

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

The Synod, convened by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, met on Thursday, 1st May, 1856.

Morning service in the Cathedral. The prayers were said by the Rev. J. G. M. Blackman, the lessons by the Rev. F. Evans. The Synod then met in St. Lawrence Hall; and prayers having been read by the Rev. Mr. Grasett, his lordship the Bishop delivered an address, as follows:

REV. GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN,—

After the close of the Synod in October, 1854, we were employed in arranging the Commutation to which the Clergy had, to their lasting honor, given their intelligent and free consent.

By this noble and disinterested act they have merited the gratitude of the Church in Canada for ever, and won for themselves the cordial admiration of true churchmen throughout the world.

It has been no easy matter to arrange the numerous details of this great and important measure, and to reduce them to such a shape, for the consideration of the Government, that each might appear in its proper place, and the grounds on which it rested be justly appreciated. Yet this vast labour, requiring so much skill and ability, was, happily for us, willingly and zealously undertaken by the hon. John Hillyard Cameron, and to him the Church on this account, as well as on many others, is infinitely indebted. But for his steady perseverance,