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### MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

"A far cry to Lochow," and farther far to Winnipeg, but modern speed condenses space and the genial company of the tribes gathering to their annual Jerusalem makes the brief travel time a pleasure. Veterans of two and three score years astonish the younger generation by stories of twenty years ago, when a day carried one little farther than the distance now passed in telling of it; and toilsome weeks and months were spent in gaining goals now reached in days or hours. A few years since it took more time and toil to reach a meeting of Synod in Halifax from places in Cape Breton or Toronto from parts of Ontario, than now to Winnipeg from farthest provinces of the Dominion.

But why not make the journey shorter still by meeting in some more central place? Why go so far west as Winnipeg? Such a question has often been asked during the past few weeks.

Winnipeg is not "far West." It is about the centre, and delegates from the Maritime Provinces of the Atlantic and Pacific slopes, from Halifax and Victoria, had about equal distance to travel.

Suggestions have frequently been made of a permanent meeting place for Assembly in some central city of the Dominion. Such a step would not be in the interests of the Church, nor is it likely to be taken for many a year to come, but if it be, Winnipeg will have the first claim geographically, and when the great West is settled, let us hope numerically as well.

It was a good thing to have the meeting in that future centre. The attendance from Ontario and Quebec was small, and smaller from further east, but the North-West was there in full force, giving and getting good; many who otherwise would never see an Assembly enjoying this one and profiting by it; while the older Provinces can afford to miss a year.

Moreover, who that was there would have missed Manitoba's cordial welcome and warm-hearted hospitality, boundless and free as its prairie home and pleasant as its flower-scented prairie air.

The Assembly met in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on the evening of 10th June. Rev. Prof. Gordon, D.D., of Halifax, preached the opening sermon from John xii. : 20; "Sirs, we would see Jesus;" after which he constituted the Assembly with prayer, and Rev. Dr. Moore of Ottawa was chosen Moderator for the current year.

For the first time the roll call was omitted, members being required to report their attendance to the clerk instead. Dear old roll call, with its echoes from ocean to ocean. R.I.P.

The Assembly sat from Thursday to Thursday, closing late at night, 17th June. Each day had its unvarying round of sessions, with varying subjects, well on to one hundred in all, a very few perhaps not worth the time they took, but many deserving more thought and care than could be given.

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