Christmas Day 2014 was the two-hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the Church Missionary Society at Hohi (Oihi) Bay in the Bay of Islands. Samuel Marsden proclaimed the gospel, and a small missionary settlement was subsequently established under the protection of Ruatara and the nearby Rangihoua pā. The event and the place were celebrated by the opening of the Rangihoua Heritage Park on 21 December 2014, and the impact of the missionaries has naturally inspired some of the items reported in this issue of the Newsletter.

Reappraisals of missionary history also featured in the very successful joint conference of the Religious History Association of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Religious History Association of Australia (TheRHA), and the Christian Research Association of Aotearoa New Zealand held at Massey University’s Albany Campus on 26-28 November. The theme, “Religion in Conflict and Collaboration in the Modern World”, was broadly interpreted, and, as keynote speaker, Professor Brad Gregory of Notre Dame persuasively addressed the issue of “Why the Reformation Era Still Matters (even in New Zealand)”. The participation of Australian historians was also particularly appreciated.

No buildings remain at Hohi, but a second mission station, founded under the protection of Hongi Hika in 1819 at Kerikeri near the Kororipo pā, is the site of both New Zealand’s oldest surviving wooden building (right) and its oldest surviving stone building (left). Kerikeri was favoured by
Marsden for its agricultural potential and fresh water supply, and the two-storey Georgian house, built in 1821–22 clearly reflected the missionaries’ aspirations. Within a decade, though, the Kerikeri station had passed its peak in importance, not least because Henry Williams created a more successful mission at Paihia in 1823.

Moreover, Hongi moved to Whangaroa in 1826; his power had already diminished by the time of his death in 1828, and the Māori population of the area had declined – mostly due to introduced diseases. These circumstances did not discourage CMS store-keeper and blacksmith James Kemp from building a grand warehouse, the Stone Store. The building never justified the effort and expense required in its five-year construction (1832–37), however, and the mission closed in 1848. St James’s church (centre) was built in 1878 and extended in 1963; it occupies the site of the second chapel at Kerikeri, which had been built in 1829.


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• Hazel Petrie, Body or soul? Redeeming Māori war captives
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CURRENT RESEARCH and other notes of interest from NZ HISTORIANS

Frank Glen frankglen@xtra.co.nz

Frank reports that his book Bowler of Gallipoli Witness to the Anzac Legend (Canberra) 2004 is presently being prepared for a Gallipoli Centennial film by FilmCorp NZ on behalf of TVNZ. As a result I have been working with the Bowler Family (to include Bowler in the Centennial celebrations...
in Timaru where he is buried as he was the first man ashore) the film scriptwriter and the director. Bowler was a member of St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Gore, and the choirmaster.

**Harold Hill** [pat.harold@clear.net.nz](mailto:pat.harold@clear.net.nz)


**Stuart Lange** [stuart.m.lange@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.m.lange@gmail.com)

Stuart Lange (Laidlaw College) has primarily been working on material relating to early Christianity in New Zealand. See above for details on his semi-popular DVD *Te Rongopai: 200 years of the Gospel in Aotearoa, 1814-2014*, released in March.

**Warren Limbrick** [warren.limbrick@xtra.co.nz](mailto:warren.limbrick@xtra.co.nz)

With the publication in September, 2014, of the fourth issue of the Journal of Parnell Heritage, (ISSN 2230-4746) this serious annual has established itself as a respected source of local history with significant contributions relating to the religious history of Auckland. Carefully edited by Dr Joanna Boileau, with beautiful layout and design, the latest issue holds articles by architectural historian John Stacpoole on ‘Bishop Selwyn’s Buildings’, by Frank Wright on Bishop William Garden Cowie, and by Warren Limbrick (see above). Previous issues include articles on George Clarke of the CMS, Eliza Cowie and Vicesimus Lush. Information at [www.parnellheritage.org.nz](http://www.parnellheritage.org.nz) or order from Parnell Heritage Inc., P. O. Box 37479, Auckland 1151 ($15 per issue).

