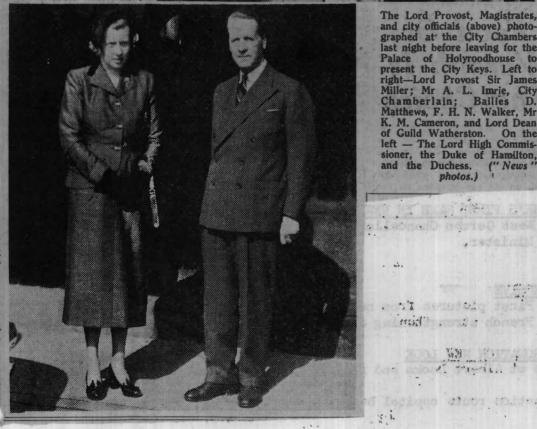
Eve Of Assembly Pictures





The Lord Provost, Magistrates, and city officials (above) photos graphed at the City Chambers bat night before leaving for the Palace of Holyroodhouse to present the City Keys. Left to p

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The need for lay members to take a greater share in the work of the Church in order to combat anti-Christian forces was emphasised by the Duke of Hamilton in his opening address as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh to-day.

The Duke said that he had been commanded by the Queen to assure the Assembly of her Majesty's great sense of their steady and firm zeal for her service, and of her resolution to maintain Presbytenian Government in Scotland. After congratulating the Mode-rator, the Right Rev. Professor J. Pitt Watson, Glasgow, on his election to the historic chair of the Assembly, the Duke recalled that it was in darker days and more introducent times that his own fore-beer held the King's Commission at the historic Glasgow Assembly of 1638. "Toolum myself fortunate indeed that I cannot be faced with his problems," said his Grace. "Since these times the Church of Scot-these times the Church of Scot-the Majesty, who is herself so The Duke said that he had been commanded by

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Aspiration of us all." In Scotland they rejoiced that the Moderator had been called on to play so symbolic and signifi-cant a part in the Coronation ceremonies. In the presentation of the Bible to her Majesty, the historic and resolute devotion of their Church to the sacred authority of the Holy Word as its life and light was. In truth, most proudly honoured.

rite to quarters in Ende Park.

"If those who now live (often without realising it) on the moral and spiritual capital that centuries of Christianity has built up would join in its fellow-ship, worship, and work, what added vigour and strength they could bring to the Church from which they have gained and to which they owe so much."

Needs Of Youth

There was one particular aspect of the Church's work on which he would like to touch, not only because it was one with which he had been associated, but because of

had been associated, but because of its paramount importance, namely. the work among young beople. "There can be no better hope for the future than that the endeavours of those engaged in the Christian leadership of youth should prosper." said his Grace. "The future wellbeing of our people, the strengthening of family ties as the basis of our society, and the whole vigour of our Christian life is in no small measure in their hands. It is disquieting that every youth organisation in the land is

His Grace said that it was now 9 years since first he attended i General Assembly, and, since then, as an elder or with the Commissioner, he had attended the great majority of Assemblies Broadon as Lord High Com-During those years they had Brandon as Lord High Com-endured, for the second time in this missioner to the General Assembly century, an Armageddon. They of the Church of Scotland. As

all that the Church had done and stood for, and the guidance, strong for, and the guidance, strength, and comfort with which it had blessed them alike in times of fair fortune and of trial. "The answer to the problems confronting the Church — problems spiritual and material — lies in great measure with the laity," said the Duke. "Many there be who accept the Christian virtues as a, code of ethics and earnestly endeavour to practice them in their lives. They do not, however. support the Church either in their worship or fellowship, or in the many tasks it seeks to perform in the fulfilment of its divinely

appointed mission.

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