

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

REVEREND BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY :

Our last Synod was held at this Mission so long ago as July 25th, 1894. Since then there have been special hindrances of one kind or another to the holding of what should be a triennial synod.

In fact the difficulties for holding these gatherings for mutual council and encouragement are at times insuperable. Even while penning these words I felt it very problematical whether even this Synod could be held. I am truly thankful that we have been permitted to gather together and my earnest prayer is that God will lovingly overrule all our deliberations that they may be to His glory and the consolidation of the Word to which he has called us.

In my last address I had to refer to changes in our ranks since the previous Synod of 1891. Till then there were no gaps in our ranks by death. Now four of our former fellow-labourers, the Rev. J. G. and Mrs. Brick, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. E. J. Lawrence have passed away.

Though Mr. Brick resigned his position in the Diocese so long ago as 1894, his strong personality, his genial disposition and the warm interest he took in the work keeps his memory fresh amongst us. Mrs. Lawrence was an efficient teacher and rendered her husband valuable assistance in the " Irene " School. The Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Lucas were by the action of the C. M. S., withdrawn last year from our Diocese, and are now, I expect, on their way to the Mackenzie River to join Bishop Reeve and his fellow-