it seems not unreasonable to hope that some Church man or Church men might like to make a benefaction of such a Capital Sum to facilitate the easy working of so important an organization as the General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.
APPENDIX XIV

Board of Missions.

The first triennial Report of the Board of Missions has been printed separately, but the following condensed report from Rev. D. M. Koeh, prepared in the expectation that he would not be able to come to the Synod, is printed below.

I beg to submit the following Report on our social relations, educational and evangelistic work, and the purchase of land in Si-an.

1. Bishop Norris dismissed us in the Cathedral in Peking on August 27, 1916, and on September 1st Mr. Pu, Mrs. Pu, and I, with the Rev. Lindel Tsen, started on our journey, reaching Si-an on the 14th of that month. While in Peking, through the kind offices of Mr. C. T. Wang, we had secured a letter of introduction from the Shensi "M.P."s to the prominent men in official and educational circles in Si-an.

In the first three weeks after our arrival we stayed in a hotel, until we succeeded in renting our present quarters, into which we moved as soon as we had secured the necessary furniture. Once settled in our own house, we set ourselves to study the manners and customs of Si-an people, to learn the dialect, and to call upon the scholars and gentry. We found that they had already for some time had a great admiration for the Sheng Kung Hui, and with the help of our letters of introduction we received a hearty welcome; they even made us presents on the occasion of our opening work.

On December 2nd we gave a reception to prominent men in official, educational, and commercial life and to the leaders in other Missions, some thirty guests responding to our invitation.

Throughout the year 1917 we cultivated closer acquaintance with these friends in every possible way. Amongst others whom we thus got to know were the Superintendents and teachers of several schools, the officers of the Chamber of Commerce, members of the Provincial Legislature, the Chairman of the Educational Association, the District Magistrate, the Superintendent of Police, the managers of the Bank of China and the Ching Fang Bank, and all the officials from the Tuchun and the Civil Governor downwards.
This social work has three advantages:—

(1) People of such classes have rarely heard the Gospel preached: and in friendly calls we get opportunities of giving them some little insight into the Light of Truth.

(2) Friendship with men of these classes helps to win the respect of ordinary people for the Church, and so may lead also to their conversion.

(3) While foreign Missions can claim protection from their own Governments on the basis of treaties, the Chinese Church has no such rights: and friendship with those in authority may help to remedy this difficulty.

2. Educational Work.

We discovered that one of the great needs in Si-an was good English teaching. So we opened an English School with two hours teaching a day on week days. We began with seventeen students, and at the end of the year we had thirty-five. Twenty of these were admitted free: their ages varied from 14 to 40! In February, 1917, we added an Upper Primary School. We ourselves taught English, and we engaged a local teacher of Chinese. We charged tuition fees, but made reductions for poor students. We began with fifteen, and the numbers rose to twenty-one in the second term.

Owing to the political unrest the Schools were closed in October, 1917. The school fees received had amounted to $478.71, and with the approval of the Board of Missions this sum will be used for new School Buildings. We have to thank St. Agnes' School, Anking, and St. James' School, Wuhu, and others for special help in our school work.

3. Evangelistic Work.

We began amongst our students, because we could understand each other better, and also because we felt the results would be of real importance. In the temporary English School some of the students were grown up men, whom we treated as friends. We talked to them on religious subjects with considerable success. On Sundays, besides our regular services, we taught the Bible in English, and on Thursdays we had a Voluntary Bible Class on St. Luke's Gospel. Later on we made religious knowledge part of the course of study in the School. We taught them to sing hymns, and this improved our services. The attendance at these has gradually reached an average of thirty.
Then we opened a Reading room, and many availed themselves of the privilege thus offered, and we were thus able to lead them towards Christianity. We held union evangelistic meetings in company with the Baptist Mission, the China Inland Mission, and the Y. M. C. A. and we began street preaching on Tuesdays. Since Mr. Sun's arrival (the Catechist from Shantung) we have had street preaching three times a week. After the meetings we have asked the people to stay for a talk, found out who they were, and then called upon them as we had time. The disturbed state of the country and the consequent distress and suffering has been a real hindrance to this work. However, in September, 1917, we admitted six Catechumens, whom we planned to baptise this spring. That has had to be postponed, as they were scattered owing to the civil war. But the results of our first year's work are full of promise for the future.

