

# NEW ZEALAND RELIGIOUS HISTORY

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### EDITORIAL NOTE

This editorial must begin with an apology for the delayed publication of this newsletter. With one editor on sabbatical since the beginning of July the other one has made slow progress for a number of reasons. No doubt there is relevant news and other material which is missing but we are largely dependent on items which are sent to us and our request for information, sent to all subscribers, was not answered by many. Thanks are due to those who did send material of various kinds. The editor takes responsibility for any errors or omissions.

Since the 1998 *NZRH Newsletter* the fourth volume of *The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*, covering the years 1921-1940 has been published, and the fifth volume is now in progress. A survey of the categories index reveals that religion does not fare particularly well in volume four. There are 60 entries in the category of Religion but five people appear under two headings e.g. Faith Healer and Tohunga, making a total of 55 individuals. Of these 23 are Maori. By comparison, in the Education category there are almost 130 entries, of which 51 are for teachers. There are 51 individuals in the Armed Forces category, 57 in Law and Law Enforcement. In the third volume (1901-1920) there were almost 90 entries in Religion. Did religion indeed decline in importance in New Zealand in the period 1920-1940?

Denominational coverage is broad, if not deep. Mainline churches (Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Salvation Army) receive a total of 34 entries while Ratana and Ringatu combined have 10, with an additional category being that of Tohunga (4). There are single entries for Churches of Christ, Congregationalist, Spiritualist, Unitarian, British Israelite and Baha'i. Religious Founder, Ecumenical, Fundamentalist, Missions Organiser are non-denominational categories for each of which there is one entry. There is no entry for the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Seventh Day Adventists, Christian Science and a number of other smaller groups. It is of course a dictionary of biography and it may well be that a number of religious groups did not have members of sufficient note in the period covered, but it seems strange that there was no-one worthy of inclusion under Judaism.

Ten women are included, less than six per cent of the total. Of these, three are Maori: Marama Russell, a tohunga and midwife; Ngapiki Hakaraia, a founder of the Maramatanga movement; Puhi-o-Aotea, a Ratana leader. One might argue that this is an accurate representation of the situation in religion in New Zealand at the time but in other categories efforts have been made to include women, with the result that they represent just over 30 per cent of the entries in this volume. In her editorial Claudia Orange notes that women's roles were expanding during this period. It seems that this was hardly true in the sphere of religion.

Doubtless arguments about principles for selection in the *DNZB* will continue and there will always be questions about the inclusion or exclusion of specific individuals. Those with an interest in particular topics, such as religious history, may always feel that coverage is inadequate. All the more reason, therefore, to suggest that it is appropriate to think about the future publication of a New Zealand dictionary of religious biography. The idea of a comprehensive reference work on Christianity in Aotearoa New Zealand was raised in the editorial last year, where it was described as a huge undertaking which would provide an invaluable tool. Perhaps next year we may be able to report that some progress has been made towards this goal.

On another note, it is pleasing to note the number of theses on topics of religious history which have been completed or are in process at a number of universities – and not always in History departments. Surely it would be helpful if more of these could be published in some form and made accessible to a wider audience than is generally the case. New technology opens new possibilities. Are we ready to take advantage of these?

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## CURRENT RESEARCH AND WORK IN PROGRESS

**Colin Brown** has completed articles on Alwyn and Doreen Warren and on Allan Pyatt for volume 5 of *The New Zealand Dictionary of Biography*. He is currently continuing to research the history of the Anglican cathedral in Christchurch.

**Janet Crawford** (St John's College, Auckland, - j.crawford@auckland.ac.nz) is continuing research on women in the Melanesian Mission. She gave a lecture on this topic in the series of Selwyn Lectures held at St John's in February to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mission.

**Allan Davidson** (St John's College, Auckland) has completed his paper on *New Zealand History and Religious Myopia* and this will be published later in the year. As part of the Selwyn Lectures at St John's College, he presented a paper on the founding of the Melanesian Mission. He gave the Annual Kinder Lecture on John Kinder and St John's College. During the second semester he will be on leave and will be attending a Consultation in Oxford on 'Christian Expansion in the Twentieth Century Non-Western World: A Critical Investigation of Conversation and Globalization', and will be presenting a paper on conversion and globalisation in the South Pacific. He will be attending the Ecclesiastical History Society Conference in Cambridge which has as its theme 'Work' and giving a paper on *Useful Industry and Muscular Christianity* as exemplified in George Augustus Selwyn. During his leave he plans to undertake further research in the area of colonial Christianity and its relations to missionary Christianity in New Zealand and the South Pacific, and spend a month in Canada looking at theological education and the teaching of Canadian Church History. There will be some relaxation in the south of France and northern Spain on the road to Compostella!

