

After prayers the METROPOLITAN read his

ADDRESS:

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

Having consulted the mind of our Five Dioceses as to the expediency of forthwith convening this Provincial Synod for a Special Session, I meet you here to-day, in accordance with their vote, three of the Synods being in favour of such a course, and two against it. Indeed, I should hardly have acted in harmony with our late Canon had I delayed to call you together. And I may add that the urgency of the occasion was such as to warrant a special meeting, however great the inconvenience.

We are assembled in Synod, then, at the present time for the solemn object of electing a Missionary Bishop for the District of Algoma in the place of the Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, who has resigned the office to which he was chosen. I have, moreover, received from the Diocese of Toronto their formal request and authorization that we should proceed to such election.

A desire has been expressed by some, whose judgment I would not lightly disregard, that we should enter upon other matter besides that which has called us together. It has also been suggested that our present session might *virtually* take the place of the session of 1874. I conceive that this would be altogether unconstitutional, inasmuch as the Canon clearly contemplates a regularly recurring triennial meeting of the Synod; and further, as I trust and believe that our Brethren of the Maritime Dioceses will be prepared to join us next year, and not before, I conceive that it would be scarcely considerate towards them if we were to make that a mere *pro forma* session.

For these reasons I am decidedly of opinion that we should regard this as a special meeting for a distinct and special object, leaving other subjects to be considered at our ordinary assembling next year. But having thus stated my own

opinion, I will add that should be adverse to it I shall be And now as to the grave matters prayers are turned—the election in the Church of Christ,—I that it may be approached with a chastened feeling which is so fresh in your recollection first to frame a Canon for that and then to take action upon upon the Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, who night accepted the post to which subsequently led to reverse his together on this day—no longer the abstract question, but since the office which our brother, resigned.

Standing before you to-day I feel that I should ill discharge upon you to exercise on this, the utmost forbearance forbid that we should seek of Christ and those which pertains interests of His Kingdom. The election of a Bishop may differ there are certain distinguished one who is to fill so high and agreed. I would remind you of the Spirit of God, that "a Bishop of one wife, vigilant, sober, of hospitality, apt to teach, not greedy of filthy lucre, not covetous, one that ruleth well in subjection with all good