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EDITORIAL NOTE

What to include and what to leave out? That is one of the questions facing the editors of this Newsletter as they have gone through lists of new library accessions. Some publications such as Jessie Munro's biography of Suzanne Aubert and Rory Sweetman's study of James Liston's trial for sedition are clearly at the top of the selection list. Other material such as the family history by Marie Gray or David McGill's somewhat irreverent reflections are much more marginal. Often, however, the more ephemeral publications are overlooked. The value of including them here is that it gives a wider audience an opportunity to become aware of some of the resources available in the area of New Zealand religious history.

The editors make no claim to have noted everything. They depend on contributions from subscribers as well as their own knowledge to compile the Newsletter. This does involve some gentle badgering and also the helpful assistance of the Helen Greenwood, Assistant Librarian at the Kinder Library, St John's College.

This Newsletter notices parish histories as a separate category. These often have a limited circulation and are not easily available. While many are merely chronicles, some, such as the one by Rory Sweetman, give an account which is of interest beyond the parish pump.

Another section on Australian Church History notes three publications from the Centre of the Study of Australian Christianity. This Centre is based at Robert Menzies College, Macquarie University, and its work represents the way in which some Australian historians are taking seriously the religious dimension of their history.

Religious history in New Zealand, apart from the Maori missionary encounter, is largely a Cinderella subject in our universities. New Zealand historians have often suffered from what could be called religious myopia having written out of our history the significant religious dimension. In part this represents the impact of the forces of sectarianism and secularisation on our history and the privatisation of religious experience. This Newsletter is a small attempt to contribute to the process of writing the religious dimension back into our history.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

New Zealand topics

Belich, James. *Making peoples a history of the New Zealanders from Polynesian settlement to the end of the nineteenth century*. Auckland: Allen Lane the Penguin Press, 1996.

Includes some brief but perceptive comments on missionaries and Maori and colonial Christianity.

Bolitho, Elaine. E. 'With Hearts Strangely Warmed: The Charismatic Movement in the New Zealand Methodist Church'. *Affirm*. 5:1, Autumn, 1997, 20-23.

Brazendale, Graham. *John Whiteley: land sovereignty and the land wars of the 19th century*. (Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.) Proceedings ; v.64) [Auckland]: Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.), [1997].

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Davidson, Allan K. 'The interaction of missionary and colonial Christianity in nineteenth century New Zealand'. *Studies in World Christianity*, 2:2, 1996, 145-66.

Fraser, L.A. 'The making of an ethnic collectivity: Irish Catholic immigrants in nineteenth-century Christchurch'. *Journal of Religious History*, 20:2, October 1996, 210-27.

Garner, Jean. *'By his own merits' Sir John Hall--pioneer, pastoralist and premier*. Christchurch: Dryden Press, 1995.

Active in supporting women's suffrage, Hall was an Anglican 'ecumenist' and advocate for women's suffrage within the church.

Garrett, Helen. *Henry Jacobs: a clergyman of calibre*. Christchurch: Shoal Bay Press, 1996.

Goldsmith, Paul. 'Medicine, death and the Gospel in Wairarapa and Hawke's Bay, 1845-1852', *New Zealand Journal of History*. 30:2, October 1996, 163-81.

Goodall, Maurice. *This is the victory: the church--dormant or militant: some memoirs of a kiwi sin-buster*. [1996].

Gray, Marie. *Irish in the blood*. Auckland: Hodder Moa Beckett, 1997.

A family history which gives insights into the Plymouth Brethren and migration from Ireland.

Hamilton, D. *College! A History of Christ's College*. Christchurch: Christ's College, 1996

Horrill, Seton. *Forging a workplace mission: Inter-Church Trade & Industry Mission Aotearoa New Zealand 1970-1995*. Red Beach: Colcom Press, 1995.

Jamieson, Penny. *Living at the edge: sacrament and solidarity in leadership*. London: Mowbray, 1997.

