In hindsight, Christchurch’s September 2010 earthquake, noted in the last Newsletter, was only the first in a series that has taken lives and destroyed many of the city’s buildings, including churches. The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, opened in 1905, was commissioned by Bishop John Joseph Grimes, designed by Francis William Petre, and constructed by William and James Jamieson. Petre adopted an Italian basilica style but placed the main copper dome above the sanctuary. Over time, the white Oamaru stone covering the concrete structure was damaged and discoloured by industrial pollutants. (Continued on page 2)
Bishop Brian Ashby authorized an extensive restoration programme that was begun in 1970. The project aroused public controversy because it included restructuring the sanctuary and removing the baroque high altar and reredos. These changes accorded with post-Vatican II liturgical norms and the architect’s original vision of an uncluttered liturgical space. The cathedral was registered by the Historic Places Trust in 1983 (category 1). Further cleaning and upgrading of the building’s facilities were undertaken in the 1990s, and a forecourt was created. Unfortunately, the cathedral rests upon “a layer of old swamp mud and peat over gravel and silt”. The seismic strengthening begun in 2004 proved unequal to the recent earthquakes, and the cathedral is now propped up by shipping containers while its ultimate fate remains under consideration.


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Garner, Jean, and Kate Foster, eds. Letters to Grace: Writing Home from Colonial New Zealand: Canterbury University Press, 2011 [19th century correspondence by four women of the Hall family; “Outside the home, church, shopping and social events were the main topics...”].
Martin, Kate, and Brad Mercer, eds. The French Place in the Bay of Islands/Te Uurunga Mai o te Iwi Wiwi: Essays from Pompallier’s Printery. Russell: Mātou Matauwhi, 2011. [18 contributions, most having some religious significance].
Morrison, Hugh. “The ‘Joy and Heroism of Doing Good’: The New Zealand Missionary Record and


Reid, Nicholas. *Founders and Keepers: Men and Women Who Made the Catholic Diocese of Auckland*. Auckland: Catholic Publication Centre, 2011 [This 450-page book is described by Reid as a “biographical history” of the diocese. Its seventeen chapters focus on 20 men and women, from 1828 to the present, whom Reid judges to have been most significant to the development of the diocese. In his review in *NZ Catholic*, John Crockett has described the book as “authoritative...extremely well researched, making fair and balanced judgments.”].


- Colin Podmore, “Two Streams Mingling: The American Episcopal Church in the Anglican Communion”
- W.M. Jacob, “George Augustus Selwyn, First Bishop of New Zealand and the Origins of the Anglican Communion”
- Rowan Williams, “Reflection on the Cambridge Conference to Mark the Bicentenary of the Birth of G.A. Selwyn, First Bishop of New Zealand”


Thompson, Susan J. *Knowledge & Vital Piety: Education for Methodist Ministry in New Zealand*


- Hugh Morrison and Geoffrey Troughton, “Introduction: Perspectives on Christianity and New Zealand History”
- Peter Lineham, “The Controversy over the Recognition of Religious Factors in New Zealand History”
- Alison Clarke, “Researching the History of Popular Religion in New Zealand”
- Diane Strevens, “Some Issues around Writing the History of Catholic Religious Congregations in Aotearoa New Zealand”
- Janet E. Crawford, “Mrs Hampson and the ‘hot gospel’”
- Geoffrey Troughton, “Richard Booth and Gospel Temperance Revivalism”
- Charlotte Greenhalgh, “The Church as a Site of Romance in Interwar New Zealand”
- Christopher J. van der Krogt, “The Evils of Mixed Marriages: Catholic Teaching and Practice”
- Nicholas Reid, “A New World through a New Youth: The Life and Death of the Catholic Youth Movement in New Zealand”
- Geoffrey M.R. Haworth, “‘Higher in rank than a General and lower than a private’: Anglican Army Chaplaincy in World War Two, and its Impact on the Post-war Church”
- Stuart Lange, “Westminster Fellowship Evangelicals and the History of Presbyterianism in New Zealand”
- Stephen Donald, “Rediscovery of a Forgotten History: The Uawa Mission Station Cemetery at Mangarara Pā, Tolaga Bay”.


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Muller, Peter. First Church Invercargill, 150 Years On. Invercargill: Parish Council, First Presbyterian Church, 2010 [59 pp.].
Sharfe, Jean, and Jane Teal. We Kindle This Light: A History of St Margaret’s College. Christchurch: St Margaret’s College, 2010.
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RECENTLY COMPLETED THESES AND RESEARCH ESSAYS

Sullivan, Kim. “Scots by Association: Scottish Diasporic Identities and Ethnic Associationism in the Nineteenth to Early Twentieth Centuries and the Present Day.” PhD, University of Otago.
Taylor, James. “‘To Me, Socialism Is Not a Set of Dogmas but a Living Principle’: Harry Atkinson and the Christchurch Socialist Church, 1890-1905.” MA, Victoria University of Wellington.
Bateman, Grace. “‘Signs and Graces’: Cultural Christianity in Childhood in Southern Dunedin, 1920-1950.” PhD, University of Otago.

