

Concerning Our Frontispiece

Rev. D. G. Manuel, whom this magazine has already had occasion to reckon as a regular British correspondent and contributor, one of the best-known ministers of the Church of Scotland, came to the front many years ago in connection with his work for the Young Men's Guild of the Church of Scotland, of which he was honorary president.

That virile organization exercises the minds as well as the hearts of the young men of the Church, and helps to develop and merge intellectual and spiritual interests. To see how young Scotsmen, from about twenty to forty years of age, who ordinarily are slow to express their feelings, can manifest their appreciation of an attractive personality who has by earnest work won their admiration and affection, one need only attend the annual conference of the Guild.

In later years Mr. Manuel has been before Scottish Churchmen by articles contributed to *Life and Work*, the Church of Scotland magazine, and other publications.

Some years ago he visited the missions of the Church of Scotland in India and published a record of his experience entitled "Eastern Impressions," a book which was well received by the press and public. It is suggestive of Mr. Manuel's character that the proceeds from the sale of this work were devoted to the cause of the Young Men's Guild.

Mr. Manuel was again commissioned to visit India last November, in connection with the Guild Mission Semi-Jubilee, and is now (in mid March) on his homeward journey.

He has visited Canada ere this, and Mr. James Manuel, of Ottawa, is his uncle. Partly through personal interest in the managing editor of this magazine (a former guildsman), Mr. Manuel has, from the outset, taken an active concern in our publication, and his latest contribution appears in this issue, and has been written for us before he left India. As it reached us as we were going to press, it will probably (to his surprise) reach Britain before he does.

Photography was the hobby of the former honorary president of the Guild, and it has proved very useful in his literary work for the Church, his book on India being embellished by a number of excellent engravings made from pictures taken by himself.

Mertoun Parish Church, of which Mr. Manuel is minister, is one of the oldest church buildings in Scotland, as it dates, if we remember aright, from the sixteenth century. It is situated in the heart of the "Scott country" and within easy reach of four of the ancient