Keene, Florence. *Legacies in kauri: old homes and churches of the north*. [new ed.] Whangarei: F. Keene, [1994].

Lambourn, Alan. *Major Thomas Bunbury: envoy extraordinary New Zealand's soldier-treatymaker*. Waikanae: Heritage Press, 1995.

Lewis, J.J., Willing, Len & Mullan, David S. *Koru and covenant: reflections on Hebrew and Maori spirituality in Aotearoa*. Red Beach N.Z.: ColCom Press, 1995.

- McGill, David. *I almost tackled Kel Tremain: growing up with God, movies, sex, Rock'n'roll and the All Blacks*. Wellington: Silver Owl Press, 1996.
Includes the irreverent reflections of a seminarian in the 1960s!
- Mason, Judy. *A venture of faith. The story of St Hilda's Collegiate School 1896-1996*. Dunedin: St Hilda's Board of Trustees, 1996.
- Munro, Jessie. *The story of Suzanne Aubert*. Auckland: Auckland University Press & Bridget Williams Books, 1996.
- Newnham, Tom. *Kathleen Hall He Mingqing*. [Auckland]: Women's Resource Centre, [1996].
- Ogilvie, Gordon. *Pioneers of the Plains: the Deans of Canterbury*. Christchurch: Shoal Bay Press, 1996.
- Parker, Wesley, *Over to you, padre: a Pacific padre looks back*. [Auckland]: [J. Parker], [1995].
- Pugsley, Chris, Barber, L.H., Mikaere, Buddy, Prickett, Nigel, Young, Rose. *Scars on the heart two centuries of New Zealand at war*. Auckland: David Bateman & Auckland Institute and Museum, 1996.
- Te Rato, Wiremu Te Koti, (c1820-1895) & University of Canterbury. Department of Maori. *The baptismal register of Reverend Wiremu Te Koti Te Rato, Rapaki, 1863-1895*. [Christchurch]: [University of Canterbury. Department of Maori], [1996].
- Rogers, A. *A lucky landing: the story of the Irish in New Zealand*. Auckland: Random, 1996.
- Shirres, Michael P. *Te Tangata: the human person*. Auckland: Accent, 1997.
- Simpson, Jane. 'Secular New Zealand? A case study of the Student Christian Movement, 1930-1970'. *UC Research*, Christchurch, The University of Canterbury, 1997, 31-32.
- Stenhouse, John. "'A disappearing race before we came here": Doctor Alfred Kingcome Newman, the dying Maori, and Victorian Scientific Racism'. *New Zealand Journal of History*, 30:2, October 1996, 124-40.
- Stimulus: The New Zealand Journal of Christian Thought and Practice*, 5:2, May 1997, marks the thirtieth anniversary of Professor Lloyd Geering's trial for heresy by devoting the issue to articles about Geering and the controversy. The following articles in particular are of historical interest:
- James Veitch, 'Sniffing out heresy: Presbyterians in conflict: 1965-1970 - an interpretation', 6-18.
 - Rollo Arnold, 'A shepherded sheep; a harrowed toad. An experience of Presbyterian lay protest, 1966-70', 19-26.
 - Brian Gilling, "'Lloyd, I believe. Help my unbelief'", 31-36.
 - Harold Turner, 'Consequences of a basic mistake', 37-42.
- Sullivan, Jim. *Catholic Boys*: Auckland: Penguin, 1996.
- Sweetman, Rory. *Bishop in the dock: the sedition trial of James Liston*, Auckland: Auckland University Press, 1997.
- Williams, Carol A. *Bishop Harper's journeys: his visitations, consecrations, baptisms and confirmations 1857-1890*. (Occasional papers 3) Christchurch: Christchurch Archives Committee & Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, 1997.
- Willing, Len. *"--Ready, willing, and able--" One man's bicultural journey*. Red Beach: Colcom Press, 1996.
- Worsnip, Michael. *Michael Lapsley: priest and partisan - a South African journey*. Melbourne: Ocean Press, 1996.

