

## The Centenary of the Society

ON Friday, 21st May, 1965, all roads in Edinburgh led to the ancient and historic Kirk of the Greyfriars. Within the very walls where Dr. Robert Lee had launched the movement for reform in worship, the Church Service Society, which in a sense was formed to carry on Dr. Lee's pioneering work, held its Centenary Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving.

There were present in the large and representative congregation many descendants and relatives of the founders and pioneers of the Society ; and with the Office-bearers and Council in the procession were the grandson of George Campbell, one of the founders ; and the grandson of Pearson M'Adam Muir, a Secretary and Vice-President for many years. We were also honoured to have with us as our guests Bishop Kenneth M. Carey of the Scottish Episcopal diocese of Edinburgh, a grandson of William Milligan ; Pastor Wiebe Vos, representing *Studia Liturgica* ; and the Rev. Horace T. Allen, representing the daughter Society in the United States of America,

The handsomely printed *Order of Service* was a model of dignified biblical church worship, incorporating the liturgical principles for which the Society has ever striven throughout the years. The Very Rev. Dr. Nevile Davidson, of Glasgow Cathedral, conducted the service ; the Lessons were read by the Rev. Dr. Foster Franklin, representing the Honorary Presidents, and the Rev. William J. Ross, Honorary Secretary. The Senior Honorary President, the Very Rev. Dr. Charles L. Warr, Dean of the Order of the Thistle and of the Chapel Royal, gave the Benediction.

The Occasional Sermon by the President of the Society, the Rev. Dr. Stuart Loudon, Minister at Greyfriars, was worthy of this unique event, and we are grateful to him for permission to include it in this issue. With eucharistic opening there followed the solemn prayer of Commemoration, in which humble thanksgiving was offered for the founders and leaders of the Society, many of them mentioned by name ; and for all who by their courage and devotion had enriched the worship of the Church in the past hundred years. It was a memorable service which fittingly marked a notable

occasion, and reminded all present of the heritage of the past, and the challenge of the future.

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Within the Society there is a desire to mark the Centenary in some more practical way which would serve to perpetuate the aims for which the Society was constituted. It is hoped to found an Annual Lecture to be given in the four Divinity Faculties in Scotland, by rotation. With leading Liturgical Scholars from outwith Scotland, as well as within, lecturing on such a foundation, the Society in so recalling its Centenary would also perform a valuable service to the Church. An appeal for £500 has been launched, and donations large or small will be gratefully acknowledged by the Honorary Treasurer, Alex. R. Mowat, Esq., 4A St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh 2.