

this fact alone, that he has officiated at the opening of thirty-three churches. His zeal and devotion to the cause of French Evangelization deserves the Church's highest praise and thanks. By overture to the Presbytery of Montreal and the Assembly, he originated the work of training French and English speaking Missionaries and Ministers, and organized the Presbyterian French work which has been so successful. He has been for years, and is now, the chairman of the Board of French Evangelization.

In 1881 he was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the duties of which office he discharged with acknowledged firmness, courtesy and judgment. In the same year he received the diploma of membership of the *Athénée Oriental* of Paris; and two years later his *Alma Mater* conferred upon him the degree of D. D. He has always taken a prominent part in the work of the General Assembly having been a member of that Court every year since his ordination. He was appointed a delegate to each of the three great Presbyterian Councils which met in Edinburgh in 1877, in Philadelphia, 1880, and in Belfast, 1884. In the Philadelphia meeting he read a paper on "The Catholicity of Presbyterianism;" and at Belfast he was chairman of the Committee on the Admission of Churches into the Alliance.

He is now Honorary President of the Celtic Society of Montreal, and takes an active part in its transactions. This Society numbers among its members distinguished scholars in Canada and elsewhere.

Dr. MacVicar's versatility and extensive acquaintance with literature, science and theology, may be seen from the wide range of subjects on which he has written and lectured. On three occasions he has travelled in Britain and Europe; and his merits are well-known and highly appreciated far beyond the borders of Canada. Some years ago he received and declined a very cordial call to become the pastor of the South Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., at a salary of \$7,000 per annum.

If we were asked to state, as briefly as possible, Dr. MacVicar's distinctive characteristic, we would say it was *thorough-going logical practicality*. The sternly logical character of Principal MacVicar's mind gives a tone of firmness to his every sentence. He thinks deeply and carefully on every subject which comes under his notice; and is thus ever ready to give a definite answer to a definite question.

Accustomed to think closely and accurately, he is most fearless, and even dogmatic, in the assertion of his convictions. This often imparts to his tone a certain degree of sternness, which blends in strange, but pleasing, harmony with the kindly manner and thoughtful interest which Principal MacVicar ever manifests towards students and others, who seek his counsel and advice. It is this conviction of the accuracy of his conclusions that, no