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Alexander Sidney Mackie

A gentleman by the name of Brian Mackie has contacted Purley Chase recently. His grandparents Alexander Sidney Mackie (1974) and Myrtle Mackie (1991) were great supporters of the New Church during their lifetime. He has been writing an extensive biography of his grandparent's life to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his grandfather's passing. The memorial below was written by the Reverend Dennis Duckworth for Sidney on his passing.

Brian, who now lives in Canada, would like to know if any of our New Church members remember them both. If so, please contact Rachel at Purley Chase to pass on e mails or information to him.

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In Memoriam

Mr. A. S. MACKIE

Sidney Mackie was one who came into the organized New Church slowly, deliberately, most carefully, but very thoroughly. He tested his faith and his allegiance at every point and step. His was not a sudden conversion, but it became a very real one, in which there was nothing shallow or transitory. This was characteristic of his whole life. He was extremely modest and even self-effacing; yet all who came to know him and who gained his regard and friendship at once became aware of his excellent efficiency and his complete and unshakable trustworthiness. We shall all remember his gentle yet utter reliability.

He worked in many different branches of the Civil Service connected with naval and shipping matters for fifty-three years—an almost unique length of service. Born in Portsmouth, it was natural that he should find a career in the shipping world, eventually becoming a Naval Draughtsman and Surveyor. He was an Associate Member of the Institute of Naval Architects, and lived and worked in many of our shipping towns and cities. His great service during the war as Senior Inspecting Officer to the Sea Transport Organization—an absolutely vital post of great responsibility at Greenock—brought him the warm personal thanks of Lord Louis Mountbatten and the congratulations of Winston Churchill.

Such was Sidney Mackie, whom we began to know and respect in the years following the war, in London. Little by little we came to know him better and to value his judgments, always based upon penetration and thought. It is not an exaggeration to say that in the Church he was loved and honoured by all who knew him. Together with his wife and family he worked for the small New-Church Society in Willesden Green, bestowing all his care upon every task he undertook. He became Secretary of the Missionary Society of the New Church, and the initiator of many new ventures in that body. And latterly he has exercised the same care and determination in his post of Registrar of Isolated Members under the London and Southern Provincial Council.

But chiefly, let it be said quite simply that he lived a long, useful, and happy life. He loved his home—wife, children, and grandchildren, and saw them serene and happy around him. And although he was not untroubled by physical infirmity and weakness in his later years, his closing earthly life was contented and tranquil, and his moments of passing were brief.

Heaven is a kingdom of uses—

Heaven is a kingdom of innocence—

Heaven is a realm of peace and love—

Heaven is a world of light and life.

When we think of Sidney Mackie we can say sincerely, “. . . of such is the kingdom of Heaven”.

D.D.

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