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EDITORIAL NOTE

Polemic and Presentism

New Zealand historiography has been enriched recently by several stimulating collections of essays, by articles and books. Some of these are listed below, for example, the contributions by Mark Francis, W.H. Oliver, Lyndsay Head, in *Histories Power & Loss*, the articles by Chris Hilliard, Te Maire Tau, and Michael King's *Tread Softly*.

In *Histories Power and Loss*, Mark Francis argued that there was a "lack of critical edge" in New Zealand history which "has encouraged the subordination of scholarly history to polemics...." Historians, he goes on to argue, "have co-opted nineteenth-century archival and printed material into dramatically written narratives of the past." (p.164) W.H. Oliver, in the same volume of essays, critiqued the Waitangi Tribunal's "presentism" and examined "the way in which this is shaped by a current political agenda and by the anticipation of its achievement in the future." (pp.9-10)

Something of both polemic and presentism are seen in the Moon and Sabine article (see details below) about Henry Williams' role in translating the Treaty of Waitangi. In the first paragraph Williams' translation is described as "inept", "wilful rewriting" and he is said to have "gone so badly wrong in his effort on this occasion". (p.51) The article ends with Williams as "the *traduttore*, a *traditore*, the translator, a traitor." While Williams' translation has been critiqued by a number of scholars over the last three decades, Moon and Fenton go much further, concluding that Williams "managed to bind two nations into a fateful union, which has been under pressure since its creation. Its continued survival will depend to a large extent on the question whether the mistranslations by Henry Williams can and will be corrected to the satisfaction of the wronged party." (p.61) This conclusion places a huge historical burden on the shoulders of Henry Williams. Whether he can or should bear such a burden is open to dispute.

It is an interesting exercise to read the Moon and Sabine article alongside Lyndsay Head's contribution to *Histories Power and Loss*, in which she concluded, that "Henry Williams translated the Treaty of Waitangi for his day, not for posterity. If the task was too lightly and amateurishly approached, this does not seem to require a paranoiac analysis." (p.108)

New Zealand religious history has sometimes (often?) been infected by hagiography and uncritical denominational triumphalism. Polemic and presentism in New Zealand history are no substitute for this. Instead, careful critical historical research, and writing which carries with it Michael King's concern for "compassionate truth", are to be encouraged. (*Tread Softly*, pp.9-17) Henry Williams is a candidate for revisionist history which reflects both a sound critical and sympathetic approach.

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THESES IN PROGRESS

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(*from the *New Zealand Journal of History*, October 2001. Note: some of these might have been completed since this list was compiled.)

CURRENT RESEARCH AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Judith Bright as part of sabbatical leave last year, Judith started work on an itemised inventory of George Augustus Selwyn manuscript material. To date, she has listed items from the Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, the British Library, Lambeth Palace Library, the Lichfield Record Centre, Eton College, St John’s College Cambridge and Selwyn College Cambridge. The most fascinating of the collections was W.E. Gladstone’s correspondence with Selwyn, from the end of their school days until Selwyn’s death.

The intention is to now complete the research in New Zealand libraries and archives. It is all being entered on a database, where it will be possible to sort and manipulate records to end up with a full chronological list as well as by correspondents, or by repositories. The Selwyn material is very scattered, both by different descendants selling and donating records to a variety of repositories, and because of the actions of some private collectors of such records. These problems are compounded by the number of times some records have been copied, both as microfilm and typescript. Piecing together the provenance of some will be a challenge.

Janet Crawford is doing research on women preachers in New Zealand.

Allan Davidson attended the Yale-Edinburgh Mission History Conference in Edinburgh and the Ecclesiastical History Society Conference in Leeds in July giving papers on Robert Codrington, and Völkner and Mokomoko. He edited and contributed to a centennial history of Anglicans in Tonga (see above). Churches and death in the First World War, Bishop Harper, a Presbyterian parish history and several writing projects are among the things on his historical agenda.

Frank Glen, Christchurch, has been working with the help of a research grant on the Bowler Papers for the Australian Army History Unit and Australian National University. Edmund Bolwer was a member of St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Gore, and the choirmaster prior to the First World War.

