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This anthology has been compiled from three main sources, none of which are well known, and are long out of print. The sketches of the lives of John Graham, Finlay Munro and Archibald Crawford were attached as hitherto unpublished appendices to the 20th century biographies of their authors. The life of David Steven by Alexander Auld was published as a stand-alone work in the 19th century. All of these works are now difficult to obtain.

The Subjects

A Good Report Through Faith records the lives of four eminent Christians of the Scottish Highlands. Although John Graham died young, in his brief ministry at Ardelach he left behind him a rich savour of godliness. His preaching was much appreciated by the Lord's people. His uprightness and faithfulness brought persecution which he endured patiently. Some said of Finlay Munro that he went about the country evangelising in his own strength, but the great blessings that attended his indefatigable labours proved otherwise. It was the Lord's work and it was marvellous in the eyes of those who longed for the salvation of sinners. Likewise Archie Crawford, another lay preacher, of a later generation, was instrumental in leading many in his native Argyll to the saving knowledge of Christ. His exceptional discernment and his fearless contending for the faith proved him to be, not only a spiritual father, but a faithful guide. David Steven was reputed as one of the outstanding Christians of his generation. The all-round excellency of his walk and conversation gave him a prominent place amongst the godly of Caithness. Both his labours and his Christ-like savour were blessed to many.

The Authors



Rev Alexander Auld (1821-1904) was Free Church minister at Orlig in Caithness. As well as the Life of David Steven, he wrote *The Life of John Kennedy* and *Ministers and Men of the Far North*. Rev John Macleod D.D. (1872-1948) was minister in the Free Presbyterian charge of Kames during the closing years of Archie Crawford's life. His best known work is *Scottish Theology in Relation to Church History*. Rev Donald Munro (1860-1937) was Free Church minister of Ferintosh and Rogart and wrote *Records of Grace in Sutherland*.



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Biography Subject	What was said of them....	What they said....
John Graham	“whose ministry, although short, was marked by a holy walk, a usefulness, and a fervent desire for the glory of God.”	“I was but eight years old when the adversary began to pursue my soul, and I am persuaded that his assaults shall continue till I reach the home not made with hands.”
Finlay Munro	“He was the means of bringing many....to the saving knowledge of the Lord and building them up in the faith”	“My dear sweet Jesus is very bountiful to me now. I want nothing today but a soul to hold Him and an heart to praise Him. . . . I see not another on earth today so deep in sin as I am myself, but I see not a beauty like that of Jesus in heaven or on earth.”
Archibald Crawford	“His lot was cast in a time when there was a great forsaking of the old paths for which he faithfully contended”	“I was taught theology experimentally first, before I knew it theoretically; passing through difficulties in my own experience, and battling them in my own bosom; overcoming solely and only by ‘the sword of the Spirit’ all the different heresies that have been, and still are agitating the Church of Christ”
David Steven	“he was ‘an Israelite indeed in whom was no guile,’ greatly loved for his humility, wisdom and charity”	“To grow in grace is to grow in knowledge of the exceeding sinfulness of sin.grow, too, in knowledge of the preciousness of Christ and in dependence upon Him.”