**Earle Howe** is currently involved in writing articles based on his previous research. 'The Ultimate Object of a Mission' (*Stimulus*) surveys factors in the CMS withdrawal from its NZ mission. Earle is also considering an update of *Bring Me Justice*, his 1991 work on Carl Völkner and Mokomoko. He continues to act as editor for the newsletter of the Anglican Historical Society. He is also working with Michael Blain on the compilation of a chronology and bibliography of Bishop Selwyn. (PO Box 102 Manurewa; fax/phone (09) 277 0071.)

**Warren Limbrick** is working on a revised edition of his 1983 work *Bishop Selwyn in New Zealand 1841-68*.

**Mark Murphy**, a RELS 307 (Christianity in New Zealand and Australia) student at the University of Canterbury in 1998, wrote a substantial essay on Rutherford Waddell: *God and the World "From a Suburban Balcony": the apologetics of Rutherford Waddell as columnist*. Prof Ian Breward, who wrote the DNZB Essay on Waddell, has encouraged him to submit it to the *Journal of Religious History* for publication.

**Jane Simpson** : has been working as a full-time independent historian and writer since she resigned her position in February as lecturer in Religious Studies in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of Canterbury. One research project started there, *Secular New Zealand? A study of the Student Christian Movement 1930-1970*, is now being completed. A major New Zealand history publisher showed interest at the project's inception and Jane is preparing a full publisher's proposal. It is hoped that this book will be the first in a number of studies to question the view that religion has been pushed to the margins of New Zealand society and has had no impact on public life and policy making.

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**Diane Strevens** (Catholic Institute of Theology, Auckland) is preparing her MTheol thesis *The Sisters of St Joseph of Nazareth 1880-1995* for publication.

### Christchurch Diocese (Anglican)

Utilising a grant from the synod of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, planning is now going actively forward for the publication in 2006 of a volume of essays commemorating Bishop Harper and sketching aspects of the development of the diocese of Christchurch during his episcopate. Margaret Lovell-Smith is continuing to work as a research assistant, and Jane Teal (Diocesan Archivist) is working on transcribing Harper's letters and assembling research materials generally.

### Auckland Diocese (Anglican)

Margaret Hammer is working on the history of Diocesan School for its centenary celebrations.

Michael Blain is researching the clergy in the Diocese of Auckland 1814-1868. (This includes those who served in the northern part of New Zealand including the provinces of Taranaki and Auckland and in the Southern Pacific between 1814 and 1868).

Claudia Pond Eyley is researching material for visual images to help her create cartoons for the windows in St Mary's, for which a bequest has been left to show the work of women in our Diocese. This has also meant that besides visual images, much research has been needed for background information.

The Rev Mereana Te Whata is researching Komiti Tumuaka papers and files for her MA thesis in which she hopes to explore Maori women's experience in the church, especially those training for ordination. (see Theses details.)

Oral History – Work is continuing on the project of taping many women of the Diocese; Mrs Noeleen Shaw is co-ordinator of this project. The Diocese has bought another tape recorder, and consequently the terms of reference are beginning to be widened to include some of the older male clergy. Evan Lewis has already taped Canon Maurice Venville.

## NOTES AND NEWS

**Professor Ian Breward** retires from his position as Professor of Church History at the Theological Hall of the Uniting Church in Australia at the end of 1999. Before going to Australia, Professor Breward was Professor of Church History at the theological Hall, Knox College, Dunedin from 1965 to 1981. His scholarly contribution to the study of churches in the Pacific and Australasia has been of great significance, and he is a distinguished teacher. All his NZ friends and former students wish him a long and happy retirement.

**The Archives and Records Association of New Zealand** held its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference in Dunedin in September 1998. Prior to the conference, there was a one day Religious Archives Seminar. Approximately fifty participants were introduced to Dunedin's major religious archives collections – Hocken Library, Catholic Diocese of Dunedin, and Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand – and heard reports on several academic research projects. Church Archivists met for a short time as a special interest group.