He was a long serving Territorial Lieutenant Colonel and commanded the 2nd Reinforcements to Egypt early in 1915. Appointed to the Anzac Staff Corps of General Birdwood he was the only New Zealander to hold a Staff position during the Gallipoli campaign. A book has been drafted from his papers examining his religious beliefs alongside Bowler's service as a senior officer and the impact that the war had on his Christianity.

Currently Frank is working on the opening chapters of Richard Waugh's planned book which deals with the departure of Methodists into the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Frank is also drafting a book based on his MPhil which outlines the theology with which John Whiteley, the Wesleyan Missionary, understood the origins of the First Taranaki War of 1860.

Mike Grimshaw has an article on the early theological writings of the New Zealand born philosopher Arthur N. Prior coming out in the October 2002 *Heythrop Journal*. He is continuing research in the *New Zealand Journal of Theology* (1931-35) and the introduction of neo-orthodoxy in New Zealand.

Laurie Guy Laurie's doctoral thesis, "Worlds in collision: the gay debate in New Zealand 1960-86" will be published by Victoria University Press later this year. His early church history book, "Introducing early Christianity: a topical survey of its life, beliefs and practice" will be published by IVP America in 2003.

Raeburn Lange is currently a Research Assistant in the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury, where he is working on a history of the indigenous Christian ministry and priesthood in the Pacific Islands.

Peter Lineham is currently writing or revising papers on: Henry Wright, the Wellington misogynist freethinker; the 2001 Census; Evangelicalism in New Zealand and Australia, and New Zealand Social Welfare and Religion. *The New Zealand Religious History Bibliography* and *Transplanted Christianity* have been made available on Peter's Massey University website (details below under websites). Peter continues to supervise a large number of students writing theses (including a number with less obviously religious themes including entrepreneurship in New Zealand 1880-1930 and Native nursing). He is teaching a new survey course on European roots at stage 1 level.

Margaret McLure reports that her history of the Order of the Good Shepherd has gone to David Ling for publication. It will be published as *Saving the City: The History of the Order of the Good Shepherd and the Community of the Holy Name in Auckland, 1894 – 2000* and it is expected to be available in the second half of November.

Martin Sutherland Carey Centre for Theological Studies, has recently compiled a volume of documents relating to early Baptist life in New Zealand (see details above). He has a forthcoming article in the February 2003 *Journal of Religious History*: "The basis of union: N.Z. Baptists forge a denomination in the 1940s". Martin is currently working on a history of the first 75 years of Carey Baptist College, which will be completed during 2003. His doctoral thesis is to be published by Paternoster early in 2003 as *Peace Toleration and Decay: the Ecclesiology of Later Stuart Dissent*.

Richard Waugh, assisted by other former Methodist evangelicals, is continuing to work on a detailed and comprehensive book tracing the decline of theological orthodoxy and evangelism within New Zealand Methodism over the past 100 years. It will have a particular focus on the crisis of the 1996-2000 period and the large membership walk-outs because of the new homosexual policy and the Conference retraction of the Evangelical Synod. Contributors will include many former lay leaders from throughout the country who will tell their experiences of how local parishes worked through the complexity of the issues. Contact: PO Box 82363, Highland Park, Howick.

NOTES AND NEWS

Auckland Church History Saturday Seminars Two Saturday morning seminars have been held at Carey Baptist College in 2002. Martin Sutherland delivered a paper in March on "'Smooth words' and

'ugly facts'? The removal of Luke Jenkins as the Principal of the New Zealand Baptist College, 1944-1952". Richard Pierard, Emeritus Professor of History at Indiana State University, who was a residential fellow at the University of Otago spoke on "In God we trust – everyone else pays cash: Reflections on Civil Religion in America." (See the entry above under recent publications.) The last Saturday seminar for the year will be lead by Peter Lineham on 5 October at Carey Baptist College (10a.m for 10.30) and will reflect on the religion results in the 2001 census, "Is it all down hill from here?"

