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Churchman's New Editor

A warm welcome is given to the Rev. C. Peter Williams, who has accepted the invitation from the Editorial Board and the Council of Church Society to become general editor following the sad and sudden death of the Rev. Robin Nixon. Mr Williams is a native of Southern Ireland, having been born in Cork and educated in Dublin at the High School, from where he entered Trinity College Dublin with a scholarship and sizarship in modern history, graduating in 1963 with a second-class moderatorship in modern history and political science. Beside holding an MA of Trinity College, he has a BD of London University and M Litt of the University of Bristol, the latter being awarded for a thesis on Recruitment and Training of Overseas Missionaries in England, 1850-1900. He did his theological training at Clifton Theological College and teaches church history at Trinity College Bristol. He has contributed to the *New International Dictionary of the Christian Church* and has written on 'The Theology and Practice of Revolution in some Reformation Leaders' in the Bulletin of the Evangelical Fellowship for Missionary Studies. His interest in history and missionary studies has had a backing of 'field work' by a period in the mid-sixties of teaching in the Mvumi Senior Secondary School, Uganda. He has also had parochial experience as curate at St Andrew's Maghull, Liverpool.

Mr Williams is married and has two sons—Garth aged 10 and Paul aged 7—and a daughter Fiona aged 5. His family is active in their local church, where together with his wife Mary he leads the monthly meeting of a 'house-church'. He has an interest in sport, but for himself this takes the form of golf which he thinks he doesn't play very well! But we feel that we have an editor who is an 'all-round' personality, able to bring to the task not only academic skills but wide sympathies and broad experience necessary for the range of concerns which *Churchman* continues to have. He has expressed his own vision for the journal as helping to bridge the gap, often noticed and lamented in the press, between the academic world and the parish. 'The specialist in the theological disciplines needs to be aware of the questions raised not merely by his learned peers, but by Christians engaged in "ordinary living"'. The parish minister needs to think theologically and this involves being in dialogue with scholars and teachers.' It is in this important area, between the technical journal on the one hand and the popular periodical on the other, that *Churchman* has sought and continues to seek to perform this bridging service both in its articles and reviews. We have had evidence over

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the past few years that this is being increasingly appreciated and recognized. Mr Williams takes up the role of general editor in our centenary year, and we look forward with confidence in seeing *Churchman* go forward and increase in this necessary service to the church in the days ahead.

G. J. C. MARCHANT
(Chairman of the Editorial Board)

Attention Please

- The EFAC (Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion) Literature Fund continues to send *Churchman* to a number of evangelical leaders in the developing countries. Since its resources are limited, it is only able to do so with the help of readers, and is most grateful for support received in the past. Once again we appeal to you to encourage this important service to our brothers overseas. If you would like to help, please send your gifts to the Secretary, EFAC Literature Fund, 12 Weymouth Street, London W1N 3FB.
- Many articles are printed in *Churchman* with the intention of provoking debate. The editors will gladly consider correspondence in connection with them or articles in reply, though no guarantee of publication can be made. Normally, *Churchman* goes to press more than two months before publication, so that contributions need to be received before the end of January, April, July and October to have any chance of being printed in the next issue.