The account of a New Zealand Anglican priest who became a victim of apartheid and contributor to post-apartheid reconciliation.
 Yarwood, A.T. *Samuel Marsden: the great survivor*. 2nd ed. Melbourne: University of Melbourne Press 1996.

New Zealand Parish Histories

- Butt, G.A. & Ginever, G.J. *A poem in stone: a history of St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, New Plymouth, 1846-1996*. 8th ed. New Plymouth: St. Mary's Pro Cathedral, 1996
- Childs, Michael & Collins, Jean. *Part of our heritage: a history of the Anglican parish in Wainuiomata, 1945-1995*. [Wainuiomata]: [Anglican Parish of Wainuiomata], [1996].
- Judge, John. *Working together with God. A short history of St. Kentigern's Presbyterian Church, North New Brighton, Christchurch, 1951-1996*. Christchurch: St Kentigern's, 1996.
- Monteith, G.R. *The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Auckland, New Zealand: the story of the years 1935-1996*. [1996].
- St. Andrew's Church. *A brief history of 100 years of Anglican worship at Stewart Island 1896-1996*. [Stewart Island]: [St. Andrew's Church], [1996].
- Stringer, Marion J. *St. John's Anglican Church, Wakefield, Nelson, New Zealand. 150th anniversary history, covering 150 years of Christian worship, October 1846-October 1996*. Wakefield: St. John's Church 150th Anniversary Committee, 1996.
- Sweetman, Rory M. *St. Andrew's Church (Epsom, N.Z.) Spire on the hill: a history of St Andrew's Church in the Epsom community 1846-1996*. Epsom: The Vicar, Churchwardens and Vestry, St. Andrew's Parish, 1996.
- Vosper, Margaret & Marshall, George. *Church at the crossroads, 1871-1996: parish of St. Andrew, Cambridge, New Zealand*. Cambridge: Headline Printing, [1996].
- Whyle, I.J. *Dominion from generation to generation: centenary of Dominion Road Methodist Church 1897-1997*. Auckland: Pitt Street Church, [1997].
- Winstone, Dorothy. *Wesley Methodist Church, Mission Bay, 1938-1993*. Auckland: Orakei Methodist Parish, 1996.

Other Publications of Interest

- Allan K. Davidson, ed. *Semisi Nau: The story of my life: the autobiography of a Tongan Methodist missionary at Ontong Java in the Solomon Islands*. Suva: Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific, 1996.
- Lange, Raeburn. 'Historians of Christianity in the Pacific Islands'. *History Now*. 3:1, May 1997, 14-17.

Australian Church History

- Hutchinson, Mark & Campion, Edmund, eds. *Long, patient struggle: essays on women and gender in Australian Christianity*. (Studies in Australian Christianity; v.2) Sydney: Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, 1994.
- Hutchinson, Mark & Campion, Edmund, eds. *Re-visioning Australian colonial Christianity: new essays in the Australian Christian experience 1788-1900*. (Studies in Australian Christianity; v.1) Sydney: Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity 1994.
- Hutchinson, Mark & Piggin, Stuart, eds *Reviving Australia: essays on the history and experience of revival and revivalism in Australian Christianity*. Studies in

- Australian Christianity; v.3) Sydney: Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, 1994.
- Piggin, Stuart. *Evangelical Christianity in Australia: spirit, word and world*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.

THESES AND RESEARCH ESSAYS COMPLETED 1995-1996

- Clark, Jeremy. 'The evangelical ministry of William A. Orange 1930-1945'. Research Essay in Christian Thought and History, Melbourne College of Divinity, BTheol, 1996.
- Reid, Nicholas. "'Not Fascist - Clericalist" How the *Month / Zealandia* reported international events, 1933-39', Research Essay in Church History, ACTE, 1996.

