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we are called, I would at the same time advise your attention being confined to that object, and that alone. Indeed it would be hardly fair to the absent members of the Synod to break ground in any other direction.

"There exists at present a Canon with reference to the election of a Missionary Bishop, which passed the Upper House in 1868, and was sent down to the Lower House for its consideration. Time did not allow that consideration to take place. It is, therefore, now in possession of the Lower House; and I feel sure that whatever modification or amendment may be proposed by that House, as conducive to the Church's welfare, will receive from myself and my Right Reverend Brethren our best and most careful attention. In accordance with a resolution passed informally at the last session, arrangements have been made for a public Missionary Meeting in connection with the Synod, to be held in the Mechanics' Hall, this evening. It will indeed be well if this meeting, and our Synodical gathering, should so act upon one another as to evoke a larger measure of that missionary life which should characterize our Church in this land. I trust that we all feel the solemn importance of the matter now coming before us; and that that thoughtful spirit which pervaded the minds of the Apostles, when they met together to take measures for the election of a successor to the apostate Judas, may, under happier circumstances, be also granted to us. I earnestly pray that our deliberations may be marked by wisdom, gravity, and brotherly forbearance; and that, in answer to the prayers which we have offered up, God may be pleased by His Holy Spirit to guide and direct our counsels. I commend the whole matter into His most gracious hands, remembering as I do that our acts at this time may have an important influence in the advancement of His glory, and of the Kingdom of His dear Son, and also in furthering the welfare and good government of the Church in this Province."