

## MEETING OF SYNOD OF ATHABASCA

Held at Athabasca Landing, Bishop Reeves' Address to Synod.

The Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca was held at St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, on Saturday, July 13th. There were present the Bishop, the Rev. W. D. Reeves, the Ven. Archdeacon Scott, and the Rev. C. R. Weaver, W. G. White, M. Johnston, and W. S. Williams representing their several missions, namely: St. Peter's, Lesser Slave Lake, St. John's, Wapuskow, St. Andrew's, Whitefish Lake, the Spirit River Mission, and St. Luke's, Vermilion, each of which was also represented by a lay delegate, namely: the Rev. M. Johnston, George, White, Bedson and Lawrence. The Synod opened at 10 o'clock with morning prayer, the Rev. W. D. Reeves presiding, and a celebration of the holy communion. The preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon Scott, who took for his text, Acts vi: 3: "We will give ourselves service and to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." The offertory was devoted to the missionary society, and together with that of the following day, Sunday, amounted to \$32.

After lunch, which was prepared and served by the ladies of the mission, the delegates assembled in the schoolroom and many subjects of importance were discussed and action decided upon.

**On Service Held Sunday.**  
On Sunday morning a Cree service was held in church. Seven candidates were presented for confirmation, two of them being Indians from Wapuskow. After the solemn rite had been administered, they, together with the rest of the congregation, were addressed by the Bishop upon the words, "The vows are upon me, O God," the Rev. M. Johnston interpreting in Cree. English services were held in the afternoon at St. Peter's, and St. John's, the Rev. W. D. Reeves, D.D., during his long and devoted labors in the mission, and the Rev. W. S. Williams, a devoted layman, presiding over the service. The Synod was held in connection with the synod were well attended and were felt to be most edifying and productive of good to all present.

**The Synod's Proceedings.**  
The proceedings of the synod were as follows: The Bishop occupied the chair and opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. W. S. Williams was appointed secretary. The Bishop then read the report of the synod of the previous year, and the delegates were asked to give their address in connection with the changes in the diocese since the last synod, to his resignation and transfer to the general diocese of the last three years.

The following motions and resolutions were placed before the meeting:  
Moved by Archdeacon Scott, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, "That the view of the urgent necessity of completing the diocesan Endowment Fund of this diocese, for which purpose a sum of \$10,000 is still required, the bishop be asked to take steps to secure the above amount and the S. P. G. C. be authorized to request the S. P. G. C. to make a grant equivalent to the sum of each of the two societies—the S.P.C.K. and the C.B.C.C."

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Moved by Archdeacon Scott, seconded by Mr. S. Lawrence, "That a vote of thanks be tendered to the C.M.S., and M.S.C.C., severally, for the substantial support given by them to the work in this diocese."

Moved by Rev. C. R. Weaver, seconded by Rev. W. G. White, "We, the members of the Synod of Athabasca give our most sincere thanks to the British and Foreign Bible Society for printing and circulating the Cree Bible; thus feeding the souls of these poor people with the Bread of Life."

Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, "That this synod tender their hearty thanks for the support of the Missionary Leagues Association for its financial assistance, and would ask that these we thank God, and pray for grace, 'so to follow their good examples with which we may be partakers of His Heavenly kingdom.'"

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, "That this synod tender a cordial vote of thanks to the Women's Auxiliary of Eastern Canada for the valuable assistance rendered in so many ways to this diocese."

## KENORA MINISTER SUSTAINS INJURY.

Rev. Mr. Reddick, a Baptist Clergyman, Slipped on Rock and is Paralyzed.

Winnipeg, August 2.—Rev. Mr. Reddick, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Kenora, is lying seriously ill at his home, having been seized with cerebral hemorrhage while on his way on Monday to the Indian Mission at Sasabasing. With Mr. Fox, of Toronto, secretary of the Baptist home mission board, and a relative, Mr. Barber, he had taken a gasoline launch to make the voyage, but when about six miles up the lake a terrific rainstorm came on and they decided to land head for a sort of rocky harbor.

Slipped on Rock.  
Rev. Mr. Reddick jumped from the boat and endeavored to fasten it. In so doing he slipped on the rock, but made light of the mishap, saying he had only sustained a few scratches. One hour afterwards he fell back into a semi-conscious condition from the shock of the fall, but in which he has scarcely yet recovered himself in the least. The party made for Bunting's Landing, where they remained. Monday night they arrived at Kenora, and Dr. Chapman was immediately called in. He found the condition of the minister in a very dangerous condition, the whole right side of the body being paralyzed.

Explaining Gun Explosion.  
Washington, August 2.—Acting Secretary Newberry today made public some features of the report covering the accident on board the armored cruiser Colorado, while at the China station during the latter part of June, in which the muzzle end of one of the eight inch guns blew off. The accident happened while the two eight inch guns in the turret were being fired at a range of 500 yards. Some of the fragments of the gun struck the forecastle deck, doing only slight injury to the structure. No one was hurt. The guns had fired 57 rounds and had made a record of 45 points.

Patterson Will Not Resign.  
Brantford, Aug. 2.—Recent reports with reference to the contemplated retirement of Hon. Wm. Patterson, minister of customs, are without foundation. It is understood here that Mr. Patterson will neither retire from the cabinet nor give up his constituency.

Premier Gouin Enters Suit.  
Quebec, Aug. 2.—Premier