

indirectly towards the hastening of that brotherhood of man which only the world-permeation of the Christ spirit can bring about.

For the men who at all seek to attend to their duties as commissioners, the Assembly can be no holiday. Indeed, it may fairly be questioned if three sederunts per day are not too many to enable even the keenest and brightest intellects and most zealous workers to do justice to the many more or less momentous matters which come before this Supreme Court. It might be worth considering the arrangement of two daily sederunts only, especially as there is so much Committee work in between.

One speaker made reference to the number of members who left the house when a subject kindred to young folks was introduced, and he took that as reflecting on the interest taken in the matter; but it would perhaps be fairer to attribute the exodus to the tension that had just been relaxed by the disposal of the Union subject. What with the hot weather outside, the electric atmosphere that was occasionally generated within—though happily there was none in connection with that subject—it was no small test of endurance any day to sit through three full sederunts, to say nothing of following the reports and discussions carefully.

To the Magazine's commissioner one of the pleasures and privileges of the Assembly was meeting with so many representative men, and the experience of the friendly and fraternal interest revealed. Only the very limited time prevented the arrangement of a more comprehensive series of interviews. As it was, the commissioner was fortunate in having quite a few

Little Talks with Big Men.

Outstanding minister, and most outstanding man was the venerable and sonorous-voiced Dr. Duval of Winnipeg. One member, whom as Dr. Duval readily phrased it, "was either a very jocular person or had something wrong with his tympanum" on one occasion as the Doctor began to speak, wittily called out "Louder"; but to those experienced in press work or naturally impatient of muttering and monotonous, the rich, clear-sounding voice of Dr. Duval must always have been heard with relief and pleasure, for the worth of what he had to say was accentuated by his distinct and rich-toned utterance.

On one occasion the fatherly doctor did appear to some to be among the hyper-critics when he took exception to the word "enjoin" and approved of the use in place thereof of "instruct." On the other hand his notable personality was found in exercise at its most attractive best in an address at the special Communion service on the Sunday afternoon.

Herewith we have pleasure in giving place not only to a specially-prepared portrait of Rev. Dr. Duval, but to a brief opinion with which he favoured our commissioner in reply to the question as to what he thought the most important subject before the Assembly:

"The most important subject before this Assembly is that of Church Union. The Kingdom of heaven on earth was begun by the spirit of Jesus bequeathed to a brotherhood in which saving love was to take the place of unsympathetic tyranny. By such a fraternity, so different from the spirit of the world, men were to see, believe and know that the Father had sent His Son into the world. This union of believers was preserved and acted