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## THE GENERAL AS EMBLY.

The General Assembly will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on Thursday, the 10th June, at 8 o'clock, in the evening. The Committee on Business will meet in the same Church on the afternoon of the 10th June, at 4 o'clock.

Lists of Commissioners should be forwarded to the Rev. Dr. R. Campbell, 68 St. Famille St., Montreal. All other official documents for the Assembly should be forwarded to the Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto, so as to reach him at least eight days in advance of the meeting. Presbytery Clerks will kindly note that each item of business intended for the General Assembly should be on a separate sheet of paper, foolscap preferred

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Arrangements have been made with the Railway Companies for reduced fares, which are available for commissioners, and their wives, or daughters, accompanying them, as also for others having business with the Assembly.

Tickets are good in going from 3rd to Which they 11th June, and in returning up to the 30th Bible in respectively. When tickets are purchased at the starting point, a certificate must be procured from the Ticket Agent, stating that tall single fare has been paid to Winnipeg. Which they Bible in respectively.

These certificates will be attested at the meeting of Assembly, and return tickets obtained free. It is imperative that the certificate be procured from the Ticket Agent at the starting point, in order to insure a return ticket being got free.

Robt., Campbell, D.D., Robt. H. Warden, D.D., Joint Clerks.

## THE WESTMINSTER ASSEMBLY.

"Saying the Questions" on Sabbath brings up sweet memories to many readers, old and young, for though "the Questions" seemed sometimes dry and wearisome, and we wished them done, yet now the weariness is forgotten, and the memory that lingers is the family gathering; parents, brothers, sisters, children; some of them now far away and some in the better land. How we would like one of these gatherings again; even to "say the Questions."

But whence came our "Question Book," the "Shorter Catechism? Where was it made and when and by whom? Together with the Directory for Public Worship, the Confession of Faith, the Form of Church Government and Dicipline, and the Larger Catechism, it was prepared by the "Assembly of Divines" at Westminster, London, England, as a statement of the great truths which they believed to be taught in the Bible in regard to the Doctrine, Government, and Worship of the Church of Christ.

But what was this Westminster Assembly? Who appointed it and how came it to do this work?