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This is General Assembly month.

The General Assembly meets in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, the thirteenth, when the opening sermon, will be preached by Rev. Dr. Campbell, the retiring moderator.

Dr. Campbell has spent the year laboring in the interest of the Century Fund. Wherever he has gone he has found a welcome, both for his own and for his work's sake. The best reward for such toil is the success which it brings. It must be very gratifying to Dr. Campbell that the million dollars is within reasonable sight.

The General Assembly has great matters in hand. It reviews the whole work of the Church and plans for the year coming. There never were wider opportunities, whether at home or abroad. Amidst the new and strong currents of national life, it is incumbent on the Church of Christ to put fresh energy into her endeavors. She has much to say as to what the future of our country shall be; and as for the nations who know not the world's Redeemer, when were they so accessible, or when so in need of the message of heavenly life as now?

Every teacher should know what the General Assembly is doing. The *Record* and the Church papers give full details. Those details should be mastered. Knowledge is one of the best feeders of enthusiasm. Besides, the scholars in our classes want to know—and they have a right to know—

what part the Church to which they belong is taking in the task of keeping the gospel light alive and extending its range. There will be no lack of matter for such instruction during Assembly month.

The Assembly has an eye to the work of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. Mr. Neil and Mr. Gandier, the conveners, respectively, of the committees concerned, are telling our readers in this issue something of the present phases of activity and development in these departments. We are often slow to realize how much success amongst the young, and indeed in any department, depends on individual consecration. Every great event is the shadow of a great man, and every forward movement in religious work means that someone is devoting himself or herself with unusual zeal in that particular direction.

Teach the Word

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There appears to be a tendency at the present day to depart from the plain and practical teaching of the great truths of Holy Writ and to substitute for doctrine "the commandments of men." It is a method that presents opinions, theories and explanations about the Word of God that have been evolved by human intellect and research, and offers them as correct interpretations of the Word itself.

It may consist of giving suppositions reasons for the why and wherefore of Christ's words and actions, of airing pet theories, of ascribing or denying certain dates as the