

Preparatory Service to the Sunday before Communion: attendance and offerings at once dropped because the adherents stayed away! The Kirk Session then decided to drop the Preparatory Service, and to have the District Elders distribute the Tokens personally in the homes of communicants. Unless there is a Confirmation, therefore, all that is left of the "Communion Season" are the Communion and Thanksgiving Services on the Sunday. Some of us, however, have attended pre-Communion Services in the neighbouring Free Church, and I know that in Resolis in particular my more old-fashioned members value the tradition of having Communion in February and July on the same Sunday as Resolis Free Church.

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A DIP IN THE ARCHIVES

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Mr Sprott (Chapel of Garioch): among the Society's opponents were "worthy people, who wished to be very loyal to the past, but who made the great mistake of supposing that a number of Brownistic and sectarian fancies of the seventeenth century, which the Presbyterians of that time seriously opposed, belonged to Presbyterianism."

Mr Wright (Madras): "I could never defend prayers which I have heard offered up by a great number of ministers both here and in India: and I venture to state that the style of prayers which they adopt has driven many members of the Church from their communion to the Church of England. I was highly delighted, therefore, when upon some of our young ministers arriving in India, I noticed a decided improvement in their form of worship. I asked them where they had received such an important stimulus in the right direction and they told me of the existence of the Church Service Society and gave me a copy of the "Euchologion".

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