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## In Memoriam.

The Very Reverend Professor HUGH ROSS MACKINTOSH,  
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MANY tributes have been paid to the memory of Dr Mackintosh, in which reference has been made to his great and notable qualities of heart and mind, as pastor and preacher, as scholar and professor, and above all as a "man greatly beloved," but in this *Annual* it is fitting that some mention should be made of the devotional side of his nature, and of the influence he had on the worship of the Scottish Church. I have no personal knowledge of the share he had in compiling the "Book of Common Order, 1928," but his instinct for language and for fitting expressions of devotion can be traced, I believe, in various parts of that book. During the last seven years of his life he was a Vice-President of the Church Service Society, and was in full sympathy with its spirit and aims; but all his days he stood pre-eminently for reverence in whatever pertained to the House of God, and did much to foster that spirit in his students and amongst all who came beneath his spell.

It was my great privilege eight years ago to be joint-convener with him of the Committee that prepared the Services for the Celebration of Church Union in 1929, and during my close contact with him at that time he proved himself the most humble and most gracious of fellow-workers, and left a deep and lasting impression on my mind of his devout and worshipful spirit. While the part that fell to me was the drafting of the Orders of Divine Service for St Giles Cathedral and for use in Churches throughout the land, his part was to prepare the Acts of Worship for the Hall of Assembly itself; and any one who refers back to those Forms to-day will recognise the exquisite touch, the fine sense of seeking the right word and finding the right phrase to express the greatness and solemnity of the occasion, and the pure devotional spirit that breathed through everything he wrote. One petition in particular recurs to my mind as most characteristic of his modes of

thought, and as most surely fulfilled in his own experience to-day :—“ Keep us, we pray Thee, O Lord, in unbroken fellowship with the Church Triumphant, and defend us by Thy heavenly grace, that we, with all Thy saints, may finally be partakers of Thine eternal kingdom, when, made like unto Christ, we shall behold Him face to face.”

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