

After prayers, the METROPOLITAN read his Address:
 RIGHT REVEREND AND REVEREND BRETHREN, AND BRETHREN
 OF THE LAITY:

It is with a most true feeling of thankfulness, and yet with much diffidence, that I address you to-day as the President of this sacred Council. Almost everything that is excellent in the symmetry and constitution of this our Synod is due, I believe, to the unwearied labour and ripe judgment of my much revered Predecessor, whilst the several parts which are yet incomplete, or need reconstruction, are being gradually filled in by the wisdom of its members at each successive session. We meet to-day as the Synod of this Ecclesiastical Province, numbering at present five Dioceses, and I hope that before our main deliberations begin, a sixth will be added. The Diocese of Nova Scotia, having obtained a Permissive Act from the Legislature, empowering it to be embodied in our Province, now seeks admission among us. And the Lord Bishop, with the prescribed number of clerical and lay delegates, elected by the local Synod, at this moment awaits our decision on the subject. I cannot doubt but that they will receive a sincere and hearty welcome at your hands. I regret extremely, that some little inconvenience has arisen in consequence of a doubt, as to our proper day of meeting. When the doubt was first suggested, I requested the Chancellor of the Diocese to look into the question, and to advise me thereupon. The result of the investigation was so decided, that I had no alternative but to name the second Wednesday in September. It was not a question as to which was the most convenient day, but which was the day laid down in our constitution. The case may be stated in a few words. It appears that the canon fixing the day was amended by the Lower House in the session of 1865; but by the Lower House only: it was not even brought before the Upper House; at least there is no record whatever of its having been concurred in, or even considered, by that House. Consequently the

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amendment following session. Upper. But for the first time confirmed, as Session. If willing to satisfy. It is sometimes Acts of our Province would say that of England in canons are the whilst those of upon the several conflict with Observe the several parish legislative wants accordance with Diocesan body churchwardens subordination. full authority parishes or municipalities enacts nothing been passed by our Provincial several inferior as the great Council me, is the Ecclesiastical from the first, Church of England weaken, the body our undoubted power.