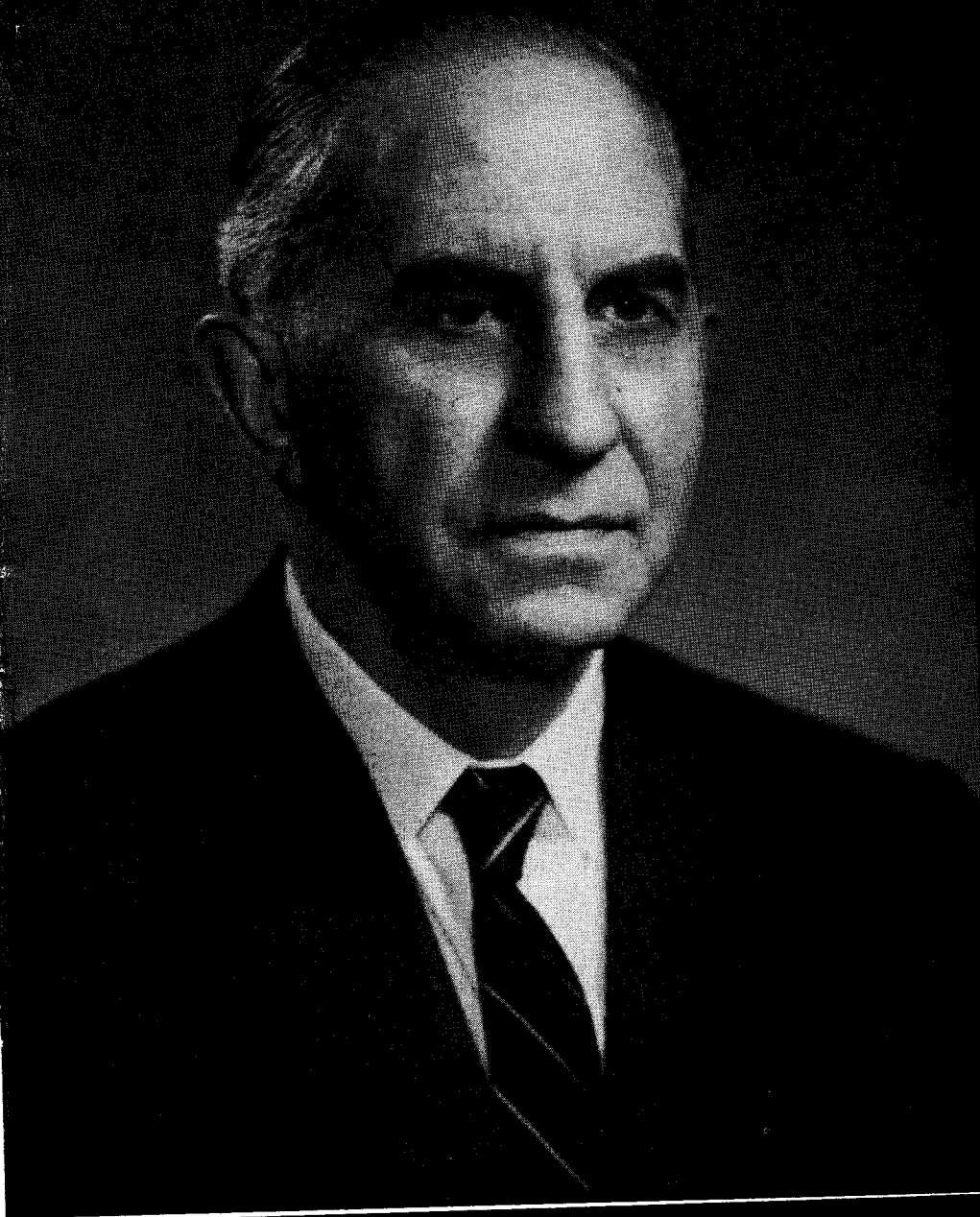


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Women's Auxiliary Honors Professor Murray

