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Editorial Note

Once again I must thank those who sent in items for publication, made donations to help cover costs or offered encouragement. But - as usual - no one wrote offering to seize the editorial reins.

At the end of this issue there is a brief financial statement. As you will see the finances of the Newsletter are currently in a healthy state and - thanks to widespread generosity - not currently in need of financial sustenance.

The next issue of the Newsletter will be issued in June 1996. Contributions should be submitted by May 1, 1996 and sent to me at 3 Kingsgate Place, Christchurch 5.

Colin Brown

Recent publications

New Zealand topics

1894-1994: 100 years of worship: Papakaio Presbyterian Church [Oamaru? 1994]

Andrews, Stan & Phyllis '*Glory Be*' (biography of Rev. Hedley White) No further details supplied

Bates, J.M. 'Presbyterian Theology in New Zealand from 1930-1980: a personal retrospect', and 'The Question of a Maori Theology', [Dunedin: Clive Pearson, 1995] [Unpublished papers from the Archives, Hewitson Library, Knox College, Dunedin.]

Blain, Michael (compiler). *Clergy in the Diocese of Christchurch 1850-1890: a directory*. 3rd(updated), edition, new impression, 1995

Blain, Michael (compiler). *Clergy in the Diocese of Christchurch 1890-1925: a directory* 1995

Both of these Occasional Papers published by the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch are available from: The Archivist, P.O.Box 8471, Christchurch at a cost of \$25 each.

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

Kirk, W.R. *Held in trust: treasures in glass and colour*. [East Taieri Church, 19?]

Knowles, Brett (ed.) *Proceedings of the Resource Centre for Asian and Pacific Christianity*, 1994-95. 100 pp. (Available from Faculty of Theology, University of Otago, P.O.Box 56, Dunedin. \$20)

McKean, John. *The Road to Secularisation in Presbyterian Dunedin: the first fifty years of the Otago Settlement*. Presbyterian Historical Society of New Zealand, 1993.

Ogilvie, Gordon. *Little Feet in a Big Room: Frances Ogilvie of China*. Shoal Bay Press, 1994

Paine, Frank (compiler) *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses: 100 Years of Witness from the present St.Alban's Methodist Church 1895-1995*.

Robertson, Yvonne. 'Girdle round the earth': *New Zealand Presbyterian women's ideal of universal sisterhood, 1870-1910*. Presbyterian Historical Society of New Zealand, 1993.

Simpson, Jane 'Women, Religion, and Society in New Zealand: a literature review', *Journal of Religious History*, v.18/2, Dec., 1994, 198-218.

Stone, R.C.J. *James Dilworth*. Auckland: Dilworth Trust Board, 1995. 280pp. Illus. \$49.95. This account of Dilworth's life includes reference to sectarianism (Irish variety) in late 19th century New Zealand.

Turner, Harold 'Seeking a bicultural toolbox', *Stimulus 3(2)*, Feb., 1995, pp 12-8. (A paper presented at the Presbyterian Bi-Cultural Consultation, Ohope Marae, Jan.1993. 'Understanding Maori Christianity and new Maori religious movements in world perspective; immigrant movements - Mormons and Rastafari; analysing Maori culture at deep levels.)

Wesley Historical Society *Journal*, no.61/July 1994. A post-Women's Suffrage Year issue.

Wesley Historical Society *Journal*, no.62 (forthcoming). An issue to commemorate the Rev. Wesley Chambers.

Williams, Carol A. (compiler) *Bishop Harper's Journeys including his visitations, consecrations and confirmations*.

Other publications of interest

This list comprises items mentioned by contributors as likely to be of interest to readers of the Newsletter but outside the field of New Zealand religious history.

Isichei, Elizabeth *A History of Christianity in Africa: from antiquity to the present*. London: SPCK, 1994

Matheson, Peter *Argula von Grumbach: a Woman's Voice in the Reformation*. Edinburgh, T. & T. Clark 1995

Matheson, Peter *Collected Works of Thomas Müntzer*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1995. Paperback edition.

