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Editorial Note:

The editor must begin this long overdue double issue with an apology. In 1990, somewhat unexpectedly, I found myself the acting-director of the American Studies programme at Canterbury. The duties associated with this role, plus an attack of 'flu and problems with my back, played havoc with all but basic tasks. The non-appearance of an issue in 1991 is less easily explained except to say that, perhaps at last, old age is catching up with me. (I retire on January 31, 1993.)

This is, therefore, a double issue bringing together the contributions submitted for the 1990 and 1991 issues. I am grateful to all who sent in contributions and I hope that, despite the delay, the information will still be useful.

Despite the delay there are at least some who are convinced that this newsletter is worth continuing and I am willing to undertake this task at least for the next issue. Any contributions for the 1993 issue should reach me by April 1, 1993 and should be sent to me at 3 Kingsgate Place, Christchurch 5. I hope to issue the next newsletter in June next year. That, at least, is the present hope!

As I have already indicated this is my last year as an academic staff member at the University of Canterbury. I would be interested to hear from anyone who may be willing to take over the task of issuing this newsletter after 1993.

At the end of this issue there is a brief financial statement, including an indication as to what contribution individual subscribers have made to the cost.

Colin Brown

Recent Publications

New Zealand topics:

Akenson, Donald *Half the World from Home: perspectives on the Irish in New Zealand, 1860-1950*, Victoria University Press, Wellington, 1990

- Brown, Colin 'The American Connection: The United States of America and churches in New Zealand 1840-1940', *Religious Studies in Dialogue: essays in honour of Albert C. Moore*, ed. M. Andrew *et al.* Dunedin: Faculty of Theology, University of Otago, 1991, 153-62.
- Davidson, Allan *Christianity in Aotearoa: a history of Church and Society in New Zealand*. Wellington: Education for Ministry, 1991. pp.xi+225
- Davidson, Allan *Evangelicals and Attitudes to India, 1786-1913: missionary publicity and Claudius Buchanan with the text of Buchanan's Memoir of the expediency of an ecclesiastical establishment for British India; both as the means of perpetuating the Christian religion among our own countrymen; as a foundation for the ultimate civilization of the natives (1805)*, [Appleford], The Sutton Courtenay Press, 1990, pp.288 + 136
- Davidson, Allan 'Colonial Christianity: the contribution of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to the Anglican Church in New Zealand', *The Journal of Religious History*, 16/2, Dec., 1990, 173-84.
- Davidson, Allan 'Maori and Pakeha branches in the Anglican Church in New Zealand', *Latimer*, 103, August 1989, 11-24.
- Davidson, Allan *Pious Energy: Presbyterian Personalities and Perspectives*, Wellington: Presbyterian Church, 1989.
- Davidson, Allan (ed.) *Reading Theology in Aotearoa New Zealand: an annotated bibliography*, Hamilton: Theological Education by Extension Unit, 1991 (A 70p. booklist covering the major areas of theological study.) Available from Theological Education by Extension Unit, P.O.Box 21, Hamilton for \$5.
- Davidson, Allan 'Religious Studies in dialogue with missionaries', *Religious Studies in Dialogue*, 115-24.
- Donovan, Peter (ed.) *Religions of New Zealanders*, Palmerston North; Dunmore Press, 1990. 272pp. illus. \$39.95.

- Fox, C.E. *My Solomon Islands*, Honiara, Provincial Press, 1988.
- Gilling, Brian 'A Colonial Country Cleric: Archdeacon W.N. de L. Willis of Cambridge', *Auckland-Waikato Historical Journal*, 57, Sept. 1990, 33-5.
- Gilling, Brian 'Mass Evangelistic Theology and Methodology and the 1987 Luis Palau Mission to Auckland', *Transformation*, January/March 1991, 9-14.
- Kennedy, John 'Holland of the Pacific? Catholicism in New Zealand', *A.D.2000*(Melbourne), Feb., 1990, 12-3.
'New Zealand - tensions between Rome and the Bishops', *ibid.*, March 1990, 8-9..
- Lineham, Peter 'The Mormon Message in the context of Maori Culture', *Journal of Mormon History*, April 1991.
- McGill, David *The Lion and the Wolfhound: the Irish rebellion on the New Zealand Goldfields*, Grantham House, 1990.
- McEldowney, Dennis(ed.) *Presbyterians in Aotearoa 1840-1940*, Wellington:Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, 1990.
203pp
- Morrison, W. *A Dream to Fulfil*(Wesley Historical Society Proceedings) (Prince Albert College Trust, 1979-89)
- Neave, Rosemary(ed.) *The Journey and the Vision: a report on ordained Anglican women in the Church of the Province of New Zealand*, Newmarket: The Women's Resource Centre, 1990.
- O'Farrell, Patrick *Vanished Kingdoms: Irish in Australia and New Zealand, a personal excursion*, Sydney: N.S.W. University Press, 1990.
- Parker, Thora *And not to yield:the story of a New Zealand family, 1840-1940*, Auckland:Bateman, 1987. (Concerns the family of William Jenkins which had many missionary and church associations.)

