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EDITORIAL NOTE

This is the first edition of the Newsletter since Colin Brown handed over its editorship to a new editorial team. Colin was the founding editor and the community of religious historians owes a great deal to Colin for the way in which he both began and sustained the Newsletter. The first edition appeared in June 1987. The Newsletter has provided a very useful way of keeping New Zealand religious historians in contact with each other, and informing them of research-in-progress, recent publications, theses and research essays, new archival material and other items of interest.

We do depend for news on the contributions of those who receive the Newsletter. Only a few contributions were received for this Newsletter so additional bibliographical information and news has been drawn from a variety of sources.

We plan to continue the policy of issuing the Newsletter annually unless there is a groundswell of interest and a flood of news that encourages us to move to biannual publication. We are very open to receive suggestions as to how the Newsletter can be improved.

The interest in the Newsletter was seen in the number who sent subscriptions. We are in a healthy state financially. Please let others who are interested in New Zealand Religious History know about the Newsletter and encourage them to write to us with news of their work.

The next issue of the Newsletter will be issued in July 1997. Contributions should be sent by 1 June 1997 to the editors.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

New Zealand topics

Barber, Ian. "Between biculturalism and assimilation: the changing place of Maori Culture in the twentieth-century New Zealand Mormon Church". *New Zealand Journal of History*, 29.2, October 1995, 142-69.

Beattie, Ian David. *Vintage ministry: a study of long-term ministries of vicars in the Anglican church in Aotearoa-New Zealand*. Onehunga: Peterprint, 1995.

Binney, Judith. *Redemption Songs. A life of Te Kooti Arikirangi Te Turuki*. Auckland: Auckland University Press, Bridget Williams Books, 1995.

Blain, Michael. *Clergy in the Diocese of Christchurch, 1890-1925 a directory*. (Occasional papers, no.2) Christchurch: Christchurch Archives Committee, Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, 1994.

Bolitho, Elaine Elizabeth. *Meet the Methodists: postwar personalities and perspectives*. Auckland: Christian Research Association of New Zealand, 1994.

Bryant, George. *Pathways of hope: the story of World Vision New Zealand*. Palmerston North: Dunmore Press, 1996.

Budge, Peggy. *A small treasure: a history of St. Michael and All Angels, Stanway, 1895-1995*. Fielding: St. John's Vestry, 1995.

Carding, Betty. *Hang on a minute: a history of St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, 1895-1995*. Wanganui: Hanton & Andersen, 1995.

Davidson, Allan K. ed. *Reading theology in Aotearoa New Zealand. An annotated bibliography*. 2nd ed. Wellington: The Distance and Education Formation and Training Unity, 1996.

Produced by the Joint Faculty of the College of St John the Evangelist (Te Rau Kahikatea & The College of the Southern Cross) & Trinity Methodist Theological College.

Davidson, Allan K. & Lineham, Peter J. *Transplanted Christianity: documents illustrating aspects of New Zealand church history*. 3rd ed. Palmerston North: History Department, Massey University, 1995.

This contains some corrections and updating of statistics.

Davidson, Allan K. "Under the Eye of the Bishop": *The College of St John the Evangelist and the Diocese of Auckland in historical perspective*. Lecture at the inaugural meeting of the Anglican Historical Society, Selwyn Library, Bishopscourt, Auckland 27 April 1994. Anglican Historical Society, Occasional Papers No. 1.

Davis, Brian. *The way ahead: Anglican change and prospect in New Zealand*. Christchurch: Caxton Press, 1995.

Geering, Lloyd George. *2100: a faith odyssey: the changing face of New Zealand religion*. Wellington: St. Andrew's Trust for the Study of Religion and Society, 1995.

Gilling, Brian. "'Almost persuaded now to believe': Gospel Songs in New Zealand Evangelical theology and practice". *Journal of Religious History*, 19.1, June 1995, 92-110.

Glasgow, Neville. *Directions: New Zealanders explore the meaning of life*. Christchurch: Shoal Bay Press, 1995.

Hamilton, Bruce. *O Floreat Semper...The history of King's College 1896-1995*. Auckland, The Board of Governors, King's College, 1995.

