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The General Assembly meets in Zion Church, Brantford, on the 14th June, at 7.30 p.m. Lists of commissioners and all official documents intended to be used at the Assembly should be forwarded to *Rev. Dr. Reid*, Toronto, at least eight days in advance. The conveners of Standing Committees should have their reports printed and ready to be stitched together before the meeting of the Assembly. The Committee on Business meets in Zion Church, Brantford, on the 14th of June at 4 p.m. It is understood that the usual reduction in railway fare will be made. Commissioners will see that they get from the ticket agent at the starting point a receipt for the fare; and their attendance will be certified by the Clerks of Assembly at Montreal, in order that they may obtain reduced fare in returning. This is the arrangement which has been followed for the last four years.

WM. REID, DD.,
ROBT. CAMPBELL, DD., } Joint Clerks.

F. M. Notes. Notes of meeting of Ex. of For. Miss. Com., received after our F. M. Department was made up, state that:—Miss B. J. Johnson, a member of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, has been appointed to succeed Miss Lister, as matron of the Alberni school;—that the Executive took action upon *fourteen* applications for employment in the Foreign Mission Field, many of which cannot be entertained on account of the state of the funds;—that Miss Winnifred A. Butler, Woodville, is expected to go to India in the fall to become the wife of Rev. W. J. Jamieson, our missionary at Neemuch; that Dr. Mackay of Formosa, with his wife and three children will sail for Canada sometime between June and October, for the purpose of arranging for the education of their children;—that Miss Sarah Laidlaw of Parkdale has been appointed teacher to the Portage la Prairie school;—that Miss Adams of St. John, N.B. goes to Crowstand, while Miss McIntosh is transferred from there to the Okanase Reserve; that letters from Mr. Wiikie give a touching account of the persecutions the poor Maugs have to endure, who make a profession of their faith in Christ.

Australia. Rev. J. Annand writes of Australia which he has been visiting:—This country is passing through trying times. One part is being burned up with drought which is fast killing off the stock. Then fires are raging over grass lands for hundreds of miles, while at the same time other parts are being destroyed with floods. Almost whole villages and towns are being swept away. Hard times prevail all over the Colonies, The army of the unemployed seem to be increasing.

At the World's Fair. There is to be a "Parliament of Religions," a conference of representatives of the world's great systems, Protestant, Romanist, and Greek, Confucian, Hindoo, and Mohammedan &c.

Much has been written against Christianity having anything to do with it, lest she give seeming countenance to what is false.

All depends upon the character of the Parliament, and the position which the representatives of Christianity may take. If, as in other things, the world's great systems of religion compare their results, what they have been able to do for the people that followed them, then good will result, and Christianity should gladly embrace the opportunity of showing what she has done to elevate the world, to save men from sin and misery, to brighten life in the present and give hope for the future. How all other systems would dwindle into nothingness beside our Protestant Christianity.

Or if the Parliament take the form of setting forth the distinctive doctrines of the several great systems, the infinite superiority, purity, holiness, grandeur, the meeting of justice and mercy, in the Christian system, it would so far outshine all others that the opportunity of making the contrast should not be lost.

If however, it be meant that Christianity is simply to take its place side by side with other systems, as one of the world's religions, sharing with them the name and the honor of religion, then Christianity should have none of it. Christianity has no place upon her platform for any other system. They are of earth, she is from Heaven. They are the inventions of men; She is a revelation from God. They tell the sinner to save himself; she tells him of one who saves. Those are human; this is Divine.