

AN ASSEMBLY OF NECESSITY

Why The Presbyterians Will Meet This Year

London Welcomes Them

But Hospitable Folk Wonder-How Numerous Their Guests Will be—Uncertainty of Plans and Higher Traveling Expenses Will Affect Attendance

London, Ont., May 14.—The Presbyterian Assembly which meets in St. Andrew's church on June 5, will be known as the "Necessity Assembly," because it meets in the face of opposition from prominent individuals, important presbyteries, and influential boards, and for the reason that it has to meet because it was called or "ordered" by the moderator of the assembly last year at Montreal.

The assembly is self-propagating. The assembly of yesterday ordered the assembly of tomorrow, and it has to meet tomorrow. No board, nobody, can order the postponement of an assembly. It has not yet been decided that an assembly can postpone its annual successor, though it has the power to "order" an assembly. A mere layman might think that the prerogative that admits of ordering an assembly to be, could order an assembly not to be. But at this point the "bull" appears. This is the "Necessity Assembly" that draws on, and mere laymen accept it as such.

Economical Suggestions. A definite effort was made to improve a workable substitute for the large and altogether uplifting usual assembly. One thrifty suggestion was that a quorum of forty should be gathered out of the loyal Presbyterians in and adjacent to London, and allow them to "carry" the assembly this year, due notice having been given to Toronto to keep away. Another equally thrifty plan proposed was to have forty representatives gathered from the synods of the church and charge them to do the work this year. While no one criticizes this in the spirit of All Baba, they both proved sterile because there was no way of selecting the forty. The situation was represented by the modern saw: "If we had some ham, we could have some ham and eggs—if we had the eggs."

Railways Raise Rates. The assembly itself was "ordered" to meet, and no "forty" however gathered, could take its place. It is the "Necessity Assembly." It will not be the usual large and far-gathered crowd of "ministers and men" as in pre-war days, inasmuch as commissioners have been officially notified that traveling expenses to the assembly will be paid, but nothing will be paid on the cost of returning home. It seems that the railways, to the assembly, recognize the value of the assembly to the extent of allowing the usual fare rate, and, secondly, they are meeting fifteen per cent to the regular cost of a return ticket. It is surmised that it will be a somewhat amply attended court.

Less Talk and More Work. It is openly asserted that a smaller assembly will mean more work done daily and consequently a shorter day for the commissioners at their billets in this city. Such a consequence might well be devoutly wished, by maidless housekeepers and those who suffer from the high price of eggs, and memories of days when bacon for breakfast was at least a possibility. The reporter does not know of any prospective hostesses who have expressed a preference for a brief assembly, but there are many things thriving and hearty that we do not know about. The attitude of the prices for the bone bare necessities for living is as disally high in London as anywhere else today, and it is one of the outstanding characteristics of preachers that they have good eating endowments, because they have good consciences. If assembly met in the autumn, when the gardens are all now planting were bringing in their harvests it would not be so hard to feed the commissioners.

Oatmeal and Tea. Our London plans to conserve wheat for the overseas needs will not suffer much dislocation from the assembly men, owing to their known ability to eat oats. If the assembly had the same fondness for tea and cake that the Anglican synod delegates have (and by the way, the Anglican synod meets in London in the same week as the assembly), we might have Mr. O'Connor's successor making reports to the disinterested Hon. Mr. Crothers. The oatmeal assembly and the tea synod will balance very well, and they will both be as welcome as the showers of June, which they usually cause to fall wherever they meet.

Hospitable Folk Perplexed. While dealing with the subject of hostesses, let it be said that church folk were pretty well upset in their arrangements about domiciling the delegates by the rumor that there might not be an assembly. Londoners were working to the tune of having 500 men to put away for the night. Then came the word that there might not be any. Then we heard of the forty of ourselves, and then of the forty from the regions beyond, and then finally of the circular inviting commissioners to pay their own way or stay at home. All these things made the London end of the assembly anything but a sure thing to gamble on, and we are still within the fringes of the woods until we have heard from the last man that is coming to share our hearty hospitality.

For the Fourth Time. London has had the honor and privilege of entertaining the assembly on three occasions in the past. In 1888, when the late Rev. Dr. John King was moderator; in 1895 when the great Dr. James Robertson, pioneer superintendent of missions in the west, presided, and in 1906, with Dr. Alexander Falconer, father of Sir Robert Falconer, in the chair. Will it Become Moderator? Londoners are naturally thinking not a little about the choice of a moderator for the coming assembly. They have no man for the position among their own. The ministers are too young and the laymen are too shy for the high place. London should be asked to name a political leader for either party in the House of Commons, or a man not heard of by a group of men could be found who, in their own opinion, are neither too young nor too old for the post. There are subsidiary considerations in connection with

political opportunities that tend to forgetfulness of years, or fears, as the case may be.

J. K. Macdonald Favored. Among those who have a right to speak upon the matter here, the name of J. K. Macdonald of Toronto is most prominently mentioned as man for moderator, and the hope is entertained that he will "make the place." It is not generally known that Mr. Macdonald was a divinity student in the "fifties" and through a combination of circumstances got pushed out of the cloisters into the hall of commerce and business. He has been an ardent churchman all his life, a friend of the ministers everywhere and has all the qualifications for the high position of moderator. If he is the choice, it will much please London, where he is well and favorably known.

GERMANY REVILES AUSTRIAN RULER

Increasing Hostility to Emperor Charles is Shown by Enemy Press—Calls Family Anti-German

Rome, May 15.—Increasing hostility to Emperor Charles of Austria and even greater feeling against the emperor and her family is being exhibited by the German press.

George Bernard, the famous writer, openly accuses the family of the emperor of intrigues harmful to German interests. He admits that the Parma family, which has its connections in Italy and France as well as in Austria, might serve as an instrument toward achieving an understanding between the belligerents, but objects that the family is anti-German, and urges that the peace intermediary should be equally well disposed towards all the warring nations.

Some of the German papers accuse Empress Zita's mother (the Duchess Marie, recently reported expelled from Austria) of plotting to put her son, Francis Xavier, on the throne of France. The Leipzig Nachrichten asserts that Prince Sixtus, the emperor's brother, to whom the emperor wrote the letter seeking peace with France and acknowledging the justice of the French claim to Alsace-Lorraine, is not in Morocco, as has been reported recently, but in Vienna. There he is said to be carrying on intrigues for a separation of Austria from Germany.

Three archdukes of the Hapsburg family are said to have resigned military posts as a protest against the activities of the Parma family after vainly attempting to have the emperor put an end to them.

HOLLAND WARNED BY THE ENTENTE

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