

finisher of our faith. The object of our meeting, brethren, is a most solemn one, being no less than the setting apart by consecration another chief shepherd, to take part of the spiritual oversight of this important diocese, an object fraught with consequences almost inconceivable as regards the interests and progress of this portion of the Church of God; the necessity for such a step, which was so touchingly alluded to by the Venerable Archdeacon in his sermon at the last meeting of the Synod, I feel assured we all most deeply deplore, and I shall but express the feelings of one and all in the prayer that the Bishop of Huron may be long spared to give us the benefit of his experience, and to assist by his godly counsel in the administration of our affairs. It requires not my testimony as to the fitness of the Bishop elect for the duties and responsibilities of the important office to which he is now to be promoted. That testimony has been already given in his election to the office by the Synod of his Diocese. May the Lord bless him, and grant him grace for all his work, so that when his oversight as a shepherd of shepherds is ended, he may give in his account with joy to the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls.