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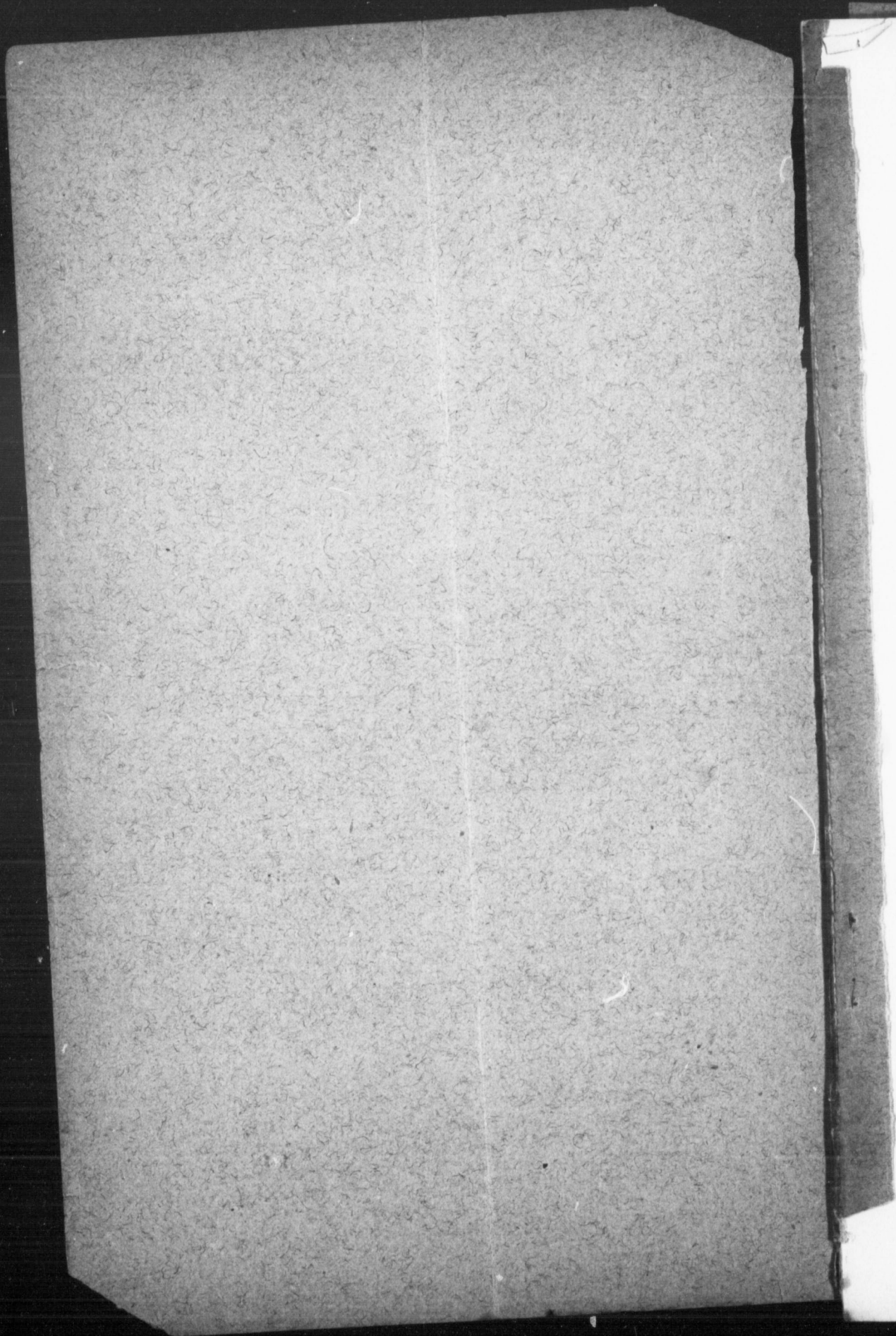
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ARCHDEACON

The Right Rev. the Bishop of MacKenzie River.

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Rev. G. Holmes, St. Peter's, Lesser Slave Lake.

Rev. H. Robinson, Christ Church, Smoky River.

Rev. C. Weaver, St. John's, Wapuscaw.

Rev. A. J. Warwick, St. Paul's, Chipewyan.

Rev. D. Curry, Smoky River.

Rev. A. S. White, St. Luke's, Vermilion.

Rev. W. G. White, St. Andrew's, White Fish Lake.

