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## In Memoriam.

WILLIAM GEORGE SYM, M.D.

IN the Church Service Society, as in many other spheres—professional, religious, and charitable—the presence of the late Dr William George Sym will be greatly missed. It is not often that the Society finds a layman so keenly interested in the worship as well as in the work of the Church. Dr Sym served on the Council of the Society for a number of years. Even in the midst of his engrossing duties as a surgeon and consultant, he was seldom absent from a meeting, and his advice and help were always greatly valued.

In St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, where he served for many years as an Elder, Dr Sym frequently read the Scripture lessons, and he had charge of the arrangements made in that Church for Holy Communion. The opening words of an article which he contributed to this *Annual* some years ago, describing from an Elder's point of view the Communion Service in that Church, are indicative of the spirit in which he regarded the duties of his office. Speaking of the two main considerations which ought to receive attention in the conduct of that service, he declares these to be "first, that the service should in the highest degree express our devotion and our earnest acceptance of 'His most inestimable benefit'; and second, that from beginning to end the arrangements should be so thought out and perfected beforehand that there should be no hitch or failure in the prompt discharge of appointed duty which might distract the thoughts of any worshipper."

The charitable and humanitarian side of his profession always appealed very strongly to Dr Sym, and he will be remembered not only as a skilful surgeon but as a man of uniform kindness and sympathy.