From the *New Zealand Journal of History*, October 1996:

- Berry, C. 'Student Christian Movement, 1896-1996'. Auckland MA thesis.
- Brown, M. 'Packing Down the Scrum: An Historical Analysis of the 1981 Springbok Tour and the Homosexuality Issue in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand', Otago Research Essay.
- Clark, M. 'Transcending Chastity and Continence: The Provision of Sex Education by Women's Organisations, 1930-1950', Canterbury MA thesis.
- Cleaver, P. 'Dealing with Death. The Pakeha Treatment of Death, 1850-1910', Victoria MA thesis.
- Mckay, J. "'The Tie that Binds": Christianity in the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union, 1885-1900'. Otago Research Essay.
- Troughton, G. 'Christianity and Community. Aspects of Religious Life and Attitudes in the Wanganui-Manawatu Region, 1870-1885', Massey MA thesis.
- Turney, C. 'The New Zealand Alliance and Auckland, 1905-1920', Auckland MA thesis.
- Wallbank, L. 'Military Messianism: An Examination of Te Kooti Arikirangi Te Turuki—Prophet and Guerilla Leader', Waikato MA thesis.
- West, D. 'The Church in the Midst. The Presbyterian Church's Response to State Housing, 1937-1958, Otago Research Essay.

CURRENT RESEARCH AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Colin Brown (Christchurch) is working on essays for *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography* on Alwyn and Doreen Warren and William Allan Pyatt.

Allan Davidson (St John's College) has revised *Christianity in Aotearoa: a history of church and society in New Zealand* which should appear in a second edition later in the year. He is currently working on an essay provisionally entitled, 'Culture and Ecclesiology: a case study of the Church Missionary Society in New Zealand' for the bicentennial volume of essays to be published to mark the founding of the CMS in 1799. He will be attending a consultation of writers in Uganda, July-August this year to discuss draft chapters. He is beginning research for essays for *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography* on Martin Sullivan and Hubert Ryburn. Lurking in the

background is a commitment to write a parish history of St Luke's Presbyterian Church, Auckland.

Laurie Guy (Carey Baptist College) is undertaking a PhD history thesis on 'The Gay Debate: Public Discourse on Male Homosexuality in New Zealand, 1961-1996'. He is tackling the debate partly to reflect on major shifts in values in the post-World War Two period. In many ways the 1985-86 debate over whether gay activity should be punished was a symbolic debate, a struggle between two opposed world views, each vying for supremacy.

Peter Lineham (Massey University) is putting the finishing touches to the first draft of his manuscript on the history of the New Zealand Bible College, formerly the New Zealand Bible Training Institute. It is due out at the end of the year but.... It includes a very detailed analysis of fundamentalism and revivalism in the 1920s and 1930s and debates over eschatology. He is also writing essays for *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography* on Churchill Julius and Keith Elliott, a paper on church and state and one on Christian education.

Margaret Lovell-Smith is continuing her survey of sources for the study of Bishop Harper and his episcopate under the auspices of the Christchurch (Anglican) Diocesan Historical Publications Committee which plans a commemorative volume in the year 2006. (Harper was consecrated bishop in 1856)

John McKean (Rochester & Rutherford Hall, University of Canterbury) is currently researching the history of the Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland with a view to enlarging his already published account.

Kevin Roach (Mount St Mary's College) is preparing a paper on 'Particular Councils' for the annual meeting of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand which is to meet in Auckland this year. He will be examining the First Provincial Council of Sydney in 1844, the First Plenary Council of Australia and New Zealand in 1885, the First Provincial Council of Wellington in 1899 and the Fourth Plenary Council of Australia and New Zealand in 1935. His particular focus is the contribution of New Zealand bishops to such gatherings, and some important results of such meetings for the Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand. It was the Plenary Council of 1885, for example, which proposed to the Holy See the establishment of the Province of New Zealand and the creation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. One result of research for the paper will be to determine the extent to which these councils depended on already existing legislation of particular councils held in English-speaking countries at various times in the 19th century, viz. those of Westminster, Baltimore and Maynooth.