Hogan, Helen. *Renata's journey. Ko te haerenga o Renata*. Christchurch: Canterbury University Press, 1994.

Isichei, Elizabeth. "James K. Baxter: religious sensibility and a changing Church". *Journal of New Zealand Literature*, 13, 1995, 235-6.

Leadley, Alan. *A brief history of the Kawhia Methodist mission 1834-1994*. [Hamilton]: Waikato-Bay of Plenty Bicultural Working Group, 1994.

Lewis Donald M., ed. *The Blackwell Dictionary of Evangelical Biography 1730-1860*. 2 vols. Oxford: Blackwell, 1995.

These volumes include many entries about missionaries and others connected with New Zealand. The New Zealand contributors to this volume include: Judith Binney, Wesley A. Chambers†, Allan K. Davidson, Bryan Gilling, David Hilliard, Peter Lineham, Jocelyn Murray, John M. R. Owens, W. John Roxborough.

Lineham, Peter J. *Bible & Society. A sesquicentennial history of the Bible Society in New Zealand*. Wellington: The Bible Society of New Zealand & Daphne Brasell Associates Press, 1996.

Mickelson, Kate. *St. Barnabas' Opunake, a hundred years on, 1995*. [Opunake]: [The Church] [1995].

Olsson, A. L. *Towards a living faith: a history of the Methodist Education Division and its forerunners 1919 to 1993*. Red Beach: ColCom Press, 1995.

Orange, Claudia, ed. *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography, 1901-1920*. Volume 3. Auckland: Auckland University Press, Department of Internal Affairs, 1996.

Among those listed in the Categories Index under Religion there are: 16 Anglicans, 1 Astrologer, 5 Baptists, 2 Brethren, 13 Catholics, 1 Christian

Scientist, 1 Jew, 2 Lutherans, 5 Methodists, 11 Presbyterians, 4 Maori Prophets, 3 Quakers, 1 Ratana, 1 Ringatu, 6 Salvation Army, 1 Seventh Day Adventist, 1 Unitarian.

Newsletter subscribers have contributed the following essays on people listed in the Categories Index under Religion:

Ian Breward: J. H. Mackenzie

Allan Davidson: Ernest Chitty, P. B. Fraser, L. M. Isitt

David Hilliard: Mads Christensen

Hugh Laracy: D. Kennedy, M. Kennedy, A. C. Langerwerf

Warren Limbrick: A. W. Averill

Peter Lineham: Hakaraia Pahewa, W. H. Pettit

John McCaul: T. H. Sprott, T. F. Taylor

Angus Macleod: J. J. North, G. D. Thornton

Clive Pearson: H. D. A. Major

Marie Peters: C. E. Perry

John Roxborough: John Dickie

Rory Sweetman: Henry Cleary, J. J. Kelly

Chris van der Krogt: H. L. Elliott, Thomas O'Shea

James Veitch: Annie Henry

Paine, Frank. *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses: 100 years of witness from the present St. Alban's Methodist Church 1895-1995*. [Christchurch]: [The Church], [1995].

Parry, Gordon. *Cathedral in the Octagon: the first hundred years of St. Paul's, Dunedin 1894-1994*. Dunedin: St. Paul's Publications, 1994.

Pearson, Clive R. *The Theological Case of J. M. Bates*. [Dunedin], Presbyterian Historical Society, 1994.

Phillips, Russell. "James K. Baxter: dialogue with his later theological and philosophical thought in the context of Aotearoa/New Zealand". *Journal of New Zealand Literature*, 13, 1995, 267-84.

Porter, Frances & Macdonald, Charlotte, eds. *"My hand will write what my heart dictates": The unsettled lives of women in nineteenth-century New Zealand as revealed to sisters, family and friends*. Auckland: Auckland University Press & Bridget Williams Books, 1996.

