

Address of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

Rev. Brethren and Brethren of the Laity,—

In opening this Eighteenth Session of our Diocesan Synod, I have, in accordance with my usual custom, to direct your attention to the statistics of the Clergy of the Diocese.

We have, in the first place, to mourn the loss of one of whom it is no disparagement to his brethren to say that no other can occupy precisely the same position. He has been taken from us in the prime of life, but he had made his mark, and established a reputation such as must increase our sense of our loss, while it should stimulate younger men to strive to become equally worthy of honor. He approved himself in all the relations of life, both public and private. He interested himself in all that affected the welfare of the community in which his life was cast, and was exceedingly anxious for the improvement of all, old or young, in any way committed to his care. As a young man at college he exercised a remarkable influence for good among his cotemporaries, and the same influence of a holy, consistent life, combined with much sympathy and consideration for those who were less consistent than himself, prevailed throughout his life. As a member of this Synod he must be missed by us all, and we may regret that his days were shortened by excessive labor, but we have also to thank God for his bright example, and for the good accomplished by him in his brief career.

Amongst those who have removed from the Diocese I cannot pass over unnoticed the late Rector of St. Paul's, for from the day he and his Parish entered the Synod, he took an active part in its proceedings; and although he was sometimes opposed to the majority of his brethren I do not remember any case of factious opposition, and he often gave us very valuable assistance.

Since our last session we have lost only two by death, but there have been fourteen removals, and although I have ordained nine Deacons and ten Priests, and have received into the Diocese seven Priests, an addition in all of sixteen to our number, the total is only what it was two years ago, while if we add to our losses three who from age or infirmity have been obliged to retire, our active list is actually three less than it was at the time of the last session. Now this is very disheartening, for some of the old Parishes are vacant, and among them I may mention Port Medway and St. Eleanor's, while there are new openings and Missions requiring