Jane Simpson (Canterbury University) Her article, 'Io as Supreme Being: intellectual colonization of the Maori', is due to appear in *History of Religions*, 37:1, August 1997. She also has a forthcoming article on lay piety in New Zealand. Jane is undertaking research on a comparative study of the ordination debate in the Anglican Church in Australia and New Zealand.

John Stenhouse (Otago University) has the forthcoming publications in the pipeline: together with R. Numbers as editor, *Evolution in the English-speaking World: the roles of place, race, and religion*, New York: Cambridge University Press, including his own essay 'Darwinism in New Zealand 1860-1900'; together with R. Numbers, 'Antievolutionists in the Antipodes, 1860-1996', *British Journal of the History of Science*.

In 1997 John is teaching Hist 308 New Zealand Society and Religion, and Hist 410 Topics in Intellectual History: Science and Religion.

He has been asked to write a 5000 word essay on 'Missionary Science 1800-1900' for volume nine of the *Cambridge History of Science* series and would appreciate suggestions about primary or secondary source material relating to missionaries and scientific research, science education, popular science etc. (Contact by e-mail at john.stenhouse@stonebow.otago.ac.nz or through the History Department, University of Otago, Box 56, Dunedin.)

St John's / Trinity Colleges (Auckland) - theses in progress:

Hanson, Frank. 'The Significance of the Sunday School Movement in the Growth and Decline of New Zealand Methodist'. DTheol, Melbourne College of Divinity.

Haworth, G.M.R. 'The Impact of the Second World War on the Anglican Church in New Zealand'. PhD, Auckland.

Howe, Earle. 'Caught in the Crossfire: An Assessment of Philo-Maori in New Zealand, 1850-1870'. MTheol, Melbourne College of Divinity.

Thompson, Susan. 'Ministry Training in the Methodist Church in New Zealand'. PhD, Auckland.

University History Theses in Process: from the *New Zealand Journal of History*, October 1996: (note some of these might have been completed since this list was compiled.)

Broadley, S. 'Spiritualism in Nineteenth-Century Otago'. MA, Otago.

Costello, N. 'The Growth of the New Zealand Anti-Nuclear Movement and the Formation of the Nuclear-Free Element in New Zealand's National Identity, 1975-1995', M.Litt, Auckland.

Early, L. 'Methodist Women Missionaries in the Solomon Islands'. PhD, Otago.

Fortune, G. 'Hugh Coolahan and others – Irish Catholic Immigration in Auckland, 1840-1870: their Involvement in Business, Politics and the Establishment of the Catholic Church'. MA, Auckland.

Grayland, J. 'The Initial Implementation of the Vernacular Mass in New Zealand'. MA, Massey.

Grimshaw, M. 'Public Reaction to the Role of the Churches in the New Zealand Wars of the 1860s'. PhD, Otago.

Keen, D. 'The Role of Sunday Schools in the Socialization of Children in Otago and Southland, 1848-1900'. PhD, Otago.

La Rooij, M. 'Anti-Semitism and the Far Right in New Zealand, 1929-1947', MA, Victoria.

Low, R. 'Changing Forms of Women's Spirituality', MA, Massey.

MacDougall, I. 'Continuity and Change in Attitudes of the New Zealand Peace Movement, 1973-1982'. MA, Victoria.

McLeod, B. 'The New Zealand Tablet'. MA, Otago.

Wightman, S. 'Temperance, Gender and National Identity', MA, Victoria.

NOTES AND NEWS

Marcia Baker (Methodist Church Archives, Christchurch) reports the following recent accessions:

- Walter Price Music Collection which includes hymn books of Methodist and other denominations, the sources of hymns, magazines of British and American hymn societies, and the New Zealand Association of Organists.
- Alan Armitage Primitive Methodist Collection. A unique collection of books (including some which are very rare) of the history of Primitive Methodism.
- Margaret Thomas. A Family Chronicle - story of Rev'd C.E. Dent - England, New Zealand, South Africa.
- Sally Maclean. A History of the Ngamotu Mission and Grey Institute Trust. (New Plymouth).
- Derek McKay. Letters written from the Solomon Islands 1960.

