

Your attention is called to the following extract from the Bishop's Pastoral, with reference to the attendance of representatives at the meeting of the Synod :

"I trust that you will recognize how essential it is for the transaction of business, and for efficient legislation in the interests of the Church, that all the members, both Clerical and Lay, should be present in their places at every sitting to give their close attention to the deliberations of the Synod ; and that they should remain in attendance until all the business is disposed of and the Synod adjourned."

We remain your obedient servants,

J. B. RICHARDSON, *Clerical Sec'y.*

L. SKEY, *Lay Sec'y.*

### The Bishop's Address.

His Lordship then delivered his Annual Charge to the Synod, as follows :—

*"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."*

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD,—

While addressing you by this endearing appellation, borrowed from Apostolic usage, and adopted in all the offices of our Church, I remind myself and you of our union with the Adorable Head of the Universal Church, and of that communion and fellowship which subsists between all the members of His mystical body, wherever locally situated or in whatever position they hold in the Church of God.

It is also intended to remind us that all our resources are in Him, "from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

With an affectionate greeting I bid you welcome in the name of the Lord to this our annual gathering, and I desire, in the very forefront of this address, to put on record my grateful sense of the manifold goodness of our God upon us.

Each Synod, as it comes and goes, leaves its distinct impress upon the Diocese, and each year of active work tells with marked effect on its strength and growth.

To detail the incidents that show the work and increase of our Diocesan affairs, so far as they come under the Bishop's supervision, is one of the chief designs of this annual address, while another purpose of it is to furnish suggestions and state views on the various movements which are going on around us in the Church.

With thankfulness to God, I heartily congratulate you on the