Buckley, Barry. “Church and State: The Catholic Church and the State During the 1950s and 1960s.” PhD, Massey University, Albany.

Derbyshire, Noel. “Some Aspects of the Anglican Church in New Zealand: 1945 to the Present.” PhD, Massey University, Albany.

Dollery, Helen. “Scouting and Guiding in Post World War II New Zealand.” PhD, Massey University, Palmerston North.


Singh, Harpreet. “Punjab V New Zealand [Sikhs in New Zealand].” PhD, University of Otago.


Ali Clarke (ali.clarke@xtra.co.nz) has been working on various projects – a chapter for the Spirit of the Past volume, an article for the next issue of the Journal of New Zealand Studies (‘Calendars, cemeteries and the evolution of colonial culture’), and her book on childbirth in 19th century New Zealand, to be published by Bridget Williams Books next year. She is now working on a joint project with Peter Lineham and John Stenhous on the historical geography of religion in New Zealand.

Allan Davidson (ak.davidson@auckland.ac.nz) spent the first part of the year finalising the Auckland Anglican Diocesan history, Living Legacy, which was launched in May. The remainder of the year has been taken up in large part with editing the papers given at the 2009 Selwyn Symposium which is due to be launched 7 December. The book is being published by Bridget Williams Books as A Controversial Churchman: Essays on George Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand and Lichfield, and Sarah Selwyn. Other involvements include the Marsden Cross Trust Board which is planning developments at Oihi, the 2014 Bicentenary Planning Group and convening its subcommittee, the 2014 Bicentenary History Group. The History Group is organising the conference: Iwi – Christianity – Tauiwi. Hei Kohihokinga Kōrero mō te Hāhi Karaitiana ki Aotearoa – Re-evaluating Christianity’s Influence in Shaping Aotearoa New Zealand c.1800 to c.1860 which will be held at Waitangi, 27-29 November 2012 (see separate notice).

Laurie Guy (laurie@carey.ac.nz) Laurie Guy’s ‘big’ publication (600pp.) has finally emerged this year: Shaping Godzone: Public Issues and Church Voices in New Zealand 1840-2000. Laurie has been doing further work on anti-Asian racism a century ago and gave a special lecture on this at the University of Otago in November. He is also looking at levels of media hostility to church voices on public issues in the recent past, with the question whether this is more intense than in previous decades.

Harold Hill (pat.harold@clear.net.nz) is researching the influence of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements on the Salvation Army with particular reference to New Zealand and would be grateful to hear from anyone with any relevant information or experiences to share. He recently reviewed Henry Gariepy’s Christianity in Action: The International History of the Salvation Army in the Journal of Ecclesiastical History 62 no. 3 (2011) 645-646.
Stuart Lange (stuart.m.lange@gmail.com) has two contributions in the forthcoming Gospel, Truth and Interpretation: Evangelical Identity in Aotearoa New Zealand., edited by Myk Habets, Tim Meadowcroft, and Stuart Lange, Auckland: Archer Press. (1) “The Role of the Evangelical Unions and Inter-Varsity Fellowship in Defining Evangelical Identity in Mid-Twentieth Century New Zealand”. (2) “Spirit and Reason: Canon Orange and Professor Blaiklock as Contrasting Exemplars of Evangelical Identity in Mid-Twentieth Century New Zealand”. He is also revising his PhD thesis for publication as a book for Otago University Press.

Warren Limbrick (warren.limbrick@xtra.co.nz) is researching the Limbrick family in Gloucestershire, England, and Canterbury, New Zealand.

Hugh Morrison (hugh.morrison@otago.ac.nz) The highlights of the past 12 months have been the publication of various ‘works in progress’, but most especially the Living Legacy book edited by Allan Davidson and The Spirit of the Past book edited by Geoff Troughton and me. Ongoing research into children, missions and religion has been helped by conference and seminar participation, both here and abroad. This will also be the focus of study leave in the second half of 2012. Also near completion is the edited collection of essays on Māori engagements with Christianity (co-edited with Murray Rae, Lachy Paterson and Brett Knowles) – for publication in 2012.

NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCES

Powhiri, Welcome & Opening: Te Tii Marae, Waitangi, Bay of Islands, 27 November 2012. Plenary sessions: Copthorne Hotel, Waitangi, Bay of Islands, 28-29 November 2012
December 2014 marks the bicentenary of the Revd Samuel Marsden’s arrival, along with the first Church Missionary Society families, at Oihi in the Bay of Islands. They were accompanied across the Tasman by Ruatara, Hongi Hika, Korokoro and five other kinsmen. Marsden’s sermon on Christmas Day 1814 formally inaugurated the mission in New Zealand. Considerable historical debates have taken place over the early missionary beginnings and their implications. The aim of the Conference is to re-evaluate these developments and the formative Christian influences in the shaping of New Zealand society.