Rita England has compiled a bibliography of materials written by and about staff and volunteers sent to work overseas by the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Methodist Church of New Zealand for more than a hundred years. There is a wealth of resources covered by this Bibliography for anyone wishing to know more of the overseas mission of these New Zealand Churches, of their partner churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and of the involvement and influence of the churches' representatives in mission. Copies of the Bibliography (c. 50 pages) are lodged at: Hewitson Library, Knox College, Dunedin; Kinder Library, St John's College, Auckland; Methodist Archives, Christchurch; Presbyterian Archives, Dunedin. It is available at \$10.00, plus p&p from Council for Mission & Ecumenical Cooperation, PO Box 21-395, Christchurch 8001.

Verna Mossong (Methodist Church Archives, Auckland) advises that Ewan Maidment of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau filmed at the Auckland Archives during 1996 when a further segment of the New Zealand Methodist Overseas [Solomon Island] Mission Board records were processed.

Jessie Munro's book on Suzanne Aubert (see above) has received excellent reviews and congratulations are in order. See for example Nicholas Reid's review in *New Zealand Books*, 7:1, March 1997, p. 1. The book is short-listed for the Montana Awards. It has already received the acclamation of the GP Print Book Design Awards for 1997 [in association with the Book Publishers Association of New Zealand] for the 'Best Typography'.

Sr. Carmel Walsh who has lectured in Church History at the University of Otago since 1994 and who this year is Dean of Studies at Holy Cross College will join the ACTE faculty in Auckland next year. Her principal interests centre on religious educational experience in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Australia and New Zealand with a particular focus on the contribution made by women.

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Anglican Historical Society The Society is about to publish Occasional Paper No. 2 by G.M.R. Haworth, *Anglican Deaconesses in New Zealand: the 1960s revival*. Copies will be available from: Anglican Historical Society, PO Box 102, Manurewa, South Auckland 1702.

New Zealand Baptist Historical Society launched Volume One of the *New Zealand Journal of Baptist Research* in October 1996. It included the following articles:

S.L. Edgar, 'New Zealand Baptists and the Ecumenical Movement', pp. 9-25.

M. P. Sutherland. 'Pulpit or Podium? J.K. Archer and the Dilemma of Christian Politics in New Zealand', pp. 26-46.

C.D.B. Jones. 'The Long, Painful Birth of Baptist Maori Ministry', pp.47-66.

The Society published *Baptist Research News* in April 1997 to serve as a newsletter for the society. The major item in the *News* was an article by Elaine E. Bolitho, 'Pastors - a Moving Situation'.

Volume Two of the *New Zealand Journal of Baptist Research* is due in October. Subscriptions to NZ Baptist Historical Society, PO Box 12-149, Penrose, Auckland. Baptist Historical Society members \$10, others \$15.00.

Wesley Historical Society [NZ] is affiliated with the World Methodist Historical Society. At the meeting at Rio de Janeiro last year, Verna Mossong, President of the NZ WHS, was elected Vice President, Oceania, to replace the late Wesley Chambers. She is interested in gathering a small committee together to plan for an Oceania Regional Conference and would welcome volunteers and ideas about subject, content and venue (possibly Tonga or Fiji). Verna Mossong, 1 Bruce Road, Glenfield, North Shore City. Ph. 09 444.7584.