**The Religious History Society** was launched in July 1998 at the Australian Historical Society Conference held at the University of Sydney, in conjunction with a well-attended conference on Millenarianism. The Society, which grew out of the activities of the *Journal of Religious History*, aims to hold a biennial conference. (See notice under *Conferences* for the next one). The Society has the following objects:

- to promote the study of all fields of religious history
- to encourage research in Australasian religious history
- to provide a means by which the long-term supporters and individual subscribers of the *Journal of Religious History* can enjoy a more direct involvement in the work of the Journal

It publishes an annual newsletter, RHesis, available from Dr Bill Leadbetter. The NZ correspondent for the RHS is Dr Peter Lineham (P.Lineham@massey.ac.nz)

The **Selwyn Lectures**, held at St John's College in February 1999, had as their theme the Melanesian Mission. This Anglican Mission, begun by Bishop Selwyn in 1849, is currently celebrating its sesquicentennial. Lectures were given by Dr Allan Davidson, Dr Janet Crawford, Canon Hugh Blessing Boe, Ms Jenny Te Paa, and the Archbishop of Melanesia, the Most Reverend Ellison Pogo, himself a former student at St John's. The lectures will be published next year, and may be ordered from Dr Allan Davidson, St John's College, Auckland.

**Dr Peter Lineham** (Massey University at Albany) will be on leave in semester 1, 2000.

The bicentenary of the **Church Missionary Society** was marked by *Stimulus* 7:2, May 1999 in an issue devoted to 'Telling God's Story in New Zealand'. Articles by Gary Clover, Allan Davidson, Bryan Gilling, Earle Howe, Peter Lineham and Audrey Neureuter are noted in *Recent Publications*. Canon Diana Witts, General Secretary of the CMS, visited New Zealand in July/August, and spoke on a number of occasions, including a meeting at St John's College, sponsored jointly by the Anglican Historical Society and the NZCMS.

In an article entitled "Saving Our Oldest Church", *New Zealand Historic Places Trust*, No. 71, November 1998, Helen Ough Dealy describes the conservation problems posed by Christ Church, Russell. This historic church is in very poor condition, but while there is general agreement among churchgoers, local and national historians, heritage specialists, and the Diocesan authorities that something must be done to save the building, there are differing views on what can be done. Should Christ Church be considered primarily a historical monument of national importance attracting thousands of visitors a year, or as the building used for worship by a regular congregation? The Anglican Church has decided that Christ Church should not be treated solely as a category 1 historic artefact, but as a building with a mission. The 1871 version of the church will be the basis for conservation work.

**Website** [www.NZHistory.net.nz](http://www.NZHistory.net.nz) was launched in March 1999. It is co-ordinated by a small team at the Heritage Group at the Department of Internal Affairs. It provides links to a number of other sites, but as yet there is little on religion.

## DENOMINATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & ARCHIVES

### Anglican Archives

Listings of the archives and manuscript collections held by the Kinder Library, St John's College continue to be added to an archives database using ARK software. This allows printing of inventories for each collection as well as retrieval by name, entry, subject and key word. There are about 350 archive collections which include records of the Anglican Church (National level), some early Methodist material, various Anglican Trust Boards, and papers of individuals with Anglican, Methodist and ecumenical links.

The ARK software has recently been installed by the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch Archives, and records have been moved across from a previous data-base.

There is a facility to index church newspapers and similar publications. This information will be able to be exported to another copy of the data-base, thus enabling the sharing of indexing projects, which should make access to these publications somewhat easier for historians.

The Auckland Diocese Archives continue to be used by a number of researchers.

### Anglican Historical Society

The AHS continues to publish a newsletter. No. 11, September 1998, contained letters of Margaret and Edward and Edward Herring, edited by Shirley Tunnicliff, discussing their arrival in New Zealand, and early days in Nelson and Wellington. No. 12, December 1998, has an address by Colin Percy on St Philip's Church, St Helier's Bay, which celebrated its centenary this year. No. 13, April 1999, has an article by Shirley Tunnicliff on the Episcopate of Edmund Hobhouse, first bishop of Nelson. The AHS also published, as the third in a series of occasional papers, *A Footnote to Selwyn's Legacy: E.H. Strong and St John's College*, by Ken Booth.

Newsletter subscriptions - \$10.00 p.a.

