

tution suggested. I have little doubt the recommendation of this representative body will be acceptable to the Canadian dioceses and will be carried into effect. To my mind it is the only practical step for securing more union and extinguishing jealousies, or at least that want of co-operation such widely separated fields of labour are exposed to. I trust that this triennial Synod may prove fruitful in more interest and increasing help to the Missionary work of the North West.

At Bishop Bompas' request I moved a resolution for a further division of the Mackenzie River Diocese, as the Bishop considers it impracticable for one to superintend the work both to the West as well as to the East of the Rocky Mountains. The division as desired by Bishop Bompas was passed unanimously by a standing vote as an expression of the Synod's high esteem for the Bishop and his work.

I also moved with the concurrence of the Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary the following resolution: "Whereas the point on the Athabasca River known as the Athabasca Landing lies convenient for the Bishop of Athabasca, as he must necessarily be frequently passing the same in the ordinary visitation of his Diocese; whereas in the event of the future opening out for settlement and trade, of what is known as the Provincial District of Athabasca, the aforesaid Athabasca Landing will in all probability, be the inlet into the country both to the east and west and may, from its consequent central position offer the most convenient residence for the Bishop of Athabasca; and whereas the Bishops of Saskatchewan and Calgary and Athabasca agree and consent to the proposed boundary, therefore it is resolved that the southern boundary of the Diocese of Athabasca be a line fifteen miles south of the said Athabasca Landing and running parallel with the 55 parallel of latitude from the Rocky Mountains to the 110th. meridian west longitude."—My object in asking for this extension to the south is, I think sufficiently explained in the body of the resolution and needs no further comment.

It may be well to consider how far we have been able to make the resolutions of our last Synod operative. I am afraid a report under this head will hardly afford cause for congratulation, though I think that much of the delay and consequent lack of results is chargeable more to the difficulties we are under from infrequent and uncertain communications than from negligence. This is true with regard to outside communications but the isolation of our several mission stations one from another is in some instances even greater.