

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

On Wednesday night a large assembly met in Erskine Church to witness the induction of the Rev. John Campbell, M.A., into the Chair of Church History and Apologetics in the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

The Rev. Mr. Forlong, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. After his induction, the New Professor was addressed by Principal McVicar upon the duties of his office.

Prof. Campbell was unanimously appointed to his position by the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and brings to his work peculiarly high qualifications. He is a graduate in Arts of University College, Toronto, where he gained the highest honors, having carried off two gold medals and the Prince of Wales prize. He is a Senator of Toronto University, and studied Theology at Knox College, Toronto, and in Edinburgh. His original investigations in historic subjects, some of which have been published, have received very favorable notice from scientific men and the press in Britain.

It is a matter of congratulation to the Presbyterian College and to our city to have such a gentleman added to the list of our literary men.

Professor Campbell chose for the subject of his lecture the "Connection of Sacred and Profane History," as one which he had made peculiarly his own. He stated that he did not propose to enter the field of controversy, to solve any difficult theological problem, or prove any historical thesis of his own or other propounding, but simply to call the attention of students to an inviting field of study, pass in review the materials necessary for its prosecution, discuss its importance, sketch the history of its progress and with a glance at its present results look for a moment into its great future. Many interesting illustrations were given by him of the importance of the study, the manner of procedure in it, and, especially, of the results already obtained by its means. Alluding to his published views, on the manner and period of the dispersion of the human race after the deluge, he also cited many facts to prove the presence within the Old Testament area of Japhetic families, which have been generally placed at a great distance from it. These facts, he went on to say, indicate that dispersion was an exceedingly gradual process, the germs which afterwards developed into powerful nations, growing up side by side, not far off, but under the very eyes of those whose story lives in the earlier historical books of the Bible. A portion of the lecture was taken up with the history of the science, beginning with the Tanaites, or earlier Talmudists, and ending with the work of such institutions as the Society of Biblical Archaeology. Professor Campbell expressed the utmost confidence in the future success of research in the important department of theological study, to which he had directed the attention of his audience. "God writes," he said, "no mere melody for the music of the ages, but a glorious harmony to entrance the willing ear when played by skilful hands. There is a harmony of natural and spiritual truth, of science and revealed law, and so it yet must be that with His own inspired word the voice of past generations shall blend for its perfect vindication, the welfare of His intelligent creatures, and the glory of His holy name."

At the close of the lecture, which was a learned and an exceedingly able one, Dr. McVicar announced that the formal opening of the new College Buildings will take place in a few days. He referred to the superior accommodation which it affords to students, and to arrangements by which the expenses of students are reduced to as little, if not less, than