Offering a Paper: The title and abstract (250 words) should be submitted to Associate Professor Peter Lineham - P.Lineham@massey.ac.nz by 1 June 2012. The conference organisers reserve the right to select the contributors to the conference and the papers chosen for publication.

Organisers: The conference is being organised by the 2014 Bicentenary History Group, working under the auspices of the 2014 Bicentenary Planning Group with assistance from the Anglican Church and links to the Religious History Association of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Full Conference Costs: $200.00 (unwaged/students $170.00) – includes evening meal 27 November, morning and afternoon teas and lunches 28-29 November. Daily Conference rate: $80 (unwaged/students $70.00) per day. Registrations are required by 1 October 2012. A late fee of $50.00 will be payable after that date.

For information about registration and accommodation: contact Dr Allan Davidson – ak.davidson@auckland.ac.nz
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Religious History Association, 9-13 July 2012, Adelaide


The British World: Religion, Memory. Culture, and Society, University of Southern Queensland, Toowomba, in conjunction with the Public Memory Research Centre and the Anglican Historical Society of Australia, 2-5 July, 2012.

The conference seeks to increase scholarly understandings of the religious and cultural adjustments that accompanied British political change and expansion. It is an exciting regional and international opportunity for the convergence of scholars in a range of disciplines, from history, religious studies, literature, e-pedagogies, education, post-colonialism, anthropology, legal studies, sociology, and indigenous studies. This conference will provide a stimulating forum for the latest research in a range of disciplines. Abstracts are welcome on any aspect of history and or place where the government, religion, people and cultures of the British Isles have been of influence. The time period is open and may extend from the medieval to the modern period. Plenary session will be addressed by Christopher Haigh (New College, Oxford), Alison Wall (New College, Oxford), Peter Goodall (University of Southern Queensland), Lynette Olson (University of Sydney), and Helen Farley (Australian Digital Futures Institute). For further information, go to http://www.usq.edu.au/oac/Research/bwc.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND ARCHIVES

Christchurch Catholic Diocesan Archives Until recently, the archives were stored in the now-ruined south-west tower of the cathedral. In an on-line newsletter, Archivally Speaking (no. 8, August 2011; www.chch.catholic.org.nz), archivist Kevin Clarke writes, “Fortunately, all the files and boxes of correspondence, all the photos, in fact all the papers stored in the archives, were boxed and moved after the first quake in September. The Diocese has leased a building in Washington Way (behind the old Railway Station) and there, in the meantime, all the contents of the archives rest in complete disarray.” Efforts are underway to find a more suitable location. Contacts: Archivist, Fr Kevin Clark, c/- Diocesan Office, P.O. Box 4544, Christchurch; Michael Hanrahan mh@xtra.co.nz; Merle Conaghan 03 358 8758.

Methodist Church of NZ Archives The archives (in Christchurch) are closed until further notice due to damage caused by the earthquake of 22 February. Meanwhile, written enquiries will not be able to be answered if they require copies of information from the Archives Collection. However, the Archivist will be personally replying to all emails received. Updates of progress will be posted on the Methodist Church website www.methodist.org.nz. During the closure, access to Methodist Church publications, newspapers, photographs and information can be found in the following repositories: Auckland Methodist Archives email: auckland.archives@methodist.org.nz National Library www.natlib.govt.nz Hocken Collections www.library.otago.ac.nz/libs/hocken John Kinder Theological Library www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz
**WEB SITES**

The Sisters of Mercy website lists a number of publications on the history of the congregation.  

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**Religious History Association of Aotearoa New Zealand. (RHAANZ)**

The purposes of the Association are:
1. to develop a national network of people interested in New Zealand religious history;
2. to encourage research and publication in the area of New Zealand religious history;
3. to organise lectures and conferences where historians of religion can share their research;
4. to publish the New Zealand Religious History Newsletter;
5. to coordinate with other groups who share related interests.

The current working party includes Allan Davidson (convenor), Laurie Guy, Hirini Kaa, Stuart Lange, Helen Laurenson, Peter Lineham, Hugh Morrison, Christopher van der Krogt, and Geoffrey Troughton.

The New Zealand Religious History Newsletter was founded by Colin Brown in 1987 and was subsequently edited by Allan Davidson and Janet Crawford (1996-2006) and then by Allan Davidson alone (2006-2008). Previous issues can be found at http://researchspace.auckland.ac.nz/handle/2292/1961. A full bibliography of New Zealand religious history is maintained by Peter Lineham at http://www.massey.ac.nz/~plineham/RelhistNZ.htm.

Every effort is made to include correct information in the Newsletter. Please send corrections or information concerning omissions to Christopher van der Krogt, C.J.vanderKrogt@massey.ac.nz.

The next issue will be published in the later part of 2013. A reminder asking for news will be sent out in advance. Suggestions about how the Newsletter can be improved are welcome. Subscriptions cost $10.00 for two years ($15.00 for overseas subscribers). This includes membership of the Religious History Association of Aotearoa New Zealand (RHAANZ). The Newsletter can be supplied by e-mail as an attachment.
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LAURIE GUY
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