Rev. M. Johnston, Wapuscaw.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Rev. W. G. White.

Mr. C. D. White.

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The Right Rev. The Bishop.

The Rev. W. A. Burman.

Thos. Gilroy, Esq., Winnipeg.

Capt. G. F. Carruthers, Winnipeg.

H. M. Howell, Esq., Q.C., Winnipeg.

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MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

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The Right Rev. The Bishop of Mackenzie River,
Archdeacon.—Absent.

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Rev. M. Johnston, Wapuscaw.—Absent.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. Peter Gunn, Chipewyan.

Mr. Albert Tate, Peace River.

Mr. C. D. White, White Fish Lake.

Mr. Thos. Sinclair, Lesser Slave Lake.

Mr. Wm. Whitford, Wapuscaw.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

The following notices of motions were then given ;

Motion by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. H. Robinson, on retirement of Rev. M. Scott and Mrs. Scott.

Motion by Rev. H. Robinson, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes, transfer of Rev. J. R. Lucas and Mrs. Lucas to the Diocese of Mackenzie River.

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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-

labourers and I am sure we wish them much happiness and usefulness in their future sphere of work, while we regret that they are no longer fellow-workers in this Diocese. The Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Warwick take their place in charge of St. Paul's Mission, Chipweyan.

Among others whom we shall have to thank for assistance readily and generously granted, we must not forget to thank the Committee of Canadian Church Missionary Association of Canada, for the readiness with which they undertook the expense of a two years' course for Rev. A. S. White at Wycliffe College, preparatory to ordination.

I only regret that the state of Rev. M. and Mrs. Scott's health has necessitated his going out to Vermilion before benefitting fully by their kindness. Rev. A. S. White is now in charge of St. Luke's Mission. We all shall feel the withdrawal of the Rev. M. Scott. We feel it is a loss not only to his Mission, but also to us all. We lose in him a true-hearted fellow-labourer and one whose spiritual counsel we shall miss.

Mr. D. Curry, after three years of faithful work as school teacher at Lesser Slave Lake was placed in charge of Christ Church Mission in 1897, and was admitted by me to Deacon's Orders for Indian work in 1899.

Mr. Murdoch Johnston, who has shown himself both an earnest and efficient worker among the Cree Indians, was ordained Deacon by me January of 1899, for Indian work. I thankfully recognize God's gracious overruling in bringing him to the Athabasca Landing earlier than I had arranged. I had postponed my departure for medical treatment till his ordination could take place, and on entering the hospital in Winnipeg was told that a few days later and the inflammation would have reached a point when

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recovery could not have been hoped for. A year, if not of rest, yet of thorough change, has so far recovered health and strength that I trust, God willing, to be able to continue to labour among you as before.

In Mr. C. D. White we have an efficient and able teacher of the Indian Boarding School here. Miss Durntall has also received efficient help from Miss Sharp in the work of the school.

During my absence St. Matthew's Mission has been in charge of Mr. Richard Cox, a student of St. John's College, Winnipeg, who before coming to us was a teacher in the Reserve School at The Pas on the Saskatchewan. He is careful and methodical in his work.

Miss Thompson, who joined us in 1894 is now, as the wife of Rev. C. Weaver, doing good service as Matron of the Indian Boarding School at Wapuscaw.

Miss Young, supported by the Woman's Auxiliary of Hamilton, has rendered good service in connection with our printing work at the Landing, and has, in many ways, been most useful in the work there.

We also welcome Miss Scott, sent out by the Toronto Branch of the W. A. of Canada, as teacher and assistant to the Indian Boarding School at Wapuscaw.

The development of the work in the Diocese is small if gauged by the opening out of new fields. There are two new Missions since we last met. St. Matthew's Mission, Athabasca Landing, has been selected, not so much as offering a very favorable point for missionary work, but as being the only place from which to be exercised a supervision of the Diocese, and so as to be, not only in good mail communication with the outside, but to be in effective

communication with the several Missions in the Diocese, especially those to the west. We possess a small but well finished church, ample however, except on special occasions for our present population.

The other is at St. John's under the care of Rev. Henry Robinson.

We have added another boarding school, since we last met—that at Wapuscau—Under Rev. C. and Mrs. Weaver's self denying supervision it has done good service. It has passed through a good deal of financial difficulty, mainly for want of any Government help. I had the assurance from Commissioner Laird of a grant towards a teacher's salary after June.

