

# New Zealand Religious History

## NEWSLETTER

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### Editorial Note:

This, the third issue of the newsletter, continues to provide evidence of the variety of publications and research relating to New Zealand religious history. Once again the editor is indebted to those who have forwarded material for publication in this issue.

At the end of this issue there is a sort of financial 'postscript' explaining how funds stand and, in each instance, what contributions have been made towards costs.

The next issue will appear in June 1990 and, in advance of that date, a circular will be sent out requesting contributions.

### Recent Publications:

#### New Zealand topics:

- Andrews, Stan Prepare Your Servant (The autobiography of the Rev. Stan Andrews covering two lengthy periods of service in Fiji and his time as general secretary of the Overseas Mission Department of the N.Z. Methodist Church. Available from the author at 1/51 Kolmar Road, Papatoetoe or Epworth Bookshops. \$15.)
- Brown, Colin "Church, Culture, and Identity: the New Zealand Experience", in Culture and Identity in New Zealand, ed. David Novitz and Bill Willmott, Wellington: GP Books, 1989, pp.237-59.
- Davidson, Allan Pioneers, Protestors and Pluralism: Exploring Presbyterian Identity. Wellington: Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, 1989. 32pp. Three addresses given at the 1988 General Assembly in Hamilton. (Obtainable from the Department of Communication, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, P.O. Box 12-444, Wellington. \$3.30 plus 80¢ postage.)
- Davidson, Allan "Transplanted Christianity: Documents and New Zealand Church History", Australian and New Zealand Religious History 1788-1988, ed. R.S.M. Withycombe, Canberra: ANZST/ATS, pp.26-32.
- Davidson, Allan and Lineham, Peter Transplanted Christianity: Documents illustrating aspects of New Zealand Church History. 2nd revised edition. Palmerston North: Dunmore Press, 1989. (Obtainable from the publishers, P.O. Box 5115, Palmerston North, at \$37.50.)
- Keesing-Styles, Esther (ed.), Unto the Perfect Day (The diary of the Rev. Thomas Jagger, Wesleyan Missionary in Fiji 1838-45 and later a Home Missionary in Kaukapakapa. Available from Epworth Bookshop, 203 Karangahape Road, or P.O. Box 68-483, Auckland 1. \$27.60 plus \$1 postage.)
- Lineham, Peter "Christian Reaction to Freethought and Rationalism in New Zealand", Journal of Religious History, 15/2, December 1988, pp.236-50.
- Lineham, Peter "Pakeha face the Treaty: reflections on Claudia Orange, The Treaty of Waitangi", C.B.R.F. Journal, no. 116, pp.35-40.
- Lineham, Peter and Davidson, Allan Transplanted Christianity. Details as above under Davidson, Allan.
- O'Meehan, Michael. Held firm by faith: a history of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch, 1840-1987. Christchurch: The Catholic Diocese of Christchurch, 1988. 368pp.
- Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.) Journal '88 (Proceedings, vol.51). Includes material on Rev. John Orchard, Bible Christian Church leader from 1886; Methodism in Taihape; William and Dinah Hall's relations with the first Wesleyan missionaries in New Zealand.

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### Australian Religious History:

This is not an exhaustive listing but comprises only items supplied by contributors to this newsletter.

Breward, Ian Australia: "The most godless place under heaven?" Beacon Hill Books; Melbourne, 1988.

Withycombe, Robert (ed.) Australian and New Zealand Religious History 1788-1988: a collection of papers and addresses, Canberra: ANZST/ATS, 1988. Obtainable from P.O. Box 98, Jamison Centre, ACT 2614.

### Other Publications of Interest:

This list comprises items mentioned by contributors as likely to be of general interest to those involved in the study of religious history.

Lineham, Peter "English Bibles and Italian Protestants: the British and Foreign Bible Society's Colportage Work in Italy, with particular reference to Count Piero Guicciardini", in Piero Guicciardini 1808-1886: un riformatore religioso nell'Europa dell'Ottocento, Biblioteca Storia Toscana, serie II or 11, Firenze, Leo S. Olschki Editore, 1988.

