

EDITORIAL

Members of the Society will have been sorry to learn of the impending retirement of our patron, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Archbishop Runcie set the Society on its way with a stirring message to the inaugural conference at Cambridge just over three years ago and we have been grateful for his continued interest in the work we have been doing. Many of us are also grateful to the Archbishop for the way he has led the Church of England during what has been quite a testing and sometimes contentious period, helping the Church to be true to its heritage whilst responding to the changing and challenging times in which we live. As we enter the 1990s it is perhaps fitting that one of the Society's tasks is to emphasise that we are a Church of order and continuity as well as one that has to work out eternal truths in a new age.

At the Annual General Meeting considerable interest was shown in a proposal to provide binders and an index for the Journal so that each "volume" (two years' issues) could be conveniently placed on a bookshelf. Information about applying for binders will be contained in the next issue of the Journal.

Membership remains steady at about the 400 mark but we continue to urge members to recommend the Society to their friends and colleagues. In particular it would be good if more archdeacons and indeed bishops could be made aware of the Society and invited to join.

The Society's day conference in London was attended by about 100 members and was much appreciated. We hope to publish the substance of the excellent addresses given by Bishop Say, Professor McClean and Canon Christopher Hill in due course.

This leads me on to remind members that the Society's next residential conference will be held at Cardiff from 12th-14th April 1991 – our first venture outside the Provinces of Canterbury and York. From our experience of our Welsh colleagues at Nottingham, I am sure we shall be in for a stimulating and hospitable weekend. Please see details about booking on page 123.

Members will have been very sad to learn of the death of Chancellor Garth Moore on 5th June 1990. He did so much to promote the study of Canon Law and the successful establishment of our Society. He had been a Diocesan Chancellor for more than 40 years. He was a distinguished Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

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