I have little doubt that the whole question of school will be under careful consideration by the Government.

But though the additions in Missions and buildings we are able to chronicle are few, I think we can encourage ourselves in the work. The services we took part in last Sunday and the number of adults and also young persons confirmed are an abundant cause of thankfulness. Again, in nearly all our Missions we have to thank God for fresh members gathered in.

We cannot but feel that the entrance of the Commissioners into the country, with offers of Scrip or Treaty must gravely affect our Indian work. We feel that it is a step that must be taken sooner or later, and when the first unsettlement has subsided, it certainly, should be beneficial as a pledge that provision will be made for them in times of scarcity, to which their present livelihood not infrequently exposes them, it is becoming increasingly necessary.

We have been kindly invited by the Commissioner to send him our views on matters affecting the Indians and a

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rough draft of a memorandum will be put before you for your consideration. Criticism and suggestions are asked so that it may be fully representative of our views.

I regret to say that an increasing quantity of liquor is being introduced into the country in defiance of strong prohibitory laws. We deal with the matter in the Memorandum, a representation from us as a Synod to Ottawa. At the same time it behoves us to faithfully warn our people against intemperance and to do what we can to arrest its inroads.

Some confusion has occurred in financial matters recently. One main cause has been my illness, which commenced the year before last, in October, at a time when, after my summer journeying, I set to work on the accounts. My illness continued till early in January, when I had to leave for the hospital. No further opportunity offered until I was fairly settled in England. Another cause has been the arrangement, that amounts should be paid into two banks at Winnipeg and Edmonton. I am requesting the Rev. A. E. Cowley to advise each one of the amounts paid in half yearly, and at which bank; I trust this will prevent confusion in the future. There is of course the difficulty of carrying on money matters, where those concerned are removed by wide distances from the point where banking is done.

As far as I, as acting Financial Secretary am concerned, my position towards any of you is ascertained by the Ledger Account. I regret that constant summer travelling prevents me giving you half yearly statements as I used to in Ruperts Land Mission.

That account on one side tells you everything I have paid on your account and that of your Mission. You are at perfect liberty to challenge any item which you fail to

understand, or doubt as to its correctness. If wrong it will be corrected. On the other side your salary and any mission allowance will be placed. The balance will be for or against you. If against it will appear on the debit side next year, if to credit it will be carried forward. All you have to see to is that your credit balances are brought forward.

I would again impress upon you the necessity of keeping the Ledger statements you receive on file, looking them over carefully when you first receive them to see they are correct. In case of any mistakes to promptly point it out, as it is easier to deal with while fresh.

In taking up the financial work of the Diocese I was not entering on a new and untried sphere. For more than eight years I had been Finance Secretary to the Rupert's Land Mission and also managed the finances of the old undivided Diocese of Athabasca, the latter of course, under the direction of Bishop Bompas. I am therefore, thoroughly posted in the way in which the C. M. S. carries on its financial work. I took my part in drawing up the regulations of the Finance Committee of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, of which our Archbishop is the chairman. It lays down that each Missionary in charge of a Mission is responsible for the expenditure of his Mission. If he exceeds the allowance made him it is chargeable against him. He cannot claim a credit for any expenditure beyond his grant. This should be borne in mind and unless you are hopeful of funds from other sources be careful how you exceed the the Society's grant.

Then there are the amounts for your Missions received from outside. This is on the increase and we do not seem to have been able to make an arrangement so as to satisfy all parties. As Bishop of the Diocese I am responsible for the way in which all amounts contributed to the Diocese as well as the Missionaries for whose Mission the money is

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donated. Some of the brethren look askance on the arrangement for paying all outside amounts through my Commissary. They are under the impression that either do not invariably go to the Missions for which they are intended or that at least there is unnecessary delay. Possibly there has been delay but often arising for want of explicitness on the part of the donor. A little more system, putting the machinery so to speak in good working order, will remedy this. The position of the Bishop expressed in that old saying from one of the early fathers, Cyprian I think, "that nothing should be done without the Bishop" should be preserved. If funds are remitted as in the past, to his Commissary, outsiders would be satisfied to know that he has cognizance of the amounts contributed, and the purpose for which they are contributed, and that it has his approval.

There would be an official statement much fuller and much more correct published from time to time, than has been possible hitherto, and I can assure you, that every amount designated for your respected Missions will be placed to your bank credit as soon as possible. I would also remind you that the C. M. S., requires you to fill up a form for such monies and how expended. This should be carefully done, and returned through me with your annual letter and statistics.

