

Rev. G. A. Frank Knight, M.A., D.D.

A SON of the Free Church of Scotland on both sides of the house, the Rev. G. A. Frank Knight was born at Dollar in 1869. He was educated at the academy there, and later he studied first at Aberdeen and subsequently at Glasgow University, where he graduated. After ordination and a journey, as secretary to his grandfather the Rev. D. A. N. Somerville, to the foreign mission fields, he held charges first at Auchterarder, then at St Leonards U.F. Church, Perth, and in 1914 he was inducted as colleague and successor to Dr Reith in the Kelvingrove U.F. Church in Glasgow. In 1928 he was offered the position of General Secretary to the National Bible Society of Scotland, for which his early experience, personal interest and energetic personality eminently suited him. This post he held with acceptance until his sudden death on May 2, 1937, in his sixty-ninth year.

Dr Knight had wide interests outside his ecclesiastical work, and was a voluminous writer on many topics. His chief absorption was in archæology, but he had a training in Natural History, and was a competent conchologist. In 1901 he published a paper in *Trans. Nat. Hist. Soc. Glasgow* on "The Marine Mollusca of Port Stewart, North Ireland, especially in Relationship with the Clyde Fauna." His larger publications included *The Nile and Jordan: being Archæological and Historical Inter-relation between Egypt and Canaan to the Fall of Jerusalem, A.D. 70* (1921). This was a scholarly work showing a great deal of research. A second large work in two volumes published in 1933 is entitled *Archæological Light on the Early Christianizing of Scotland*. It was the product of many years of study of the records of lives of the early Saints in the Celtic Calendar, and the distribution of Dedications to the Saints throughout Scotland, as well as the study in the field of surviving remains of early monastic settlements in the Western Highlands and elsewhere.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1901.

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