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**The General Assembly.** The Assembly will meet in Central Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the tenth of June, at half past seven o'clock in the evening. Lists of Commissioners and all official documents intended to be used at the Assembly, should be forwarded to Rev. R. Campbell, D.D., 68 St. Famille Street, Montreal, eight days in advance. The Conveners of Standing Committees should have their reports ready to hand to the Committee on Bills and Overtures at the second sederunt of the Assembly. The Committee on Business meets in Central Church, on the tenth of June, at 4 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Warden has arranged for the printing, in Toronto, of the Annual Reports of all Standing Committees. These should be forwarded to him as soon as possible, that they may be printed and stitched together in good time, before the meeting of the Assembly.

He has also arranged with the Railway and Steamship Companies, for reduced fares, which are available for Commissioners and their wives, and others having business with the Assembly. Tickets going must be purchased within 3 days of opening of Assembly and in returning are good for three weeks after Assembly adjourns.

When tickets are purchased at the starting point, a certificate must be procured from the ticket agent. These certificates will be attested at the meeting of Assembly, and return tickets obtained free, provided 300 have used the railway certificates. The number who did so last year was only slightly in excess of 300. It is therefore important that all Commissioners, etc, should secure a Standard Certificate from the railway company, at the starting point, in order to ensure the return ticket being obtained free. If travelling by more than one line of railway, certificates should be obtained from the ticket agent of each railway.

Correspondence in connection with railway transportation should be addressed: Rev. Dr. Warden, Confederation Life Building Toronto.

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**Britain's Growth.** The growth of greater Britain, in spite of herself, is seen in the recent extension of her sway over Ashanti.

In a fertile inland country lying North of the Gold Coast of Africa, is a kingdom nearly two centuries old, its kings usually tyrants with a slakeless thirst for blood, and human sacrifices a chief feature of their worship.

Twenty two years ago their cruelties and aggression brought them into collision with Britain whose territory lies between them and the coast; an army was marched to their capital, but instead of taking possession as might easily have been done had Britain cared for more territory, they merely exacted promises of good behaviour.

Repeated treaty violations and refusal to give up prisoners whom they had taken made action again necessary. A few months since a British force marched to their capital, took possession, cut down the idol groves, and destroyed the fetish houses with their ghastly piles of skulls, and to put a stop to the reign of blood, the three millions with their fertile country pass quietly under the beneficent sway of Britain's scepter. They begin to taste the hitherto unknown joys of freedom and safety. Missionaries will follow, and win them to a more blessed freedom and larger liberty.

This campaign and conquest was a bloodless one; little was said of it, and yet by it a population, more than half of that of Canada, is added to that Great Empire whose power ever makes for righteousness.

Britain, with all her faults, is great and good. No nation has done so much to bless the world. Her sway means freedom and safety. She grows not because of her greed, but in spite of herself. Had she cared for territory the most of Africa might have been hers to-day. And it would have been better for Africa.

Her vast expenditure for war, should not be looked upon as all waste. It is one agency for establishing peace and righteousness, and has thus in its measure advanced the Kingdom of Christ.