

Edinburgh--- Before his installation as the new Moderator of the Church of Scotland's General Assembly, Dr E.D. Jarvis (Minister of Wellington Church, Glasgow ) was presented with his ceremonial robe by 95 year-old Mrs Aikman, and Miss Young, members of his own congregation.

The tricorne hat came from Miss Beth Cathbert - a staunch supporter of Dr Jarvis's Sunday School.

And the shoes, (adorned with silver buckles) were from Miss Ann Paterson and Mr Douglas Lacy- the young captains of Hillhead High School.

Miss Marion Webster of the Girls Guildry gave the ornate breeches, resplendent with silver trappings.

After the Service of Dedication in St Giles Cathedral, a solemn procession of Church and State made its way to the opening of the 70th General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Leading the Glasgow civic delegation was Lord Provost Kerr.

The Lord Lyon - King of Arms, and members of his Court, preceded the Duke of Hamilton, Lord High Commissioner, representing Her Majesty the Queen.

Then the Duke- (in R.A.F. uniform) made his opening address, referring to the Church as the one sure foundation on which they could confidently build.

With time-honoured ritual , the retiring Moderator- Dr Pitt-Watson- passed to his successor, the Moderator's Chair and Ring.

As in former years, the Assembly was fortified by the Queen's message, assuring them of her firm resolve to maintain the historic rights and liberties of the Church in Scotland, which has guided Scottish thought for 300 years