

Regional Conferences

THERE was an attendance of some 32 members and their friends at the autumn Conference at St. Mary's Church, Dundee, on 25th October, 1965.

The speaker was the Rev. Alek W. Sawyer, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., D.D., Maxton and Mertoun, Vice-Convener of the Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion, of the Church of Scotland.

In his paper on "The Language of Worship" Dr. Sawyer was both academic and practical, first paying respect to the linguistic origins of the vocabulary of worship, and then propounding helpful principles for the guidance of those whose privilege it is to compose the language of worship. We were warned to shun the opposite offences of arid intellectualism and subjective sentimentalism, and urged to be direct, objective and comprehensible, using words of one syllable and avoiding those of non Anglo-Saxon origin.

At the afternoon session a large number of members shared in the lively discussion, during which the New English Bible received prominent mention.

With its ample facilities, St. Mary's proved an excellent centre and a comfortable location.

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The regional Conference in autumn next will be held in the west of Scotland, at Trinity Parish Church, Coatbridge, on Monday, 24th October. At the time of going to press details of the speaker and subject are not available. We can state, however, that members of the Society within the Presbytery of Hamilton will be circularized, as will also those in the Eastern and Central districts of Glasgow, and in the areas adjacent to Coatbridge, on the east. Any others interested are invited to write for particulars, which will be gladly supplied by the Hon. Secretary of the Society.

Our one-day conferences provide an excellent opportunity of fellowship and study in matters of common interest and concern, and we would urge all those who can conveniently travel to Coatbridge to join us on the above date.