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SCOTTISH CEREMONIAL - - The Lord High Commkssioner,  
Mr. John Buchan, the historian, opens the General Assembly  
of the Church of Scotland.

-Edinburgh-

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Picture.:-

The impressive pageantry of the outdoor ceremonials  
which precede the--

--meeting of the General Assembly were somewhat marred  
by heavy rain. But even rain cannot entirely rob this  
religio militant occasion of its colourful thrills.

The new Lord High Commissioner, Mr. John Buchan,  
M.P. drives from Hallyreed to St. Giles for the inaugural  
divine service.

The famous historian, direct representative of  
His Majesty The King, and by virtue of his office the  
First Citizen of Scotland inspects the guard of  
Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders;

I need hardly say that Mr. Buchan is the  
greatest living authority on the subject of Scottish  
history.

A throng of notabilities representing Church  
and State attend the service--

--at St. Giles Cathedral passing between ranks of  
Lancers. This year's moderator of the historic  
assembly is the Reverend Dr. Maclean-Watt, Minister  
of--

--Glasgow Cathedral, who was elected without opposition.  
During the ceremony the City's keys are handed to the Lord  
High Commissioner, who immediately hands them back again.  
It's--

--just as well, for there's no lock now in existence  
which they would fit.