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The Late General Assembly.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY which was dissolved at a few minutes before 11 o'clock at night, on the 16th of June, was one of the most delightful in the history of our Church. A venerable Father in asking leave of absence shortly before the close, and the Moderator in his closing address, declared their firm conviction that the Spirit of God was with the Assembly, guiding and controlling it. This was undoubtedly the universal feeling. God had heard the prayers of His children for the supreme court of the Church. The subjects that had to be dealt with were numerous and varied, there being over seventy items on the docket. Romish ordination occupied much time; but it had been before the Church for several years, and it was well to come to a decision with regard to it. The resolution leaves the matter where it was,—where it has been,—and the Church is free to deal with each case of priestly conversion as it arises. Another matter that created considerable discussion was, the proposal to “urge upon the educational authorities of the several Provinces” to have Scripture truth taught in our schools. It was disposed of with almost complete unanimity. The subject of the adequate support of ministers of the Gospel received the attention due to its great importance. A large and we are sure a very efficient Committee has been appointed, which will mature a plan, and keep the matter before the Church. Whatever scheme may be ultimately adopted, be it “Sustentation” or “Supplementary,” it will be the product of the united wisdom of the Assembly, and it will, we fondly hope, be sent down in due

season to the Presbyteries with the unanimous sanction of the Assembly. Either plan, or a combination, or an adaptation of both plans, would serve a good end if wrought with steadfast earnestness of purpose.

The great schemes of the Church, it will be seen, are prosperous,—there is no falling back. Thank God for what has been accomplished in connection with Missions at home and abroad, and also in connection with our Colleges! Debt has been removed; income has been increased, and obstacles to progress have been taken out of the way. Our Colleges in Quebec and Ontario have had very serious difficulties to encounter with regard to their means and methods of support. These difficulties, it is hoped, will soon entirely vanish. It is the Assembly's unanimous and ardent desire to see all our Colleges fully equipped and endowed. Meanwhile a common Fund has been established for Montreal, Queen's, and Knox. This step was taken unanimously, and it is regarded as a signal proof of the reality of union. Let the Church welcome it as such, and work it out with zeal and liberality.

French Evangelization, as the Moderator indicated, has in a few years grown to be one of the greatest schemes of the Church. The hope was expressed by Mr. Warden that ere the lapse of another five years the receipts of the Board will increase to a hundred thousand dollars per annum. The work to be accomplished is immense, and the Church is only awaking to its gravity and urgency. Home Missions in a Church such as ours, must continue to be a scheme of vital importance. Unless we take care of our people within these Provinces,—unless we continue to extend