Includes contributions from the writings of women who had significant church connections. See for example: Caroline Abraham, Jane Bolland, Charlotte Brown, Mary Bumby, Anne Chapman, Elizabeth Colenso, Ellen Greenwood, Mary Greenwood, Catherine Hadfield, Lizzie Heath (Breach), Margaret Herring, Mary Hobhouse, Maria Kemp, Jane Kendall, Mary Ann Martin, Susan Maunsell, Mehetabel Newman, Maria Nicholson, Mary Preece, Catherine Riemenschneider, Sarah Selwyn, Mary Caroline Taylor, Emma Völkner, Eliza White, Jane Williams, Marianne Williams, Mary Williams, Sarah Williams, Anne Catherine Wilson.

Spence, Richard J. *Whakaaria mai: the biography of Canon Wiremu Wi te Tau Huata*. Palmerston North: Dunmore Press, 1994.

Stenhouse, John. "The Darwinian Enlightenment and New Zealand Politics" in *Darwin's Laboratory: evolutionary theory and natural history in the Pacific*. Editors Roy MacLeod & Philip F. Rehbock, Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 1994, 395-425.

Whyte, Ivan J. *This will be remembered: Primitive Methodism in Auckland, 1849-1913*. [Auckland]: Wesley Historical Society & Auckland Methodist Mission, 1994.

Whyte, Ivan J., ed. *Wesley Albert Chambers: 28th May 1921-21st August 1993*. (Wesley Historical Society, Proceedings no.62) Auckland: Wesley Historical Society, 1995.

Williams, Mark, ed. *The source of the song: New Zealand writers on Catholicism*. Wellington: Victoria University Press, 1995.

Other Publications of Interest

Crawford, Janet. "Church History" in *A-Z of Feminist Theology*, ed. Lisa Isherwood & Dorothea McEwan. Sheffield: Academic Press, 1996.

Lineham, Peter J. "The Antinomian Methodists" in *Learning and Living: Essays in honour of J F C Harrison*, ed. Malcolm Chase & Ian Dyck. Scholars Press, 1966.

Matheson, Peter, "Breaking the silence: women, censorship, and the Reformation", *Sixteenth Century Journal*, XXVII.1, 1996, 97-109.

Matheson, Peter. "A Reformation for women? Sin, grace and gender in the writings of Argula von Grumbach". *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 49.1, 1996, 39-55.

Matheson, Peter. "Whose Scripture? A foray into Reformation hermeneutics", *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 191-202.

THESES AND RESEARCH ESSAYS COMPLETED 1994-1995

Andrewes, J. "'The Whistling Kirk': A history of Church music at Knox Church, Dunedin, 1860-1990", Research Essay, University of Otago.

Goldsmith, P. "Aspects of the Life of William Colenso", MA, University of Auckland.

Hay, M. "The Salvation Army in Milton" 1884-1894", Research Essay, University of Otago.

Johnston, Ed. "'Cannibals won for Christ': Oscar Michelsen, Presbyterian Missionary in the New Hebrides 1878-1932", MA, University of Auckland.

King, M. "St Patrick's Day in Auckland 1868-1899", Research Essay, University of Auckland.

Webber, A. "'An Easy Passage': the evolution of an Anglican female priesthood in the Church of the Province of New Zealand", Research Essay, University of Otago.

CURRENT RESEARCH AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Marcia Baker, Methodist Church Archivist in Christchurch reports the following theses and essays in progress:

Frank Hanson, The history of the Sunday School in New Zealand Methodism

Margaret Tennant, Deaconesses and Church Social Work

Elaine Bolitho, Primitive Methodist Women Evangelists

Susan Thompson, Methodist Theological Training in New Zealand

Donald Phillips, The Primitive Methodist Church in Otago

- Masterton Children's Home

- History of the Sumner Church.

Among other research noted by Marcia is:

- The Union of the Wesleyan, Bible Christian and United Methodist Free Churches in 1896

Research has been completed on "Thy Kingdom Come on Earth: New Zealand Methodist Social Concerns 1900-1994" (2 volumes, 338pages).

Allan Davidson is supervising an MTheol thesis on Philo Maori and the Anglican Church (Earle Howe) and a research essay on New Zealand Catholic attitudes towards Fascism in the 1930s reflected in *The Month* and *Zealandia*.

