

## **Regional Conferences**

IN October last, thirty-five members and friends in the Glasgow area attended a One Day Conference of the Society, within the Barony Church. Holy Communion was celebrated by the President, the Rev. W. Roy Sanderson, D.D., who also presided at the Conference which continued in the Session House.

The Rev. Stewart Mechie, D.D., Lecturer in Ecclesiastical History at the University of Glasgow, read a most interesting and instructive paper on "The Book of Common Order and the Worship of the Scottish Reformers". At the afternoon session it provoked a stimulating discussion, and afforded an opportunity for a useful exchange of views.

After lunch, Dr Sanderson gave a short address on the history of the Barony, with portraits of some of its distinguished ministers, and also conducted the guests around the Church.

The sense of fellowship engendered by these local gatherings was once again felt, and underlined the importance of these regional conferences for the study and discussion of things we value in common. One was also conscious of the ecumenical nature of the occasion through the presence of some of the friends invited by our members,—two from the Scottish Episcopal Church, and one from the United Free Church.

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MEMBERS are asked to note that the next One Day Conference will be held in Edinburgh, within the Kirk of Greyfriars', on Monday, 2nd October, 1961, from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

The paper will be given by the Rev. Professor James A. Whyte, M.A., of the Chair of Practical Theology and Christian Ethics in St Mary's College, the University of St Andrews. His subject will be: "Liturgy, Laity and Architecture", which should prove interesting and stimulating in view of contemporary experiments in the design of churches.

We hope that members within the area will make a special endeavour to be present, and will also bring their friends with them. Conferences provide an excellent opportunity of introducing others to the work and witness of the Society, and furthering its influence.

Notices of the meeting will be sent to members in Edinburgh, and the Secretary will be glad to send a copy of the programme to any others outwith that area who notify him that they wish to attend.