IN MEMORIAM

The Reverend Dr John W. Fraser, B.E.M., a long-standing member of the Society, was a man of scholarly interests. He was the author of a work entitled Jesus and Paul and published a translation of Calvin's intriguingly titled treatise Concerning Scandals. The Annual and the Liturgical Review carried several articles by him on matters falling within our scope. These indicate that his concern was not only with the texts and practices of liturgy but with its physical setting ('On behalf of the Chancel', 1962) and its setting in contemporary life ('Crisis of Worship: Crisis of Faith', 1972). He was Presbytery Correspondent for the Society in the Presbytery of Deeside while minister at Banchory West Church, and for the Presbytery of Angus and Meams for a period during his long ministry at Famell, as well as serving as a member of the Assembly’s Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion.

The Reverend W. Andrew Wylie only joined the Society a few years ago when he was already in retirement, but expressed his regret that it had not come more invitingly to his attention at a much earlier stage as it dealt with concerns which he had long held. He served in parishes and congregations in Scotland, England, and Switzerland, most notably in a ground-breaking city centre ministry at St Andrew’s and St George’s in Edinburgh but it was in a further pioneering ministry as first chaplain to the North Sea Oil Industry that he found the task of leading worship at its most challenging and satisfying.

Mrs Rosemary Hall was a lady of wholehearted commitment to any cause or task which she espoused. Her concern for what might be called the technicalities of leading worship was aroused through her membership of the worship workshop in the parishes of Upper Tweeddale. That, in turn, through her minister, then Secretary, brought contact with the Society and service for two terms on its Council.