

## In Memoriam

THE REV. WILLIAM MACMILLAN, M.A., PH.D., D.D.

With the death of Dr William MacMillan towards the end of last year, the Church Service Society has been bereft of one of its most distinguished members, who adorned its highest office. As an acknowledged authority on Church Worship, especially in its Scottish development, he was widely known, not only in this land but far beyond its borders. From his student days liturgical studies engaged his chief interest, and his knowledge of this subject was encyclopedic. His industry was remarkable, and his amazing memory for detail was a continual source of astonishment to his friends.

Readers of the *Annual* have reason to be deeply grateful to him for the succession of informative articles from his pen in the past twenty years, embodying some of the fruits of a life-time's research. He had a notable gift for discovering the human interest in many an obscure custom or tradition brought to light in the records and documents of the past.

His great work on the *Worship of the Scottish Reformed Church, 1550-1638*, will long remain an indispensable source-book for students who wish to know more of our real history, and to appreciate the strength and persistence of the links which bind us to bygone ages.

While this was his chosen field of study, to which he devoted years of patient research, Dr MacMillan had wider interests. He was true to the old tradition of a parish minister, with a keen sense of humour and with some human contact with all sorts and conditions of men. He could be equally at home with Roman Catholic priest, or Cameronian shepherd, and possessed the common touch, which made him approachable and friendly with ordinary folk.

His constant care for the children of his parish led him to give special attention to their training in right ways of worship. To this end he published his own book of services which has had a wide influence.

On his lovely church at Dunfermline he lavished his own skill as a craftsman, and spared no pains to secure

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that the furnishings and arrangement of the sanctuary should be worthy of its high purpose.

A catholic-minded Scotsman who loved his own church, and yet understood and appreciated all things good in other communions ; a valued chaplain in two world-wars ; a faithful parish minister ; a scholar and a man with a fervent zeal for the glory of God and the worship of His House—his memory in our midst will be cherished with thanksgiving and pride.