The Rev. Dr Alan Anderson Brash died on 24 August 2002. An outstanding ecumenical leader, Alan Brash was a Presbyterian minister, Secretary of the National Council of Churches 1947-52, 1956-64; Minister of St Giles' Parish, Christchurch, 1952-56; Interchurch Aid Secretary for Mission and Service of the East Asia Christian Conference, 1957-68; Director of Christian Aid, London, 1968-70; Director of the World Council of Churches Inter-church Aid, Refugee and World Service, 1970-74; Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand 1978-79; Regional Secretary of the National Council of Churches 1979-84.

Alan participated in many of the significant ecumenical meetings and conferences held over the last sixty-five years. In 1937, while a student at New College, Edinburgh, he attended the Faith and Order Conference in Edinburgh and the Life and Work Conference in Oxford. He attended most of the Assemblies of the World Council of Churches. A great publicist and advocate for the ecumenical movement he wrote up popular reports of these meetings and spoke widely about his experiences of Christianity and oikoumene.

A biography, *Alan Brash: Voice for Unity* was written by Alison O'Grady (Auckland: Pace, 1991) and there is an entry on him in the *Dictionary of the Ecumenical Movement*, Geneva: WCC, 1991), p.110. His significant ecumenical contribution is worthy of further research.

Harper Commemorative Essays Work on the collection of essays to mark the sesquicentenary in 2006 of the arrival of H.J.C. Harper to be the first Anglican bishop of Christchurch is proceeding. The proposals by all eight essayists have now been approved and contracts signed. The first drafts are due on 28 February 2004 and several essayists are already well-advanced with their research.

A crucial source is the outward correspondence of Harper, contained in 28 letter-books. Funding has been obtained from the Lottery Grants Board and the locally-based Laugesen Trust towards the cost of transcribing this correspondence. Such transcription, undertaken by Jane Teal, archivist for the Christchurch Anglican Diocesan Archives, besides assisting the essayists working on the commemorative volume, will also make sections of the Harper correspondence available to researchers more generally.

New Zealand Historical Association Conference This was held in Christchurch 1-3 December 2001. Allan Davidson wrote up a brief evaluation on "Religious History" for the *New Zealand Historical Association Newsletter* (see details above) in which he commented that many at the conference were surprised "by the way in which religious history was a recurring element in many of the papers. It seemed almost as if the secular lenses which had constrained people to find the paganism they were looking for in New Zealand's past were being replaced by lenses which recognise the variety, significance and dynamic influence which religion has had on individuals, institutions, movements, intellectual developments and politics."

New Zealand Religious History Conference A very successful one day conference was held at the Christchurch Bible College on the 30 November 2001. The following papers were given: Martin Sutherland - "Baptists in Colonial Canterbury"; Brian Carrell - "Lay Faith in early Canterbury: Apart from the Clergy, How Real was the Religion of the First Settlers?"; Michael Grimshaw - "The prior Prior: unknown early writings of A.N. Prior"; Allan Davidson "Future possibilities for New Zealand Religious History"; Brett Knowles - "'From the ends of the earth we hear songs': Music as an indicator of New Zealand Pentecostal theology and spirituality"; Frank Glen - "New Zealand at War

and the Churches' Reaction"; Laurie Guy - "Naked Baptism in the early church: the rhetoric and the reality".

This conference was held between the Conferences of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Mission Studies and the New Zealand Historical Association. It is proposed to hold another New Zealand Religious History Conference either before or after the NZHA Conference in Dunedin, 27-30 November 2003.

...Push. Occasional Papers in Theology & Religion Two issues have appeared. Edited by Mike Grimshaw and Geoff King ...*Push* is an outlet for New Zealand theological writing. Subscriptions are NZ\$15.00 or NZ\$18 for overseas readers. Contact Dr Michael Grimshaw, c/- Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch.

The Rev. Dr Harold Turner died on 5 May 2002 aged 91. Harold was a Presbyterian minister who made a unique contribution both nationally and internationally. He studied Philosophy at Canterbury, Theology at the Presbyterian Theological Hall in Dunedin and spent a term at New College, Edinburgh under John Baillie. He was caught up in the Moral Rearmament Movement and met with its founder. As SCM chaplain in Dunedin and assistant minister at Knox Church in the early 1940s he pioneered ministry among students. Harold founded in Dunedin what became the Stuart Halls of Residence and the University Bookshop. He was deeply involved in the Campaign for Christian Order convening the literature subcommittee.

