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Editorial Note:

The last issue of this newsletter was in December 1992 but was a double issue, covering 1991/2. I had then to apologise for the non-appearance of a 1991 issue and the failure to make the target date of June 1992. At least there is some improvement this time in that I have to apologise only for the failure to meet the hoped-for date of June 1993! Retirement from full-time university teaching has brought an end to some tasks but the advent of new ones. In addition, there has been a last-minute delay due to the need to re-check and amend some of the information submitted.

This newsletter began at the initiative of those of us connected with work on the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography* and, specifically, with the biographies of persons of religious significance. Despite erratic publication quite a few readers have written to express interest in continuing this newsletter and have sent donations to make this possible.

In the last issue I inquired whether anyone would be willing to take over editing this newsletter. Thus far no one has agreed to do so but I continue to be very interested in any offers to take over responsibility for issuing this newsletter. Perhaps, short of resignation on my part, there will not be any rush of applicants for the onerous post!

Any contributions for the 1994 issue should reach me by May 1 1994 and should be addressed to me at 3 Kingsgate Place, Christchurch 5. As always the hope is to issue a newsletter in or about June.

At the end of this issue there is a brief financial statement, including an indication what contribution individual recipients of the newsletter have made towards the cost.

Colin Brown

Recent publications

New Zealand topics:

Alleluia Aotearoa: hymns and songs for all churches Christchurch: New Zealand Hymnbook Trust, 1993. This first, ecumenical compilation of 'New Zealand' hymns should be of interest to historians also.

Andrew, Maurice et al. (ed.) *Religious Studies in Dialogue: essays in honour of Albert C. Moore*, Dunedin: Faculty of Theology, University of Otago, 1991.

Besides the appreciation of the work of Albert Moore where Religious Studies is concerned, several of the other essays are relevant to New Zealand religious history. e.g. Allan Davidson, 'Religious Studies in Dialogue with Missionaries'.

Barber, B.Aquila *A Methodist Pageant, a souvenir of the Primitive Methodist Church*, London: Holborn Publishing House, 1932. Obviously not recent but includes reference to New Zealand and Australia and not listed in current bibliography ed. Lineham and Grigg.

Brett, Cate 'Suffer the little children', *North and South*, March 1993, 40-51. Deals with the Exclusive Brethren.

Brodie, James & Audrey *Seeking a new land: Quakers in New Zealand: a volume of biographical sketches* Wellington: Beechtree Press, 1993.

Davidson, Allan ' "Introduction" and "Historical dates" - the "long search" ' in *Windows on Unity: co-operative ventures and the search for Church Union*, ed. Clare Morrison, Wellington: Negotiated Churches Unity Council, 1992, 7-8, 82-3.

Davidson, Allan. 'New Zealand Churches and European Connections', *Informationes Theologiae Europae Internationales ökumenisches Jahrbuch für Theologie*, ed. Ulrich Nembach, Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 1991. 323-3.

Davidson, Allan *Selwyn's Legacy: the College of St. John the Evangelist, Te Waimate and Auckland, 1843-1992: a history*, Auckland: St. John's College, 1993. Due for publication in December 1993.

Davidson, Allan and Godfrey Nicholson (ed.) ' "With all Humility and Gentleness" : ' essays on mission in honour of Francis Foulkes', Auckland: S. John's College, 1991. Includes an appreciation of Francis Foulkes and several essays relevant to New Zealand religious history.

Delaney, Noel 'Emmet Charles McHardy SM: a 1990 presentation', *Marist Messenger*, Dec. 1990-March 1991. A three-part biography.

Delaney, Noel 'Listen anyone who has ears', *Marist Messenger*, April-November 1989. An eight-part historical series on Maori Catholics.

Dunmore, John (ed.) *The French and the Maori*. Waikanae: Heritage Press, 1993(?). Includes chapters on the French Marist Maori Mission, Mother Aubert, and Bishop Pompallier.

