Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, D.D., was born in 1802, the eldest son of James S. Campbell, Esq., of Cherry Valley, and a descendant in the fourth generation of Mr. James Campbell, one of the party of Scotch-Irish from Londonderry, N. H., who, in 1741, accompanied Rev. Samuel Dunlap in the colonization of Cherry Valley. He graduated from Union College in 1820, with Governor Seward, Rev. Dr. Laurens Hickok and Dr. Taylor Lewis among his classmates. Immediately after, he took charge of the academy in his native town and studied law while he taught school. He soon turned from the bar to the ministry, and in 1822 began to prepare to preach at the Princeton Theological Seminary. His first settlement was at Worcester, Otsego county, in the twenty-second year of his age, and his subsequent settlements were in Newark and Palmyra, both in Wayne county, and in Ithaca, where he followed Rev. William Wisner. The church at Cooperstown had been parted asunder, and neither division could well bear the burthen of its own support. A re-union was proposed, provided Dr. Campbell would take the pastoral charge, and it was not in his heart to decline. He remained for twelve years, in favor with God and man, when a sense of duty left him no alternative, and he went to the Spring Street Church, New York. Twelve years after, the church at Cherry Valley, the home of his forefathers, and the place of his birth, earnestly besought him to come to its care and spend the remainder of his life in its service. The temptation to go was very strong, but he was acting at the time as temporary Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, and having thus become acquainted with its operations, he felt constrained to accept an invitation permanently to conduct them. He was thus occupied for twenty years and the remainder of his active life. Enfeebled by toil and years, he yielded to the entreaties of his brother, Samuel E. Campbell, (Union 1834), Esq., and made a home near him at Castleton, on the Hudson. He did not, however, long enjoy the repose and the lovely scenery and the pleasant society about him. His life closed soon after his work, December 28, 1874, and three years beyond his three score years and ten.

Dr. Campbell was a man of action, impelled to it by forces within himself and led to the best movements and measures by intention and instinct. A respectable scholar while at school, and by no means neglectful afterwards of books and thought, his gift was for affairs rather than for reading and reflection. His pulpit preparations were generally popular, but more from the free outflow of his heart than from the laborious exercise of his mind. A fine person helped him in his delivery, and a fine manner contributed to the effect. A gentleman in himself and brought up as a gentleman, he graced and gratified the social circle,
On Sept. 14, 1847, he was installed pastor of the Spring Street (Presbyterian) church of New York City. He remained with the church till Sept. 21, 1857, when the relation was dissolved. The Presbytery of New York, 1783 to 1888.

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and his genuine kindness and sympathy and love of souls endeared him to a parish and made him a blessing to it. He recognized the claims upon him of his denomination and of the church at large, and of the public in general, and actively participated in ecclesiastical proceedings and in movements for moral reform and the common welfare. His benevolence was expansive, and suiting his actions to his prayers, he sought the doing of God's will on earth as in heaven.

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Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, 1820, of Cherry Valley, N.Y., was a member of the Adelphic Society. (Died: 1874)