

Editorial

Appointments

MOST READERS OF *The Churchman* will welcome the news of the appointment of the Bishop of Liverpool (The Rt. Rev. Stuart Blanch) as the new Archbishop of York. He has been a regular reviewer in our columns for some time and we hope that our readers will continue to benefit from his helpful and judicious handling of books particularly in the pastoral and devotional field. Some unwarranted fears have been expressed that, with three of the top five bishops in the Church of England coming from the Evangelical fold, there is some dark plot for a takeover. Noone who has observed Archbishop Coggan, Bishop Blanch or Canon John V. Taylor (who has been appointed to Winchester) in action, will assume that they will not seek to act in a thoroughly responsible way for the good of the whole church. At the moment it is not the old divisions of churchmanship so much as the newly-found generation gap which is most likely to threaten the unity of the church. All the leaders of the church, whether holding high office or not, need prayer to be able to blend properly the old and the new.

The Chairman of the Editorial Board of *The Churchman*, Canon George Marchant, has already taken up his duties as Archdeacon of Auckland and Residentiary Canon of Durham Cathedral and in doing so has moved a few hundred yards nearer to the Editor. This will not however be for long, as I shall be moving to St. John's College, Nottingham in the summer of 1975 and the editorial office of *The Churchman*, such as it is, will move with me. Details of changes in arrangements will be made in the course of next year. As St. John's College, Durham began as an offshoot of St. John's Hall, Highbury (later to be the London College of Divinity and then St. John's College, Nottingham) *The Churchman* will be remaining within the family!

The editorial reference to the Moule *Festschrift* in our last issue suggested that Professor Moule had just retired. We are glad to state now that this is not the case. It was a sixty-fifth birthday tribute to him and he will still occupy his chair for another year or two.

Foreign Journals

AMONGST a number of journals in foreign languages with which we have recently entered into an exchange arrangement, is the Finnish quarterly *Perusta*. If any reader of *The Churchman* is fluent in that language and can digest the contents each issue for me, I should be most grateful. Please do not hesitate to write if you may be able to help.

Contents of 'The Churchman'

THE index which is provided with this number shows some of the subjects which we have tried to cover during the past year. If they are somewhat 'church-centred' this is nothing for *The Churchman* to apologise about, though we do hope to spread our wings a bit further in the field of social and personal ethics. The series on modern theologians and what they have to say to Anglicans seems to have been appreciated by some of our readers. We are unable to provide an article this quarter, but in our next issue Canon J. Stafford Wright will be writing about Teilhard de Chardin and other articles on Küng, Rahner, Pannenberg and Bonhoeffer are planned. Readers are invited to make suggestions of further theologians who might be treated.

The article by Dr. Powers on deacons is the sequel to his article on elders in the Autumn 1973 issue. Together with the articles of Dr. Echlin and Mr. Beckwith it will help to provide a point of reference for the debate which is under way about an important and much-neglected sector of ministry.

Subscriptions

THERE has been a good deal of encouragement recently in the way in which *The Churchman* has been read and quoted in different circles, but without a major increase in circulation, which is hard for an academic journal to achieve, it is bound to be fighting a losing battle against inflation at its present price. The board has therefore decided that its cost from 1975 will be as follows: per copy £0.75; annual subscription UK £3.00; annual subscription overseas £3.50. Even with these rises it is unlikely that we shall break even absolutely, but discerning readers will realise that by comparison with many other academic journals *The Churchman* will still be remarkably cheap.

In order to make more use of *The Churchman* in the third world, the EFAC (Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion) Literature Fund is devoting some money to the bulk purchase of copies for free distribution overseas. It has been suggested that some of our readers might wish to contribute towards this fund for this particular purpose (every £2 received will enable one more copy to be sent) and a slip is provided for use.

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