

EDITORIAL

One of the most heartening items of news that came my way recently is that the University of Wales is to offer a LL.M. in Canon Law at Cardiff from the commencement of the next academic year. This will be the first degree in Canon Law to be available in Great Britain. Dr. C. N. Doe and Mr. T. G. Watkin, who are both members of the Law Faculty, have been largely responsible for this very welcome development. We look forward to congratulating them and hearing more about it at the Cardiff Conference.

The Conference, which takes place from 12-14 April, promises to be a good opportunity to contrast establishment in this country with the disestablished Church in Wales. There will also be plenty of opportunities to make new friendships – and renew old ones – in congenial surroundings.

There have been changes in the Editorial Committee. Chancellor Bursell and Mr. T. G. Watkin have joined whilst Professor Baker of St. Catharine's Cambridge has left to become a member of the newly formed Editorial Advisory Board. The others will be the President, Professor McClean (whom we congratulate on his re-election as Chairman of the House of Laity in General Synod) and Fr. Ombres OP who delighted us so much when he addressed our first one-day conference in London.

I hope you are all now finding the Journal to your liking. We are all grateful to David Scott for the hard work he does in co-ordinating matters. But I should also like to express the Society's thanks to the proof readers, all volunteers, who give up a good deal of their time twice a year to check the printing of long and complicated texts, often with many footnotes. If anyone would like to offer to join this select company, please notify David Scott.

I hope you will look at the section on Working Parties (page 185) and see what has been achieved. I hope you will note the need to come up with ideas for new groups at the Conference.

Copies of previous issues of the Journal will be on sale at the Conference as usual and we hope to have some examples of binding available.

May I conclude by mentioning some "forthcoming attractions" in the Journal. In July we hope to include a full length article on Visitations and another by our Vice-Chairman on the tensions that arise for an archdeacon in combining his pastoral, disciplinary and judicial roles, something which will be heightened when the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Judges Measures 1990 comes into force. There will also be an article on the Roman Catholic Tribunal system.

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