

After prayers, the METROPOLITAN read his Address:

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

We cannot but regard the present meeting of our Synod as a very eventful one, from the fact that we are at this time invited to welcome among us two of the neighbouring Dioceses, which have expressed their desire, after mature consideration, to cast in their lot with us. I feel sure that we shall receive them with a very cordial welcome, persuaded that their accession to our body will add material strength to this Ecclesiastical Province, and will be a signal for closer union among our scattered members. I am also confident that we shall not give a less hearty greeting to the newly-formed Missionary Diocese of Algoma, whose Bishop will now take his seat in the Upper House, and will ere long, I trust, have his own Diocesan Synod, which will send its representatives to this body. Our Province will, in this case, at once number eight Bishops in its Upper House, and a hundred and sixty eight delegates in the Lower House. God grant that the "multitude of counsellors" may give increased wisdom to our present deliberations! It may be a question however whether, considering the great expenditure of money and time to which the representatives from the more remote Dioceses will be subjected, and for other reasons also, it will not be expedient to diminish the number of delegates furnished by each Diocese.

For the prosperity of the Church within this Province we may well be thankful. There is evidence of life and earnestness in our various parishes, and a steady increase in the number of our clergy. And when we think of the great variety of opinion, and the wide diversity of practice, which have, of late especially, characterised the Mother Church, we have reason to bless God for the harmony which, with a very few exceptions, prevails among ourselves. One cause of this, I think, is the urgency of the Lord's work, which lies

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immediately before us her time for petty disputes and a country to subdue for the enemy's hands—sheep tains, to be gathered into when called into the batt matters of minor importan must we, using weapons w taken from the Lord's armo of the Spirit, the Cross of Ch great essentials of the faith trines of the Cross; the one necessity of conversion, th the Teacher, the Quickener I should be very thankful compromise, we could com minor matters which affect of conducting our ordinari observances, our postures and matters of this kind, v with the salvation of immo With a view to this happy whom the length of our pres burdensome, a measure will present session. I believe observe strictly the directio loyally and honestly the spi divergencies will at once blessed uniformity will be There are, I believe, at the p Church's limits, who are sho our fold. Nothing is so sur tion' and practice of extren attract them as a faithful, ho the simple truths which our