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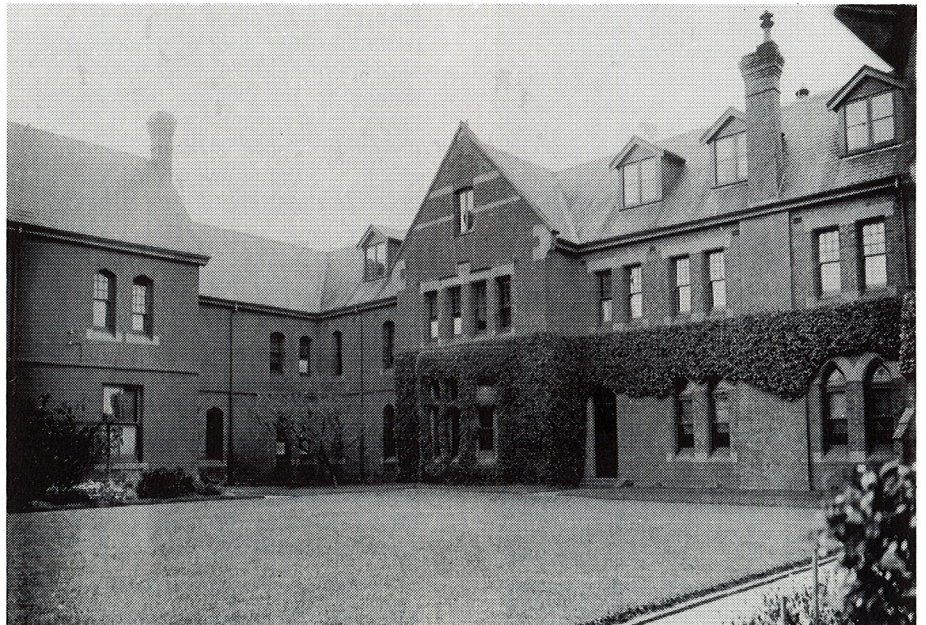
A Century at Newtown 1891-1991—And Now Beyond...

Moore College began in 1856 at Liverpool. But in 1891 it moved to Newtown where it opened on August 1st with four students. Today, with 172 full time students, it has outgrown its early site and occupies 4 acres of land, including over 60 houses.

Should it move again? Sydney is now vast, its centre of population has shifted and Newtown is not an easy place in which to live (or park!). Before developing the site the College Council has grappled with these questions. There are advantages as well as disadvantages in Newtown. But now the answer is plain.

A special study by Raine & Horne has shown that the amount needed to build a new College elsewhere would be many millions of dollars more than the sale of the Newtown campus would realise. The College will therefore stay in Newtown.

The decision to stay enables the College to put its plans into action and to make the present campus



what it should be. The first major move will be a new classroom block. But the housing of faculty and students will not be neglected and

the College is hoping for generous support in order to push ahead and make the campus suitable for the sort of College we need.

From the Principal

Key Investment Advice

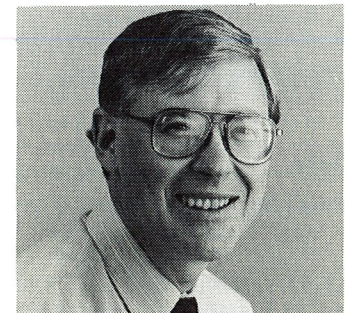
Education is a good investment. Down through the years Christian people have seen this truth and have been prepared to invest money, time and labour into schools and colleges. Some of today's world-renowned institutions began as small colleges in which people invested sacrificially. Hundreds of years of service and countless thousands of lives blessed have been the results.

Moore College is a great investment potential. The last decade has seen us grow to maturity. We are attracting good students and our

graduates are going all over the world thoroughly trained in the gospel. They are clear about priorities, based firmly on the scriptures, and equipped to bring the gospel to others. They are agents of God's gospel because they stand for a clear concept of the truth in a relativistic age, and people are blessed through their ministry.

We have reached a point when we need your investment. A gift to the College will not yield financial interest and it cannot be reclaimed. But it is an investment directly to the

gospel and it is an investment in the future. Please make this a matter of prayerful priority and give as generously as you can to our work.



Peter F. Jensen

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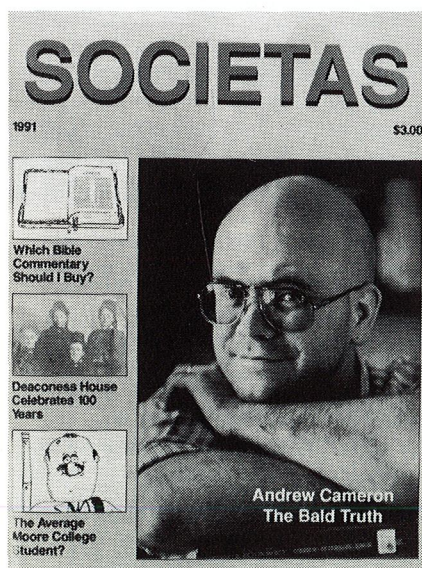
Moore College
Library

Department of Mission

A major funding problem has arisen for the new Department of Mission at the College. It was hoped to introduce the department after the Diocesan Synod granted \$65,000 in 1990. The position of Head of the department was advertised extensively and a number of applications were received. But in the stringent economic situation of 1991 the proposed Diocesan budget does not allow for the department to proceed with a full time appointment.

