

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD

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DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA.

The Synod met at St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, on Tuesday, September 29th, 1891 at 11 a. m.

During Divine Service the following address was delivered by the Bishop :—

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity:

Rather more than three years have elapsed since we last met together in Synod. We can all, I think, look back with pleasant memories to that meeting at Vermilion in July, 1888. I think many of us, who were present, felt it was a time of refreshing, of mutual comfort and encouragement, sending its members back to their several posts animated with fresh purposes and desires for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

I trust, with God's blessing, we shall reap similar spiritual benefit from our present gathering.

In the first place it is fitting that we should review the work accomplished ; the losses as well as the additions to the ranks of our fellow-labourers ; as also the encouragements and apparent failures that have attended our efforts during the intervening three years.

We have had to realize that though now a separate diocese, yet when our neighbours suffer we have to suffer with them. For the past two years I have simply had to occupy St. Paul's Mission in the prolonged absence of Archdeacon Reeve. This has arisen from the exigencies of the Mackenzie River Diocese and not of our own, depriving us for one year at least of one of our too small band of Missionaries. This loss, as far as Archdeacon Reeve is concerned, is permanent, as he has been called to the honourable position of Bishop of the Mackenzie River. I feel sure you will take the opportunity of our present meeting to congratulate him upon his preferment, while expressing our regret at losing him from our own ranks.