

Various committees reported on the work of their departments. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the luncheon provided on the balcony of the manse by the ladies of the Geneva Church.

In the evening a public meeting was held at which addresses were delivered by Rev. J. S. Henderson on the general work of the Church with a special reference to social service and home missions, and by Principal Mackay with special reference to the educational and foreign mission work of the Church.

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## Impressions of the 1914 General Assembly

The thirty-ninth General Assembly met in Woodstock, Ontario, from June 3rd to 10th. Never had the assembly met in so small a city, but never was it better entertained, and never did it do its work more thoroughly and in so short a space of time. Rev. R. B. Cochrane, minister of the Assembly Church, proved himself to be a man of remarkable resourcefulness and organizing power and he was ably and loyally supported by his neighbor, Rev. H. M. Paulin and the entire community. Woodstock stands in the midst of the rich and beautiful farming lands of the County of Oxford and there are few spots in all the world more pleasing to the eye and inspiring to the imagination than this old country. Its capital city is worthy of her surroundings. She is a city of homes, with broad tree-lined streets and fine public buildings; a city of unbounded hospitality. Every commissioner seemed to feel that the home in which he was entertained must be the most hospitable of all, so splendidly was his every want anticipated.

Rev. Dr. Herridge, of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, made an ideal Moderator. He has been known for many years as a master of chaste and beautiful English, a dignified and exceedingly able preacher of the Gospel, but few were prepared to find in him a master of assemblies. Yet by his ready wit, his prompt, yet ever courteous decisions and his unvarying kindness of manner, he won the heart of every member of the assembly in its first session and held it to the very end, putting the business through in the shortest time on record, and with a thoroughness that left nothing to be desired. In this he was ably supported by the business committee whose work gave universal satisfaction. The programme was so arranged as to give first prominence to first things and a fair time to all.

There were some dramatic moments in the Assembly. One that will long live in the memory of all was when Dr. Grant decided to reconsider his resignation and accept the position of Superintendent of the joint committee of Home Missions and Social Service. The whole