

The Assembly's Effect on Presbytery Work

Of course, the great meetings at Toronto—the pre-Assembly Conference and the Assembly itself—have overshadowed all else in Presbyterian Church news at this time, and no doubt the newspaper reports of the proceedings have had more or less attention. Hereby we would remind our Presbyterian correspondents that when the inspiration of the stirring addresses has extended to the Presbytery meetings, we shall hope to hear of strenuous days and ways being overtaken by them jointly and severally.

Letter from Wright of Fort George

In response to a telegram of inquiry sent from the office of this Magazine, Mr. Wright replies in a letter, which, in view of the reports which partly suggested an editorial in this number, we think it only fair to all concerned to quote here. Incidentally, it will be inferred that the scrappy and context-divorced reporting and sensational headlines were evidently begun with the Toronto *Globe*, from which we should naturally expect more care and attention.

Mr. Wright writes: "I was very much annoyed by the report emanating from the *Globe* of my address, and regret exceedingly that it was sent through, apparently on the authority of the same reporters, to the Coast papers. The report appearing in the *Globe* is absolutely unreliable. The scare head lines had absolutely no basis in fact, and many of the individual statements are torn from their context in such a way as to make me say exactly what I did not say."

"In particular what I was endeavouring to do through my address was to present the need of the West for more men, and the golden opportunity that is there. The first half of my address, which, by the way, was confined to fifteen minutes, and, therefore, very much condensed, was devoted to the darker side of the picture. Eight minutes were given to the brighter side of the picture, and one of the statements made will give an idea of the gist of it. These were my actual words: Just because we find there so many good people united for the advancement of truth and righteousness, the very gates of hell cannot prevail against the advancing cause of the truth."

"I have not seen the *Province* or any of the other papers, nor do I know where they would be available here; but I am sure that the report is so absurd that right-thinking individuals will not be affected by it."

Organization of Westminster Hall Alumni Association

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of the present Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. James Beveridge, those connected with the College who happened to be in attendance at the General Assembly at Edmonton last year, met in a social way at a round-table luncheon in the King Edward Hotel at Edmonton.

The unique Assembly in Toronto this year has been made memorable, so far as Westminster Hall is concerned, by the organization of an Alumni Association, concerning which, through the thoughtful attention of the Rev. R. Van Munster of St. Stephen's Church, North Vancouver, who happens to have been elected Secretary-Treasurer, information has reached us as we go to press.

Mr. Van Munster states that it was in the historic environment of the Red Room in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, a room in which Sir John A. McDonald is said to have decided upon the national policy, that this notable event in the