

**SBW**

**Correspondence and other papers of Bishop Simon and Mrs Jean  
Barrington-Ward**

**63 items, 1970-1994**

**Presented by Bishop Simon and Mrs Jean Barrington-Ward, probably in Spring  
2000 (Acc.19/7)**

**Catalogued by Carol Pickering, volunteer, about November 2000**

The papers mainly comprise letters sent to Revd Simon and Mrs Jean Barrington-Ward from overseas mission partners and friends during the time Simon was General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, from 1975 to 1985.

Simon Barrington-Ward was born in 1930. He obtained his B.A. at Magdalene College, Cambridge in 1953. After a short period spent in Berlin, he trained for the priesthood at Westcott House, being ordained in 1957. He was Chaplain of Magdalene College between 1956 and 1960, leaving to take up the post of lecturer in religious studies at University College, Ibadan, Nigeria. Returning to Cambridge, he was appointed a Fellow and Dean of Chapel Magdalene College in 1963 and later became the Principal of Crowther Hall, the Church Missionary Society Training College at Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Between 1975 and 1985 he served as General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society. During these years, a period of missionary re-examination, he travelled worldwide to see the Society's activities and was also known for his deeply insightful and inspiring articles in the Society's *Newsletter*. In 1984-5 he also acted as a Chaplain to the Queen. He was consecrated Bishop of Coventry in 1985. At Coventry he continued to preach widely on the Church's mission and also took a leading part in a reconciling relationship of the City of Coventry with Dresden, which had each notoriously suffered from bombing during the War. At his retirement in 1997 he returned to Cambridge, accepting a post of Honorary Fellow and Chaplain at his old college.

He was created Prelate of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George in 1988 and has been a member of the Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Islam. He was a trustee of the Henry Martyn Trust from 1998, chairman 2002-04.

He is author of *Love will Out: Anthology of Mission for Today's World: CMS Newsletters, 1975-1985* (Basingstoke, 1988)

Substantial additional papers of Bishop Simon were presented to the Centre in 2016 (Acc.2016/04-5). These are in process of sorting and subject to review. Further information available on application.

The collection has been arranged as follows:

**SBW 1** Letters addressed to Jean and Simon Barrington-Ward, chiefly from CMS mission partners serving abroad.

**SBW 2** Miscellaneous Papers

**SBW 3** Papers found within the books donated to the Library

## **SBW 1**

### Groups of letters arranged by name of senders and date

1/1 Christine Matthews, Christian Medical College, Tamil Nadu, India (5 items) 1970 – 1976

1/ 2 Elspeth Adeney, Ruanda Mission, Burundi (duplicated) 197/?, 1980

1/3 Rev. John Goodchild, Trinity College, Umuahia, Nigeria (duplicated) 1973, 1975

1/ 4 Geoff and Angela Weaver 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982

1/5 Philip and Debbie 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978

1/6 Maurer-Cocks 1976, 1977

1/7 Paul Savage 1983, 1985

1/8 Andrew and Coby Bulmer 1985, 1987

1/8a Frano, Julian [Revd. Julian Barker, vicar of Repton 1982-2003, probably friend at Magdalene] and family. Two duplicated Christmas letters, 1982 and no date

