

A Prayer to be used in all churches, for two or more weeks previous to the meeting of the Diocesan Synod, and also during its session.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, by Thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world, we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of this Diocese, *now (or now about to be,)* assembled in Thy name. Save them from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice, and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify them, in their important work, by Thy Holy Spirit, that, through Thy blessing on their deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained amongst us, to the overthrow of Satan's power, and the final establishment of Thy Heavenly Kingdom: Through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN NOVA
SCOTIA AND P. E. ISLAND.

My dear brethren.—I intend (D. V.) to leave Halifax on the 29th inst., in order to be present at the meeting of Bishops to be held at Lambeth, on the 24th of September and following days, and I desire to remind you of the importance of this meeting, and to obtain the benefit of your prayers.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has convened it, writes:

"I propose that, on our assembling, we should first solemnly ask the blessing of Almighty God on our gathering, by uniting together in the highest acts of the Church's worship. After this, brotherly consultations will follow. In these we may consider together many practical questions, the settlement of which would tend to the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and to the maintenance of greater union in our missionary work, and to increased intercommunion amongst ourselves."

Opinions may differ as to the probable results; but it must be admitted that the objects proposed are good, and that the Conference *may* materially affect the future condition and welfare of, at least, the Colonial branches of the Church of England: wherefore earnest intercession ought to be made on its behalf, that our Heavenly Father may be pleased to vouchsafe the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to make it efficient, for the promotion of His glory, and the good of His people. I therefore recommend the use, both in public and in private, throughout the month of September, of the prayer appointed for the Synod, with the substitution of the words "Council of Bishops" for "Synod of this Diocese."

I have moreover, in compliance with the request of the Executive Committee of Synod, prepared the following form of Prayer for the Bishop of this Diocese, which may be used after that for the Council, and I shall derive much comfort and confidence from the knowledge that I am remembered by you when you draw near to the throne of grace. Although absent in body, I shall not feel less interest in your welfare than when I am present with you, and I shall be at all times ready to attend to any communications, addressed to me, either directly at the office of the S. P. G., or through the Dean, who will act as Commissary during my absence. And if it be the will of God that I shall return to you, I trust that I shall find you all working together for His glory, being of one accord, of one mind, that so the work of the Lord may prosper in this land. May the God of peace make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ.

Yours affectionately,

Halifax, August, 1867.

H. NOVA SCOTIA.