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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

With mercury high in the nineties to show what she could do in a test, Hamilton welcomed in Central Church on the evening of June 14, the twenty-fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada; and then with all night showers of penitent tears over the wilting commissioners, she lavished upon them till the close the most delicious of temperatures.

Erect and alert at seven and seventy, the venerable moderator, Dr. Robert Torrance preached the opening sermon from Zech. 11: 5. "For I, saith the Lord God, will be the glory in the midst of her," after which he constituted the Assembly with prayer.

The good old roll call, tedious but pleasant, a renewal of old acquaintance as from B. C. to C. B. and all between familiar voices echoed "here," was held as read, leaving many a member's only speech unspoken.

The moderator's review of the year with its lights and shadows and its always solemn roll call of the dead—this year twenty-two—followed by the choice of a new moderator, Dr. Robert Campbell, of Renfrew, brought the first sederunt to a close.

The remaining seven days, with their busy sessions, and committees before, and after, and between, were well filled with the proceedings of one of the best of the twenty-five Assemblies since the union. To follow the work in order would be tedious, for some things were more than once before Assembly, with committees working on them in the intervals; and all has been fully given in the daily and weekly papers. A few topical notes will be best.

THE CENTURY FUND.

A subject large and rare. It was introduced by Dr. Warden and Robert Murray, Conveners of last year's committee, on the first afternoon of the Assembly. Ministers and elders followed in hearty commendation. A committee was appointed to

prepare a scheme, name the objects to benefit, the means to collect, etc. Between sessions they wrought and thought, with results, adopted by Assembly, which are given, together with Dr. Warden's address, on another page.

When the scheme was finally adopted, near the close of the Assembly, the Moderator announced that the Convener of the Century Fund Committee, Dr. Warden, had already started the Fund by a subscription of five thousand dollars. Needless to say that this generous gift increased the already hearty enthusiasm with which the scheme had been unanimously received.

It is worthy of cordial support. It helps in the wisest way all our leading church schemes, east and west, putting them in a position to do more work and to better advantage. It is a worthy way of marking the great time period of a century. It will bind our church and country together, for it is one common fund, east and west. It is but a small return to Him who has so blessed our land with prosperity these turning years of the centuries. The rich their talents and the poor their mites, and it can be easily done.

To give youthful enthusiasm and energy to the scheme, the offerings of Children's Day for the next two years are to be devoted to the Century Fund.

HOME MISSIONS.

As was fitting, the first working evening of the Assembly, following an afternoon of Century Fund, was devoted to our great patriot Scheme, Home Missions.

The Conveners, Dr. McMillan, East, and Dr. Warden, West, were followed by Robinson of Moncton, McQueen of Edmondton, Gandier of Rossland, and Dr. Robertson of British North America. Home Mission facts and figures were poured out until the great audience, assembly and friends, went away with Home Missions in brain and heart.

In the Maritime Synod forty-two catechists