The Issue of Proceedings 64 is noted above under the name of Graham Brazendale. His subject was John Whiteley. In 1935 and 1936, A.B. Chappell wrote his four part study of John Whiteley, Missionary Martyr. George Carter prepared an eleven page booklet about Whiteley in 1953 as Proceeding 10:3. He used the Wesleyan Mission correspondence in this presentation of Whiteley. The final events of Whiteley's life and death are still perceived as a martyrdom. Brazendale examines Whiteley of both Kawhia and Taranaki. The Taranaki Whiteley, while remaining a missionary to the Maori, became also an advocate for the rights of the settlers. The Rev'd Rua Rakena provides a Preface in which he suggests 'that hopefully "the People called Methodists", at least, will in these pages discover a salutary reminder and direction for Mission here in Aotearoa New Zealand'. (Copies of Proceeding 64 are available from Graham Brazendale, Secretary, WHS (NZ), 30 Hatfield Heights, Hatfields Beach, Orewa.)

Wesley Historical Society (NZ) *Journal* 1996, ed. I.J. Whyte, includes the following articles:

I.J. Whyte. 'Primitive Methodism in New Zealand: Sesquicentenary', pp. 5-8.

Donald Phillipps. 'From Mow Cop to Airedale Street. An account of the history of Primitive Methodism in Auckland 1849-1913', pp. 9-38.

Verna E. Mossong. 'Remember the Primitive Methodists', pp. 40-63.

D. Burt. 'The Governor General and a Primitive Methodist Heritage', pp. 64-65.

Verna E. Mossong. 'Biographies of Four New Zealand Primitive Methodists', pp. 66-69.

CONFERENCES

Australian Christianity in Global Context - The Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, in conjunction with the International Project on Evangelicalism and Globalisation. 21-23 July 1997, Robert Menzies College, Macquarie University, North Ryde, Sydney. Contact: Dr Mark Hutchinson, Director, Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, Robert Menzies College, Macquarie University, NSW 2113. Fax: +61-2-99366005 / Email: 10026.3265@compuserve.com WWW: <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~dvl/csac.htm>

Church and State in New Zealand - an interdisciplinary conference exploring the relationship between religion and government in New Zealand, 25-26 August 1997, University of Otago, Dunedin. Contact John Stenhouse, History Dept., Otago University, Box 56, Dunedin, or e-mail: john.stenhouse@stonebow.otago.ac.nz, for further information.

REVIEWS

Lynne Frith's D.Min. Dissertation - Janet Crawford

The Rev'd Lynne Frith, a Methodist presbyter, has recently had her D.Min. dissertation accepted by San Francisco Theological Seminary. The dissertation examines the significance of the visit of Maude Royden, a well-known English Anglican suffragist and early advocate of women's ordination, to Aotearoa New Zealand in 1928. The focus is on an examination of how the women who heard Maude Royden preach in Christchurch Anglican Cathedral were affected by that event. The findings are presented in the form of a novel. This is an event which has not been well documented in Aotearoa New Zealand. The occasion of Maude Royden preaching from the pulpit in Christchurch Cathedral is a significant aspect of ecclesiastical history of our country.

The scope of the study is limited by the distance in years from the event, and the paucity of primary source materials available in New Zealand pertaining to Maude Royden. The study, therefore, relies heavily on newspaper reports, interviews with a family friend of Maude Royden, correspondence with a woman who heard Maude Royden preach, and recollections which arose by chance in a number of conversations.

The completed work contains a preface and introduction which outline the research into Maude Royden's visit to Aotearoa New Zealand, provide some biographical notes about Maude Royden, and discuss the use of story as a medium for theological reflection. The body of the dissertation /project contains the novel, *Speaking of*

Grace, which tells the story of the way in which three generations of women were affected by Maude Royden's visit. The novel also speaks of the interconnectedness of women's lives and the way in which individuals seek to make sense of their experience. Reader responses provide the conclusion to the project.

Dr Frith hopes that the novel section of the dissertation may be published.

W.R. Brock & P.H.M. Cooper, *Selwyn College: A History*. Durham: Pentland Press, 1994. - Janet Crawford

This book traces the development of Selwyn College, Cambridge, since its founding by Royal Charter in 1882 until 1994. Founded to train young men 'in simple and religious habits according to the principles of the Church of England' and to do so more cheaply than at the older colleges, Selwyn College is today very similar to those colleges. This history records first the struggle to found a college based on a particular view of the relationship between learning and religion, and then the abandonment of some early principles followed by striking achievement in a period of rapid change. According to the authors, Selwyn's history presents in microcosm the major developments in university education in the U.K. and can be read as a case study of the academic response to major political, economic and social changes since the later years of the nineteenth century.