I think the same procedure will be best for Government cheques, earned by the several schools, for this reason:—The government officials are anxious that these cheques shall be cashed as soon as possible. If sent out to the Missionary in charged, time elapses, and danger of losing the cheque occurs. Again, if sent to me at the Landing, I am so frequently absent that again time is lost, whereas, if sent to Rev. W. A. Burman, all this is obviated. What the payment covers is entered on every cheque. The cheques can therefore be paid into the proper accounts and I shall instruct

the Rev. W. A. Burman to notify the receiver of the deposit and what it covers.

I cannot too strongly impress the importance of keeping a careful record of your quarterly school returns, when sent in, for what quarter, and to what department. A copy of each return must be kept on file and the date of when and to whom mailed entered on the filed copy. Also a memo entered on it of how and when paid, as soon as you are advised of the payment.

It may be well for us to carry into effect Clause VIII of the Constitution, and so provide a body who will assist the Bishop in making such arrangement as will ensure the efficient working of these details for the management of Diocesan Funds.

I now place before you, the present state of the Clergy Endowment Fund. It has not increased at the rate I at one time anticipated. We have suffered no actual losses, but rates of interest are falling and there is an increasing difficulty in securing first class mortgage securities, so that sums of money remain uninvested in the hands of the Trustees. I need hardly say, that the Trustees of the fund are a guarantee that it is being conducted on the best lines. They are :

Archbishop Machray,
Rev. W. A. Burman,
Mr. Howell, Solicitor,
Mr. Gilroy.

A successor has not been appointed as yet to Mr. Mathewson, Manager of the Bank of Commerce, in Winnipeg, who has had to retire on his appointment as manager of the Head Office in Montreal, and in whom we lose a valuable and able Trustee. I have however left a form of appointment to be filled in and expect to hear shortly that the vacancy is filled.

The original amount of what can be only regarded as a nucleus, was determined by an amount named by Bishop Reeve, as Archdeacon of Athabasca, when consulted by the

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S. P. C. K., as to the amount toward which they should contribute. He named £4,000, toward which the S.P.C.K. kindly promised to contribute an amount not exceeding £500. This it to be paid in instalments of £100, for every £150 raised. The amounts now in the hands of the Trustees is about £3,225.

There are certain undesignated contributions for the general work of the Diocese, including a yearly grant from the Board of Missions, averaging \$200. But for this, we should some time since have come to a financial dead-lock. I carefully nurse it, but each year brings increasing demands upon it.

At one time, our account with the C. M. S., generally showed a good balance in hand at the end of the year. In 1898 however, I had to meet a shortage in the C. M. S. account of \$100, last year of \$592.

On looking carefully through the statement of expenditure for 1899, I find items to the amount of \$115:91, which have been met outside the lump grant, and expect it will be heavier this year.

I have long felt that the Society's lump grant is not sufficient for the needs of the work, but they resolutely decline to increase it. It was based on our needs, when not more than four Missions were in existence. Now there are eight, I would urge the need of more punctuality and thoroughness in the preparation of statistics. They are required by the C. M. S. They are also asked for by the Provincial Synod, and by the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. A form for Statistics will be supplied you. It was printed, as adopted by motion, at our first Synod, and I must earnestly request you to fill up yearly these forms and send them to me, always *keeping* a copy on file. This should be done any time in December.

I would also remind you, that a resolution was passed at our first Synod about school fees, viz: the rate to be charged children of H. B. Co's Officers, Traders and any who may be judged capable of paying toward the tuition of their children. This is a matter that requires caution, and the making or not making such charges must depend on circumstances.

Among other business that lies before us, is representation at the Provincial and General Synods. I also think that a memorial should go from us to the Government on the liquor traffic, apart from the memo to Commissioner Macrae.

I have been requested to bring to your notice the present position of the C. W. O. Fund and to explain its regulations, as also of a new fund, the "Clergy Superannuation Fund," *vide* Provincial Synod Report, Appendix F.

The first is a provision for the Widows and Orphans of all Clergy in the Province of Ruperts' Land, which includes of course, Ruperts' Land, Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Athabasca, Mackenzie River, Selkirk and Moosonee. As to subscriptions, see clauses 4 and 5, Appendix B. The case of a clergyman leaving the Province after subscribing, see clause 6. Yearly collection at his Misson, clause 7. Benefits, clause 8. Comments on the provincial Treasurer's account, Appendix D.

