

To this end, the Panel on Worship will be inviting interested churches, singularly or in districts or presbyteries to consider launching Songs of God's People in their area at sizeable gatherings. The Panel will then make every endeavour to have representatives available to help arrange such events and to promote the material.

John L Bell,
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A DIP IN THE ARCHIVES

Speaking at the Annual Meeting on 30th May, 1878, Dr Boyd (St Andrews) reflected on the difficulties facing new and inexperienced licentiates conducting their first services.

"Two courses are open to him. He may fall back on the floating traditional liturgy of the Scotch Church and use the stock phrases he has heard from his minister; in which case he may be found confessing in the name of the congregation that their 'father is an Amorite and their mother a Hittite,' and that they 'have yielded the grapes of Sodom and the clusters of Gomorrah'; or he may avail himself of such a volume as 'Euchologion', where he will find a store of devout expression gathered from the Universal Church's rich experience and given in the words of the best of mankind."