

that is ours from the past ; and we pray that all your work will continue to be blessed in the years to come.

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The Church Service Society of Queensland

THE Church Service Society of Queensland wishes to thank the Scottish Society for this opportunity to contribute to this Centenary issue, and we send our greetings to them, and to all linked with them in the study of those things which make for good order in the Church.

Our Society in Queensland is of very recent origin, having held its first meeting in Stephen's Church, Toowoomba, on 31st May, 1962. The Society now has eighteen members out of about 106 Ministers in this State. Four meetings are held each year but, inasmuch as Queensland is a very large State of some 670,500 square miles, divided into nine Presbyteries, and several Australian Inland Mission patrol areas, it is quite impossible for all Ministers to attend meetings. However, the Annual Meeting is held during the State Assembly so as to make it possible for country members to attend, and, in addition to this, all papers presented to the Society are circulated to members. At this early stage in its history we are still experimenting to find the most suitable way in which to exercise our witness within the Queensland Church. Perhaps one of the Society's most important functions is the bringing together of people who are keen to share in liturgical study, and the dissemination of this material to their more widely scattered brethren.

For the past two years the Society has had in preparation a small leaflet which will set out in simple form the main features of the Christian Year, with explanatory notes and an introduction stating reasons for observing it. This leaflet is designed for use by regular worshippers and for the instruction of new communicants. It is hoped that through its use a more intelligent participation in the Church's worship may be achieved.

What the Society achieves here, however, will be mainly through the work of individual Ministers who instruct their congregations in liturgical matters. It is at this point that the Society is able to forge a bond of fellowship between Ministers, reduce their isolation in this large State, and so strengthen their hands in the leadership of the Church's worship.

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