

In Memoriam

THE Society has recently lost two of its distinguished Hon. Presidents. Rev. Dr. Foster Franklin died in December, 1968 and Very Rev. Charles L. Warr, G.C.V.O., in June, 1969.

At the Annual Meeting in May, 1969 the President said : “ Since last we met as a Society a distinguished and revered Hon. President has been taken from us by death. In his two long ministries at Kilmacolm and Corstorphine, Dr. Franklin made a deep impression by his scholarship, spirituality and gracious disposition. This Society, like the Assembly’s Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion, must ever remain in his debt for the inspiration of his leadership and example and for the thoughtfulness and relevance of his literary contributions. We give thanks to God on every remembrance of him.”

The Editor is grateful to Dr. Ronald Selby Wright for providing the material from which the greater part of the following tribute is drawn.

Charles Laing Warr, a son of the Manse of Roseneath, was born on 20 May, 1892 and died in Edinburgh on 14 June, 1969. Educated at Glasgow Academy and the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, he served with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders until he was dangerously wounded in May, 1915. In 1917 he was appointed Assistant at Glasgow Cathedral and in 1918 Minister of St. Paul’s, Greenock. In 1926 he was called to the High Kirk of Edinburgh (St. Giles’ Cathedral) where he ministered until 1962. In the same year he was made Dean of the Chapel Royal and of the Order of the Thistle and an Extra Chaplain to the King. He held these two Deanships for longer than anyone before him. He declined the sole nomination for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly in the Coronation year, and he was the only Minister of the Church of Scotland ever to be appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order. His many Chaplaincies included those of the Royal Scottish Academy, the Convention of Royal Burghs and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Though his public duties outnumbered those of any other minister, he never allowed them to interfere with his devoted work as a Parish Minister. “ The way to run a parish is to love your people,”

he used to say and he was a great believer in visiting his people in their homes and in hospital ; he expected the same high standard from his assistants. To some outside he was thought of more for the many great and dignified occasions of Church and State and, indeed, he did more for the Church of Scotland than any other minister of his time, but it was not the great public services that those around him remember best, but the help of his quiet and peaceful evening services.

Dr. Warr was President of the Society from 1944-46 and delivered his Presidential Address on a subject of significance at the end of World War II—"The Worship of the Church—a plea for a fresh examination of the whole question in the light of the enormous changes in the life and habits of the people." As a former Assistant, the Editor, who can testify to Dr. Warr's care for the proper organising of every service in St. Giles from a Royal Visit to the quietest wedding ceremony, was aware of his constant interest in the work of the Society even in the last years of his retirement. We thank God for all that he did and for all that he was.

Societas Liturgica

IN 1967 the SOCIETAS LITURGICA was formed on an international and ecumenical basis to encourage research, discussion, and mutual sharing between the churches of experience and insights, in the realm of Christian worship. Those who are involved in the various churches' official liturgical commissions and those who teach the subject or write on it, may be proposed for membership.

The association held its first full meeting at Glenstal Abbey in Ireland in September, 1969, conferring on the subject of "The Language of Christian Worship". The next meeting is being planned for Strasbourg in September, 1971, when the theme will be "The Theological and Sociological Background of Liturgical Experiment and Revision".

The first Chairman of the Societas Liturgica, Dom Placid Murray, O.S.B., has been succeeded in office by Canon R. C. D. Jasper of Westminster Abbey. *The Secretary is the Very Rev. G. Mayes, The Deanery, Lismore, Co. Waterford, Eire.* This is the address for all enquiries and correspondence.