Today we seek to honor Professor John Murray. But his life and service in the kingdom of God have already spoken more eloquently than we can. We can but remind ourselves of biographical information and say a few words of appreciation in tribute to an esteemed servant of Christ. John Murray was born in Creich, Scotland and was reared in a godly home. During the first World War he served in the Black Watch Regiment and was founded in France, losing the sight of one eye. In 1923 he was graduated from the University of Glasgow with the Master of Arts degree. The following year he attended the Theological Hall of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

In 1924 the Lord graciously took him from his native land (where his heart has ever been) and gave him to our country as he came to study at Princeton Theological Seminary. After receiving the Bachelor of Theology and Master of Theology degrees from Princeton he became a Gelston-Winthrop Fellow at the University of Edinburgh from 1928-1929. From 1929-1930 he served as Instructor in Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary and in the fall of 1930 he began his long service at Westminster. In 1937 his colleagues on the Faculty and the Board of Trustees elected him to the chair of Professor of Systematic Theology where he has worthily succeeded such previous giants of Reformed Theology as Hodge and Warfield.

Professor Murray's contribution to the church of Jesus Christ has reached far beyond Westminster's halls. His numerous magazine articles, lectures, and books have been appreciated by Christians in every part of the world. Time does not permit the recitation of all his writings, but among the books note should be taken of such works as *Christian Baptism*, *Divorce*, *Principles of Conduct*, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*, *The Sovereignty of God* and his two volume work on the book of Romans.

Endeared to his students by a warm and friendly interest in them and their families even after their graduation, Mr. Murray's name will be continued

TESTIMONIAL SCROLL TO JOHN MURRAY

At a supper during the 33rd General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church this year the following tribute inscribed on a scroll was presented to their fellow-commissioner, signed by all the other commissioners of that Assembly:

To our esteemed brother, father in the faith, teacher of the Word of God, fellow presbyter and undershepherd of Jesus Christ in the labours of the gospel; to you, Professor John Murray:

We, the commissioners of the Thirty-third General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, meeting in Oostburg, Wisconsin, April 28, 1966, affix our names to the following tribute:

You have been a warm friend and counsellor to us, one and all, giving individual counsel whenever we sought—always out of a rich wealth of knowledge and inspiring reverence for the written Word.

You have been a faithful presbyter, spending untold days in the service of our beloved church, both in its assembly services and as a member of many of its committees.

You have been a gracious reprover, a hearty encourager, and an un-bitter dissenter in our deliberations.

To many of us you have been a patient teacher and more, for you have taught us exactness in the study of Holy Scripture, and a deep reverence for its high doctrine.

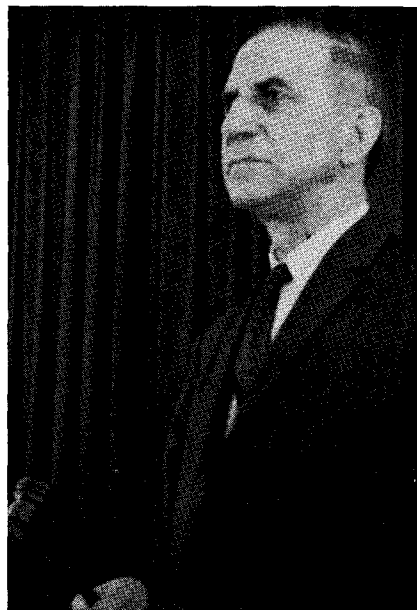
We honour you in our hearts. We respect you for your scholarship and wisdom. We are grateful to our God for you, Professor Murray. But we are compelled to say more: we love you dearly, and it is with deep sorrow that it appears that we may not see your face or hear your voice in future assemblies. We pray God that He may lay His hand on you for a most useful and happy ministry during your retirement years in your native land. We "thank God on every remembrance of you."

Professor Murray as Moderator of the 28th General Assembly in 1961.

in the families of alumni for years to come. At the risk of embarrassing him, we might say that Mr. Murray has many lady friends among the wives of alumni and friends of the Seminary.

