

Auckland Church Property Trustees until the onset of her illness. In 1978 at St John's she gave one in the series of commemorative Selwyn lectures, and a further series of lectures on church history at the College during the following year.

She suffered fools less gladly than most and dealt harshly with those she thought to be dishonest in the use of material or in for a quick kill. At the same time her personal judgements were not immutable. There were of course many constant friends and deep loyalties; few there are who have not at some stage been castigated but even fewer condemned for ever. In a sentence, her professional life—and if this much abused category could in its strictest meaning be applied to anyone it was to Ruth M. Ross—was a conscious demonstration that the really important themes can only be mastered by living with them for a long period—in complete rejection of current book production conventions, the publish-or-perish syndrome or the two-years-a-topic aspirations of the young turks. The loss to her family and friends is New Zealand's in that she was not given a last quinquennium to carry her vision and spirit through some of the rooms she had discovered in our past.

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