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### New Zealand Baptist Historical Society

In 1929 Samuel Barry, President of the Baptist Union, put together a 'biography' of N.Z. Baptists. In a remarkable gathering of documents, he obtained from Churches photographs of their buildings and their ministers, together with details of foundation, current size, budgets etc. Now bound in two volumes and held in the Historical Society archives, the Barry Collection is a wonderful record of these aspects of Baptist life as New Zealand entered the difficult 1930s.

Seventy years later *Snapshot 2000* is sponsored by the Baptist Historical Society. Churches have been asked by local co-ordinators to provide photos of buildings and staff and a number of details about the ministries of the congregation. The results will be gathered in a volume which will give a unique glimpse of Baptist life and activity across the country.

The Baptist Historical Society has begun a concentrated effort to get its holdings indexed on a computer data-base. We feel, however, that more can be done on the research side of our mission. Some proposals will come forward this year for a new name, structure and focus. These will be aimed at promoting enquiry, not only into the history of Baptists in New Zealand and beyond, but also into current issues facing the Churches.

Volume 4 of *The New Zealand Journal of Baptist Research* will be available in October 1999. It will have articles on 'Church Planting in Colonial Cambridge', 'NZ Baptists and the Labour Question', 'The Origins of the Baptist Bible Class Movement in NZ'. Volume 3, 1998, included an article by Laurie Guy, "The cinematographic film censorship debate in New Zealand, 1965-1976", and one by Brian Smith, "'Wherefore then this thusness?': The Social Composition of Baptist Congregations in New Zealand", which looked at congregations in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



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The **Wesley Historical Society** *Proceedings*, No. 66 (1998) published an article by Frank Hanson "The Sunday School in New Zealand Methodism".

The **Pacific Manuscripts Bureau** (<http://sunsite.anu.edu.au/spin/RSRC/PMB/pmbhom7.htm>) has released a new catalogue: *The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau Printed Document Series Short Title Catalogue and Index to Microfilms PMB Do. 1-428*. Pambu is published in May and October each year, and is now available electronically.

## CONFERENCES

### New Zealand Historical Association Conference

The University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand  
3-5 December 1999

Theme: 'Forgotten Peoples, Missing Dimensions / Tangata i Warewaretia, Wahi i Ngaro'

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### The 11<sup>th</sup> Irish Australian Conference

Murdoch University/University of Notre Dame  
26-29 April 2000

The 11<sup>th</sup> Irish-Australian Conference is jointly hosted by Murdoch University, the University of Notre Dame, Australia, and the Australian-Irish Heritage Association.

The conference marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Act of Union and its significance for Irish history from 1800 until the Good Friday Agreement. It also marks the success in Australia of the Federation movement in which the Irish played an important part.

Last date for abstracts: 30 September 1999

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### Religion and National Identity

2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Meeting and Conference of the Religious History Society, Adelaide 2000  
7-8 July 2000

The conference will explore the ways in which religion has both promoted and retarded forms of social identity. As part of the lead-up to the centenary of Australian Federation in 2001, a number of papers will be devoted to Australian themes, but comparative material from different parts of the globe is welcomed.

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## RESEARCH PROJECT

'*Currents in World Christianity*' (CWC) was launched in 1999 as a three-year international research project on the growth and impact of Christianity in the non-Western world. It is based in the Centre for Advanced Religious and Theological Studies in the Faculty of Divinity at the University of Cambridge, and funded by a grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia.

CWC aims to uncover the historical processes which lie behind the extraordinary transformation of Christianity during the twentieth century into a truly global religion whose centre of gravity now lies in the southern hemisphere. By means of a

series of seminars, conferences, and publications the project seeks to integrate study of the various missionary traditions (especially those whose roots were in evangelical Protestantism) with exploration of how these traditions have been appropriated by indigenous Christians.

CWC brings together in a common enterprise Cambridge's previous North Atlantic Missiology Project (NAMP) which has promoted scholarly analysis of modern Protestant missions, and the 'The International Project on Evangelicalism and Globalisation' (IPEG). CWC aims to help both academics and the general Christian public to develop a more informed understanding of the nature of Christianity as a world religion.

The project will hold two major conferences: at Queens' College, Cambridge, September 6-9, 2000 on the theme of '*Missions, Nationalism, and the End of Empire*'; and in Pretoria, South Africa, mid-July 2001, on the interpretation of vernacular Christianities.

For more information, see the website: [www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/carts/cwc](http://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/carts/cwc).