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### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The twelfth session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be opened in the city of Hamilton and within St. Paul's Church there, on Wednesday, 9th June next, at 7.30 p. m.

### FOR NEW HEBRIDES.

Any person wishing to send a box or parcel to the New Hebrides can do so by sending to the care of Geo. E. Forsythe, Halifax, before the end of May. Please be particular to mark on each box or parcel the name of the missionary for whom it is intended, and the name of the person sending it.

### THE CHURCH AGENCY.

Nearly all will join in disapproving the indecent haste with which some over zealous but most inconsiderate writer rushed into print on this subject, almost as soon as the office was made vacant, and we would not mention it now, but that it must come up for consideration at the Assembly which meets in Hamilton on the 9th of June.

It is a matter of importance to the welfare of our church, a matter in which there should be earnest prayer for guidance. The work is moving along very well as at present managed. There is no need for hurry in making a change. It should be referred by Assembly to Synod. There is little doubt that this will be done. Any-

thing else would be unfair. There will not be more than one eighth of the Synod at Assembly, and the former body is certainly far better fitted to deal with it than the latter. Better wait for a time than appoint an unsuitable man. Let it not be made a place for any man wanting the place. If any appointment be made, let the place seek the man, and appoint the most suitable.

Better than any other way, would be to allow the work to continue along the same lines as at present. Miss Macgregor knows more about the accounts of the church than any man in the Maritime Provinces. Let her services be retained at a fair salary for the work of keeping the accounts, receiving and paying out monies, and let each of the committees appoint its own secretary, one of its number, who shall give his services, without salary. It may be said that a man should be paid for what he does. If some poorly paid ministers were doing the extra work it would be different. Something additional for it would be right. As a rule however the men who are appointed are in the larger centres, and are already in the receipt of good salaries, and if able to do anything more than their congregational work, can do it freely for the good of cause.

IGNORANCE THE BULWARK OF FALSE RELIGIONS.—The Rig Veda, the religious book of the Hindus, is the stronghold of the Hindu religion. Hitherto it has existed in Sanscrit, and the people of India have not been able to read it, but have regarded it with superstitious reverence. It is now to be translated into Bengali; and it is thought that when once the people can read it, much of the veneration for it will be destroyed. So knowledge becomes the ally of the Christian missionary.

Daily Christian living is the true Pentecost, says George Dana Boardman.