After a brief period as parish minister he went to London in 1954 and on to teaching in Sierra Leone and Nigeria (1955-62). In Africa he encountered new religious movements which became the subject for his doctorate completed through the Melbourne College of Divinity in 1963 and published as *African Independent Church*, (1967). He was a pioneering figure in developing and understanding these movements, producing his six volume annotated *Bibliographies of New Religious Movements in Primal Societies* (1977-92). Harold went on to teaching in Leicester, Atlanta, Aberdeen and several African countries.

When he returned to New Zealand in 1976 to deliver the Burns Lectures the University of Otago awarded him an honorary DD. Part of his lectures was published as *From Temple to Meeting House: The Phenomenology and Theology of Places of Worship* (1979). He retired to Birmingham 1981-89 where he developed a friendship with Lesslie Newbigin as they both were beginning to pursue concerns about gospel and culture. When he returned to New Zealand in 1989 Harold founded the Gospel and Cultures Trust which was reorganised as the DeepSight Trust. In the last five years of his life he produced *Roots of Science: An Investigative Journey through the World's Religion* (1998), *Frames of Mind: A Public Philosophy for Religion and Cultures* (2001) and his whimsically titled, *The Laughter of Providence* (see above).

Harold had an appreciation of the history of new religious movements and his last writings included attention to broad historical issues. His documentation of new religious movements and the way in which he made this available on microfiche has left a very rich legacy. His own papers have been deposited in the Hocken Library in Dunedin. The DeepSight Trust which is located at the Bible College of New Zealand, Henderson, retains papers which are relevant to their work.

DENOMINATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND ARCHIVES

Anglican Historical Society (Subscription \$10.00p.a. Contact: Earle Howe, PO Box 75-102, Manurewa, 1730)

The Society organised a very successful "Stroll through Anglican Parnell" in April with over sixty people joining Warren Limbrick in a tour which took in the old Deanery, Ewelme Cottage and Kinder House. It is planned to take a similar stroll through other parts of "Anglican Parnell" in the future.

Geoff Haworth presented a lecture based on his PhD research in August on “‘Marching as to War’: Wartime reshapes the New Zealand Church Army.”

Newsletter 22, May 2002. Shirley Tunnickliff, “1862 General Synod Meets in Nelson”, pp.2-19.

Auckland Anglican Diocesan Archives. Janet Foster reports that Beverley Reeves is working on a biography of Mrs Eliza Cowie, Jack Leigh is researching and writing a history of St Matthew's Church, and Earle Howe has been undertaking research on George Kissling. Parishes which have recently updated their histories or prepared new ones include St Peter's, Te Kopuru and St Matthias, Panmure. St Heliers' Bay parish are working on their history.

Christchurch Anglican Diocesan Archives. Jane Teal reports that St Margaret's College, Christchurch, have a School History Committee and are beginning to work towards the production of a College History in 2010. The Lay Readers Project (1850-1890 - Directory and Essay) has been resurrected in the Diocesan Archives with a view to publication late in 2003. Work continues on the Bishop Harper project.

Methodist Archives, Christchurch Marcia Baker reports the following:

Accession of Typewritten copies of

The War Diary of Rev. John K. Watson, BA. MC, Chaplain 2 NZEF 1940-44.

Andrew J. Johnston, My Story. “Plough to Parson”

Family Histories.

The Dixon Moxham Line, for the Descendants of George Dixon, son of George, son of George and Elizabeth Moxham. Marjorie Pattie, 34 Alabama Rd, Blenheim, 2002.

Our Great Great Great Grandfather Came from Wales - the Story of the Powell Family. Marcia Baker, 11 Merton Place, Christchurch.

Keep the Name Bright - Story of the Wellington Dentons. Marcia Baker, 11 Merton Place, Christchurch.

