

**APPENDIX J**

**HISTORIOGRAPHER'S REPORT 2003**

The Standing Committee may care to have a brief account of projects in which I have been involved since last I reported. If nothing else it will give an idea of some, though by no means all, of the work in progress on the history of the Church of Ireland.

The proceedings of a conference under the auspices of the Ambrosian Institute of Paul VI, held at Varese, near Milan, in 1999, and which I was invited to attend, have now been published. Entitled *Christianity in Ireland: revisiting the story*, the book is edited by Brendan Bradshaw and Dáire Keogh, and my chapter deals with the Church of Ireland since partition. I also contributed an essay on much the same subject to an *Encyclopaedia of Ireland* which is being produced by Macmillan USA and have written a chapter on the Protestant community in the twenty-six counties since partition for a *festschrift* that Professor Enda McDonagh and Professor James Mackay are preparing for presentation to a distinguished Irishman. I have a chapter in *The laily and the Church of Ireland, 1,000 TO 2,000: all sorts and conditions*, edited by Raymond Gillsepie and WG Neely, published in October 2002 under the auspices of the Church of Ireland Historical Society.

The *New Dictionary of National Biography* and the *Dictionary of Irish Biography*, to which I and several other members of the church have contributed, should shortly appear. I also provided entries for WJ McCormack's *Blackwell companion to modern Irish culture*. SJ Connolly's *Oxford companion to Irish history*, noted in a previous report, has now appeared in a second, revised, edition. Columba Press will publish, early next year, a fourth and illustrated edition of my *The Church of Ireland: a history*, and work on Archbishop Boulter (with Patrick McNally) continues.

It should be noted that with the publication in 2000 of *George Edmund Street and the restoration of Christ Church cathedral, Dublin*, edited by Roger Stalley, and in 2001 of *Christ Church deeds*, edited by M.J.McEnery and Raymond Refaussé, the 'Christ Church cathedral History project', comprising a general history of the cathedral, seven ancillary volumes and a compact disc, was brought to a conclusion. Apart from being consulted by various authors of the printed word, I have acted as adviser to the producer of a forthcoming film on 'Protestants and the Irish language' to be screened by TG4. I have been invited to read a paper on the Irish Charter Schools to the Lecale Historical Society at Downpatrick this month. It is also relevant to make reference to the Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin history lectures. Several series of these lunchtime events are mounted in the course of the year, and are now jointly organised with Dublin City Council, which arranges complementary series at the City Hall. There is a publishing programme associated with the Christ Church lectures.

To round of this account of historical activity in the church, mention must be made of the series of registers and other parochial records that has been published by the Representative Church Body Library and of the appearance of several new editions of diocesan succession lists. We should congratulate Alan Acheson on the appearance of a

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second edition from Columba Press of his *A history of the Church of Ireland*, bringing it up to 2001, and also congratulate APW Malcomson on the publication this year by Four Courts Press of his *Archbishop Charles Agar: churchmanship and politics in Ireland 1760-1810*.

Finally, I should report that last month I was appointed one of the Irish members of the European Cultural Parliament, a German non-governmental organisation. It is receiving financial support from UNESCO, the Flemish Ministry of Culture, several European governments and industrial interests. The representatives from thirty countries will hold their first session in Bruges (currently the European Cultural Capital) from November 15-17, and the main theme for discussion will be the contribution that culture (including history) can make to improving understanding between religions and regions.

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