Gilling, Bryan (ed.) *Godly Schools? Some Approaches to Christian Education in New Zealand* Colcom Press 1993

Glen, Robert (ed.) *Mission and moko: Aspects of the work of the Church Missionary Society in New Zealand 1814-1882*. Christchurch: Latimer Fellowship (NZ), 1992.

Harnett, John 'Memories of a Coast Kid: a Catholic boy's school days', *North and South*, Feb.1993, 104-9.

Isichei, Elizabeth 'Australia and New Zealand', in *Modern Catholicism: Vatican II and After*, ed. Adrian Hastings. London:SPCK/ New York:OUP, 1991, 334-44.

Isichei, Elizabeth 'Visions and Visionaries: the search for alternative forms of authority among Catholic Conservatives', *Arch. de Sc.soc. des Rel.*, 75, 1991, 113-25.

Laracy, Hugh 'Marists as Mariners: the Solomon Islands' Story', *International Journal of Maritime History*, vol. 3/1, 1991, 59-80.

Laracy, Hugh 'Priests, People and Patriotism: New Zealand Catholics and War, 1914-18', *The Australasian Catholic Record*, 70:1, January 1993, 14-26.

Lineham, Peter *Religious History of New Zealand: a bibliography* Palmerston North: Dept of History, Massey University, 1993. Copies of this new, up-dated edition may be ordered from the Secretary, Department of History, Massey University, Private Bag 11-222, Palmerston North, at a cost of \$23.

Macaulay, G.A. (compiler) *A Triumph of Improvisation: the Stuart Residence Halls Council, Stuart House, Arana Hall, Carrington Hall 1941-1991* Dunedin: Stuart Residence Halls Council (Inc.) 1991. This council was formed originally as a Presbyterian group on the initiative of Harold Turner when chaplain to students. It provides a case-study of partnership between public educational bodies and the churches.

McEldowney, Dennis *Shaking the Bee Tree* Auckland: Auckland University Press, 1992. This sensitive 'biography' of a marriage includes some perceptive remarks of interest to students of religious history.

Mackrell, Brian *Halley's Comet over New Zealand*, Auckland:Reed Methuen, 1985. Includes material on Fr. David Kennedy and Rua Kenana.

Marshall, Chris. *Kingdom Come* Impetus Publications. Reprint. No further details supplied.

O'Meeghan, Michael 'John Joseph Grimes SM: first bishop of Christchurch, NZ', *The Australasian Catholic Record*, 70/1, January 1993, 37-53.

New Slant: the Gospel and Cultures Trust. Vol. 1/1 of this newsletter was issued in May 1992. Information about the Trust and its publications is available from Dr Harold Turner, 8a Peart View, Remuera, Auckland 5.

Orange, C. (ed.) *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*, vol. 2, 1870-1900. Wellington: Bridget Williams Books/Dept of Internal Affairs, 1993. Contains many articles of interest to students of religious history.

Patrick, Bruce (ed.) *New Vision New Zealand : calling the whole Church to take the whole Gospel to the whole nation*. Auckland:Vision NZ, 1993.

Simpson, Jane 'Domestic violence and the ordination of women', in *Alive and WEL! Newsletter Women's Electoral Lobby(Victoria)*, April 1992, 10-12. Examines historical and cultural aspects of the debate and differences between Australia and New Zealand.

Simpson, Jane 'State of the art: feminist approaches to the study of religion', *Australian Religion Studies Review*, vol.6/1, Autumn 1993, 68-75. Includes a brief critical examination of Hugh Jackson's *Churches and People in Australia and New Zealand*.

Smithies, Ruth and Helen Wilson (ed.) *Making Choices: social justice for our times*. Wellington: Church Leaders' Social Justice Initiative, 1993. An important item for any documentary collection.