Material is being gathered with the idea of publishing the story of Methodist Home Missionaries and their contribution to the Church. It is envisaged that this book would also include the names of all who served as Home Missionaries and their appointments from the 1870s until the last retired one died in 1995.

The Methodist Archives contain much material about women. It would be interesting to trace the story of women preachers and the first women to serve on committees such as Trusts, usually designated as the prerogative of men. From the time following the establishment of the Deaconess Order we have reports of committees, commissions, consultations and questionnaires, as the Church (committees of men almost without exception) tried to work out the place of women in the Church, and what their rights and responsibilities should be.

Other records are helpful for local historians to write the stories of their churches. One researcher has discovered it is 50 years since the first fair was held in his local church and has found some amazing information by following through minute books and discovering how these fairs were run, and what happened at them, the work and the organisation that was part of them.

Another researcher has been writing the story of one of our Children's Homes, and the people who lived in them. This was the home he and his siblings knew.

The New Zealand Baptist Research & Historical Society (Contact: PO Box 12-149, Penrose, Auckland.)

N.Z. Journal of Baptist Research Vol. Six, October 2001

Angus Macleod, “50 years of the N.Z. Baptist Historical Society”, pp.3-28.

Greg Liston, “The Dynamics of Trinitarian Worship”, pp.29-47.

Steve Taylor, "Scars on the Australasian heart: Anzac Day as a contextual atonement image", pp.48-74.

Don Dickson, "Conditional Immortality and New Zealand Baptist Churches 1880-1892: The Bradford Challenge to Baptist Orthodoxy", pp.75-87.

"George Johnston's Evangelistic Journey on the West Coast of the South Island, 1884-6" (Part I) (reprint), pp.88-104.

The Baptist Research Newsletter (May 2002) reports that "From the start of 2003, when the Ayson Clifford Library upgrades its catalogue, the archive index will be available to all students, and ... on the internet." In the future images held in the archive will be scanned and available electronically.

A new series, *Baptist Research Short Studies*, looking at aspects of Baptist life and work in NZ, has been inaugurated with Louisa Sutherland's, *The Churches of J.A. Penman*. It is available free to members and from the Society for \$5.00. Martin Sutherland's collection of documents dealing with Colonial Baptist in New Zealand is a substantial publication (see details above) which has been published by the society.

Wesley Historical Society (Annual Subscription to Wesley Historical Society \$25.00. Treasurer, Rev. Phil Taylor, 12 Melandra Road, Whangaparaoa, Hibiscus Coast.)

Journal 2001, Wesley Historical Society, Proceeding No 74, included:

Ivan Whyte, "Methodist Mission Northern: The Sesquicentennial", pp.6-16.

Verna Mossong, "The Establishment of the Solomon Islands Mission", pp.17-18.

Nathan Sipisong, "Wartime Adventures in Bougainville and the Solomons", edited by Audrey Bruce, pp.18-23.

Fred Baker, "Fifty Years in the Papua New Guinea Highlands", pp.24-29.

Gordon McLauchlan, "One Lifelong Lesson in Loving thy Neighbour" [Obituary to Selwyn Dawson], pp.31-33.

Marcia Baker, "This is the House the Church Built", pp.37-40.

Allan Davidson, "Writing a Parish History: Some Basic Guidelines", pp.41-45.

To mark the centennial of the beginnings of Methodist missionary work in Solomon Islands the Society produced *Ever Widening Circle: Stories of Some Influential Methodist Leaders in Solomon Islands and Bougainville/Buka*, Alan Leadley, ed., Wesley Historical Society, Proceeding No. 75, April 2002. New Zealand Methodists developed a special relationship with the Solomons, Bougainville and Buka after it became "their mission field" in 1922.

CONFERENCES

22-24 November 2002 - Historyworks, Wellington, Town Hall. Public history conference. Check the website for details: <http://www.nzhistory.et.n/phanza>

5-8 December 2002 – The Future of Christianity in the West – An International Conference – University of Otago, Dunedin. Themes include "Australian and New Zealand Christianities: past, present and future". Contact nicola.richmond@stonebow.otago.ac.nz

20-27 July 2003 – British National Commission CIHEC & the Ecclesiastical History Society Conference, University of Exeter. Theme: "Signs, Wonders, Miracles: Representations of Divine Power in the Life of the Church". For further information contact: D.H.McLeod@bham.ac.uk

8-10 November 2003 - First World War Symposium, Wellington.