It is our hope that he may see fit to return to this country to renew our fellowship from time to time. Our gratitude for the contribution he has made to Westminster and to our lives cannot be adequately expressed. We say a simple "Thank you, Mr. Murray." May God bless you with health and many more years of rich service in his kingdom.

This tribute was read at the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Westminster Seminary held at the Casa Conti. Professor Murray was the guest of honor at the luncheon.



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Beloved Professor

After more than forty years in a land that at times may have seemed to him like a wilderness Westminster Seminary's beloved Professor of Systematic Theology has returned to his bonnie Scotland. Although the familiar figure will not be seen on campus after mid-December, he will not soon be forgotten. His influence upon the institution will long endure.

From the second year of Westminster's existence in the old building on Pine Street this meticulous exegete and superb expositor of Holy Scripture has molded the theology of more than a generation. His students have included a number of sons whose fathers likewise drank deeply of the scholarship of this humble and devoted man. It was through no fault of his if embryo ministers failed to come to grips with the theology of the Bible in its full-orbed system—or missed the unsurpassed joy of the doctrines of sovereign grace for life and for preaching as John Murray expounded the truth with vigor and eloquence.

We can add little to other tributes to this warm friend and patient coun-

sellor found elsewhere in these pages. Covenant children — both those still young and many now mature who recall their youth — will testify to his sincere interest in them and his concern for their growth in the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Who has not found himself singing more heartily when he has observed this singer of Psalms "making melody in his heart to the Lord"? To listen to his preaching of the Word has always been an edifying experience — and it would not surprise us too much should we hear ere long that he has become an undershepherd for some flock of the Lord's redeemed. And whose soul, in hearing him pray, has not been lifted to the very gates of heaven as this man of fervent intercession uttered praise and petition, with confession and thanksgiving, to the Holy One of Israel? A man of genuine piety, his manner of life has exemplified the noteworthy statement of the Form of Government that "truth is in order to goodness; and a great touchstone of truth, its tendency to promote holiness."

Among the books from John Murray's pen (and we do mean *pen*) may be mentioned: *Christian Baptism* (Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1952); *Divorce* (OPC, 1953); *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* (Eerdmans, 1955 — the second part of which appeared originally in this magazine); *Principles of Conduct* (Eerdmans, 1957); *The Imputation of Adam's Sin* (Eerdmans, 1959); *Calvin on Scripture and Divine Sovereignty* (Presbyterian and Reformed, 1960); commentary on *Epistle to the Romans* (two volumes, Eerdmans, 1959, 1965). Many of his lectures have been printed; for example, "The

Covenant of Grace" (Tyndale Lecture, 1953) and "The Presbyterian Form of Church Government" (Evangelical Presbyterian Fellowship Lecture, 1958). He has been a frequent contributor to the *Westminster Theological Journal*, and is the author of numerous articles and series of studies that have appeared in the *Presbyterian Guardian*.

No ivory tower theologian, Mr. Murray has ever been a faithful presbyter both in the general assemblies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and in the Presbytery of New York and New England. His time has been given freely to numerous committees. He was chairman of a committee which edited the Westminster Confession of Faith with Proof Texts (1951) and only this year he resigned from the Committee on Foreign Missions after a quarter century of service. He is presently chairman of the Committee on Revisions to the Form of Government and Book of Discipline. Although independent of the church, the Committee for the Propagation of the Reformed Faith in New England, formed in the mid-thirties, had Mr. Murray as its president. The fruit of its evangelistic endeavor was later turned over to the Presbytery of New York and New England.

In bidding what we hope may be a temporary farewell to Mr. Murray, we join with others in the words of John's prayer for Gaius, "that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." If the Lord tarries and is so pleased in his providence, we trust that our beloved professor and friend may visit these shores again.

R. E. N.

As chairman of the Library Committee, Mr. Murray confers with Librarian Kuschke.

Professor Murray and President Clowney.

Mr. Murray with the other officers at the 1963 Reformed Ecumenical Synod.

Ground-breaking for Westminster Library.

