

THE RECORD

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EDITORIAL NOTE

This issue contains the Presidential Address given at the Annual General Meeting in May 1999 and the much appreciated main address at the recent Conference at Paisley Abbey.

On behalf of the Society I should like to record our thanks to the Reverend James C. Stewart for his address and for his service as President 1997-99 and to offer our congratulations to the Reverend Andrew McLellan on his nomination as Moderator of the General Assembly of 2000.

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PRESIDENTIAL PAPER – MAY 1999

Scripture: Salt Cellar or Pepper-pot for Liturgy?

The General Assembly of 1998 received from their Panel on Doctrine a report on the Interpretation of Scripture. Its final sentences read: “ The Bible is a central resource for worship; it is through the Word of God read and proclaimed that faith is nourished and deepened. It is in their response in assent and discipleship that the Christian community is enabled to live the life of the Spirit, sustained by the mystery of Word and Sacrament as the pilgrim people of God.”¹ The body of the report, however, insofar as it deals with the interpretation of Scripture in worship concentrates almost entirely on the kind of interpretation which manifests itself in preaching. If that is not the direction in which I follow, it is certainly not because I wish to provide grounds for the kind