

Regional Conferences

THERE was an attendance of 33 members and friends at the autumn Conference held at the Kirk of the Greyfriars, Edinburgh, on 23rd October, 1967.

The Conference, at which Dr. Keir presided, commenced with the celebration of Holy Communion, and then settled to its topic for the day, "Liturgy and Mission", provided in a paper by the Rev. Canon Roland C. Walls, Lecturer in Christian Dogmatics at New College.

We were reminded at the outset that the Church's mission to the world is Christ's, not for our own fanciful schemes and plans, and if this is to be recognised, then Liturgy is the necessary prelude to mission. It is not that in Liturgy the world hears the Gospel, but rather that the Church is evangelised and receives her armoury of faith, before facing the world in mission.

This was a fascinating paper which recalled to us the principles of worship, yet also was practical in the suggestions it set forth in relating worship to mission. It was evident that these ideas stimulated and challenged those present, as was amply borne out in the lively discussion at the afternoon session.

Members are asked to note that the next One Day Conference will be held on Monday, 21st October, 1968, at Aberdeen.

A paper will be given by the Rev. A. K. Robertson, B.D., Ph.D., Fort William, Vice-Convener of the Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion, who is Chairman of a Working Party recently set up in fulfilment of a remit from the General Assembly—to examine the nature, sources and function of public worship within the Reformed Churches. This very comprehensive inquiry is likely to go on for a year or two and will be concerned, not only with the fundamentals, *but also with most of the controversial issues of the day in regard to the conduct of worship.* We understand that Dr. Robertson's intention is to air this vast topic by sharing his own thinking to date, and providing an opportunity for the expression of views by those present.

Full details of the Conference programme will be sent in due course to members in Aberdeen and within a radius of 30 miles therefrom. Any outwith that area who wish to receive particulars should inform the Hon. Secretary. We are hopeful that this first Conference to be held as far north as Aberdeen will receive substantial support from our members in the north east.