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Our Approaching Synod.

There are no occasions of greater importance in the history of any Canadian Diocese than its Sessions of Synod. For the Synod has great powers and these powers have need to be used with great judgment, so that what is done may be for the common weal.

At the time of our last Synod, we were celebrating the centenary of the existence of our Diocese, and consequently much time was subtracted from that which is usually given to the business of Synod and was devoted to the centenary celebration. The result is that there is a very large amount of work to get through this time; for, besides a large number of Reports, including one as to the formation of the General Synod and as to the probable effect of this step upon the several Dioceses, there are Canons which it is proposed to amend, as regards certain points in our Constitution, and also as regards certain matters of Discipline. These things touch the interests both of our Clergy and lay people, and therefore we hope that the Clergy will put aside all else in order to be present, and that the Lay Delegates, having been elected to so high and responsible a position, will also make a point of attending, so that there may be a full and well balanced representation of the whole Diocese.

We hope to be able to print the Bishop's Address to Synod and also to give some account of the proceedings, before these things can reach our different Parishes through the medium of the Synod Journal.

The Session of the Synod has been called for Tuesday, May 28th, and the following days, and the Lord Bishop desires that the following Prayer should be used immediately after the Prayer for Clergy and People, or in the Litany before the Prayer of S. Chrysostom, at all Church Services, until the Synod is over. And the Bishop also suggests that our Clergy and people generally may well use this Prayer over and over again in their private prayers, so that many may unite in seeking God's blessing :—

Almighty and Everlasting God, who by the Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles and hast promised through Thy Son Jesus Christ to be with Thy Church to the end of the world we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of thy Church about to be assembled in Thy Name. Save its members from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice, and, of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe so to direct, govern and sanctify us in our important work by Thy Holy Spirit, that through Thy blessing on our deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and