4. Lastly, as regards the purchase of land:—three months after our arrival friends informed us that if we wished to buy Government Land we must do so at once. In the spring of 1917 the price was rising so rapidly that we borrowed $300 and paid it over as a deposit for a piece of land measuring some 21 mou, worth $2,100. Through the kind offices of friends, the price of the land was reduced by 25%. Later on, in consequence of my consenting to teach in a school opened by the Tuchun, and by the help of some officials, the price was further reduced by 30%. We were finally able to buy 23.97 mou at a total cost of $1,345.05. When the purchase was completed we gave a dinner party, which the Tuchun honoured with his presence. We have put up a mud wall around the lot, and part of it is already in use as an athletic ground. We thank God for the success of this undertaking, and for the generosity of the Hankow Diocese and others which made it possible. We hope now that the Church will enable us to build on this land.

We would call to you from Shensi, as the man from Macedon called St. Paul, to come over and help the 8,500,000 people of that province.

D. M. KOEH.

Senior Missionary.
Constitution

and

Canons

English and Chinese Text
Constitution and Canons

of the

Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui

PREAMBLE

We, Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Holy Catholic Church, representing the various Dioceses and Missionary Districts established in China and Hongkong by the Church of England, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Church of England in Canada,

accepting the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and believing them to contain all things necessary to salvation, and to be the ultimate standard of faith,

professing the Faith as summed up in the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed, holding to the Doctrine which Christ our Lord commanded, and to the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper which He Himself ordained, and accepting His Discipline, according to the Commandments of God,

maintaining the ministry of the Church which we have received through the Episcopate in the three orders of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, which orders have been in Christ's Church from the time of the Apostles,

being here assembled in Conference at Shanghai on this twenty-sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, hereby constitute a Synod which shall be called the General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui (Church of China) (中華聖公會), and to this end set forth and establish the following:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.—General Synod.

There shall be a General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.
中華聖公會憲章

第一章

第一条

中華聖公會應有總議會。
ARTICLE II.—Constitution of the Synod.

The General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui shall be composed of the Bishops of that Church, and of clerical and lay delegates elected by each Diocese or Missionary District.

ARTICLE III.—Form of the Synod.

The General Synod shall consist of two Houses, the House of Bishops, and the House of Delegates, which shall meet separately, or, by mutual agreement, together.

ARTICLE IV.—Officers of the Synod.

Each House shall elect its own Chairman from among its members; the Chairman of the House of Bishops shall preside at all joint meetings of the two Houses; the other officers of the Synod shall be appointed in accordance with the provision made by Canon.

ARTICLE V.—Voting.

No Act or Resolution of the General Synod shall be valid unless passed by a majority in both Houses.

A vote by orders in the House of Delegates may be claimed as provided for by Canon: and when so claimed, a majority in each Order shall be necessary to the passing of any Act or Resolution in that House.

ARTICLE VI.—Functions of the Synod.

The Functions of the General Synod shall be as follows:

1. The enactment of Canons and the amendment of the same, and the amendment of the Constitution:

2. The determination of matters that may be submitted to the General Synod by Diocesan Bishops or Synods:

3. The determination of other matters touching the general welfare of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

ARTICLE VII.—Meetings of the Synod.

The General Synod shall meet every third year: the date and place of its next meeting shall be determined by the Synod before the close of each meeting.
第二條 總議會組織

中華聖公會之總議會由本教會之各主教及各轄境所選派聖品與信徒之代表

第三條 總議會因

第四條 總議會職員

第四院

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第五條 總議會決議

凡定法案或議案，非由兩院之過半數認可，不得通過，若代表院內有人按規例要

求分班決議亦可，但其法案或議案非由各班之過半數認可仍不得通過。

第六條 總議會之權限如下：甲定立規例，乙改正規例，丙凡有關於中華聖公會之公益者皆歸裁決。
The Chairman of the House of Bishops, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, may summon a special meeting of the Synod.

**ARTICLE VIII.—Amendment of the Constitution.**

Proposals to amend the Constitution must first be brought forward in a regular meeting of the General Synod and receive the assent of both Houses. They must then be brought forward again at the next ensuing regular meeting of the Synod, and be passed by a two-thirds majority in both Houses.

**CANONS**

**CANON I**

*OF THE METHOD OF THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.*

§ 1. Each Diocese or Missionary District shall be at liberty to send four of its clergy and four of its laity as Delegates to the General Synod.

§ 2. Such Delegates shall be elected by the several Diocesan Synods or Conferences according to the following regulations:—

§ 3. Each Diocesan Synod or Conference shall prescribe the manner in which its Delegates shall be elected.

