
Reports

ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Friday, 23rd May, 1958, in the Martin Hall, New College, Edinburgh.

The Reverend Principal John H. S. Burleigh, B.Litt., D.D., the President, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members and friends. He welcomed visitors from over-seas, including the Rev. Malcolm Wilson, M.A., Vice-President of the Church Service Society of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, who conveyed cordial greetings from the daughter Society.

The Secretary's report showed the circulation of the *Annual* as 977 copies including the overseas Societies, with the home membership remaining at approximately the same level. Reference was made to a re-organization at Glasgow, where the Presbytery had been divided into five areas with a Correspondent for each area, in order to ensure closer contact with members.

The Treasurer reported a satisfactory credit balance, but reminded members that the account for the 1958 *Annual*, and other printing, had not been received to date, and that early settlement would be facilitated by prompt payment of subscriptions.

The Presidential Address on "The Reformed Tradition in Church Worship" was well received, and, on the call of the Rev. Thomas H. Keir, M.A., Melrose, Principal Burleigh was accorded the hearty thanks of the meeting.

The Rev. Foster Franklin, D.D., Corstorphine, was elected President of the Society for the ensuing two years, and the Rev. W. Roy Sanderson, D.D., Barony Church, Glasgow, Vice-President. The Secretary, Treasurer and Council were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Dr A. K. Robertson, Langton and Polwarth, and Rev. C. D. Hamilton, M.A., Glasgow.

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE. A Conference of the Society was held within St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Monday, 29th September, 1958. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. Foster Franklin, D.D., President.

The Conference thereafter adjourned to St. Giles' House, under the chairmanship of the Rev. David A. Hodges, B.D., an Honorary President, to take note of some new approaches in worship in two Church Extension parishes. The general subject, "Worship in the New Churches", provided two stimulating papers which were given by the Rev. Ian Reid, B.A., Old Kirk, Edinburgh, on "Holy Communion"; and the Rev. J. Ross Mackenzie, B.D., St Andrew's, Clermiston, on "Other Services".

In the period allotted for discussion the questions revealed an appreciative interest in these approaches; but the experiments also evoked some keenly critical comments.

This Conference was the best attended in recent years, 44 members and friends being present; and it afforded clear evidence that such regional gatherings serve a most useful purpose in the work of the Society.