Peter Lineham has students writing on the introduction of the English Mass (Joseph Grayland); feminist moves in theology (Ruth Low); the role of clergy wives in the Anglican Diocese of Wellington (Alice Wards); and changes in Adventist education (Rod Simmons). He is also assisting in two Otago theses on, Otago Sunday Schools (David Kee) and on the Charismatic movement in the Anglican Church (Dale Williamson).

NOTES AND NEWS

Michael Blain is currently working for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and is living at Dogura. He has been transcribing photocopies of Bishop Suter's manuscript notes of the trial of Hubert Edward Carlyon of Kaiapoi who was charged with ceremonial and ritual abuses and as a result of his conviction was inhibited from ministry here and left the country. These notes are held in Nelson Diocesan Archives. Suter presided over the trial by the bench of bishops.

Michael has also transcribed the flimsies in the Bishop Harper letter books of all Harper's letters to his commissaries in England for the recruiting of clergy for

Christchurch diocese and the extant replies. He has prepared background notes on these recruiting agents and sought to place them in their ecclesiastical personal and social context.

Ian Breward (Melbourne) is currently on sabbatical and is writing a history of the church in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific for the *Oxford History of the Christian Church* series.

Colin Brown (Christchurch) has completed and submitted articles on Moses Ayrton, Clyde Carr and Rugby Pratt for volume four of *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*. He continues work, intermittently, on a history of Christchurch (Anglican) Cathedral whenever a variety of teaching duties (at the College House Institute of Theology and the University of Canterbury), and his recreational interests permit.

John Cookson (University of Canterbury) has contributed an essay on pacifism and conscientious objection in World War II in New Zealand for a collection Peter Brock and Thos Socknat of the University of Toronto are publishing entitled *Challenge to Mars: Essays on Pacifism from 1918 to 1945*.

Janet Crawford (St John's College) has successfully completed her PhD through Victoria University. Her thesis title is "Rocking the Boat: Women's Participation in the World Council of Churches 1948-1991". She is working on transcription of a number of letters to and from Miss Julia Farr, an Australian woman associated with the Melanesian Mission in the 1890s and later.

Allan Davidson (St John's College) has submitted a draft essay on Colin Gilmour Scrimgeour ("Scrim") for the fourth volume of *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Defining Moments: Gospel and Culture in Aotearoa New Zealand* is due to be published in 1996 as part of the Gospel and Cultures series by the World Council of Churches. A project which has stretched over eighteen years, an edition of the autobiography of Semisi Nau, a Tongan Methodist missionary who worked at Ontong Java in the Solomon Islands, is due to be published by the Institute of Pacific Studies in Suva later in the year.

Christianity in Aotearoa. A history of church and society in New Zealand is to be published in a revised second edition. Any corrections or suggestions to be incorporated in the new edition that people are able to make can be sent to Allan at the address given on the first page. He is about to embark on research on the "CMS and its relation to cultural and ecclesiological issues in the church in New Zealand" for a CMS bicentenary volume of essays. He is also about to commence work on a history of St Luke's Presbyterian Church in Auckland.

Peter Lineham (Massey University) is preparing a paper on Methodism and the occult for a meeting in Canberra in September. He is also writing a short history of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students and a history of the Bible College of New Zealand.

Martin Sutherland (Carey Baptist College, Auckland) has completed his PhD through Canterbury University. His thesis focused on the contribution of John Howe

(1630-1705) to the ecclesiology of Restoration England. His current research investigates the link between disputes over concepts of the Church and the political developments of Stuart and Interregnum England.

Jane Teal (Archivist, Diocese of Christchurch) writes that The Diocese of Christchurch has made a commitment to publish in 2006 a portion of the history of the Diocese, being the years c1856-1890. This will cover Henry John Chitty Harper's period as the first bishop of the diocese. Synod has made an annual grant towards this work and this year the Archives Committee have employed Margaret Lovell-Smith to investigate Archival Repositories in the Christchurch area, other than the Diocesan Archives.