I now bring to your notice, a canon, passed at the last session of the Provincial Synod, with regard to the Clergy Superannuation Fund. This will have to receive our careful consideration as we shall have to vote upon it. Appendix F.

I am glad that one thing we set before us as long ago as 1891 has been in successful operation. By a motion of that Synod, we pledged ourselves to a translation of the New

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Testament into colloquial Cree, to be printed in syllabics, beginning with the Gospels of St. Mark and St. John, using Archdeacon Hunter's translation and adapting it only where necessary to the "Wood" Cree. At our next Synod in 1894, I was only able to report progress to the extent, that while in Toronto, during the winter of 1893-94, I had made an arrangement with the Toronto Type Foundry Co., to cast a font of type, "Pica" size, and that the Bryan Publishing Co., had undertaken to print the same. Difficulties as to printing arose and I took lessons in printing and brought out a hand press, and all necessary outfit to Athabasca Landing. An assistant turned up in Mr. Gordon Weston. In the meanwhile, Mr. Holmes prepared, with the assistance of some of the most intelligent men of his congregation, first St. Mark's Gospel, followed by that of St. John's. We have also printed and circulated, a book of instructions, prayers and hymns. Also the Creed, the Lords Prayer and the Ten Commandments. This has gone into second edition. I think we should do all we can to promote reading among our people, especially of the Gospels. I am thankful to say that the British and Foreign Bible Society has kindly undertaken to publish a second edition of the whole Bible, based on Mason's Bible, in syllabics. The best Cree scholars and speakers throughout the country, both of our own and of the Methodist Church, have been appointed revisers. As far as we are concerned, our humble efforts will serve to prepare the way for the whole Bible. Those who have learnt to read the two gospels we have published, will be able to appreciate the Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testament. Let that passage be always before us, "The entrance of Thy word giveth light."

Our opportunities for thus gathering in conference are few. Six years of change, trial, discouragements, as well as thank God encouragement, have passed away. We have many mercies to thank God for, not least, that we have been

spared to continue our work. These Synods serve to mark time for us. May we feel at the close of this meeting, that it has been good for us to be together and may we separate to realize, that in whatever work or sphere of work that lies before us, He, our Lord and Master is with us, He will not leave or forsake us. May all our consultations, now, as well as our future work, be begun, continued and ended in Him, and for Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us. May his blessing rest upon every one, who through us has been brought into the light. Let our constant prayer be, that of St. Paul for his converts, Ephesians III, 16-19.



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JUNE 22ND, 1900.

Divine service was held in St. Peter's Church, Lesser Slave Lake. The Rev. W. G. White read the Ante-Communion Service. The Epistle was read by the Rev. M. Scott, the Gospel being read by Rev. Hy. Robinson, after the Bishop's address the offertory was taken up on behalf of the Clergy Endowment Fund. Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. G. Holmes.

During the service the Bishop delivered part of his address dealing with other than financial matters.

The Synod met in St. Peter's Church after service. The session opened with prayer by the Rev. M. Scott.

1.(a) It was moved by Rev. G. Holmes and seconded by Rev. W. G. White, and carried: That Mr. Albert Tate be Secretary of the Synod.

1.(b) Moved by Rev. M. Scott, seconded by Rev. H. Robinson: That the minutes of the last meeting as printed be adopted.

2. Moved by Rev. D. Curry, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, that Rev. H. Robinson and Mr. Peter Gunn be scrutineers.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion were then given :

Motion by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. H. Robinson, on retirement of Rev. M. Scott and Mrs. Scott.

Motion by Rev. H. Robinson, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes, transfer of Rev. J. R. Lucas and Mrs. Lucas to the Diocese of Mackenzie River.

Motion by Mr. Peter Gunn, seconded by Mr. Wm. Whitford, that the Bishop's address be printed together with the proceedings of the Synod.

The Synod then adjourned.

On again meeting, the Bishop read that portion of his address which referred to financial matters, and referred in the course of his remarks to Clause VIII of the Constitution of the Diocese. The Bishop also referred to the advisability of appointing an Archdeacon. The Bishop of Mackenzie River had kindly consented to continue to bear the title, but the Bishop thought the time had come to appoint one among themselves. He had little doubt he would have their approval in naming Rev. G. Holmes, but before the appointment could take place some preliminaries might be necessary.