Lineham, Peter "The Origins of the New Jerusalem Church in the 1780s", Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester, vol. 70/3, Autumn 1988, Sects and New Religious Movements, pp.109-22.

Simpson, Jane "Women and asceticism in the fourth century: a question of interpretation", Journal of Religious History, 15/1, June 1988, pp.38-60.

### **Theses, Dissertations and Research Essays:**

Grimshaw, Michael 'The moulding of opinion: the Geering controversy and the printed media, 1966-67', B.A. (Hons), long essay in history, University of Otago, 1988.

Mollison, Jannette Lee 'The thirty-eight year drought: prohibition in Invercargill 1906-1943', Postgraduate Diploma Dissertation in History, University of Otago, 1988.

Stedman, Brenda L. 'The Origins and Development of the Dunedin Marriage Guidance Council, 1948-1970', B.A. (Hons) long essay in history, University of Otago, 1988.

Stringer, Linalre "'No Joy": Presbyterianism and early Dunedin', B.A. (Hons) long essay in history, University of Otago, 1988.

### **Work in Progress:**

This section is designed to put those engaged in research on the same, or related areas, in touch with one another.

Colin Brown (University of Canterbury) is currently working on a chapter on mainline churches in New Zealand to c.1960, to form part of a volume being edited by Peter Donovan (Religious Studies, Massey University), with the (projected) title, 'Religions of New Zealand'.

George Carter (2/30 Ridgemount Rise, Mangere Bridge, Auckland), is continuing doctoral research on the career of Sarah Lydia Brown, wife of the Rev. Dr. George Brown, and with him, important in Wesleyan missions in the South Pacific. George Carter has also been asked to write a biography of Belshazzar Gina, a controversial figure in Methodism in the Solomon Islands. Together with his wife, George Carter is collecting material for a study of women missionaries from the Methodist Church of New Zealand and would welcome suggestions of names (nurses, teachers, deaconesses but especially those oft-neglected figures - the wives of male missionaries), or suggestions of source-material).

Allan Davidson, (S. John's College), is writing course-material on New Zealand history for the Education for Ministry programme and is working on the oral history project on S. John's College.

Peter Lineham (Massey University), is currently working on a book on 'Varieties of Eighteenth Century Methodism'. He is also about to start research on a study of the Mormons in New

Zealand for presentation to the Mormon Historical Society of America in 1990. He has just completed writing an introduction to a special edition of the Bible for 1990, about the impact of the Bible in New Zealand history.

Grant Phillipson (History Department, University of Otago) is in the second year of doctoral research on 'Bishop Selwyn and the early Anglican Church in New Zealand'.

Jane Simpson (History Department, University of Otago) is in the third year of her doctoral work on 'The churches and the changing role of women in New Zealand society, 1939 to 1959', supported by an Internal Affairs Historical Branch Bursary and the David Taylor fellowship (the latter awarded by College House, Christchurch). In her "spare time" (1) she has been researching the historical background to marriage and marriage liturgies, hoping, at a later stage, to edit a publication on alternative approaches to marriage liturgies.

Chris van der Krogt (History Department, Massey University) is concentrating on the period 1918-40 for his doctoral thesis in New Zealand Catholicism. He would like to hear from anyone whose memory goes back that far.

### **Courses, Seminars etc.:**

Peter Lineham's course on New Zealand Religious History is being taught to a large class of internal students this year.

### **Conferences:**

New Zealand Association for the Study of Religions, University of Waikato, August 21-25, 1989. Details from Dr Norman Simms, Department of English, University of Waikato, Private Bag, Hamilton.

Unhappily this will arrive too late to remind anyone interested in the Oral History Conference, June 10-12, jointly sponsored by the National Oral History Association of New Zealand, and the Centre for the Study of Auckland History and Society, University of Auckland.