Stenhouse, J. 'Rev. Dr. James Copland and the mind of New Zealand Fundamentalism', *Journal of Religious History*, December 1993. (forthcoming)

Turner, Harold, W. *Bibliography of New Religious Movements in primal Societies* Vol. 3 Oceania. Boston: G.K.Hall & Co., 1990. References to New Zealand include material on Ratana and Ringatu.

Veitch, James (ed.) *To Strive and not to Yeild: essays in honour of Colin Brown* Wellington: Dept. of World Religions, Victoria University of Wellington, 1993. This *festschrift* volume includes several essays of interest to historians. e.g. the development of religious studies in universities, capital punishment and the churches, Roman Catholic 'traditionalism', and the career of Alfred Domett.

Wesley Historical Society. No. 58 of their publications records their first sixty years of activity: no. 59 is about David G.Roberts. The 1991/92 Journal includes articles about John Whiteley and the Land Question, and the Springbok Tour and New Zealand Methodists.

Wilson, John *Cheviot: kingdom to county*. Cheviot Historical Society Book Committee: Cheviot, 1993. This fine regional history includes remarks on the role of churches in the Cheviot area.

Other Publications of Interest

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

Crawford, Janet 'Baptism from the Inside: an overview of its historical development', *Journeyings: a theological and biblical resource journal*, supplement no.2, Feb. 1993.

Crawford, Janet 'Unity and Tension: women in the Ecumenical Movement', *ibid.*, vol.5/9, Dec,1991.

Davidson, Allan 'The Doctrinal and Historical Background' in *Homosexuality: a Christian perspective*, Orewa: College Communications, 15-41.

Hudspith, Margarita Allan. *Ripening Fruit: a history of the Bolivian Indian Mission*. (No further details supplied.) The story of the first fifty years of this mission. The author is the daughter of the founders of this mission, was trained in New Zealand and served with the BIM for 25 years.

Theses, dissertations, and research essays

Benniston, Daphne 'Methodist Women missionaries in the Solomon Islands 1922-'; due for publication shortly in the Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society.

Bolitho, Elaine 'In this World: Baptist and Methodist Churches in New Zealand, 1948-88', PhD, Victoria University, 1992

Bradley, Ralph "Who's in the Pews? An interpretation of New Zealand Religious Census, church attendance and survey data 1901-1991 and of Christian beliefs and practices 1985-1991', MTh, Australian College of Theology, 1993. Copy held at Bible College of NZ, Henderson.

Edmundson, J.B. 'a history of the Fundamental Provisions of the Constitution of the Anglican Church in New Zealand, 1842-1928'. BTheol research essay, S.John's College, 1991.

Garner, Jean 'Sir John Hall: pioneer, pastoralist and politician'. PhD. Canterbury, 1993. Hall was a prominent Anglican layman.

Glen, F. 'Church Leaders and the First Taranaki War 1860-61; an exploration of their influence and theology'. MPhil Waikato 1992

Hill, H.R. 'The Maori Church Boards and the Auckland Diocese 1872-1892', BTheol research essay, S.John's College, 1991.

Kempster, H. 'A Loud Silence: the Church response to Parihaka'. BTheol research essay, S.John's College, 1992.

.Newton, Ron 'Organ Cantuariensia: organs in Canterbury 1880-85, a documentation', School of Music, University of Canterbury (extension of Honours thesis)

Palenapa, L.F. "A study of the place of Samoan culture (Fa'asamoa) in two New Zealand Churches', MA, Canterbury, 1993.

Phillipson, G.A. ' "The Thirteenth Apostle": Bishop Selwyn and the transplanation of Anglicanism to New Zealand, 1841-1868. PhD Otago, 1992.

Pym, Roger 'Crumbs from the mitre: a comparison of the ministry experience of ordained women and men in the Church of the Province of New Zealand', MA thesis, Auckland, 1992. Sociological study of the Anglican experience.