§ 4. No clergyman or layman shall be sent as a Delegate to the General Synod unless he is a communicant in good standing of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, and has made and signed a promise of conformity to the Preamble, Constitution and Canons of that Church as provided for in Form 1 attached to this Canon.

§ 5. After the election has taken place, each elected Delegate shall receive a Certificate of his election (see Form 2 attached to this Canon) duly stamped and signed by the Bishop and the Secretary of the Diocesan Synod or Conference.
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§ 6. The Secretary of each Diocesan Synod or Conference shall send a list of the Delegates elected to the Secretary of the House of Delegates.

§ 7. Each Delegate shall deliver the certificate of his election to the Secretary of the House of Delegates before the ensuing meeting of the Synod.

§ 8. No Delegate shall take part in the debates of the Synod or vote therein, until the Secretary of the House of Delegates has reported that such Delegate has received a certificate of his due election.

Form 1. Certificate of Conformity.

I.............................................do hereby solemnly promise to conform to the Preamble, Constitution and Canons of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

Signed.............................................

on the.............................................day of.............................................

Certified.............................................

Secretary of the Diocesan Synod (or Conference)

on the.............................................day of.............................................

Form 2. Certificate of Election.

This is to certify that............. ..................................on the
.............................................day of.............................................was duly elected by the Synod (or Conference) of the Diocese (or Missionary District) of.............................................as a clerical (or lay) Delegate of the Diocese for the next ensuing meeting of the General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

Signed.............................................

(Seal) Bishop.

on the.............................................day of.............................................

Secretary of the Diocesan Synod (or Conference).
第六條
各轄境議會之書記員應將選派之代表員姓名開呈代表院之書記員

第七條
各代表員於總議會開會之前，應將被選之證書呈代表院之書記員驗

第八條
代表院之書記員非先報告各代表員有違法被選之證書，該代表員不得

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CANON II

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Officers of the General Synod shall be as follows:—

§ 1. The Chairmen of the two Houses: as provided for in the Constitution (Article IV).

§ 2. The House of Delegates shall also elect a Vice-chairman.

§ 3. Two Secretaries: each House shall elect its own Secretary at its first session. Each Secretary shall hold office until the next meeting of the Synod, and may be re-elected.

§ 4. The Treasurer of the General Synod: who shall be elected by the House of Delegates, subject to the approval of the House of Bishops. He shall hold office until the next regular meeting, and may be re-elected.

§ 5. Recording Secretaries: to be elected by each House, to hold office during the current meeting, and to keep a record of proceedings in Chinese and in English. Such Recording Secretaries need not be members of the Synod.

§ 6. The Standing Committee: to be constituted as follows:—

Ex-officio:

The Chairman of the House of Bishops, who shall be Chairman of the Committee.

The Chairman of the House of Delegates.

The Secretaries of the General Synod.

The Treasurer of the General Synod.

Elected:

One Bishop elected by the House of Bishops.

One clergyman elected by the House of Delegates.

One layman elected by the House of Delegates.

§ 7. The Standing Committee so constituted shall hold office until the election of successors at the next regular meeting of the General Synod.

§ 8. It shall act as the Executive Committee of the Synod during the interval between meetings, and shall attend to all matters committed to it by the General Synod.
第二
職員

兩院之會正名依憲章第四條選定之。

代表院於每次會議須選舉副會正一人。

第二條

第三條

兩院各選書記一員該書記員之任期至下次會集總議會之時為止但連

選亦可。

第四條

連選均與書記員同例。

第五條

兩院各選記事員一員當由代表院選舉經主教院認可方為有效其任期及

事員非會員亦可。

第六條

選議員會常備委辦除兩院會正書記司賬當然充當該員外更由主教院特

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主教院之會正為其委辦長。

第七條

第八條

常備委辦之任期至下次集通常總議會選出新委辦受任之日為止。

辦事之機關。
CANON III

OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

§ 1. The Church acknowledges that responsibility for missionary work rests upon every member of the Church, and upon the whole Church in its corporate capacity. In order more effectively to discharge this responsibility there shall be a Board of Missions of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

§ 2. (a) At the triennial meeting of the General Synod both Houses of the Synod shall meet together as the Board of Missions of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, and the third day's session shall be a meeting of the Board of Missions.

