

THE MODERATORS

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died suddenly, as he was paying a pastoral visit to one of his congregations. The name of Dr. Topp is inseparably connected with the history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was a Free Churchman in the best sense of the term, and while faithful to his conviction as such, he took an active part in bringing about the union of the various branches of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and no better testimony could be given to the value of his services in this respect than his unanimous election to the Moderator's chair of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at the second General Assembly in 1870. He had previously been unanimously selected by the Presbyteries as Moderator of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

REV. HUGH McLEOD, D.D.

REV. DR. MACLEOD, who has reached a patriarchal age, was born on the 23rd of April, 1803, and after a successful career as pupil and student he graduated as master of arts at the age of twenty three. He was licensed to preach the Gospel in 1831 and was ordained in 1833. He visited Canada in 1845 and was inducted at Mira, Cape Breton, in 1850. He became very popular and his ministrations and labours were onerous and arduous. His ability and worth were to some extent recognized in 1854 when the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred. Then followed a long period of successful service, when in 1877 the General Assembly elected him Moderator of the Church. As showing his activity in and devotion to his high calling it may be stated that he has been Moderator of Presbytery twenty times and of the Synod four times; he has preached upwards of six thousand sermons, baptized over two thousand, admitted to Church membership over twelve hundred and married over seven hundred couples. Dr. MacLeod's jubilee was celebrated in 1883. To-day he is hale and hearty. "Those that he planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age."

REV. JOHN JENKINS, D.D.

REV. DR. JENKINS, a native of Exeter, England, has had a varied and eventful career in the Master's work. Educated at Radford College, Exeter, and Hoxton Theological Institution, London, England, he received ordination on the 6th of August, 1837. He immediately afterward went to India where he laboured for some time at Mysore as a missionary under the auspices of the English Wesleyan Missionary Society. He afterwards came to Canada and was stationed at Montreal where he established a reputation as a preacher of ability. At this time he published the "Protestant's Appeal to the Douay Bible" in which he founds his arguments in favour of Protestant doctrines on quotations from the Roman Catholic translation of the Scriptures. The book is ably written, and has done in its day good service to the cause of truth. In 1853 he became a minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and for ten years was pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. After the outbreak of the civil war he returned to England and after labouring for a time in the English Presbyterian Church he came again to Montreal and was in June, 1865, inducted to the pastoral charge of St. Paul's Church, one of the churches in the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland. Of this Synod he was elected Moderator in 1869. To him belongs the honour of initiating in the Synod, in the following year, the movement which resulted in the general union of the Presbyterian churches as the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Of the General Assembly of this church he was elected Moderator in 1878. In the educational and missionary operations of the Presbyterian churches of Canada, Dr. Jenkins took an active and influential part. The Hymnal which is now in general use in the Church owes much of its excellence to the judgment and taste of Dr. Jenkins who was the senior joint convener of the committee to which its preparation was entrusted. He retired from the active duties of the ministry in 1881, and now resides in London, England, where he still takes a deep interest in the affairs of the church of Canada. He was married twice, first to Harriet, daughter of Mr. Geo. Shepatone, architect, and second, to Louisa, eldest daughter of the late Rev. John MacLennan, minister of Kilchrean, Scotland.

REV. WILLIAM REID, D.D.

He was born in the parish of Kildrummie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on 10th Dec., 1816. He was educated at King's College, Aberdeen, and there took his degree of M.A. in 1833. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Fordeyce, of the Church of Scotland, May, 1839, and shortly after left for Canada. In January, 1840, he was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Grafton and Colborne in the Presbytery of Kingston. In 1849 he was called to Picton, in the county of Prince Edward, where he remained until 1853, when he was removed to Toronto to take the position of general agent for the Ecclesiastical Schemes for the Presbyterian Church and editor of the Record. In 1873 he was Moderator of the Canada Presbyterian Church—the designation after the union of the Free Church with the United Presbyterian in 1861. In 1879 he was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada—the name of the Church after the general union of the Presbyterian bodies which had taken place in 1875. For a long time he has been one of the clerks of the General Assembly as well as agent for the schemes of the Church in Western Canada. In 1848 he was married to Mary Ann Street, daughter of W. Street, Esq., of Devonshire, England. His youngest son, Rev. H. E. A. Reid, is pastor of Melville church and Stonville, and his youngest daughter is wife of Rev. J. McD. Duncan, Tottenham, Ont. He has long been connected with the Bible Society, of which he is a vice-president, and also with the Religious Tract Society.

