

praiseworthy enterprise in many useful directions, and the Conference which will be brought to a close to-day must be numbered among the most happily conceived and successfully conducted of its more recent efforts.

Rev. Dr. Campbell.

The Rev. Robert Campbell D.D., who by the death of Dr. Reid becomes, Senior Clerk of the General



REV. ROBT. CAMPBELL, D.D.

Assembly, is the minister of St. Gabriel Church Montreal and a well known figure in the public life of Canada ecclesiastical and otherwise.

He is a native Canadian, having been born in the Township of Drummond near Perth, Ont., in 1835. His education both in Arts and Theology was received in Queen's College, Kingston, where he distinguished himself by taking several scholarships

and winning the first medal offered in the University. After a year spent in travel abroad he was ordained in 1862 as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Galt. In 1866 he was called to his present charge which had just been recognized by the Church of Scotland in the old historic building which formed the cradle of Presbyterianism in Montreal. For now nearly thirty years, he has labored in this charge with much fidelity and no small measure of success. During the last ten years the congregation has worshipped in a new building on St. Catherine street which had been erected for the Independents, where it has grown rapidly and developed various forms of Christian activity which were impracticable in the old edifice. As a pastor Dr. Campbell is indefatigable and he has a strong hold on the affections of his people. As a preacher his discourses are always carefully prepared and are characterized by great good sense as well as unction. His judgment on current affairs carry much weight and his utterances are frequently reported in the local press. On the twenty-fifth anniversary of his induction into the pastorate of the church handsome presentations were made to him and to his estimable wife who is the only sister of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of Toronto.

Dr. Campbell has, however, never confined his sympathy or his interest within the limits of his own congregation.

In the scientific world he is well known as an enthusiastic botanist and has published several pamphlets on the flora of different districts of Canada. At the present time he is President of the Natural History Society of Montreal and takes an active part in all its proceedings.

But his activities have been mainly along ecclesiastical lines. Almost from the time of his arrival in Montreal he became joint-editor of the *Presbyterian*, then the organ of the church, and continued in that capacity until 1870. He was one of the most earnest advocates of the Union which was happily consummated in 1875, and exerted himself most strenuously by pen and voice

to bring all the congregations of his own church into the united body. In 1877 he visited Britain in the interests of the scheme for French Evangelization. In 1880 he was appointed Lecturer on Church History in Queen's College, a position which he occupied for two years with credit to himself and advantage to the students. It was only a fitting recognition of his services when his Alma Mater bestowed upon him the honorary degree of D. D. in 1887.

In general church work he has taken more than his full share. In his own Presbytery he is constant in his attendance and actively interested in all its business. Since 1870 he has been chairman of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of his own branch of the Church. He is a member of the Temporalities Board, Trustee of Queen's University, a member of the Board of French Evangelization and has acted on many other minor Committees. In 1892 he was elected to succeed the late Dr. Fraser as joint-clerk of Assembly. He has been a frequent contributor to religious papers and magazines and in 1856 he published an account of St. Gabriel street church in a volume of 800 pages which virtually gave the history of the first century of Presbyterianism in Montreal. He has an intimate acquaintance with Presbyterian Church law and is well qualified to act as a safe guide to the church in all matters of procedure. We trust that he may long be spared to occupy the position so well and worthily filled by his honored predecessor in office.

A Message from Glasgow.

Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., Sec'y of the Western or American Section of the "Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System" furnishes for publication the following correspondence which will be of interest, in view of the political relations between Great Britain and the United States, and also of the approaching meeting of the Sixth General Council of the Alliance at Glasgow, Scotland, June 17, 1896. "At Glasgow, within the Presbytery House, the seventh day of January 1896, the Free Presbytery of Glasgow met and was constituted: inter alia: In connection with the sudden and unhappy change in the political relations between this country and the United States, the Presbytery record their warm gratification at the attitude adopted by the churches in America, and reciprocate with all their heart the sentiments of good-will and affection which were so generally expressed toward this country. They feel that a fratricidal war between two nations so closely united, not only by the ties of kindred, language, but in the joint endeavor to make known Christ's salvation throughout the world, ought to be regarded as outside the range of things possible. They instructed the clerk to convey to the Secretary of the American Section of the Alliance of Presbyterian Churches this expression of full accord in their views and feelings—along with the assurance both of the Presbytery's undiminished regard and sense of oneness, and of the pleasure with which the visit to this city, in the course of the present year, of honored representatives of their churches is being anticipated." Extracted from the record of the Free Presbytery of Glasgow, by Wm. Scrymgeour, Presbytery Clerk.

The Louisville *Christian Observer* for Jan. 15th., contains an excellent article by Principal Caven on the Mutual Relations of Old Testament and New Testament which we reproduce in another column. Dr. Caven's statement on a question of that kind is always well worth reading.