

PRAYER FOR THE APPROACHING SYNOD.

We publish with pleasure, in this number, the excellent prayer prepared by the Bishop's direction, at the request of the Synod, to be used by the Church, preparatory to the election of a Coadjutor Bishop for this Diocese.

Believing as we do in the efficacy of intercessory prayer, let us hope that the united Church will not fail to offer it with fervency and devotion; nor let us be satisfied merely with its use in public worship—we trust it will be offered on many a family altar throughout the Diocese, and find a place in the private devotions of every one who has the Church's well-being at heart.

In days like these, when the Church is beset with many dangers within and without, the election of a Chief Shepherd is a matter of the deepest importance to all.

If those upon whom the solemn and important duty of making the selection devolves, proceed to their work in the spirit of this prayer, we may anticipate for the Church the happiest results.—ED. CROX.

*A Prayer for the Synod about to be held on the 19th of September, 1866 :
to be used at Morning Prayer on Sundays, before the General
Thanksgiving, and at Evening Service, before the Prayer for all
Conditions of men.*

O MOST GRACIOUS LORD GOD, who by thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and by thy Spirit in his holy Apostles, didst institute the sacred order of Bishops in thy Church, to feed, to build up, and to govern; We humbly pray thee to be assisting to those who are appointed to choose out one to serve in the office of a Bishop in this Diocese; and so to cleanse their hearts from all earthly and partial motives, and so to guide and direct their judgment, and overrule their designs and operations, that he whom they shall choose may be the best fitted, by piety, wisdom and charity, by singleness of heart and earnestness of spirit, to enkindle amongst us a more living godliness, and to promote the extension, the purity, the unity and stability of thy Church, to the glory of thy great Name, and the hastening of the perfect kingdom of our blessed Redeemer, through Him, who with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth one God blessed for evermore. *Amen.*