

ADDRESS TO THE BISHOP.

The Committee appointed by the Standing Committee to prepare an address to the Bishop on the occasion of his presiding for the first time over the Synod, presented the following address, on the first day of Synod, which was read by the Very Rev. the Dean as Chairman, the members of the Synod standing :—

*To the Right Rev. Father in God, Maurice S. Baldwin, D.D.,
by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Huron :—*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP, — The Clergy and Lay Representatives of your Diocese now assembled in Synod for the first time since your elevation to the Episcopate, desire to approach your Lordship with assurances of heartiest welcome to yourself personally, and of profound respect for your office. In your election to the high and holy office which you now occupy, the Synod recognized it as infinitely higher than any mere human appointment, and cheerfully accepted the result as an undoubted indication of God's will. With a perfect conviction, therefore, that God has called you to preside over us, and for the maintenance and promotion of vital Christianity throughout this Diocese, this Synod looks to you for guidance in its deliberations, and is ready as in duty bound to give a most reverent attention to your godly counsels and admonitions. The position to which you are called in God's church is high, and the responsibility is proportionately great, and the work most arduous. The great success with which God has crowned your faithful labors in the lower sphere affords a strong encouragement to the Synod to believe that you will not fail in the higher one to which you have been called, and it promises your Lordship a most hearty and loyal co-operation to that end ; but above all, recognizing that only as our undertakings are in accordance with the will of God, and under the guidance of His Holy Spirit, can they have any success, it will ever pray that it may please God to send His grace upon you that you may duly execute all the duties of the office, whereunto you are called, to the edifying of His church and to the honor, praise and glory of His name.

M. BOOMER,

Dean of Huron,

On behalf of the Synod.