In 1870 he received the honorary degree of D.D. from Queen's College, Kingston. For many years he has been engaged in the service of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and is well and favourably known to both ministers and members of that Church all over the Dominion. Dr. Reid has been a model manager of the finances of the Presbyterian Church. While several other bodies suffered severely by the failure of banks, Dr. Reid did not lose one dollar of the funds committed to his care, but by his fore-sight and promptness always secured the funds when danger threatened. He well deserves the confidence of the Church, and it is hoped that he will be spared for some years to take charge of her funds.

REV. DONALD MACRAE, D.D.

REV. DR. MACRAE is a son of the manse. From 1827 to 1844, his father was minister of East River congregation, N.S., in connection with the Church of Scotland. In the latter year he returned to Scotland and became minister of the parish of Killearnan and subsequently of the parish church of Stornoway. His son, Rev. Dr. MacRae, was ordained in July, 1856, and was for two years pastor of East River congregation and afterwards of a congregation in Newfoundland. For many years he has been the minister of St. Stephen's Church in St. John, N.B. He is a vigorous preacher, and is deservedly much esteemed by his congregation. His services to the Church have been many and important in various departments. He has been an especially useful member of the Hymnal Committee. He was called upon to fill the Moderator's chair in the General Assembly of 1880.

PRINCIPAL MACVICAR, D.D., LL.D.

DR. MACVICAR was born near Campbelltown, in the peninsula of Cantire, Argyllshire, Scotland. Early in life he came to Canada with his parents, who settled in Kent County, Ontario. His education consisted of schooling by a private tutor, who prepared him for the Toronto Academy, from which he passed to the University and then to Knox College in the fall of 1855. He was a brilliant student and early in the course of his studies gave promise of the eminence which he in after life so eminently attained. In 1859 he was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Toronto, being engaged in Mission work in Collingwood the previous year. Calls from vacant congregations—Collingwood, Erin, Brantford, Toronto—poured in upon him, which he refused, and accepting one from Knox Church, Guelph, his pastorate of which only lasted one year. He accepted a call, and in 1861 was inducted to be successor to Dr. Donald Fraser, as minister of Cote Street Free Church, Montreal, when Dr. Fraser left for Marylebone Presbyterian Church, London. In this pastorate Mr. McVicar continued for nearly eight years, until in 1868 he was appointed by the Assembly as Professor of Divinity in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, in which, at the time as a writer says, there were no students, no money, no building. It was a college only in charter. But the call was from the Divine Master, and it was accepted in faith; and in like spirit the work was begun and continued. For four years he was the only professor; and a room in the basement of Erskine Church—traditionally known to the present generation of students as "the collar"—was their only academy. Now, the stately and commodious pile of buildings that adorn the mountain slope adjoining McGill University on the west side would do credit to any Church. The library contains some of the rarest and most valuable theological books on the continent. Its dining hall, lecture rooms, dormitories for seventy students; besides the Principal's residence and convocation hall (the gift of Mr. David Morrice)—make up one of the best appointed and most desirable of modern college residences. The staff, now consists of four professors and four lecturers, besides a classical and mathematical tutor resident in the buildings, about two hundred students have passed from its hall into the ranks of the ministry. His services to the cause of education have been repeatedly acknowledged in public; and his educational works are well known, being used in the schools of both the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. In 1876, he lectured to the Ladies' Educational Association of Montreal on Logic and in 1878 on Ethics. During the session of 1871, he was lecturer on Logic in McGill University. The University of Toronto conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1870; and in 1881 he was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, an office for which his business tact and courtesy eminently qualified him.

REV. WM. COCHRANE, D.D.

DISRAELI's famous saying "keep your eye on Paisley" is as true of the eminent men "old Seestu" has produced, as of the public-spiritedness which made the town a political barometer. If Dr. Cochrane does not owe his distinguished success to the fact that he was born in Paisley, he, at all events, did not want the stimulus of example from his connection with the burgh. There he was born in 1831, but his father was from Dalry, Ayrshire, sprung from the same family root as that of Earl Dundonald, the famous seaman. From Arran of the hills and the life-giving ozone, came his mother, possessing the marked Celtic characteristics which she transmitted to the subject of this short sketch in no small measure. His career as a student was bright and successful. His university course began in Glasgow and ended in Hanover College, Indiana, where he graduated within 1857 with the highest honours. He studied theology in Princeton under Drs. Hodge and Alexander, and having been duly licensed he was ordained to his first charge in Jersey city in 1859. Brantford claimed him in 1862 and there he has since remained. He holds the degrees of M.A. and D.D., from Hanover College. His life has been a busy one and he has been highly appreciated and honoured for his work. He has been clerk of Presbytery, clerk of Synod, and for about twenty years convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Church. He occupied the highest honour in the gift of the Church in 1882. His name is indissolubly associated with an institution of which he may well be proud.