(b) In the interval between the regular meetings of the General Synod as the Board of Missions, the functions of the Board of Missions shall pass to a Committee appointed by the General Synod. This Committee shall be called the "Board of Missions" (and where this term is used hereafter in this Canon, it refers to this Committee). The members of this Board shall be three Bishops, three Presbyters, six laymen, together with the three officers of the Board of Missions. These fifteen members shall all be elected by the General Synod at its triennial meetings; but shall have power to fill vacancies in their number between the regular meetings of the General Synod.

(c) The officers of the Board of Missions shall be a President, a Treasurer, and a General Secretary.

(d) The Treasurer shall give bonds in such amount as the Board of Missions may deem necessary.

(e) The General Secretary shall be a Chinese clergyman or layman, and shall be the executive officer of the Board. His duty shall be to disseminate information and create interest in the missionary work by maintaining touch with the several Dioceses through correspondence and personal visitation.

(f) Meetings of the Board of Missions shall be held at least once a year and the Board shall choose an Executive Committee from its own number to perform its ad interim business.
第三
傳道部

第一章
中華聖公會傳道部為統一辦事機關以促進行

第二章

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§ 3. (a) A Budget shall be prepared annually by the Board for the support of the work for the following year. The assessment for each Diocese shall be made by the General Synod sitting as the Board of Missions, once in three years, after due consideration of the financial conditions obtaining in each Diocese,—such assessment to come into force from January the first of the year following.

(b) Every congregation of the Church shall make at least one annual offering for the missionary work of the Church, and each minister of a congregation and the lay officers thereof shall use all diligence to secure each year the funds required by the Board of Missions for the spread of Christ's Kingdom, at least to the amount of the apportionment for the year.

CANON IV

OF DIOCESAN STANDING COMMITTEES.

In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Synod or Conference thereof. The rights and the duties of the Standing Committee, except as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Synod, shall be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses.

CANON V

OF MISSIONARY BISHOPS.

§ 1. The General Synod of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui shall have authority to establish Missionary Dioceses.

§ 2. The House of Bishops shall have authority, during a meeting of the General Synod or in Special Session, to choose suitable persons to be Bishops of this Church in such Missionary Dioceses, such choice to be subject to confirmation by the House of Delegates during the session of the General Synod, and at other times to confirmation by a majority of the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses.

§ 3. Presbyters of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui in good standing who are of the full age of thirty years shall be eligible for the office of Bishop.

§ 4. When confirmation by the House of Delegates is required for the choice of a Missionary Bishop, the House of Delegates shall vote by orders, and a majority of two-thirds in each order shall be necessary to such confirmation.
§5. The choice of the House of Bishops shall be signified to the House of Delegates by means of a statement signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the House of Bishops, sent to the Chairman of the House of Delegates.

When the House of Delegates has confirmed the election, the Chairman of the said House shall return a certificate to that effect signed by himself and the Secretaries of that House.

When the General Synod is not in session, the Secretary of the House of Bishops shall notify the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses of the election, and the approval of the majority of the Standing Committees shall take the place of such certificate.

§6. The Chairman of the House of Bishops, having received the canonical certificates, shall give notice of their reception to the person elected, and his consent having been received, shall cause him to be consecrated by at least three Bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

§7. No Bishop shall be consecrated for a Missionary Diocese until in the opinion of the General Synod ample provision has been made by the Church for the support of the Bishop and the work in his Diocese.

CANON VI

OF ASSISTANT BISHOPS.

§1. When the Bishop of the Diocese shall so desire, a Diocese shall have the right to elect a Presbyter to be an Assistant Bishop.

§2. The Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Diocesan Synod shall have the right to nominate, and to elect such Assistant Bishop, the voting being in each order separately and a majority of two-thirds in each order being necessary to an election.

§3. Presbyters of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui in good standing who are of the full age of thirty years, shall be eligible for the office of Assistant Bishop.

§4. When a person shall have been so elected in a Diocesan Synod, a testimonial shall be given in the form as follows, signed by a majority of the Clergy and Laity who were present at the Synod.
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Testimonial.

In the Diocesan Synod of ................., on the ............ day of ................. in the year ................. The Reverend ................. was in accordance with the Canons of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui elected Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of .................; and we furthermore declare that we believe him to be a man well learned and godly, wise and virtuous, fitted to bear the office of a Bishop to the glory of God, and the edifying of the Holy Catholic Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ.