Matheson, Peter '150 Years After. The Scottish Disruption of 1843 and New Zealand Presbyterianism', *British Review of New Zealand Studies*, 1994, pp.1-21

Moore, Albert C. *Arts in the Religions of the Pacific.: Symbols of Life* Pinter (London), St. Martins (New York), 1995

Theses, dissertations and research essays completed

Irwin, Jim 'The Rise and Fall of a Vision: Maori in the midst of Pakeha in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa-New Zealand PhD, Religious Studies, Victoria, 1994

Johnston, Ewan, C. 'Cannibals won for Christ: Oscar Nicholson, Presbyterian Missionary in the New Hebrides', MA, History, University of Auckland, 1995.

Research essays completed thus far (1994-95) for the LTh (EBTS) paper on Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand currently taught at the College House Institute of Theology, Christchurch, comprise essays on Canterbury Association Chaplains (Janice Lawrence), Tuahiwi (Ron Fields), Layreaders in the Diocese of Christchurch 1861-1890 (Jean Richards), Fernside (Jean Garner) and Hannibal John Congdon Gilbert 1872-75 (Jane Davies).

Current research and work in progress

There is quite a flurry of activity where research into the history of the Anglican diocese of Christchurch is concerned. In addition to the research essays mentioned above other work is proceeding, including Michael Blain on Bishop Harper's Commissaries 1850-1890, Colin Brown on Christchurch Cathedral to 1881, and Jeremy Clark on William Orange.

Rita England (Council for Mission, Methodist-Presbyterian Churches - 'phone 03-366-6049) is compiling a bibliography of all material written by or about overseas workers from the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

Peter Lineham has just completed his history of the Bible Society and currently has on hand the proofs of an article on religious sectarianism in 19th century Britain. He is also working on articles on male culture and religion in New Zealand, and on 18th century non-Wesleyan Methodism. He will give a paper on the churches in wartime at the *Kia Kaha Forever Strong* National Library Conference on 4-7 May and may also give a paper on the second edition of the Maori Bible to the History of the Book Conference in Auckland on 29-30 August this year.

Leah Taylor (Dunedin), is working on a biography of the Rev. Leslie Neale.

Elizabeth Wood-Ellem (Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury), is engaged in research for a biography of Queen Salote of Tonga.

Videos

Methodist Church Archives (P.O. Box 931, Christchurch) have available for loan, videos of *A Life in earnest: Annie Schnackenburg: Temperance and Suffrage Campaigner, 1835-1905*, and *A Solo Theatre Performance by Marion Kitchingham*.

Theses, dissertations, and research essays in progress

Annabell, Jesse Scottishness and Presbyterianism in New Zealand (MA, History, Massey)

Clarke, Elizabeth Sister Alison and Maori Mission (Research essay, Theology, Otago)

- Dickson, Martin Inclusive Churches (MTh, Otago)
- Duncan, Betty A Hierarchy of Symbols: Samoan Religious Symbolism in New Zealand (PhD, Religious Studies, Otago)
- Furby, Heather The decline of the SCM, 1975-1990 (MA, History, Massey)
- Grimshaw, Michael. Attitudes of Settlers to Clergy involvement in Land Wars. (PhD, Otago)
- Hall, Ruth Changing Patterns of NZ women's spirituality 1970-1990 (MA, History, Massey)
- Iofa, Danny. Samoan Congregational Church in New Zealand. (PhD, Theology, Otago.)
- King, Geoff. Professor John Dickie and the New Theology (PhD, Theology, Otago)
- Mulligan, Robert 19th century Methodist Missionaries to NZ (Thesis, Regent College/Lineham)
- Opitz, Karsten Mission to the Maori: a German perspective (Research essay, Theology, Otago)
- Palenapa, Loimata Funeral Customs in Samoa (Research essay, Theology, Otago)
- Revell, John The churches and social work in NZ (Special topic, History, Massey)
- Robertson, Keith. Tokomairiro Parish. (MTh., Otago)
- Robinson, Bonnie Helmut Rex (MTh, Otago)
- Thompson, Nick. The Eucharist and Reformation Ecumenism (MTh, Otago)
- Troughton, Geoff. The role of the churches in the shaping of NZ community focussing in churches in the Wanganui and Manawatu 1870-1885 (MA, History, Massey)
- Waite, Tom Presbyterian Removal Ministries (Research essay, Theology, Otago)