Rev. G. Holmes responded with a few remarks as to the honor, and his willingness to accept, and to the utmost of his ability to fill his duties, and requested the prayers of all. After some discussion it was moved by Rev. M. Scott, seconded by Rev. D. Curry, that this Synod feels the need of now carrying out Clause VIII of the Constitution with respect to the appointment of an Executive Committee, and

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that Rev. G. Holmes, Rev. W. G. White and Mr. C. D. White be the members until further action can be taken with regard to the appointment of an Archdeacon, the Bishop being Convener.

4. On motion of Rev. M. Scott, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes. That in compliance of request of Commissioner Macrae, that the views of the Synod in regard to the Indians on reserves, Indian schools, etc., as read by the Bishop, be forwarded to the Commissioner.

The Bishop brought to the notice of the Synod the Canon on Superannuation Fund past at the last Provincial Synod.

5. Moved by Rev. G. Holmes, seconded by Rev. H. Robinson: That this Synod does not see its way at this session to accept the Canon on Superannuation Fund, until we can ascertain what is the feeling with regard to it in other Dioceses, and what acceptance it has met with.

6. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Mr. Albert Tate, that the following Memorial from the Synod of this Diocese, with regard to the importation and sale of liquor in this district, be presented to the Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior:—

“TO THE HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON,

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR,—Ottawa.

“We the undersigned members of the Synod of this Diocese, now in session, desire to bring to your notice the continual infringement of the prohibitory laws against the introduction of liquor into this country.

“There has been a steady increase in the sale and consumption of liquor for the past two years. We have good grounds for knowing that a very considerable proportion of the money obtained by the sale of Scrip has

gone in and under the influence of drink without any permanent benefit to the people. The contact of the Government with this people, effected by the issue of Scrip, instead of benefitting them, has had rather a reverse effect.

"The fault is not in the intention of the Government, nor in the laws, but in the lack of anyone to enforce them, and to punish their breach.

"Something more again is needed than posting up Proclamations, prohibiting the sale and setting forth the penalties of selling. Such have been posted up on stores where the sale of liquor and intoxicating drugs has been known to be going on. We are aware that the drain on the Police Force through the going out of officers and men for the war in South Africa, has crippled the force. No doubt it is because of this, that at an important point as Lesser Slave Lake, a corporal is the only degree above the ranks. It is hardly to be expected that the rank and file can stand against the wiles of the traders and the inducement brought to bear upon them to be silent and not to interfere. If law is to be enforced it must be by the presence in the country of a government officer, with all necessary Magisterial powers, who will and can enforce the laws, and who will see that the Police do their duty and bring them to task if they fail, and who can institute proceedings against offenders without fear or favor."

The Synod here adjourned till 6 p.m.

7. On meeting again it was moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. H. Robinson: That this Synod desires to express regret at the retirement from Mission work in this Diocese, of the Rev. M. and Mrs. Scott, who for fourteen years have laboured faithfully and

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8. Moved by Rev. H. Robinson, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes: That we herewith express our regret for the removal from our ranks of the Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Lucas. Our Diocese cannot afford to lose any workers, rather our aim ought to be to increase, not to decrease our labourers. We shall follow them with interest in their new sphere of work in the neighboring Diocese.

9. Moved by Mr. Peter Gunn, seconded by Mr. W. Whitford, that the Bishop's address be printed and also the proceedings of this Synod, and a copy be sent to each member of the Synod.

10. Moved by Rev. D. Curry, seconded by Mr. Thos. Sinclair: We desire herewith to thank the Col. and Cont. Church Society for assistance kindly given to Christ Church Mission, Upper Peace River, and we feel confident that as soon as settlement increases in the country we shall receive further help from it.

11. Moved by Mr. W. Whitford, seconded by Rev. M. Scott: That the members of this Synod tender very sincere thanks to the Toronto Branch of the W. A., of Canada, for the liberal help that they have from time to time acceded to the Missions in this Diocese. We have to thank them for many valuable bales, for liberal grants in money and for generous help in sending out Workers to the Diocese.

12. Moved by Rev. G. Holmes, seconded by Mr. P. Gunn: That this Synod cannot pass another session, without expressing its deep sense of gratitude to the C. M. S. for all its kindness and support of the work in this Diocese in the past. Considering the yearly increase of expenditure and the pressing demands upon their funds in other parts of

the Mission Field it dare not venture to hope for any assistance beyond the present block grant, but would desire to express its earnest hope, that the Society will not, for some years to come, withdraw any part of the present grant.

