

Canon Albert Ernest Laurie, M.C., D.D.

CANON ALBERT ERNEST LAURIE, M.C., D.D., was born in Edinburgh in 1866, educated here, and spent his whole working life in the service of Old St Paul's Episcopal Church, Carrubber's Close, Edinburgh. He was appointed Curate in 1891, and became Rector in 1897. From then until his death his charge there was only broken by four years' service as Military Chaplain in France during the Great War. In 1906 he established a Child Garden in Chessel's Court, almost the first of its kind in Edinburgh and Scotland, and this under his inspiration and guidance has become a model of the complete education of body, mind, and spirit in the early years of childhood. While on war service he received the Military Cross in 1916, and later a Bar. On his return to Old St Paul's he built the War Memorial Chapel, which, with the adjoining Calvary and Stairway, forms one of the most beautiful war memorials in Scotland. In 1923 the University of Edinburgh bestowed on him the honorary degree of D.D. He was made a Canon of the Cathedral in 1917 and Chancellor in 1925. He was the centre and leader of his own large congregation, but found time to serve on many other public institutions and committees. He died suddenly on Sunday, April 25, 1937, in full work to the last.

He was elected a Fellow of this Society in 1921: he had a lifelong interest in science, deeply appreciated the privilege of its Fellowship, and frequently attended the meetings of the Society.

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