

Regional Conference

THE Annual Conference was held at Greyfriars' Church, Edinburgh, on 5th October, 1964, with a good attendance. After the celebration of Holy Communion the President, Dr John A. Lamb, welcomed our distinguished guest, the Bishop of Sheffield, who addressed the gathering on "Worship Today and Tomorrow".

Dr Taylor, covering a wide field, stressed three notable events in the liturgical renaissance within the Church of England in the past thirty years. (1) The publication in 1936, of *Liturgy and Society*, by Gabriel Hebert, of the Society of the Sacred Mission, Kelham, dealing with the corporate nature of worship, and the social consequences of the Liturgy. (2) *The Shape of the Liturgy*, 1945, by Dom Gregory Dix, of Nashdom Abbey, showing the Liturgy as something done, the Church's witness to her Living Lord. (3) The setting-up, in 1954, of the *Liturgical Commission*, which initiated intensive study of Liturgy, the preparation of experimental services, and services not yet provided in the Book of Common Prayer.

He also referred to the recently appointed Interchurch Liturgical Group, on which the Church of Scotland is also represented, and the valuable opportunity it affords for ecumenical advance in liturgical study. His reflections on current trends and experimentation in church worship were of great interest and value. The Bishop was warmly thanked for his stimulating and informative address. His friendly genial personality, moreover, ensured the success of a memorable conference.

The next autumn Conference will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Dundee, on Monday, 25th October. The Rev. A. W. Sawyer, O.B.E., B.D., Mertoun and Maxton, and Vice Convener of the Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion will give a paper on "The Language of Worship". Members within a radius of twenty miles from Dundee will, in due course, be circularized as to the arrangements. Any outwith that area who wish to attend should apply to the Secretary of the Society for details, which will be gladly sent on.