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#### REV. GEORGE FARQUHAR

The passing of Rev. George Farquhar in Halifax on June 8th 1975 removed from our midst one of our oldest members, a man whose colourful career and wide intellectual interests made him widely known throughout Nova Scotia, and one who contributed to the life and work of our Society in many and varied ways.

George Farquhar was born in Wetherby, England, on July 17th 1880, but came to Canada at the age of three. He grew up at Newport, Hants County, and attended Windsor Academy. He graduated in Arts from Dalhousie University with honours in Philosophy, and then took a year of Law at Dalhousie Law School. Seventeen years later he completed his law studies and was admitted to the bar in 1925.

In 1910 George Farquhar graduated from the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and received the degree of M.A. in Economics from Dalhousie that same year. During World War I he served as a chaplain in the Canadian Army, and was involved in stirring adventures in Russia. On demobilization he was called to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, where he served until the time of the Union of 1925. He then entered the field of journalism, and for ten years, beginning in 1927, was editor-in-chief of the *Halifax Chronicle*. From 1938 until his retirement of 1955 he was commissioner of the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities.

Many public services and activities claimed Mr. Farquhar's energies. For 16 years he served on the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University. He was made life president of the Alumni Association and was editor of the Alumni News for some years. The Nova Scotia Historical Society and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs both claimed him as a member. For many years he was an elder in St. Andrew's Church, and for over 50 years he belonged to the Halifax Rotary Club. He became a member of our Society in 1928, and was our President in 1940.

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### JUDGE HIRAM SMITH FARQUHAR

Within a few short weeks of the death of his brother our Society suffered another great loss in the passing of Judge Hiram Smith Farquhar in Halifax on August 8th 1975. He had been a member since 1939 and had served as a member of the Committee on Charity since 1959, and as its Chairman since 1965. He was our President in 1957-58, and during his time of office the cairn incorporating part of Menstrie Castle in Scotland was unveiled in Victoria Park.

Born in Newport, Hants County, on April 9th 1901, Hiram Farquhar lived most of his life in Halifax. Here he took part in many and varied aspects of community life. He was an elder in St. Andrew's United Church; an active member of the Knights of Pythias; past-president of the Halifax Gyro Club; past-president of the Halifax Music Festival, and of the Halifax Branch of the Canadian Institute for the Blind. He worked devotedly on behalf of the disabled, having a hand in the establishment of disability pensions and of the Halifax Rehabilitation Centre. For many years he was director of Old Age Assistance for the Province of Nova Scotia, and was later appointed judge of the Family Court in Halifax. He retired in 1973.

Hiram Farquhar's two sons entered the ministry of the United Church of Canada. Rev. Alexander is minister of First-St. Andrew's Church in London, Ontario, and Rev. Hugh is serving in Pictou, N.S. The latter preached a sermon on September 7th 1975 in Pictou United Church entitled *Things My Father Taught Me*. Recalling his father's life and influence he acknowledged with gratitude these things that he had learned from him: the importance of being responsible, the importance of dependability, the importance of active compassion, the importance of true religion. So too have we all been instructed by this wise and kindly statesman among us. "He was not endowed with wealth, but he was given the gifts of a keen mind, sound judgement, qualities of leadership, and opportunities to exercise his talents and abilities in creative ways" said his son Hugh. We too have shared in these sterling gifts and graces, and our lives have been blessed by sharing in Hiram Farquhar's largeness of spirit.

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### DR. JOHN WILFRED MACINTOSH

On August 22nd 1975 Dr. John Wilfred MacIntosh, well-known Halifax physician and specialist in internal medicine, died at his home on Coburg Road, at the age of 78. With Judge Farquhar he joined our