Women's Studies Association Conference, Christchurch, August 25-27, 1989. Details from P.O. Box 5387, Papanui, Christchurch. Some papers on religious themes are usually presented: Jane Simpson, for instance, hopes to present a paper on the work of the non-denominational League of Mothers during the Second World War.

The next South Pacific Regional Conference of the Wesley Historical Society is planned for Tonga - perhaps in 1992.

### **Library and Archival Items:**

During the move of the Anglican Diocesan Office, Christchurch, last year two trunks in the basement of the former site were found to contain Bishop Harper's correspondence. Much work remains to be done on them to make them available for use.

The Hocken Library, after a period of restricted access due to major re-organisation, should be back to normal from June 5. All archives and the photographic collection will be available at the Hocken Library, 137-151 Leith Street where the opening hours will be 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays. (N.B. Closed Wednesday.)

The papers of the National Council of Churches (1941-87) have been deposited as a complete collection in the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington. They are to be indexed to enable computer-searching by researchers.

All papers relating to the General Assembly and nationally-based work of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand are now in the archives of the Hewitson Library, Knox College, Dunedin but many are still unsorted.

The Methodist Church Archives (Christchurch), have recently received the Walter H. Price collection of Hymnology. This extensive collection includes hymn books, books dealing with hymns and their authors, and the journals of American and British hymn societies.

These archives now hold a copy of the thesis written by W.D. Sinclair (the late) for History Honours in 1931, 'Methodism in Otago to 1863.'

The Methodist Archives are adding to their finding aids. At present staff are listing all their parish records; they have completed the listing of the baptismal and marriage records.

The history of Methodism in the Wellington area being coordinated by Arthur Olsson has been very fruitful - many cartons of local Church records which were at risk have been discovered and are now in the Christchurch archives.

### Notes and News:

The editor of Anglican and Episcopal History, formerly The Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church, writes to indicate his interest in manuscripts which might be considered for publication in that journal. He writes: "These need not be solely on matters Anglican. In addition to institutional, constitutional and doctrinal church history, we are open to some 'new areas': architectural, theatre, film as well as sermons, when they are related to specific events of note and interest. . . . We are also open to an occasional popular article of wider appeal, if it is done with a certain style and panache." Both Allan Davidson and I are members of the editorial board and could supply some further information.

Allan Davidson reports that work on the sesqui-centenary history of the Presbyterian Church is progressing with Dennis McEldowney as editor and a projected publication date of 1990.

Peter Lineham has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Committee of the 'Dictionary of Evangelical Biography 1720-1860' to be published by Blackwell. He will advise on New Zealand, Pacific and early Methodist entries.

Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.) reports that it expects to publish Proceedings vol. 52 this year as 'Journal '89' while the following volume will be Dr Douglas Pratt's history of the Methodist Church's Faith and Order Committee ('An Ordered Faith'). Their secretary notes also that the society's annual lecture will be in Wellington on or about November 4 and will be by the Rev. John Roberts who has been researching the story of Minarapa and the Wesleyan mission at Te Aro Pa from 1839. The Rev. George Harper was among the first ministers on the West Coast during the gold rushes and also served at Thames in similar circumstances. Dave Roberts (secretary, Wesley Historical Society) advises that the diary which Harper kept during his voyage from England in 1864 has been printed by his granddaughter and is obtainable from her for \$10 plus postage - Patricia Booth, 97 Nottingham Street, Karori, Wellington. About seven years ago Wesley Chambers' study Samuel Ironside in New Zealand was published at a shop price of over \$30. Dave Roberts advises that the Wesley Historical Society has come into possession of all remaining stocks. Copies may be ordered from him (2/10 Birdwood Avenue, Papatoetoe) for the bargain price of \$10 plus GST and postage. As they say - order now while stocks last!

### Financial Footnote:

Funds in hand (\$93.57) will be adequate to cover the cost of this issue and probably the next also so - good news - do not send any donations in the meantime!

### Conclusion:

Please don't hesitate to send in criticisms, corrections or suggestions. If you can suggest the names and addresses of other persons who might be interested in receiving the newsletter please let me know.

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