Saunders, C.J. 'The Healing Ministry in New Zealand, 1920-24: with particular reference to James Moore Hickson', BTheol. (Auckland) 1992, S.John's College.

Simpson, Jane 'Liberal Christianity and the changing role of women in New Zealand society; a study of the National Council of Churches and the League of Mothers, 1939 to 1959'. PhD, Otago, 1992.

Stevens, Diane 'A Journey across the World: the Sisters of Mercy and thee New Zealand Mission', BTheol (MCD) 1992, S.John's College.

Work in progress

Items in this section are designed to put those engaged in research on the same or related areas, into touch with one another.

Nancy Carter is continuing work on the missionary women project which she, and her late husband, George Carter, initiated.

Janet Crawford (S. John's College) is researching the life of Helen Rossiter Welchman, a member of the (Anglican) Melanesian Mission.

Helen Hogan (Maori Studies, University of Canterbury) has written a study, shortly to be published and entitled: *Renata's journey: Ko to Haeranga O Renata*. The study will include Renata's Maori text, an English translation, biographical studies of Cotton, Selwyn and Nihill; biographical notes of all those met on the journey, including powerful Christian chiefs. Renata Kawepo travelled with Bishop Selwyn, William Cotton his chaplain, and William Nihill, a catechist, from October 1843 to March 1844.

Helen Hogan is seeking unpublished material on: the Rev. John Mason (first missionary in Wanganui); the Rev. Charles Reay (first minister in Nelson); the Rev. Robert Cole (first minister in Wellington); the Rev. ? Bolland (first minister in New Plymouth), and the Rev. Seymour Spencer, an American missionary based at Lake Taupo and Lake Tarawera.

Elizabeth Isichei (University of Otago) is editing a collection of essays on the history of Roman Catholicism in New Zealand.

Peter Lineham is currently finishing his book on 18th century varieties of Methodism, writing some *DNZB* entries, and preparing to write a history of the Bible Society in New Zealand.

Mary McCarthy (03-348-3343) is researching the life of Dr Mary Hickey, born and educated at Opunake, the first woman in New Zealand to gain a doctorate, and principal of Sacred Heart Girls' College, Ferry Rd, Christchurch.

Margaret Martin, convenor of the Association for Christian Research and Evaluation, reports that the association plans to publish, under the title, *Women and the Churches*, a listing, with brief abstracts, of doctorates completed in this general area.

The Methodist Church Archivist reports on several projects in progress including that of David Turnbull on the Rev. W.T. Blight; Stan Andrews on the Rev. Hedley White; and histories of various districts and Methodist churches, notably Pohangina, Blackball, and Raetihi.

Ron Newton is researching 'Pipe Organ Building in New Zealand 1895-1930'. He is also the 'contact person' for the Christchurch Association of Organists' project collecting material for a pipe organ archive to be deposited in the MacMillan Brown collection, University of Canterbury. Anybody interested can contact Ron Newton through the School of Music at the University of Canterbury.

Jane Simpson (Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, University of Canterbury), has been working on the following papers: 'Io as Supreme

Being: intellectual colonization of the Maori?'; 'All in the family: aspects of Fundamentalism and liberal Christianity in New Zealand'; 'A viper in the bosom? New Zealand Bishops' Wives and the British Mothers' Union'; and 'Post-colonial religious innovations: the New Zealand League of Mothers'.

Richard Waugh (9 Swanson Rd, Henderson, Auckland 8), is working on a management project (at the University of Auckland) concerning recruitment of Methodist Church clergy - an analysis of past performance and exploration of future methods.

It is hoped that a volume of essays, *Women's experience in religion and spirituality in Aotearoa/New Zealand*, will be published as a suffrage project this year. It is being edited by Carolyn Brewer, who completed a BA in Feminist Studies and Religious Studies at the University of Canterbury, and is currently a PhD student and tutor at Murdoch University, Western Australia.

Courses, Seminars etc.