Work is continuing on the transcription of the 28 volumes of Bishop Harper's Outward Letters. Once transcribed, themes, subjects and personalities are entered onto the Diocesan Archives Data base under each individual letter. This enables matching to be made not only with the Inwards Letters which are already entered but will also provide a further resource for writing the history.

Jim Veitch has a book due out on the environment at the end of August - *Can Humanity Survive? The world's religions and the environment*. It is to be published by Awareness Company, Auckland and includes a chapter on "Maori Religion: the spiritual landscape" by Bernie Kernot and Manuka Henare. Jim is hoping to get both of the Geering volumes finished, "maybe over the summer".

MICROFICHE

The Open Door, Missionary Magazine of the Methodist Church of New Zealand 1922-1972, with index. Available for purchase from The Archivist, Methodist Church of New Zealand, PO Box 931, Christchurch.

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

There are at least four denominational historical societies which are active at various levels. (The editors would be interested to hear about other similar societies.)

The Anglican Historical Society encourages interest in Anglican history, with particular reference to Aotearoa/New Zealand. The executive is based in Auckland but the Society is concerned to develop a national network of local and working groups. It produces a newsletter and has issued the first of its Occasional Papers (see under recent publications). The Auckland Committee arranges Sunday afternoon meetings up to three times a year at churches in Auckland where speakers introduce the history of the parish and church in that area. Recent visits have included St Stephen's Chapel, Taurarua, Judges Bay, and St John's College. The next meeting will be at St Matthias, Panmure, 2.30pm on Sunday 18 August.

Membership of the Society costs \$10.00 per year. Subscriptions can be sent to The Rev Earle Howe, 16 Lupton Road, Manurewa.

The Baptist Historical Society recently held its Annual Winter Event in Auckland. The Rev J. Ayson Clifford spoke on "The origins and development of Baptist Social Services". The first volume of *The New Zealand Journal of Baptist Research* is to be issued in October 1996 and will include articles on:

"New Zealand Baptists and the Ecumenical Movement"

"Pulpit or Podium? J. K. Archer and the Dilemma of Christian Politics in New Zealand"

"The Origins of Baptist Work Among Maori"

The editor of the Journal is Dr Martin Sutherland. It will initially be published annually. A newsletter, *Baptist Research News* will also be published.

Orders for *The N.Z. Journal of Baptist Research* may be sent to the N.Z. Baptist Historical Society, PO Box 12149, Penrose, Auckland. Subscription for the Journal and Newsletter will cost \$15.00. Membership of the Society is \$12.00 up until the 31 September 1996 and thereafter \$20.00.

In the June 1996 Newsletter, "Learn a Little History", reference is made to the research of Brian Shaw on the ministry of the Rev Thomas Spurgeon, and of Angus MacLeod into the life of the Hon. Thomas Dick.

The Presbyterian Historical Society publishes an annual lecture. The President of the Society is Professor Peter Matheson, Knox Theological Hall, Dunedin.

The Wesley Historical Society was founded in 1930 and is the oldest and the most active of the denominational societies. It has recently published its *Journal 1996*, Proceedings No. 63, edited by I. J. Whyte. The major focus of this issue of the *Journal* is on Primitive Methodism in New Zealand.

Membership of the Wesley Historical Society is \$14.75 per annum. The Treasurer is the Rev P. F. Taylor, 12 Melandra Road, Whangaparaoa, Auckland. The Society will be holding its Annual Meeting at the Avondale Union Parish on Friday 15 November at 5.30pm. The Rev Frank Hanson will be delivering the annual lecture on The History of the Sunday School Movement in the Methodist Church in New Zealand at 7.30pm.

CONFERENCES

Church Archivists will meet in Wellington on 21 August 1996. The meeting will be organised by the Salvation Army Archivist and will take place prior to the ARANZ conference which begins on the 22 August with specialist group meetings, followed by the conference itself on 23-24 August.

Doing Theology in Oceania: Partners in Conversation, Dunedin 17-21 November. This will be preceded by a conference **“Women Doing Theology in Oceania”** 15-17 November. For Registration Forms write to: Theology in Oceania Conference, c/- Faculty of Theology, University of Otago, Dunedin.