

The Church Service Society of America

THE Church Service Society of the United States of America wishes to announce the election of its officers for 1964-66. They are Howard G. Hageman, *president*; Carl D. Reimers, *vice-president*; Horace T. Allen, Jr., *secretary-treasurer*; R. Sidney Pinch, *historian*. These officers belong to the Reformed Church of America, the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., respectively—which illustrates the variety of membership of our Society.

This year a new journal, *Reformed Liturgics*, was begun. Volume I has now been completed with two issues. The first contained the three papers read at the 1964 Annual Meeting on the theme "The Reformed Tradition and Church Architecture." The second is a group of articles on "The Early Eucharist," "The First Church Service Society of America," "The Lutheran Liturgical Renewal," and an article on "Liturgy and Ecumenicity in the Thought of Calvin." Copies may be obtained by writing the new editor of the journal, The Reverend Carl D. Reimers, 23 University Place, Princeton, New Jersey.

Our Society now numbers almost two hundred, with members in thirty-four of the fifty states, the Philippine Islands, Canada and Scotland.

The Church Service Society of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

WE thank the Scottish Society for the invitation to contribute a one-page report of our activities.

HISTORICAL. The New Zealand Society was formed after an open invitation to all ministers and elders at the General Assembly in Christchurch in 1936. From an initial membership of twenty-two the Society has increased to some two hundred and forty members, which is approximately 50% of all Presbyterian ministers. (The Annual Meeting is held as a tea meeting during General Assembly each November). The President is elected for two years and gives an address at one of the Annual Meetings during his term of office. The executive is located for a period in a given Presbytery and is currently in the Presbytery of Waikato. All members receive the Scottish Annual and the New Zealand Society's Bulletin.

BULLETIN 23 contains an article on "The Sunday Service" by the Rev. Dr H. H. Rex, until recently Professor of Church History at the Theological Hall, Dunedin. He begins ". . . frankly I find the Sunday service a bore" and proceeds to ask why. The second section of the Bulletin surveys answers to a questionnaire seeking information on the aims and objects of the Society and current practice at Sunday Services and the Communion Service.

ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, 31st October, 1963 at the Farmers' Cafeteria, Christchurch. The Annual report referred to the availability of clerical vestments, communion ware, the nature and content of Retreats and the proposed Questionnaire on current practice in the Presbyterian Church in regard to the order used for Baptisms, Confirmations and Occasional Services.

The new President is the Rev. J. E. Stewart, Feilding, who has been a stalwart supporter of the Society over many years.

The retiring President, the Very Rev. M. W. Wilson, spoke on "Worship and the World." Worship must be related to our common life. This is secured through service in the world and through buildings, liturgy and the climax of the communion service.