Archives

The **Archives Office at Knox College** has both rich resources for New Zealand studies over a wide range and a full-time, professional archivist (Ms Yvonne Wilkie). Records relate not only to parishes and presbyteries, and the Synod of Otago and Southland, but to national committees of the Presbyterian Church. Mission archives provide invaluable resources for such topics as women missionaries in China and the changing images of Maori in pakeha congregations. Sunday School and Bible Class records, and 30,000 invaluable photographs, dating from the 1880s provide information on social mores and habits. The Public Questions archives are extensive, running to 520 linear metres of material.

Marcia Baker, archivist for the Methodist Church (P.O.Box 931, Christchurch) advises that microfilm copies of some Methodist Church newspapers are available for sale. They comprise: *Observer* 1870; *New Zealand Wesleyan* 1871-84, *New Zealand Methodist* 1884-94, *The Advocate* 1894-1900, and *Methodist Times* 1910-48. Also available is *The Outlook* (Presbyterian Church), 1901-10.

Marcia Baker also advises that the Methodist archives now hold a fiche set of *The Open Door: missionary magazine of the Methodist Church, 1922-72.*, with index.

The **Presbyterian Collection** in the **Hewitson Library** at Knox College has holdings including Church periodicals such as the *Evangelist*, indexed copies of the *Outlook*, pamphlets and books related to controversies such as that surrounding Lloyd Geering, devotional and liturgical material, parish histories and personal papers such as those of Helmut Rex and John Dickie. There is also a mounting collection of recent research essays and dissertations on church-state, ethical, bicultural, and multi-cultural issues.

Courses and conferences

There will be a major conference on 'Theology in a Pacific Context' in Dunedin at the end of 1996 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Faculty.

Notes and News

Allan Davidson (S.John's College) is on sabbatical leave until the College's second semester. He has spent some time in Edinburgh exploring the nineteenth century forms of Christianity which came from Britain to New Zealand and other British colonies.

David Hilliard has written to point out that The Flinders University of South Australia now has a changed postal address which is: GPO Box 2100, Adelaide 5001, Australia.

Peter Lineham is investigating the possibility of placing the bibliography of New Zealand Religious History on the World Wide Web, but no decisions have yet been made.

On April 19 two stained glass windows commemorating the contribution made by women to the College community since its foundation, were dedicated. Designed by Beverly Shore Bennett the windows depict Mary Magdalene, and Mary and Martha.

At its last Meeting (September 1994) the synod of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch resolved to encourage "research into the story of our Diocese and the publication of literature arising from that; and therefore as the Diocese looks to celebrate in 2006 the 150th anniversary of the enthronement of H.J.C.Harper, the first Bishop of Christchurch, this Synod resolves that beginning 1 February 1996 the sum of \$5000 per annum be appropriated towards the publication of a suitable commemorative history." A Publications Committee, closely linked with the Archives Committee is already at work planning the research and the subsequent publication.

A Christchurch branch of the newly-formed Anglican Historical Society has had three meetings to date and welcomes others who are interested in such matters. The group is at present concentrating on the period 1845-90 as a contribution to the research for a publication planned to mark the 150th anniversary of the enthronement of Bishop Harper. To date the meetings have focussed on three themes: an introduction to research being undertaken for the period 1845-90; Bishop Harper's Commisaries; 'Who Attended? - An examination of the baptism registers of a number of churches in the diocese', with members of the group reporting their findings.

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The next meeting of the group will be on July 6 at 6 p.m. at 255 Woodham Rd with a pot-luck tea, followed by brief reports from members on their current research.

Financial footnote!

The current credit balance is \$286.93 which is more than enough to cover the costs of the next 'reminder' circular and newsletter.

June 1, 1995