

THE CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY NOTES

Annual Meeting

Some 55 members and friends were present at the Annual Meeting of the Society held on 29 May 1972, in the Martin Hall, New College, Edinburgh. This meeting, held for many years on the Friday of Assembly Week, had come to acquire the status of an immovable feast. With no little trepidation the Council this year resolved to change the day of the meeting to the Monday of the second week of the Assembly, on account of the increasing pressure of Assembly business on Fridays. It is good to report that the response to the new date and time was entirely satisfactory, with the result that the Council has appointed a similar date and time for the meeting in 1973.

The President, the Rev. Professor T. F. Torrance, M.B.E., D.Litt., D.D., D.Theol., constituted the meeting, and welcomed the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Reverend Ronald Selby Wright, D.D. Dr. Wright briefly addressed the meeting, referring to his own membership of the Society for many years, and the Society's part in deepening the spiritual and devotional life of the Church.

Tribute was paid, by the President, to the memory of the Rev. Professor W. D. Maxwell, an Honorary President of the Society, liturgical scholar and writer, who had done so much to stimulate liturgical thinking and practice in the Church. Reference was also made to the passing of Mrs. Marguerite Ninian Hill, a devoted member of the Council, whose husband, the late Dr. Ninian Hill, was the founder and first Editor of the *Annual*.

Professor Torrance then delivered his Presidential Address on 'The Mind of Jesus Christ in Worship – the problem of Apollinarianism in the Liturgy', a magisterial and memorable paper which was well received by the members. Dr. Stuart Loudon expressed the appreciation of all present.

The Secretary's report showed membership of the Society as now stabilizing, following the new publishing arrangements, and slightly on the increase. The overseas Societies in Ireland, New Zealand, and Victoria, Australia, had continued to give the same support to the journal as last year.

The Treasurer's statement recorded a substantial credit balance in the ordinary fund, it being noted that the account for the publication had still to be met. In the Centenary Fund there would be an anticipated credit balance of £63 after accounting for a refund of income tax due.

It was intimated that the Council had invited the Rev. Professor John M. Barkley, M.A., Ph.D., D.D., F.R.Hist.S., of the Chair of Church History in the Presbyterian College, Belfast, to deliver the second Centenary Lecture at **Edinburgh** on **13 November**, and at **Aberdeen** on **14 November**.

The Rev. John Heron, B.D., S.T.M., was unanimously elected as President for the ensuing two years, and installed in office. The Rev. John B. Logan, B.D., S.T.M., was elected as Vice-President, and the Secretary and Treasurer were continued in office. The Council were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Fraser, Farnell, and the Rev. J. Stirling, St. Ninians.

A large number of members and friends remained for the buffet supper which was served in the Residence.