

## OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

What is our "General Assembly?"

A meeting of Presbyterian ministers and elders from all parts of Canada. Where does it meet?

In the different larger cities from Halifax to Winnipeg.

How often does it meet.

Once a year, on the second Wednesday in June.

How are its members appointed?

Each of the fifty-one Presbyteries of the Church appoints one in four of its ministers, and an equal number of elders, but many from a distance are unable to attend.

How many are usually present?

Over three hundred.

Where was the last meeting.

In Knox Church, Montreal, from 8th to 17th of June.

What is the principal work of the Assembly?

Reviewing the work of the Church for the year past, and arranging the work for the year to come.

What great "schemes" of work of our Church does the Assembly consider and plan for?

College work or the training of ministers, Home Missions, Augmentation, French Evangelization, Foreign Missions, Church Life and Work, Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies, and a number of other departments of the work of the Church.

How many Colleges has our Church?

Six; one each in Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, and Winnipeg.

How many preaching stations are under the care of the Home Mission Committees?

One hundred and twenty-one in the Maritime Provinces, and eleven hundred and twenty in the West.

How many congregations in our Church are helped by the Augmentation Fund?

Sixty-four in the Maritime Provinces and one hundred and fifty-six in the West.

In how many Foreign Mission Fields is our Church working?

Seven,—The New Hebrides, Trinidad, Demerara, India, China, Formosa, and last, Korea.

How many Sabbath Schools are there in the Church?

Two thousand one hundred and fifty-four, with 18,819 teachers and officers, and 154,299 scholars. What a great number of young people!

But I must cease questioning.

There were a great many pleasant and interesting things at Assembly.

One of these was a visit from the Governor General, with Lady Aberdeen. Lord Aberdeen is an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and so was quite at home. A very nice address was made to him by the Moderator, and made by him to the Assembly.

Foreign Mission night was of deep interest. Some missionaries told us of the heathen children, being saved from sin and misery to happiness and hope.

You would have liked French night. A number of French missionaries told us of their work in trying to win our own land for Jesus Christ, and a large choir of young French people sang their beautiful French hymns.

Some day, not far off, our General Assembly will be made up of the boys who are now reading the "Children's Record." It is well to get acquainted now with the work of our Church, so that as elders and ministers you may understand it well when you have to manage that work yourselves.

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 THE GREAT MASTER.
 

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"I am my own master!" cried a young man, proudly, when a friend tried to dissuade him from an enterprise which he had on hand. "I am my own master!"

"Did you ever consider what a responsible post that is?" asked his friend.

"Responsible—is it?"

"A master must lay out the work which he wants done, and see that it is done right. He should try to secure the best ends by the best means. He must keep on the lookout against obstacles and accidents, and watch that everything goes straight, or else he must fail."

"Well."

"To be master of yourself you have your conscience to keep clear, your heart to cultivate, your temper to govern, your will to direct, and your judgment to instruct. You are master over a hard lot, and if you don't master them they will master you."

"That is so," said the young man.

"Now, I could undertake no such thing," said his friend. "I should fail, sure, if I did. Saul wanted to be his own master, and failed. Herod did. Judas did. No man is fit for it. 'One is my master, even Christ.' I work under His direction, and where He is Master all goes right."—Farm and Fireside.