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You are aware that a measure has passed the English Con-
vocations, and has received the Royal assent, giving liberty
to curtail the Week-day Services, and also to initiate a fresh
Service, compiled from the Prayer-book, to be used on Sunday
evenings, where a church is opened three times in the day
for public worship. It will be desirable, I think, to endorse
this action of the Mother Church during the present session.

It is with a feeling of much sadness that we are reminded
of the absence from our counsels of one, whose wisdom as
late Prolocutor of the Lower House, and whose influence as
a church leader, we can ill spare at the present time. Whilst
he is remembered with singular affection in his own parish,
his praise is also in all the churches, as having been a patient
and self-denying worker and a loving brother. But he is
gone up to a higher sphere, where there will still be work
to do and a Saviour to glorify. Your first act will be to
decide on one who shall be counted worthy to fill his place
in this Assembly.

My Right Reverend Brethren and I will now leave you
to your important deliberations. We have all, I trust, come
here with a desire to merge for a time the special interests
of our own Dioceses in the general good of the Church in
this Province, and the advancement of the Saviour's King-
dom within its limits. Our debates in past years have been
characterized by the dignified bearing, the Christian temper
and the devout earnestness of those who have taken part in
them; and I need hardly say that if our present session bears
the same impress, it will give much confidence and encourage-
ment to the Church at large. May God guide us with His
counsel, direct us by His Holy Spirit, and enable us to take
such measures as will tend to the spiritual growth and unity
of His Church in this portion of its labourfield!

The METROPOLITAN then informed the Lower House that
they were to meet in the Synod Hall, and directed them to
elect their Prolocutor.