

THE CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY NOTES

Annual Meeting

There was an attendance of about fifty members and friends at the Annual Meeting of the Society, held on 22nd May 1980, in Greyfriars Kirk House, Edinburgh. The President, the Rev. Professor J. K. S. Reid, C.B.E., D.D., was in the Chair.

After constituting the meeting, Professor Reid delivered his Presidential Address on *Communio Sanctorum*. On the call of Dr A. K. Robertson, Professor Reid was cordially thanked for his address, and also for his service to the Society during his term of office.

The Secretary's report referred to a development at the Divinity Colleges. In order to put Society representation at the Colleges on a more permanent basis the Council was in process of appointing a member of the staff at each college as Society representative. The Conference at Edinburgh, sponsored jointly with the Scottish Church Society, had been very successful, and the Council were negotiating with that Society on the promotion of another joint conference.

At the conclusion of his report, Mr Ross intimated that he proposed to demit office as Secretary. The President congratulated the Secretary on his long and faithful service throughout twenty-five years, and conveyed felicitiously the thanks of the entire Society.

The Treasurer's report estimated that, after deduction of the charges for the 1979 and 1980 journals, there would be a small credit balance in the General Fund. In the Centenary Fund, there was a credit balance of £115.

The President referred to the successful conclusion of discussions with Professor Ross Mackenzie, which had led to the amalgamation of *Liturgical Review* with *Worship and Reform* (published at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia). The new edition, to be published by Scottish Academic Press under the title *Liturgical Review*, would have articles by American contributors, and would be circulated on both sides of the Atlantic. Professor Mackenzie had agreed to act as Joint Editor with Dr Murray.

The Rev. A. Stewart Todd, Aberdeen, was unanimously elected as President for the ensuing two years, and installed in office. The Rev. H. W. M. Cant, Kirkwall, was elected as Vice-

President. The Rev. Colin R. Williamson, Leith St Paul's, was elected as Secretary, and the Treasurer was continued in office.

The Council were re-elected, with the addition of The Rev. W. B. R. Macmillan, Dundee, The Rev. Ewen Maclean (*ex officio* as Minister of Greyfriars), and Mr. J. P. Shepherd, Edinburgh.

After the meeting 39 members and friends adjourned to the lounge of Kirk House where a buffet supper was served.

Centenary Lecture

The Centenary Lecture will be given in January 1981, by the Rev. Professor Ross Mackenzie of the Chair of Church History at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and now Joint Editor in America of *Liturgical Review*. His subject will be: "Personal and Liturgical Prayer in a Time of Disintegration." The Lecture will be delivered on the 26th January at 3.00 p.m. in the Renfield Church Centre, Glasgow, and on the 27th January at 5.00 p.m. in St Mary's College, St Andrews.

The Rev. W. J. Ross

It is surely appropriate that we record our gratitude in this issue of the journal to the Rev. W. J. Ross who demitted office as Secretary of the Society at this year's Annual Meeting. Mr Ross has served as Secretary for twenty-five years, the longest period anyone has held this office in the history of the Church Service Society. His term of office has not only been marked by length, however, but by faithful service. Mr Ross has carried out his many and varied duties efficiently and conscientiously. In addition his thoughtfulness and courtesy have been much appreciated by all who have held office in the Society in this period. We thank him warmly and look forward to his continuing contribution to the work of the Society.