

After prayers the METROPOLITAN read his Address:

"RIGHT REVEREND AND REVEREND BRETHREN, AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY:

"My opening address to you on the present occasion will be short. I have called you together at the request of the Bishops of this Province for a special purpose, viz., to frame a Canon which shall enable us without any unnecessary delay to proceed to the election of a Missionary Bishop for the territory of Algoma, which has up to this time been nominally but not legally, included in the Diocese of Toronto, and has therefore, in fact, for all practical purposes, been beyond the ecclesiastical jurisdiction and superintendence of any Bishop.

"I feel that you have assembled here at much personal inconvenience; but this could not have been avoided, unless we had stretched our privilege to the utmost limits, which we were unwilling to do; or had deferred for two long years the erection of the contemplated Diocese.

"You will remember that at our last session I was requested to hold myself in readiness to summon an adjourned meeting of the Synod at any time before its regular session in 1874. The hope which dictated this has not yet been fulfilled, and I may or may not still have occasion to exercise my privilege to call this adjourned meeting.

"Meanwhile an unlooked for emergency has arisen, and to meet it you are summoned here to-day. Our Secretaries, in the circular which they issued, adopted the accustomed formula, detailing the unfinished business of the last session. They did this simply as a matter of prescribed form, feeling that they had no option in the matter, by reason of the 30th Rule of Order.

"I regard, however, the present meeting in the light of a special meeting of the Synod for a distinct and special object. And though I conceive that it may be competent to any member to bring forward other matters than that for which

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we are called, I would at being confined to that would be hardly fair to the break ground in any other

"There exists at present election of a Missionary House in 1868, and was its consideration. Time take place. It is, therefore House; and I feel sure the ment may be proposed by Church's welfare, will receive Reverend Brethren our be accordance with a resolute session, arrangements have Meeting in connection with Mechanics' Hall, this evening if this meeting, and our act upon one another of that missionary life Church in this land. I trust importance of the matter that that thoughtful spirit the Apostles, when they made the election of a successor to happier circumstances, be pray that our deliberations may and brotherly forbearance; which we have offered up, Spirit to guide and direct our matter into His most gracious that our acts at this time may the advancement of His glory dear Son, and also in furtherment of the Church in this I