13. Moved by Rev. M. Scott, seconded by Rev. D. Curry: We, the members of the Synod of this Diocese now in session, desire herewith to express their sincere thanks to the Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, for the conditional grant of £500, which is making it possible to form the nucleus of a Clergy Endowment Fund for the Diocese. The Synod regards it as a most valuable assistance. Also for grants towards building of churches made by the Committee from time to time. We, the members, also desire to thank the Committee for grants of books in the Indian language, which we have received from time to time, as also for help given for printing a Manual of Prayers and Instructions, by a grant of blocks for illustrations, and for the benefit we have shared with Missionaries in other fields in this country, from the books they have printed in the Cree and other Indian languages.

14. Moved by Rev. G. Holmes, seconded by Rev. H. Robinson: That the clergy and Lay members of the Synod desire to express their deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the recovery of the Bishop from dangerous illness, and for enabling strength and opportunity of speaking in the interest of this Society and the Diocese in particular, during his visit to England. They would assure the Bishop that they accord him a hearty welcome on his return to the Diocese.

The Bishop replied in a few well chosen words, thanking the Synod for their kind expressions, and hoping that brotherly love would continue in their midst, in the future, as in the past.

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15. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes: That the members of this Synod take this opportunity of tendering their hearty thanks to the W. A. of Canada, for their liberal help by bales of clothing and other necessities sent to each mission. Without such help it would be impossible for us to maintain our Boarding Schools and to assist those through our Mission generally. Also for a liberal grant towards the building of the Indian Boarding School at Lesser Slave Lake, and other grants. They also desire to express their gratitude for the kind consideration with which branches have from time to time sent gifts to Missionaries and their children.

16. Moved by Rev. G. Holmes, seconded by Rev. H. Robinson: The Synod of this Diocese, now in session, desires to thank the C. P. R. Co. for their generosity in granting half fare tickets to the Clergy of this Diocese when travelling by their line. Also for their kindness shown to the Bishop in his recent illness in providing him with a free pass from Edmonton to Montreal.

17. Moved by Rev. M. Scott, seconded by Mr. C. D. White: The Synod desire to express sincere thanks to the Canadian Church Missionary Society, for the generous support accorded by them to the Rev. A. S. White, for a course of two years at Wycliffe College. The members are only sorry that, from unavoidable circumstances, he was unable to avail himself of the further time they would have generously accorded him.

18. Moved by Rev. G. Holmes, seconded by Rev. W. G. White. That the members of this Synod beg to tender their most cordial thanks to the Missionary Leaves Association and especially to its indefatigable secretary, H. G. Malaher, Esq., for the valuable assistance rendered to Missionaries in this Diocese in the way of clothing, and by

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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20. Moved by Rev. D. Curry, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes: That this Synod desires to express its thanks to the Domestic and Foreign Board of Missions for its yearly appropriation of funds towards this Diocese.

21. Moved by the Bishop of Athabasca, seconded by Rev. D. Curry: The members of the Synod of this Diocese, desire herewith to convey to the Commissioner and Officers of the Hudson's Bay Co. their thanks for kindnesses shown to them and their fellow missionaries from time to time, for the consideration shewn to them in many ways.

22. Moved by Mr. A. Tate, seconded by Mr. P. Gunn: A vote of thanks to Mrs. Holmes and the ladies for their kindness in preparing such a nice and substantial repast for the members of this Synod.

23. Moved by Rev. D. Curry, seconded by Mr. C. D. White: That Rev. G. Holmes and Rev. M. Scott be Clerical Delegates for this Diocese for the ensuing General and Provincial Synods. Substitutes, Rev. J. G. Anderson and Rev. Rural Dean Cowley.

24. Moved by Rev. G. Holmes, seconded by Mr. P. Gunn: That Mr. C. D. White and Mr. A. Tate, be Lay Delegates for the General and Provincial Synod. Substitutes, Thomas Gilroy Esq., R. D. Richardson Esq. and Thomas Gill Esq.

25. Moved by Rev. M. Scott, seconded by Rev. G. Holmes: The members of this Synod desire to express their thanks to Mr. Albert Tate, for the very able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Secretary of this Synod.

The Bishop then declared the Acts of the Synod and closed the Session by pronouncing the Benediction.

