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The General Assembly meets in Crescent street Church, Montreal, on the 8th 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 Crescent street Church on the 8th 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 three years.

WM. REID, DD.,  
WM. FRASER, DD., } Joint Clerks.

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When calls for giving come thicker and faster year by year, do you ever find yourself disposed to ask, "Will there be no 'let up' to this business?" "When is the world likely to be converted that this constant demand for Foreign Missions will cease?" When will the congregations of our church become self-supporting and the Augmentation Fund cease to face us wherever we turn?" "When will all the remote parts of our country be reached and this Home Mission work lessen its demands?" "Will not our colleges soon have their endowments completed and cease their calls? Such thoughts are natural, but think for a moment O brother man. What are you here for, but to work. Think too how short a time you have for that work. Remember that the little you can do to lift humanity from sin to holiness and heaven, must be done in a few years if done at all. You will soon not have an opportunity to help. Take as big a share as possible in the great work of redeeming the

world and when that redemption is complete you will not be compelled to shrink meanly into a corner in heaven feeling that you have no right to share in the glad triumph. Take as much stock as you can in this grand enterprise, for it is sure to succeed, and when you have to leave your other stocks behind, the good you have done will be yielding its return to you for ever. Whatsoever thine hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.

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One blessed tendency of the age is the increasing attention given to Christ's last command. Another, is the melting down of denominational barriers. As with the Highland clans, the appearance of a common foe banded them together, and petty rivalries and strifes were forgotten; so in the Church of Christ, the more of strength there is given to the fight with evil, the less will there be spent in internecine strife. Let us not forget, however, that a danger lies in the opposite direction, viz., that of thinking too lightly of the Church to which we belong. The man to whose all embracing sympathies "all churches are alike" is, for the most part, not much help to any of them. As a rule the man who is most loyal to his own Church is most loyal to Christ, and does the most for him. The true soldier, while fighting in line with other regiments, takes honest pride in the history of his own, and does his fighting there. The Christian's church ideal is to look upon all other evangelical churches as engaged in the same grand work, and to bid them God speed, to weep with their sorrows, and rejoice with their joy, but to remember that where he is, is his place for service, and that by working faithfully there, he is doing best his part for Christ. He who is loyal to Christ will be at his own prayer meeting, and not on the street, he will be in his own pew on Sabbath if possible, and not running elsewhere. Into the work of his congregation he will throw his energies, and the Church, and Christ's cause will gain by his life.