

THE CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY NOTES

Centenary Lecture

The Rev. Ross Mackenzie, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., gave his paper "Personal and Liturgical Prayer in a Time of Disintegration" in Glasgow and St Andrews on 26th and 27th January respectively. The paper produced a lively response on both occasions. The Society is particularly grateful to the faculty of St Mary's College for the warm hospitality shown.

Conference

A joint conference of the Church Service Society and the Scottish Church Society was held on 4th March in Greyfriars' Kirk House. Dr A. I. C. Heron's paper "The Necessity of Creeds for Common Affirmation" was read in his absence by Dr J. Heron. Dr Heron's thoughts were found to be very timely in a year when the churches celebrate the final drafting of the Nicene Creed.

Group discussion on the value and use of creeds in worship was introduced by Rev. K. G. Hughes. It is hoped that discussion of this type may become a useful feature of our conferences.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting took place in Greyfriars' Kirk House on 21st May. The President, the Rev. A. Stewart Todd, M.A., B.D., was in the Chair.

Miss Nancy Norman was elected to serve on the Council.

The meeting agreed that in view of greatly increased costs, the membership subscription should be raised to £5.00 for 1982.

After buffet supper members and friends met at St Giles' where the minister, the Rev. Gilleasbuig Macmillan, explained the extensive programme of renewal taking place in the Cathedral. The President expressed the Society's thanks for the privilege of sharing the thinking behind this unique project, and the visit was concluded by an evening office led by Mr Macmillan.