

## EDITORIAL

By the time this issue of the Journal appears the Thirteenth Lambeth Conference will be under way. The Society is sponsoring a 'fringe' lecture for the Bishops by Canon Edward Norman on 'Where does authority lie in the Anglican Communion?', a topic still bristling with legal as well as theological questions. The President has recently written that 'Church Law which has been despised by many, has been shown by the work of the Society to be of living interest and application' and the event at Canterbury and visits by Bishops to our own dioceses will provide opportunities to encourage them to promote societies such as ours in their own Provinces if they do not already exist.

It will I know be of great interest to members to learn that a series of Essays in English Canon Law in honour of our President is due to be published towards the end of this year. A discount of £10 per copy off the listed price is available to all who order the book prior to publication as the leaflet you recently received indicates. A list of subscribers will be included in the book.

We are proud indeed to have the distinguished but ever approachable Bishop of Chichester to guide us and to take such a full part in our activities as his paper to our Conference in March on 'Unity—Lessons to be learned: Issues to be faced: Anglican—Methodist Conversations 1956–1972' testified (page 76).

We have recently engaged in a joint venture with the Church of England Record Society by publishing a collection of 'The Anglican Canons 1529–1947' with an informative and scholarly introduction and commentary by Gerald Bray, Anglican Professor of Divinity at Beacon Divinity School, Samford University. It includes a remarkable history of Anglican jurisprudence. This is a new activity for the Society and we are delighted to be associated with this publication which should be of great interest to those concerned with Canon Law. Copies of the book can be obtained from the Revd John Rees at 16 Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2LZ.

May I remind you that on 7 November Dr Norman Doe will be giving the next Lyndwood Lecture at St Paul's Cathedral. The next residential conference will be held at York University from 19–21 March 1999 on Christian Initiation when the keynote address will be given by the Bishop of Salisbury.

This issue includes the first of a series of articles on notable ecclesiastical trials, this one being concerned with the Gorham judgment. The next will deal with Bishop Colenso. I hope they will stimulate others to add to the series.

Regretfully I must end with two apologies. In the first place the last issue of the Journal failed to include the Appendix to Michael Smith's article on 'An Interpretation of *Argar v Holdsworth*' (5 Ecc. LJ 34). It is set out at pages 140 to 142 of this issue. Secondly Dr Norman Doe asks me to say that he sadly omitted to include in the list of those who had obtained the Cardiff LL.M. (5 Ecc. LJ 74) the name of Robert Charles. His dissertation was on 'Church Schools and the Law'. Apologies all round.

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