

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD
OF
THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

The synod of the diocese of Rupert's Land met on Wednesday, May 2nd. The proceedings commenced with divine service at St John's Cathedral at 10 a. m.

The first part of the morning service was taken by the Rev. O. Fortin. The first lesson, Isaiah IV, was read by Rev. T. Cook; the second lesson, I Corinthians II, by Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath. The Rev. R. Young said the creed and the prayers to the end of the third collect. A hymn was then sung after which his lordship the Metropolitan delivered the following address:

REVEREND BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY:

In again addressing you at the opening of Synod, I wish that my address could be of a somewhat different character. I grieve that our circumstances imperatively call our thoughts and attentions so largely from what is spiritual in the work of the Bishop and of Ministers of Christ, to what is secular. Our time is to a great degree spent on what the apostles termed "serving tables." No doubt the object of our efforts is for some department or other of church work, as in my own case especially for securing the education and support of the ministry itself. Still the efforts are mainly directed to the raising of the temporal ways and means. And we cannot at present have it otherwise. It is in fact the same with the laity as with the Bishop and the pastor. We live in a time of bustle and change—nearly every one is engrossed in the business arrangements he is forming or extending, or with the home that he is building up. There is a pressure of business that gives no rest. But this, for the present, necessary strain on the thoughts for the things of this life is altogether unfriendly to growth and vigor in spiritual life. Surely amidst this unrest the Lord's day comes in as a divine blessing.