

DUKE OF HAMILTON OPENS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To St. Giles Cathedral, High Kirk of Edinburgh, went the dignitaries of Church and State to the General Assem. of the Church of Scotland. The Lord Provosts of the leading cities and Provosts of other towns emphasised that this was a national occasion. The Lord High Commissioner to the Gen. Assembly, the Duke of Hamilton, accompanied by the Duchess, represented the Crown at the solemn service. The procession from the Cathedral to Assembly Hall was robbed by rain of some of its usual splendour and colour, but nothing can mar the dignity of the ~~historic~~ ceremony.

The Duke of Hamilton congratulated the moderator, the Rt. Rev. J. Pitt Watson, of Glasgow, on his election to the historic chair, and called ^{on} up the Laity to take more part in church affairs. The General Assembly now officially opened, the Court of Lord Lyon preceded the High Commissioner from the Assembly Hall.