### Single letters arranged by name of sender and date

1/9 Rev. and Mrs. J. Brodie 1971

1/10 De Berry 1972

1/11 Rev. and Mrs. J. Bott 1972

1/12 Paul and Olive Sharon 1972

1/13 Revd. Jesus Go-chico 1973

1/14 Ronald and Laura Adeney 1975

1/15 Ishaq ((Diocese of the Episcopal Church in Egypt 1975

1/16 Hugh, Di and Andrew 1975

- 1/17 Drs. Walter 1975
- 1/18 Colin and Anne Chapman 1976
- 1/19 Joyce (St. Catharine's Girl School Hong Kong) 1977
- 1/20 Murray and Mary Rogers, Heather Sandeman, Rosemarie Schonholzer 1977
- 1/21 Dr. F.W.B. Akuffo, enclosing Research Proposal: "Religious and Social Changes in Zambia" 1977
- 1/22 'TCU' no signature 1978
- 1/23 Duleep de Chickera 1978
- 1/24 Ken and Betty Ruth Ogden 1979
- 1/25 Catharine, Jeremy, Bridget and Mark 1980
- 1/26 Leonard and Jean Scott 1980
- 1/27 The Revd. Martin Peppiatt 1980
- 1/28 No name. Address: Inverell, NSW 2360, Australia 1980
- 1/29 Brian and Mary 1980
- 1/30 Bishop Lakshman Wickremesinghe (enclosing Niles Memorial Lecture for 1981, CCA Assembly, Bangalore) 1981
- 1/31 John and Elizabeth Schild 1982
- 1/32 Miss F.M. Weir 1982
- 1/33 Rev. Alan and Mrs. Clare Amos 1982
- 1/34 Pim and Helen Mein 1984
- 1/35 Mr. Richard Worssam 1985
- 1/36 Rev. John and Mrs. Margaret Carden 1986
- 1/37 Graham and Alison Kings and family 1988
- 1/38 Hilary and Murray Naish 1988
- 1/39 Bill, Hilary, Rachel, Helen, Sarah 1988
- 1/40 Andrew and Susan Wheeler 1993

Undated letters

- 1/41 Gershom O. Nyaronga
- 1/42 Terry Challis and June Hancock
- 1/43 Geoff and Hope Price
- 1/44 K. Azariah
- 1/45 Jenny Clark

## **SBW2 Miscellaneous Papers**

- 2/1 Crowther Hall Students' addresses 1971
- 2/2 *Curriculum vitae* of Purobala Mangat-Rai
- 2/3 Book Review by SBW of Kwesi Dickson's *Theology in Africa* published by DLT
- 2/4 Paper entitled 'Towards an Ecumenical Spirituality'
- 2/5 Sermon preached at Great St Mary's by Dr. Cicely Saunders, 1978
- 2/6 Simon Barrington-Ward's Oversea Tour, March / April 1973
- 2/7 Memo book of notes made by SBW Lent 1986, Bishop's House, Coventry
- 2/8 Examples of CMS involvement among Muslims
- 2/9 Premasagar, Rt Rev Dr Victor, 'The Gods of Our Fathers – Towards a Theology of Indian Religious and Cultural Heritage'
- 2/10 The Kailas Ashram, Rishikesh. Paper by ?Simon Barrington Ward

## **SBW 3 Papers found within the books donated to the Library**

- 3/1 *Ibadan Journal* published by the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, no. 13 (November 1961), including, pp. 9-12, 'Relevant Studies' by Simon Barrington-Ward. Discusses the relevance of Christianity and Islam to studies at the university.
- 3/2 Ged Martin to Simon B-W, Australian National University, Canberra, 25 June 1975, Sends a copy of his pamphlet 'Parnell at Cambridge: the Education of an Irish Nationalist', published in *Irish Historical Studies*, xix (no. 72, March 1974)
- 3/3 Bishop Kenneth Cragg, addressed to 'My Dear Librarian [?of Crowther Hall]', Meltham, Huddersfield, 28 December 1978, Discusses the position of Islam and the notion of suffering in Christianity. Letter was enclosed in *Legacies and Hopes in Muslim and Christian Theology* by Kenneth Cragg (CCCW Pamphlet No. 68)
- 3/4 Alan Webster, Dean of St. Paul's to Simon B-W, London, 11 June 1986 Sends him a report concerning the struggles of Christianity in Central America with particular reference to the murder of Bishop Oscar Romero. 'More than Conquerors. Report on the visit of Church Action for Central America in February 1986' (CCCW Library: 320.9728 Chu) Alan Webster was a member of the group
- 3/5 David to Simon Barrington-Ward, Department of English, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria, 12 December 1993

Discusses his feelings about entering the Roman Catholic Church and sends him a copy of his book *Nigerian English Usage*.

3/6 *Bulletin of the Agricultural Christian Fellowship* (Winter 1994-5) including, pp. 15-20, a sermon by Bishop Simon on the eve of the Royal Show, 3 July 1994

3/7 Newspaper cutting, undated, 'Crowther awaits Re-Burial'  
[Rt. Rev. Samuel Ajayi Crowther, first Anglican African bishop]. [c.1971-76, cf *Wikipedia* article]  
Cutting found in *The Missionary Impact on Modern Nigeria, 1842-1914* (CCCW Library: 266.62 AYA)

3/8 Photograph of the Joel Family, Madras, found in *In the Power of the Holy Spirit*  
ed. P. Dharmagnani 1991