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opinion, I will add that should the judgment of the Synod be adverse to it I shall be ready cheerfully to acquiesce. And now as to the grave matter to which our thoughts and prayers are turned—the election of one to act as an overseer in the Church of Christ,—I would earnestly express my hope that it may be approached by us all with that solemn and chastened feeling which it so eminently demands. It will be fresh in your recollection that we met in December last, first to frame a Canon for the election of a Missionary Bishop and then to take action upon that Canon. Our choice fell upon the Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, who after the lapse of a fortnight accepted the post to which he was chosen, but was subsequently led to reverse his decision. Hence our meeting together on this day—no longer, however, to deliberate upon the abstract question, but simply to make choice of one to fill the office which our brother, from conscientious motives, has resigned.

Standing before you to-day as the President of this Synod, I feel that I should ill discharge my duty if I did not call upon you to exercise on all occasions, but especially on this, the utmost forbearance and Christian moderation. God forbid that we should seek our own, but the things of Jesus Christ and those which pertain to the advancement of the interests of His Kingdom. Our views as to the qualification of a Bishop may differ in some particulars; but that there are certain distinguishing features which should mark one who is to fill so high and holy an office we are all happily agreed. I would remind you, in words dictated by the Holy Spirit of God, that “a Bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine; no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous, one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice, lest being