

EDITORIAL

We welcome readers in the United States of America to the journal in this first joint issue with the periodical *Worship and Reform*, and we welcome Professor Ross Mackenzie as Joint Editor. We look forward to this new venture and to learning from one another.

Liturgical Review is the journal of the Church Service Society which was founded in Scotland in 1865 as a result of the revival of interest in the worship of the Church. The Editorial policy will remain in keeping with the two original aims of the Society, the study of liturgies, ancient and modern, and the compilation of material for use in worship. The second of these aims has largely been taken over by the Church of Scotland's Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion, but the journal continues to give an opportunity for the presentation of other material for study and use which has been prepared by individuals or unofficial groups. The journal carries out the first of the aims by publishing articles on a wide variety of liturgical subjects, including the theology, history, and practice of worship. Although brought out from a reformed base, the journal has always been ecumenical and international in outlook and has included articles about different traditions and from different parts of the world.

In this issue we are very pleased to have a leading article by Professor Horton Davies, Henry W. Putnam Professor of the History of Christianity at Princeton University. A graduate of the universities of Edinburgh and Oxford, Professor Davies taught at Oxford and at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, before taking up his present position in America. He is well known on both sides of the Atlantic for his major five volume standard work, *Worship and Theology in England*. His article provides a most interesting survey of the present study of liturgics in the U.S.A. We are grateful for his contribution to launch the journal in its new beginning.

Items planned for the next issue include articles on the subject of children and holy communion from both a theological and pastoral point of view. This subject has arisen fairly recently in Churches in Britain and we believe we can learn much from the experiences of Presbyterian Churches in the U.S.A.

Contributions in the form of articles or liturgical material will be welcome and should be sent to one of the Editors in Scotland or in America. The Editors will also appreciate the co-operation of readers in making the journal more widely known, or by introducing new contributors.