

liberal responses to their appeals for grants towards special objects, which the C. M. S. grant is inadequate to meet. They can hardly express their hearty appreciation of the kindness and liberality of the Association, without whose aid they would frequently have to face heavy deficits.

19. Moved by the Bishop of Athabasca, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes and carried : That the following memorial be sent to the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society :—

“MEMORIAL TO THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE
SOCIETY BY MOTION PASSED IN THE SYNOD
OF THE DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA,
JUNE 22ND, 1900.”

“The Synod of this Diocese now in session desires to convey to the committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the expression of its great satisfaction on hearing of the generous manner in which the Committee has consented to print and publish a revision of the Cree Bible, based on Mason's translation in clear syllabic characters. The Synod would, however, press the importance of a careful adherence to what is known as the 'Plain' Cree, as being the purest form of the Cree language, the members are sure that the Committee feel that any translation of the Bible into a language should be as far as possible in the purest form of that language. The 'Plain' Cree is certainly the purest form, the others known as 'Wood' Cree, 'Swampy' Cree and 'Bay' Cree are dialects. Those who use them regard the 'Plain' Cree as superior to the dialects. They recognize it as the stem of which theirs is only an off-shoot. They listen with respect to and admire a speaker in the 'Plain' Cree.

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