27-30 November 2003 - New Zealand Historical Association Conference, Dunedin.

3-9 July 2005 - International Congress of Historical Sciences (CISH). For future information contact admin@incompass.com.au Web: <http://www.incompass.com.au>

WEB SITES

Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

<http://www.anglican.org.nz/History/history.htm> includes a brief history of the Anglican Church, a copy of the 1992 constitution and information on dioceses and Te Pihopatanga.

Anglican Diocese of Auckland <http://www.auckanglican.org.nz/dio/> - brief history of the Anglican Church and a digest of the history of the Diocese of Auckland.

Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand <http://www.churchesofchrist.org.nz/>

Baptist Churches of New Zealand <http://www.baptist.org.nz/> Gives access to an historical synopsis

The Catholic Church in New Zealand <http://www.catholic.org/newzealand/> Gives access to the Pompallier site which provides biographical details and accounts about the return of his remains to New Zealand - <http://catholic.org.nz/pompallier/>

Dictionary of New Zealand Biography www.dnzb.govt.nz Some 3,000 biographies from the five volume publication are available for perusal on line. These are supplemented by 2,000 images and audio files are being added to illustrate 50 biographies.

Elim Churches <http://www.elim.org.nz/history.htm> - history of Elim Churches

Islamic Ahlulbayt Foundation of New Zealand <http://www.islam.org.nz/>

Jews of New Zealand <http://www.haruth.com/JewsNewZealand.html> - links to sites dealing with Jews in New Zealand

Kinder Library, St John's College, Auckland <http://www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz/> - descriptions of archival collections and listing of papers held within the Anglican Archives. With an Adobe Reader it is possible to access the Anglican Archives Handbook on the Preservation of Parish Archives.

The Methodist Church of New Zealand <http://www.methodist.org.nz/>

New Life Churches <http://www.newlife.org.nz/history.htm> - history of the New Life Churches in New Zealand

New Zealand Religion and Spirituality – Te Puna Web Directory
http://tepuna.natlib.govt.nz/web_directory/NZ/religion.htm

New Zealand Religious History: A Bibliography – Revised August 2002, by Peter Lineham is at <http://www.massey.ac.nz/~plineham/RelhistNZ.htm>

Some Web sites about New Zealand Parishes, their Buildings and their History

Holy Trinity Cathedral Auckland <http://www.holy-trinity.org.nz/> - gives access to information about Frederick Thatcher and the architectural history of buildings associated with the Cathedral.

Jenny Murray, "Ko Te Whare Whinare o Puari - The Anglican Church at Puari", *Historic Places Trust*, May 2000. http://www.historic.org.nz/magazinefeatures/2000may/2000_05a_single.html

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/history.php>
Information and access to Presbyterian Archive site – Fraser’s Register of Presbyterian ministers – a list of former moderators – a brief bibliography of Presbyterian histories.

Reformed Churches of New Zealand <http://www.reformed-churches.org.nz/> - history of Reformed Churches in New Zealand

Religious Society of Friends <http://www.quaker.org.nz/whoweare/history.htm> - “Quaker history and history of Quakerism in New Zealand”

Salvation Army <http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/page6.html> - origins in New Zealand

Stout Centre <http://www.vuw.ac.nz/stout-centre/index.html>

Transplanted Christianity: Documents Illustrating Aspects of New Zealand Church History This is currently out of print. As an interim measure (until it has been revised) this collection by Allan Davidson and Peter Lineham in its fourth edition (1997) has been made available on the web at:
<http://www.massey.ac.nz/~plineham/RelhistNZ.htm>

Unitarian <http://members.ozemail.com.au/~winjohn/anzua.html>

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand – Includes a brief historical note on their origin –
<http://www.wesleyan.org.nz/beliefs.htm>

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