The College House Institute of Theology, Christchurch, to give it the name finally decided on, will enlarge, still further, the range of courses offered in 1994. They include a year-long course on New Zealand church history, and a short course on the same topic.

Jane Simpson has taught a new, half-year course in Religious Studies at 200 level at the University of Canterbury this year. Called 'Christianity: post-colonial perspectives' it will be a year long, 6 point course from 1994. It will provide both an international context for further study of New Zealand Christianity at 300 and BAHons levels, and introduce students to some of the newer conceptual approaches to studying the past. In addition, from 1994 Jane will teach a course on 'Christianity in New Zealand and Australia', which can be taken at both 300 and BAHons levels with differing emphases each year. New 300 level and BAHons courses on 'Religion and Gender' will be offered at Canterbury from 1995.

John Stenhouse (History Dept, University of Otago), inaugurated a course entitled 'New Zealand Society and Religion' in 1991 when it attracted 30 students and 49 in 1992.

Forthcoming conferences

The biennial conference of the New Zealand Association for the Study of Religion (NZASR) will be held at the University of Waikato from August 22-25 1994. Papers on religious history will be welcome and, in this connection, it is worth noting that the New Zealand Historical Association conference will be held in Auckland over the previous weekend. The programme co-ordinator for the NZASR conference is Dr Bronwyn Elsmore (Religious Studies, Massey University) who is interested in hearing from those wishing to offer a paper, short report, or workshop. Accommodation matters are being handled at Waikato: those wishing for more detail could obtain them from the Secretary, Religious Studies, University of Waikato, Private Bag 3105, Hamilton.

Library and Archival Items

The Christchurch Anglican Diocesan Archives have purchased computer hardware and software to enable easier handling of its records. The aim of the package is to facilitate greater access for researchers, genealogists, staff, and parishes, and to this end the following main areas of 'input' have been: parish registers, cemetery records, confirmations, and Bishop Harper's Letter Book Indexes. An important ongoing project is the indexing of *Church News*: to date the period 1871-86 has been completed. Maps, plans, newspaper clippings, and an index to synod motions, statutes and parish and Church Property Trustees correspondence comprise on-going work for computerisation.

It is hoped to hold a Parish History Workshop in Christchurch in 1994, similar to one held in Auckland and under the auspices of the University of Canterbury's Department of Continuing Education and the Anglican Diocesan Archives Committee.

Michael Blain, has compiled a directory of clergy during Harper's episcopate. Copies are available from the Diocesan Archivist, Anglican Church House, P.O.Box 8471, Christchurch 8034 at a cost of \$15 plus \$2 for postage and packing.

The Methodist Church Archivist reports that the *Christian Observer* for 1870 and the *New Zealand Methodist* for January 1871-June 1884 are now on microfiche and held at the Methodist Archive, 25 Latimer Square, Christchurch. Marcia Baker also draws attention to some recent acquisitions, viz:

Anderson, Malcolm *The Reeses of Papanui* (a short, local history)

Keightley, Cliff 'Establishment of Nipa Methodist Mission Station, Papua New Guinea Highlands 1959' An original diary.

Lydford, David *Rose petals for God: a history of Methodism in the Waipara-Pirongia-Te Awamtu: 150 years 11841-1991'* (a local history)

Roberts, John *The Wesleyan Maori Mission in Te Upoko o te aka.; Wellington district 1839-85.* Methodist Publishing, 1982

Notes and news

Peter Lineham draws attention to the existence of an e-mail list for those interested in Australian and New Zealand history. Any interested could write to Majordom o @coombs.anu.edu.au. Peter Lineham's own e-mail address is p.lineham@massey.ac.nz

Jane Simpson has also provided an e-mail address as follows:
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The Next Issue

As always I am grateful to all those who sent in items for the current issue.

Please send in items for the next issue by May 1, 1994. Items for inclusion should be sent to: Colin Brown, 3 Kingsgate Place, Christchurch 5.

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