Pratt, Douglas *An Ordered Faith: Faith and Order in the Methodist Church of New Zealand 1950-1984*, Wesley Historical Proceedings, no.53

Pratt, Douglas(ed.) ' " *Rescue the Perishing*": comparative perspectives on evangelism and revivalism(Waikato Studies in Religion, v.1) Auckland: College Communications, 1989. 143pp. Includes essays by Peter Lineham, Jane Simpson, Bryan Gilling, Wiebe Zwaga, Paul Gifford, and the editor.

Radford,Tim 'Preliminary life games', *The Guardian*, 21 August 1988, p.3 (Recollections of schooldays at Sacred Heart College, Auckland)

Stenhouse, John 'The War between science and religion in nineteenth century New Zealand', *Pacifica* Australian Theological Studies 2:1,1989, 61-86.

Thornley, Robert Forty Years in Ministry 1935-1975. (No further details supplied,

Wesley Historical Society (NZ), *Journal*, '89, includes article by Bill Morrison on 75 years of United Methodism in New Zealand.

Journal '90, includes John Roberts' article on the Wesleyan Mission at Te Aro, 1839-77.

Other Publications of Interest

This list comprises items mentioned by our contributors but outside the field of New Zealand religious history.

Davidson, Allan K. 'Christian views of Nature through the centuries', in *Repainting the Rainbow, Ecology and Christian Living*, eds R.Galvin and R. Kearns, Auckland, Christian Ecology Group and Maclaurin Chaplaincy, 1989, 35-51.

Matheson, P.C. 'Humanism and reform movements', in *The Impact of Humanism in Western Europe during the Renaissance*. London: Longmans, 1990, 23-42

Matheson, P.C. 'The hammer, the sickle, and the rainbow', *Theology*, 93(1990), 20-26.

Matheson, P.C. 'Thomas Muntzer's marginal comments on Tertullian', *Journal of Theological Studies*, 41(1990), 76-90.

Matheson, P.C. 'The teaching of Church History', *Pacifica*, 3(1990), 251-6

Theses, Dissertations, and Research Essays:

This list has been compiled from the information sent in for the 1990 and 1991 issues and is, therefore, in some respects out-of-date.

e.g. theses listed as in progress may well have been completed by now.

Allen-Johns, C. 'The life and ministry of Sister Kathleen Every. 1908-1984' B.Theol. research essay, S.John's College, Auckland, 1990

Bell, D. "Science and Religion in New Zealand", Ph.D. University of Otago, in progress 1991

Beniston, D. 'Methodist women missionaries in the Solomon Islands', MA thesis, History, University of Auckland, in progress 1991.

Clifford, W.J. 'The Methodist Revival Fellowship and the Aldersgate Fellowship'. B.Theol. research essay. S.John's College, 1991

Evans, J. 'Church-State relations in New Zealand, 1940-1990', Ph.D., University of Otago, in progress, 1991.

Gilling, B. 'Retelling the Old, Old Story: a study of six mass evangelistic missions in Twentieth-Century New Zealand'. Ph.D. University of Waikato, 1990.

Glen, F. "New Zealand churches and war to c.1900" Ph.D. Waikato. In progress

Hammer, G.E.J. 'Cort Henry Schnackenberg, pioneer missionary, 1812-1880', M.Litt. thesis, University of Auckland, 1990.

Haworth, G.M.R. 'The deaconess revival of the 1960s in the New Zealand Anglican Church.' research essay B.Theol. S.John's College, Auckland, 1990.

Hay, E. 'The Helpmeets: Anglican clergy wives in nineteenth century New Zealand'. B.Theol. research essay, S.John's College, Auckland, 1991.

Knowles, B. 'History of the New Life churches in New Zealand', Ph.D., University of Otago, in progress, 1991.

Pearson, C. 'H.D.A. Major and English Modernism, 1911-1948', Ph.D., University of Cambridge, 1989

Rogers, O. 'New Life movement in the Presbyterian Church', BD dissertation, University of Otago, 1990?

Peters, J.B.M. 'The Anglican Eucharist in New Zealand 1814-1989'. B.Theol. research essay, S.John's College Auckland 1991.

Steley, D. "Unfinished: the Seventh-day Adventist Mission in the South Pacific excluding Papua New Guinea, 1886-1986" Ph.D. thesis, University of Auckland, 1990.

