

Memorial Records

MR. JAMES DUTTON

The Presbytery of Peterborough desires to place on record its gratitude to Almighty God for the life and work of a devoted servant of the church and faithful elder, Mr. James Dutton of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough.

Mr. Dutton was born in Reddish Vale, Denton, England, on October 6, 1877. He came to Canada as a young man and conducted a successful business in Peterborough according to his high principles. The congregation of St. Pauls called him to the office of ruling elder in its midst in 1916 and he edified this office until his death on February 23, 1963. Animated with strong evangelical fervour, he was a gracious minister of Christ and a wise under-shepherd to the people whom he served with tireless devotion.

Beyond his own congregation, Mr. Dutton showed the same fervent concern for the things of Christ and served with distinction from 1933 to 1936 and again from 1948 to 1960 as chairman of the Board of Administration of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. He endeared himself to the hearts and homes of Presbyterians from coast-to-coast. He also gave diligent and regular attention to his duties as representative elder to the Presbytery of Peterborough. His vast knowledge of the problems and people within the bounds assisted the Presbytery greatly in carrying out its episcopal office. For many years, he served as Treasurer and the welfare of all the churches was ever upon his heart.

Mr. Dutton found time to bring the Gospel to bear on many civic offices in the city of Peterborough and at one time or another sat on most of its Boards and committees. His home newspaper, *The Peterborough Examiner* indicated in a memorial editorial: "To men like Mr. Dutton the city owes an immeasurable debt".

The Presbytery of Peterborough gives thanks to Almighty God for the presence of this strong son of faith and the great and good works that follow him. He wanted nothing more than to see life through his Lord's eyes and at the last to be found in His likeness. We know he did not fail. We humbly rejoice that he is set free for greater service and that in our Resurrection hope that someday beyond these shadows and on some happier shore we shall greet him in the brightness of the morning.

Our prayers and sympathies commend the sorrowing family to the God of all comfort who in Christ Jesus hath said: "I will not leave you comfortless."

SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

REVEREND MALCOLM A. CAMPBELL, D.D.

The Presbytery of Montreal desires to place on record its sorrow and sense of loss in the death of the Very Rev. Malcolm A. Campbell, D.D., on Wednesday, June 26th, 1963, after a distinguished ministry of more than fifty years, all of which was spent within this Presbytery and in the pastorate of the First Church, Montreal.

Dr. Campbell was a man of outstanding gifts, both of mind and heart; courteous and kindly in spirit, of broad and generous sympathy, actively interested in every worthy cause and swift to respond to any call of need, he bore living testimony to the reality of his own faith and his whole hearted acceptance of the Gospel which he preached. To him, in singular measure, the words of his Master

addressed to all of similar spirit are surely appropriate: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me".

It is gratifying to remember that it was given to Dr. Campbell to receive during his lifetime many evidences of the high esteem in which he was held, not only throughout the Church in which he has long been regarded as one of the foremost leaders, but in a much wider field. Among his many active interests, special mention may be made of his service to the cause of education in the City of Montreal. For more than thirty-five years he was Chairman of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners; and the Malcolm Campbell High School, one of the most modern and best-equipped schools in the City, stands as a fitting memorial to his wise and devoted leadership during this long period. In the year 1926 his Alma Mater, The Presbyterian College, Montreal, honoured him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and the same degree was later conferred upon him, *honora causa*, by Victoria University, Toronto. In the year 1936 he was elected to the highest office in the gift of the Church, that of Moderator of the General Assembly.

As a member of this Presbytery during his entire ministry, Dr. Campbell was always diligent and conscientious in his duties, and served the Court in countless ways. The Presbytery would record its gratitude, in memory of his Christian fellowship, wise counsel, unselfish service and inspiring leadership through all these years.

The funeral service was held in the First Church on Saturday, June 29th, conducted by the Very Rev. Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, Interim-Moderator of the Kirk Session, assisted by the Rev. Dr. R. Sheldon Mackenzie, locum tenens, and the Very Rev. Dr. F. Scott Mackenzie, with interment in Mount Royal Cemetery.

Dr. Campbell is survived by three sons, Colin, Fraser and Ian, all of Montreal, to whom with their families the Presbytery would offer warmest sympathy.

REVEREND R. C. CREELMAN

Westminster Congregation and the Presbytery of Ottawa suffered a severe loss when Mr. Creelman died on January 23rd after a brief illness. The Moderator led in prayer of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr. Creelman and intercession for Mrs. Creelman, her family and all who are sorely grieved at this time. The following tribute to Mr. Creelman is to be forwarded to the Clerk of Synod and to the General Assembly.

Reverend R. Currie Creelman, M.B.E., M.A., B.D., minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church since 1954, died in hospital on January 23rd, 1964, following a brief illness.

In the Second World War he was Senior Protestant Chaplain with the 2nd Canadian Division in France and Germany. He landed in Normandy with the 6th Canadian Armored Regiment.

Mr. Creelman was twice decorated for his services. He received a "Certificate of Appreciation" issued personally by Field Marshal Montgomery and was awarded the M.B.E. in September 1945. He was well known in Ottawa Garrison as Chaplain of the Governor General's Foot Guards. He held the rank of major.

Mr. Creelman was born in Newton Mills, N.S., receiving his education at Truro, McGill University and Knox College, Toronto.

He served at West Point Grey, Vancouver, and Weston, Ontario, before the war. He returned to Weston on demobilization until called to Ottawa in 1954.

He was elected Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa in October 1959.

Mr. Creelman is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Graham; his mother, Mrs. Myrtle (Johnson) Creelman, of Ottawa; three sons; Graham,