Date. Signatures:

§5. The Chairman and Secretary of the Diocesan Synod shall send copies of the above testimonial, certified by their signatures, to each of the Bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui and to the Chairman and Secretaries of the House of Delegates, in order to the confirmation of the election by the General Synod: but if the election shall have taken place more than six months before the meeting of the General Synod, such confirmation shall not be required: the testimonials being sent to the Bishops, and to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, and the election being confirmed when a majority of the Bishops and a majority of the Standing Committees shall have signified their approval.

§6. The Chairman of the House of Bishops, having received the canonical certificates, shall give notice of their reception to the person elected, and his consent having been received, shall cause him to be consecrated by at least three Bishops of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

§7. A Diocesan Synod shall not elect an Assistant Bishop till provision has been made for his support.

§8. An Assistant Bishop shall not have the right of succession: but his tenure of office shall not be terminated by the death or resignation of the Bishop of the Diocese.

CANON VII

OF THE DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY BISHOPS-ELECT.

Every person to be consecrated to the office of Bishop shall before consecration sign seal and present to the Bishop presiding at the consecration, a Declaration in the following form:
Declaration.

I believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

Date.  

Signature:

CANON VIII

OF THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND PRIESTS.

§1. No one shall be ordained Deacon until he shall be fully twenty-one years of age and until he shall have had practical training in evangelistic work for at least one year.

§2. An applicant for ordination to the Diaconate shall with his application send to the Standing Committee a certificate in the following form, signed by two Presbyters (one of them his Pastor) and at least two-thirds of the vestry of the church of which he is a member. When the certificate of the above mentioned persons cannot be obtained, owing to there being no organized parish in the place, a certificate signed by two Presbyters and six lay communicants shall be required.

Certificate.

Name of Applicant.........................................Age......

We hereby certify that we believe that the above named person is pious and honest, and is loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, and that he possesses such qualifications as fit him for ordination to the Diaconate.

Date.  

Signatures:

To ........................................

§3. The Standing Committee, on the receipt of the certificate prescribed as above, and having no reason to suppose the existence of any sufficient obstacle, physical, mental, moral, or spiritual, may, at a meeting duly convened, a majority of all the members of the Committee consenting, recommend the Candidate for ordination by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop in the following words, viz:
To the Right Reverend .................., Bishop of ..............

We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of ............... , and having been duly convened at ................., do testify that A.B., desiring to be ordered Deacon, has laid before us satisfactory evidence that for the space of three years past he has lived a sober, honest, and godly life, and that he is loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of this Church and does not hold anything contrary thereto. And we hereby recommend him for ordination to the Diaconate.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this ................ day of ............... in the year of our Lord .........................

(Signed)

This testimonial shall be signed by all consenting to its adoption.

§4. The Bishop, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Standing Committee, if he deem the candidate suitable and possessed of sufficient general education, shall cause him to be examined in the following subjects:—

(a) The Bible in general,
(b) Two or three specially selected parts of the Old and New Testaments,
(c) The History and contents of the Book of Common Prayer.

And further, at the Bishop's discretion, in three or more of the following subjects:

(d) Systematic Theology,
(e) Church History and Ecclesiastical Polity,
(f) Pastoral Theology,
(g) Preaching,
(h) Christian Evidences,
(i) Christian Ethics,
(j) Principles and Methods of Religious Education,
(k) Social Application of Christianity,
(l) Church Finance and Book-keeping.
§5. If the Bishop, after the examinations are completed, shall deem the candidate duly qualified for ordination, he shall give notice to that effect to him and to the Standing Committee, and shall fix a day and proceed to his ordination.

§6. The following qualifications are required of an applicant for ordination to the Priesthood:—

(a) He shall be fully twenty-four years of age.

(b) He shall have been in the Diaconate at least one year. Provided that, in cases where special reasons exist, the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee may shorten the period here prescribed.

§7. Applicants for ordination to the Priesthood shall follow the prescriptions of §2-4 of this Canon.

§8. All persons ordained to the office of Deacon or Priest shall before ordination sign, seal, and present to the Bishop a declaration in the following form:

*Declaration.*

I believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

*Date.*

*Signature.*

**CANON IX**

**OF VOTING.**

§1. In joint meetings of the two Houses, the vote shall be taken by the two Houses voting separately, the House of Delegates voting first.

§2. In the House of Delegates, whether sitting alone or in joint session, a vote by Orders may be claimed by a majority of the Clerical or of the Lay Delegates from any Diocese. When the vote is taken by Orders a majority in each Order is necessary to constitute a vote of the House.
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