**Hugh Morrison** [hugh.morrison@otago.ac.nz](mailto:hugh.morrison@otago.ac.nz)

This year has been marked by teaching new courses (on ‘children’s and young people’s history’ and on ‘childhood/youth’ [for a Medical School course], helping to introduce a new masters’ level course for initial teacher education, and coping with ongoing institutional change. Valuable time spent in the middle of the year in Edinburgh (Yale-Edinburgh annual conference) and in Germany (a symposium on missions, education and indigenous teachers). My ongoing ‘NZ and Scottish Presbyterian children and missions’ project hots up this year, with funding to do interviews with ex-missionary children in NZ and Scotland. In January I’ll be hunkering down in a dark and wintry Edinburgh to do interviews with up to fifteen folk there. Currently planning towards running a symposium in 2015 on ‘colonial childhoods’ for the Centre for Research on Colonial Culture, Otago University; and finishing a manuscript under contract with Otago University Press on NZ overseas missions history.

**Geoff Troughton** [Geoff.Troughton@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Geoff.Troughton@vuw.ac.nz)

Geoff Troughton received a 3-year Royal Society Marsden Fast Start award in 2014 for a project entitled “A Banner of Peace? Missions and Peace Activism, 1814-1850”. The project will explore the nature and significance of missionary peace teaching in New Zealand, focusing particularly on the CMS mission during the period to 1850.

**John Tucker** [john.tucker@carey.ac.nz](mailto:john.tucker@carey.ac.nz)

John is currently working on a history of preaching in New Zealand and developing a new level 6-7 course on “The Gospel in New Zealand” on the history of Christianity in Aotearoa.

**CONFERENCES**

**New Zealand Historical Association**, University of Canterbury, Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th December 2015. Further information will be posted at [http://nzha.org.nz/category/conferences](http://nzha.org.nz/category/conferences)


**“PEACE, NOT WAR, SHALL BE OUR BOAST”**

**HISTORICAL, THEOLOGICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES ON PEACE AND CHRISTIANITY**
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- Social, cultural and environmental perspectives
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- Peacebuilding initiatives
- Theological and biblical reflections
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- Peace, women and gender

Please email a title and abstract (up to 250 words) along with a brief biographical statement including any affiliation by 15 July 2015 to the conference organisers: Geoff Troughton (geoff.troughton@vuw.ac.nz), and Chris Marshall (chris.marshall@vuw.ac.nz).

A publication is anticipated. Intending authors will need to submit manuscripts by 31 October 2015, with acceptance subject to peer review. Author guidelines will follow upon acceptance of abstracts.

The conference will be hosted by Victoria University of Wellington, with support and assistance from: The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago; The Religious History Association of Aotearoa New Zealand; The College of St John the Evangelist, Auckland.

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Marsden Online Archive hosted by the Hocken Library, University of Otago
http://marsdenarchive.otago.ac.nz/
Description from the site:

Reverend Samuel Marsden (1765-1838), Chaplain to New South Wales, was the driving force behind the establishment of the Church Missionary Society in New Zealand in the early nineteenth century. His relationships of trust with Māori chiefs paved the way for the introduction of Christianity in New Zealand. The missionary settlers brought agriculture and European technology to New Zealand. They also began documenting Te Reo Māori and created the first books in Māori. Their work paved the way for the acceptance of an official Crown presence in New Zealand.
The Marsden Online Archive provides access to high resolution images of manuscripts along with associated transcripts created by Retired Associate Professor Gordon Parsonson. The initial release of the site contains material from 1808 to 1823 and will be extended to include remaining material in later releases. As well as this additional material, more advanced functionality will be added to the site to enhance our users’ experience.

Religious History Association of Aotearoa New Zealand (RHAANZ)

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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 Geoffrey Troughton (Convenor, Wellington); Hirini Kaa, Stuart Lange, Peter Lineham (Auckland); Alison Clarke, Tim Cooper, Hugh Morrison (Treasurer), John Stenhouse, Pamela Welch (Dunedin); Christopher van der Krogt (editor, *New Zealand Religious History Newsletter*, Palmerston North).


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](mailto:C.J.vanderKrogt@massey.ac.nz)).

The next issue will be published in the later part of 2015. A reminder asking for news will be sent out in advance. Suggestions about how the Newsletter can be improved are welcome.

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