

At 2.30 p.m. the Synod re-assembled for business.

The METROPOLITAN took the chair and read his Address as follows.

THE METROPOLITAN'S ADDRESS.

RIGHT REVEREND AND REVEREND BRETHREN, AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY :

When I look around me at this imposing and influential Assembly, and compare it with that which met here in solemn conclave sixteen years ago, I feel very thankful for the marvellous progress which our Church has made in these past years. The Provincial Synod was as yet in its infancy; and it then met to organize, to frame rules for self government, and to form a constitution in accordance with Apostolic precedent, but adapted to the existing age and to local circumstances. We were like men at the ocean brink, surveying the future with deep interest, but cautious as to each step we were taking, whilst confident in the unerring chart by which our course was steered. To-day however the Synod meets in its completeness, full of hope and expectation, having learnt experience by the trials which it has passed through; the goodness of God by the generous support which He has vouchsafed; and mutual confidence by the exercise of brotherly feelings towards one another.

Thanks to him who then filled this chair so wisely, so patiently, and with such consummate tact, there is little left for me to do but to follow in his track, and to endeavour, however imperfectly, to carry out the broad principles which he laid down; and little for you to do but to put in action that machinery which was then constructed. But let us not suppose that we meet to-day with all our perils past, or with one whit the less need of Divine guidance than we had in those earlier times. We need it as much as ever, and God is as ready to bestow it.

Since we last met, another Diocese has been added to our Body, and there has been a consequent increase in our

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numbers. Indeed during years the numerical strength doubled, having increased

The work on which was an important one. May thank to each, and all of us, given that wisdom and gentleness considering the many brought before us.

As to the subjects which present session, there is which occupied much of treating this subject I can and skill may be shown ration, and a desire to more conscientiously opposed be well to consider calm historic precedents, as also in England, so far as the entire independence of such gravest consideration as of the Bishops and Members part, desiring nothing more the possibility of having Consecration; and you respective Synods against an acknowledged right of election.

As to the future of our of it comprised within the with her, blessing her, influence. I am very thankful painful scenes which have of the Church in other laws; and those laws will be, differences of opinion