

THE VERY REVD. PRINCIPAL JOHN H.S. BURLEIGH, DD

Principal Burleigh died on 22 March. The Church of Scotland mourns one of its most distinguished historians and a former Moderator of its General Assembly. The Church Service Society recalls with gratitude his service as President from 1956 to 1958 and as one of the Honorary Presidents thereafter. His Presidential Address on "The Reformed Tradition in Church Worship" was notable for his scrupulous honesty in assessing the historical evidence and for his warning that "a renaissance of worship is an altogether bigger thing than merely the improvement of its forms. It can only spring from a renewal of understanding of the gospel of the glory of God revealed in the face of Jesus Christ." (C.S.S. Annual 1959 p. 11).

Dr. Burleigh was minister at Fyvie and at St. Enoch's Dundee before being appointed in 1931 to the Chair of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Edinburgh. He was Principal of New College and Dean of the Faculty of Divinity from 1956 to 1964.

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A DIP IN THE ARCHIVES

On 23 May 1985, the Society arranged a service of Holy Communion in Greyfriars at which the musical settings of the liturgical texts as given in CH3 were integrated with the ECO(79) service. Shades of May 1875 when "the Committee had arranged for a service to be conducted during the session of the General Assembly according to the model laid down in the "Euchologion" . It was to take place under the roof where had so often been heard the voices of their forefathers in the former days of the Church; the Rev Dr Burns was to preach the sermon and would be assisted in the other parts of the service by other members of the Society; and it was hoped as many as possible would be present to witness and encourage the practical illustration of the ideas of the Society as to the conducting of Christian worship."

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