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Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly,

AT MONTREAL JUNE 10TH—19TH 1885.

THE annual "Blue Book" for 1885 which has just come to hand is carefully edited, neatly printed, and in every respect worthy of the Church and a credit to the clerks under whose supervision it has been prepared. To the ministers, elders, and other office-bearers of the Church it will prove a reference volume of great value. It contains the Church's history, so far as that can be conveyed in reports and figures. The first 66 pages contain the Minutes of Assembly; and the 372 pages that follow are taken up with elaborate and comprehensive reports of committees. The number of commissioners present at the late Assembly was 291, of whom 171 were ministers and 120 ruling elders. Only one out of our thirty-eight Presbyteries sent all its commissioners, both ministers and elders; and this honour belonged to the Presbytery of Miramichi. The number of subjects dealt with was large and their character varied, such as Colleges, their support, equipment and unification; Missions at home and abroad; French Evangelization; Supplements; Augmentation; Funds for aged ministers and for widows and orphans;

Sabbath Schools; Temperance; Sabbath Observance; Hymns; Statistics; Book of Forms; Fraternal relations; North-West troubles.

The Reports should be read and studied with care: they are the result and the record of much earnest labour. How marvelously the Home Mission Report will carry you from Newfoundland to British Columbia. It will stir your soul to its inner depths thus to trace the agencies of the Church in the blessed work of preaching Christ. Not less impressive will prove a study of the Foreign Mission Reports which will lead you from the islands of the Pacific to Formosa, to India, to Trinidad, and to the wandering tribes of Indians on our vast western plains. Turn to the French Evangelization Reports if you desire to see evidences of the Gospel triumphing in the most hopeless and adverse circumstances. The report on the "State of Religion" will turn attention to your own heart, and to the interests of Christ's Kingdom in our families and congregations. So with other reports. Not one but has its messenger to the heart or to the intellect. It is full of promise for the future of our Church, to behold commissioners from Newfoundland in the east meeting with commissioners from the far-west at a common centre to devise and carry out plans for the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Ministers and