Thompson, S. 'A new theology of ministry: the ordained Methodist ministry in New Zealand, 1880-1980', University of Canterbury, MA, History, 1990

White, J.M. 'The Love of Christ constraineth us: "Hannah and her sisters": a critical appraisal of the Anglican Order of the Good Shepherd 1895-1958', MA research essay in History, University of Auckland, 1989.

Dictionary of New Zealand Biography

The first volume, already published, contains over one hundred items on persons who may be regarded as having 'religious significance' both well-known and less well-known, both Christian and non-Christian. The second volume should be published next year: the third is well into the preparation stage.

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 who retires from his post at the University of Canterbury on January 31 1993, hopes to turn a conference paper on the origins of Religious Studies in New Zealand universities into a publishable article and to fulfil a commission to write a history of the Anglican cathedral in Christchurch.

George Carter and his wife were (and probably still are!), working on their 'missionary women' project recovering the history of women, married and single, who went overseas from the Methodist Church in New Zealand, during the period 1827-1980.

Janet Crawford (S.John's College, Auckland), is engaged in research on women missionaries in the (Anglican) Melanesian Mission.

Allan Davidson (S.John's College, Auckland), is near the completion of his history of the College, to be issued in connection with the 150th anniversary of the College's foundation in 1993.

Jane Davies (Archivist, Anglican diocese of Christchurch), was granted \$1000 by the John Hendry Memorial Trust to assist the searching for and recording of architectural drawings related to the diocese from its inception. A catalogue of these materials will be produced.

Peter Lineham (Massey University), is currently working on the Mormons and on other aspects of the later nineteenth century church among Maori: his other main focus is on early Methodism in England.

Peter Matheson (Knox College and University of Otago), in addition to work on polemic and dialogue in the Reformation period, is researching the history of "New Zealand theology".

Courses, Seminars etc.

In 1990 Peter Lineham's course on New Zealand religious history had 30 extramural students and was similarly offered in 1991. John Stenhouse had hopes of inaugurating a similar course at the University of Otago.

College House, Christchurch has separated its two 'wings' - the university hall of residence and its theological teaching and created and funded a separate board of trustees to administer the latter. The newly-founded enterprise is called the 'College House Theological Studies Centre'. Among the year-long courses which it will offer in 1993 and which may be taken towards the L.Th diploma of the Joint Board of Theological Studies will be one on New Zealand church history.

The Faculty of Theology at the University of Otago has taken steps to set up a Research Centre for the study of Asian and Pacific Christianity.

Library and Archival Items

Peter Lineham writes that he has arranged for a "significant deposit" of Mormon materials from the Brigham Young University Library at Provo, Utah, to be deposited in the Alexander Turnbull Library. Peter also has available a detailed bibliography of other sources of Mormon history, most of them in various deposits in Utah.

In addition Peter Lineham has deposited an "extensive range" of archival material on Brethren assemblies in the Alexander Turnbull Library. This material includes an extensive range of early Exclusive Brethren material, records of Open Brethren missionary work in the 1950s and 1960s, and records of a number of Brethren assemblies.

The Hewitson Library of the Theological Hall, Knox College, Dunedin, now has a considerable amount of material on women missionaries.

Archifacts (April 1991), contained an article by Rory Sweetman discussing the then current state of Roman Catholic diocesan archives.

Harold Turner advises that the libraries of S. John's College, Auckland and Victoria University, Wellington hold microfiche collections of material "of special value for the history of the interactions between the Christian and the indigenous Maori faiths" derived from materials held at the Centre for New Religious Movements established by Harold Turner at Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham, England. These microfiche holdings represent some 4,400 pages on New Zealand movements and cover a wide variety of materials.

Notes and News

Jane Simpson, who has recently graduated Ph.D. from the University of Otago, will take up a post as lecturer in Religious Studies at the University of Canterbury on February 1, 1993.

The Faculty of Theology at the University of Otago has embarked on what Peter Matheson terms a "modest publications programme" which will include some items related to New Zealand religious history.

THE NEXT ISSUE

Please send in items for the next issue(hopefully in June 1993) by April 1, 1993.

It would be helpful if material is grouped under the following headings:

- Recent publications
- Theses, dissertations and research essays
- Work in progress
- Courses, seminars etc.
- Forthcoming conferences
- Library and archival items
- Notes and News

Items for inclusion should be sent to: Colin Brown, 3 Kingsgate Place, Christchurch 5.

Financial Footnote:

Funds in hand total \$84.08 and should certainly cover this issue and help towards the next issue also. The extent of your contribution thus far towards the cost of this newsletter is indicated below.

Contributions thus far:.....