

Annual Meeting

ABOUT fifty members and their friends were present at the Annual Meeting of the Society in the Martin Hall, New College, Edinburgh, on Friday, 27th May, 1960.

The President, the Rev. Foster Franklin, D.D., occupied the chair, and at the outset paid tribute to the memory of the late Dr J. Arnott Hamilton, formerly Minister at Newbattle, and for many years a valued member of the Council.

The Secretary's report showed the circulation of the Annual as 1060 copies, including the kindred Societies overseas. Reference was made to the contacts established and an exchange of literature arranged, with the Parish and People Movement in England.

In accordance with the practice initiated in the previous year, the Treasurer's Statement again included the account for the 1960 *Annual*, just published, as this properly fell within the financial year 1959-60, ending on 15th May, 1960. In consequence a debit balance of £129 was shown. It was pointed out, however, that the vast majority of members had still not paid their *current* subscriptions for the year 1959-1960. The Treasurer emphasized that early payment of dues, on receipt of the *Annual*, or, better still, in anticipation of it, would render the Society more financially stable, and enable it to meet more promptly the printing charges. It should be remembered that the financial year ends on 15th May. Local Correspondents will be glad to receive members' subscriptions at any Presbytery meeting after each New Year.

Dr Foster Franklin delivered his retiring Presidential Address on "Phases of Order in Church of Scotland Worship", and was accorded, on the call of Dr John Wilson Baird, the hearty thanks of the meeting for his comprehensive survey of the field of worship in the last four hundred years.

The Rev. W. Roy Sanderson, D.D., The Barony of Glasgow, was installed as President for the ensuing two years, and the Rev. John A. Lamb, Ph.D., D.D., Librarian of New College, was elected Vice-President. The Secretary, Treasurer and Council were continued in office, with the addition of the Rev. Professor Thomas T. Torrance, D.Theol., D.D., of the Chair of Christian Dogmatics, the University of Edinburgh; the Rev. Professor James A. Whyte, M.A., of the Chair of Practical Theology and Christian Ethics, St Mary's College, the University of St Andrews; and the Rev. G. V. R. Grant, M.A., Urray and Kilchrist.