

THE CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY NOTES

Regional Conference

The 1975 Conference was held in Edinburgh in October last, at the Kirk of the Greyfriars, which, in recent years at least, has been established as the Society's *cathedra*.

After Holy Communion, celebrated by the President, the Rev. John B. Logan, B.D., S.T.M., the company adjourned to Kirk House to hear a paper on 'The Marriage Service' given by the Rev. Dr. A. K. Robertson, Fort William. In a wide-ranging review of the Marriage Service, its merits and defects, Dr. Robertson pleaded for more recognition in the service of the Divine promises, and the emphasizing of that which is given by God rather than of what people are to do. And we were reminded that it is within the context of the Eucharist that the significance of this is realized. A full discussion followed, and at the close the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. W. H. Rogan.

At the lunch interval members visited the South West Loft within the Kirk where the Church Service Society Library has recently been inaugurated, and heard from Dr. R. Stuart Loudon an account of the history of the building, and, in particular, the developments in the Loft.

The hospitality of Kirk House for lunch and tea was much appreciated.

Dates to Note in 1976

18 October – Annual Conference

The Conference will be held at St. John's Kirk of Perth on Monday, 18 October, when the subject will be 'The Place of Children in worship'. The speaker will be the Rev. J. L. Weatherhead, Montrose, Convener of the General Assembly's Special Committee on Church Membership. Details will be circulated in due course to members resident within twenty miles of Perth, and the Secretary will be glad to send a programme to any others outwith the area who indicate their interest.

31 October and 1 November – Centenary Lecture

The Centenary Lecture is due to be delivered at Glasgow, in the University Chapel, on Sunday, 31 October, at 3 p.m., and at

St. Andrews, within St. Mary's College, on Monday, 1 November, at 5 p.m. The Rev. Professor David Cairns, D.D., Aberdeen, has been appointed as Lecturer, and he has chosen as his subject, 'The Nature of Sacramental Remembering'.

We regret to announce the death on 28 Dec. 1975 of Rev. David A. Hodges who edited the Society's *Annual* from 1942 to 1967 and on 4th Feb. 1976 of Rev. Dr. John A. Lamb who contributed Book Reviews for many years. Both were past Presidents of the Society. Further reference will be made in the next number.