

JOHN CAMPBELL, D.D., LL.D.

Naturally the papers contain a good deal with reference to Dr. Campbell and his resignation of the Chair of Church History and Apologetics in the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The references are all of a uniformly friendly character. The Montreal Witness says: The Rev. Dr. John Campbell, who has just resigned from the professoriate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, is one of the foremost scholars and educationists in the country. He has a long and honorable record of work both as writer and teacher. In regard to his writings, they are of a character which would not perhaps command the suffrages of the masses, for they are addressed to the studious and the learned, dealing chiefly with historical, ethnological and philological subjects, but in this domain he has shown a profound research, and among scholars his writings are much appreciated. Dr. Campbell always remained the student and the writer, but he never neglected his professional work, which he conducted with much energy and success, being most thorough in his teaching, and winning the respect and affection of the students. A comparatively recent work was "The Hittites, their inscription and their history."

This was regarded as a most scholarly production. In 1893 he published an address on the subject, "The perfect Book and the perfect Father," in which it was held that there were certain free, if not heretical expressions in regard to the personality of the devil. For this he was tried for heresy by the Montreal Presbytery, and found guilty by a majority vote. He appealed to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, which body sustained the appeal.

A complete list of the works of Dr. Campbell will be found in the 'Bibliography of the Royal Society of Canada.' It is a matter of general regret that he should have found it necessary to give up his chair at the college as no professor is more beloved by the students than he.

A representative of the Toronto News interviewed Prof. Campbell before he left his hotel for Montreal: Dr. John Campbell is one of those charming personalities whom to meet is to be drawn to. Not only so, but he is one of the foremost scholars and literary men in Canada. But the Church cannot forget that the accusation of heresy was once laid against him. His record will be as familiar to Ontario people as are his quiet, intellectual features. It was while Dr. Campbell was lecturing at Knox that Mr. Scrimger, then a second year student, was in his classes.

"At the close of my service there in the fall of 1872," said Prof. Campbell to the reporter, "a congratulatory address was presented to me by all students under my care, most of whom are now venerable ministers of the Church, including Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Scrimger and others, expressing a desire that I might take a position in that college."

It was about ten years ago, in a lecture he gave at Queen's on "The Perfect Father or the Perfect Book," that Prof.

Campbell brought on himself the charge of heresy. "The Presbytery of Montreal," he says, "condemned me by a majority vote, but the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, consisting largely of my own old students, to which I appealed, proclaimed me guiltless to a man. Every student of mine stood by me."

Of his present position Dr. Campbell said: "Oh, it is most unbearable; it is not only for myself, but for my friends."

The Citizen of last Saturday contained the following very suggestive item: "A disgraceful incident attracted people at the corner of Queen and Metcalfe streets Friday night. A lad, not more than 16 years of age, was intoxicated and filled the air with blasphemy, evidently having been in a rage over some supposed slight. There was nothing but pity for the poor young degenerate, but many were the expressions of disgust at the conduct of the man, or men, who sold him liquor." The opinion was freely expressed that there are men in Ottawa selling liquor who have seared consciences and no heart." The DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN has already said that Ottawa has far too many saloons and places where liquor is sold. The number should be greatly reduced; and the license laws should be better enforced.

Literary Notes.

An exceedingly interesting article in the May Nineteenth Century and After is by Roderick Jones on "The Black Peril in South Africa." In conclusion the writer states: "The broad fact to be kept in view is that pitted against a limited white population, is a comparatively unlimited and virile black population. The blacks, under the influence of civilization, are becoming year by year a more formidable element, and, if unrestrained, must inevitably undermine the very foundations of white supremacy." Sir Wemyss Reid and Edward Dicey discuss the political situation at some length; and there are several other good articles on various subjects of timely interest. Leonard Scott, Publication Co., New York.

The issue of THE OUTLOOK dated June 4th is its Fifteenth Annual Illustrated Recreation Number. As is the custom of THE OUTLOOK, this issue in addition to the usual editorial and interpretative treatment of news events, important public questions and current literature, contains a group of out-of-door articles, the majority of them carefully and fully illustrated. Most notable among these articles in this year's Recreation Number is the first instalment of Mr. Stewart Edward White's serial "The Mountains." This may be called a companion series to Mr. White's "The Forest," which was published in THE OUTLOOK last summer. "The Mountain" describes and pictures the author's experiences in exploration and camping out in a section of a California Sierras very little known. Like "The Forest," it not only abounds in practical suggestions for camping and woods life but is infused with the spirit and love of nature. Among unillustrated features are: "In the Time of Opposition," by S. H. Howard, a singularly vivid and vigorous story of the rule of the Hudson Bay Company in the fur country; and three or four summer poems.

A NOTEWORTHY MEETING.

The five McGill students who are about to engage in foreign missionary work, addressed a crowded audience at St. James church, Montreal, last Thursday week. It was a unique occasion, and the church was filled to the doors.

The chairman, Mr. A. Kingman, in his opening address, stated that there were really eight McGill alumni going out instead of five, as two of the prospective missionaries, the Rev. A.W. Lohead and Mr. J. Keith, would be accompanied by their wives, who were recent graduates from the Royal Victoria College. In September, Dr. Mitchell, also a McGill man, was going to enter the foreign mission field under the auspices of the London Missionary Society.

The first speaker was the Rev. Mr. Lohead. His discourse was mainly personal. He told of the influences brought to bear upon him to induce him to go to China, and the soul struggle through which he passed ere he finally resolved to yield himself up to the work.

The peculiar condition of India and its great need for enlightenment were the reasons which induced Mr. Keith to select that country for the scene of his labours. Mr. Keith is to take charge of the Bible Study Department of the Y.M.C.A. for all India. It was only through the student body in the Indian universities that the educated classes could be reached. These students had had their Hindoo religion shattered by modern science taught in the universities. If Christianity did not rapidly fill in the vacancy, scepticism and cynicism would, and India would be lost.

Rev. Joseph A. Mowatt, who goes to North Honan, China, as the second missionary supported by his father's congregation in Erskine church, said that every Christian should be a soul winner, or, in the words of Christ, "a fisher of men." The best fisher went where there were most fish to catch; went into the hardest places; kept self-subordinate and possessed unlimited patience.

Mr. Charles S. Patterson, who leaves for Calcutta, India, as Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. for school boys, told of the extreme need for men and money to prosecute the work. He stated that in the past the Christian church had not done its duty in spreading a knowledge of the gospel of Christ.

Mr. George Irving, who is appointed Y.M.C.A. travelling secretary for Northern India, said that some of the reasons why the Church had not done her duty in mission work were because she had not yet learned to give according to her means, because she was not in close enough contact with her Head.

Owing to large space given to General Assembly report, we have to leave out "Ministers and Churches." There is, however, a dearth of such items as usually go to make up this interesting department of the paper, so that nothing is lost by the change.