For New Zealand readers the chief interest of the book is probably in the first chapters (written by Peter Cooper, a former Selwyn undergraduate). Chapter One provides a description of George Augustus and the Selwyn family and introduces the relationship, which was to become so significant, between Selwyn, the future bishop, and Gladstone, the future Prime Minister. Chapter Two focuses on the role played by friends and relations of the Gladstone family in the founding of Selwyn College, a foundation which is described as largely a British Christian Liberal response to the Conservative imperialism advocated by Gladstone's rival, Disraeli. While those responsible for founding Selwyn College were mostly clergymen, not politicians, they regarded Liberalism, as espoused by Gladstone, as integral to their designs. Gladstone's vision of an 'empire' ordered according to Christian principles and an 'international law of Christendom' as a principle for international relationships required international public Christians, such as a Selwyn College might produce. Planted around the world there should be Christian ministers of the stamp of Bishop Selwyn, that is, 'spiritual, educated, internationalist in outlook, tolerant of ethnic diversity, pastorally accomplished and, not least perhaps, able to row about in boats'.(p.19)

Charles Abraham, intimate friend of Selwyn, first Bishop of Wellington, coadjutor to Selwyn in Lichfield, husband of a cousin of Sarah Selwyn, is described as 'virtual founder' of the college and by far its most energetic promoter. While the proposal for the foundation of Selwyn College as a 'working object' by which to perpetuate the late Bishop's name and labour was produced by a memorial committee in Lichfield soon after Selwyn's death, the original idea is credited to Abraham, Edmund Hobhouse, and Sir William Martin, Selwyn's closest friends, and of these Abraham is seen as the instigator. Abraham became the very active secretary of the memorial committee, gave a large personal donation and, as a personal friend and fervent

supporter of Gladstone, was unremitting in his efforts to sustain the busy politician's support for the creation of the college. According to Cooper, Abraham was 'the kind of figure needed at its inception by every voluntary venture of a certain scale...[able to] think simultaneously and rapidly about very large and very small sums of money...whilst keeping in view wider moral, intellectual and social considerations'. (p. 28)

Chapter Three describes the context of University reform, particularly the University Tests Act, in which the struggle for the foundation of Selwyn College took place and the somewhat equivocal role played by Gladstone while Chapter Four discusses in some detail the actual foundation of the college during the years from 1878 until 1882 when the Charter of incorporation was granted (September) and the first undergraduates arrived (October). This chapter makes clear the role played by Abraham and Arthur Lyttleton, who in early 1879 agreed to be the first Master of the College. (Lyttleton's aunt Catherine was married to Gladstone, his father was his subordinate at the Colonial Office in the 1840's, and one of his brothers was his private secretary). The chapter ends by describing how Abraham managed to obtain the munificent gift of £3,000 from a benefactor named Edward Wheatley-Balme. This wealthy landowner was persuaded by Abraham to make this donation in memory of his friend Edward Rose, who had also been a friend of Abraham and Selwyn. This incident in my mind is an illustration of how the foundation of Selwyn College was the result of a complex network of friendships and relationships. The relationship between Selwyn and Gladstone lay at the centre of this network which included three of Selwyn's closest associates in New Zealand.

Although the history of Selwyn College is the history of an English college founded years after Bishop Selwyn left New Zealand, its initial chapters should be of interest to those who are interested in Selwyn for they describe the impact which his life and work as Bishop of New Zealand had on a group within the Church of England which consequently struggled to found, as his memorial, a college which would produce Anglican clergymen who would be ministers according to the Selwyn pattern at home and in the British Empire abroad.

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