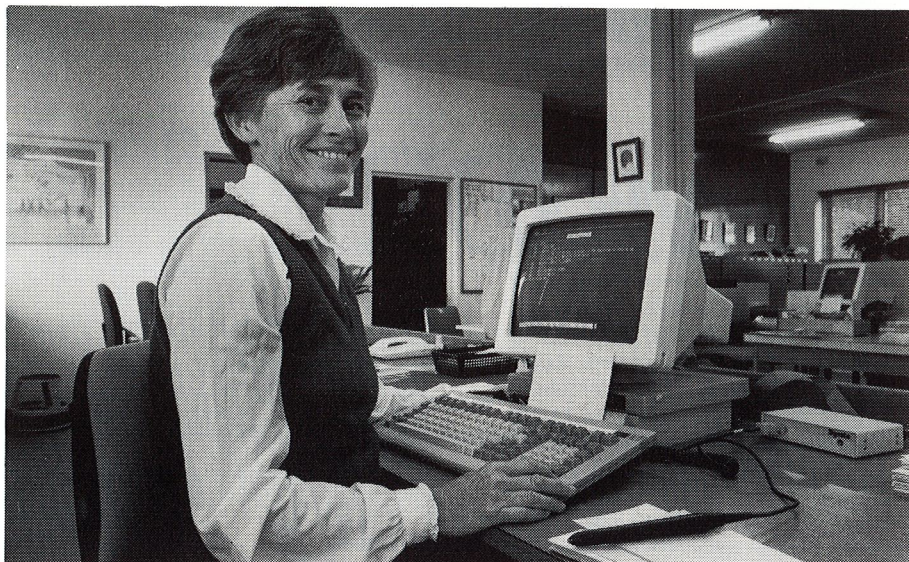
Bathrooms Matter

Why do students need bathrooms? This question was raised in an Oxford College in the 19th century when it was suggested that these amenities be installed. The questioner pointed out that the terms were only 8 weeks long! From the beginning Moore has provided bathrooms, but as past students will remember they are antiquated — rather like the World War 2 blankets the College finally replaced a few years ago. Now there are plans to upgrade the bathrooms also. The single quarters will be more comfortable for students and more attractive for groups wishing to use the College in vacation.



Societas

The 1991 student magazine, *Societas*, was late in coming — but the delay proved to be worthwhile. Problems were caused by a switch to new methods in editorial production. When *Societas* arrived, however, it proved instantly popular and has virtually sold out. Maybe it was this years striking cover photo!



Library Assistant Janice MacCullagh at computer terminal entering info.

The Library Computer

Owning such a large and important library is a privilege — and a problem. After a lot of thought and significant financial help from donations, the College has installed Dynix library software and a Fujitsu computer. There is no doubt that it marks a great step forward and is going to make the library a more helpful place for the user. It will save a great deal of time in accessioning new books and provide a range of information not available under the old card system. But as usual there are teething problems and the truly gigantic task of typing in about 115,000 separate titles. This job is about one third of the way through. Kim Robinson, the librarian, chose former Principal Dr Knox's *Not by Bread Alone* as the first book to go into the catalogue.

Sport & Recreation

We do not always refer to the work of the Sport & Recreation Committee in these bulletins, but they are responsible for a most important part of the College's life. This year the touch-football competition was won by first year, which is an ominous pointer to years to come (if they can keep up their form!). An athletics carnival included for the first time a run around the University. Inter-college sports have also been held, with Moore College triumphing in touch-football, but not succeeding in volley-ball. And this year a debating competition has been instituted in which the best student team challenged the faculty for the so-called Jensen Shield. The third year team won the right to challenge and proceeded to beat the faculty. The social life of the College is also sustained by various concerts and musicales of a more or less serious nature.

Youth Workers

This year has seen the development of the Diploma of Christian Education with the enrolment of 5 youth workers at the College. The students have fitted into first year very well and we are hopeful that a good number of similarly gifted persons will follow their example in years ahead. So far however, school teachers have not taken up the opportunity provided by the Diploma and David Gilmour, who has responsibility for it, is re-assessing its future as an aid to the teaching profession.

Missions

The annual College missions took place in 10 parishes this year. There was a variety of response as may be expected, but students in all missions reported encouragement and the excitement of learning new skills. In some places the response was very heartening and the special evidence of God's blessing was seen in people coming to know and follow Christ through the gospel. The mission teams are led by faculty often with help of other clergy.

Visit of the Archbishop

Archbishop Robinson accepted the invitation of the Principal to lead the chapel services and preach during Holy Week. The Archbishop developed the theme of the death of Jesus mainly from Mark's Gospel. Since many of the faculty had been taught by the Archbishop when he was Vice-Principal of the College it was particularly invigorating for them to hear him expound the New Testament in the chapel once again. The contemporary students were also aware of the value of the occasion and responded warmly.



Overseas students at college

A gift for overseas students

Some years ago the Linda Crawford Trust Fund for overseas students was established with a significant donation. This has assisted the College to minister to students from Africa and Asia who are at present studying in Newtown. In the last few weeks a further gift of \$50,000 has been added to the fund which will enable the College to extend this ministry. The overseas students who come to College are carefully selected on the ground of proven ministry skills and will have very important ministries on their return home. We (and they) are most grateful for this wonderful gift which directly helps the spread of the gospel.

More Students

This year has seen a record number of students at the College — but there is room for more! The present bulge is in 3rd year, and it is likely that the number of 172 students will decline a little in the next couple of years, unless there is an increase in enrolments. Putting the challenge of training for the ministry has mainly been the work of the Mooretalk Committee. This year meetings were regionalised, and the response in terms of number attending has been excellent. In particular the meeting held at St. Ives was very well attended. Please pray that these expressions of interest may translate into people volunteering to be trained for the service of the gospel. Another program which serves the same purpose (although it is not connected with the College) is called Club 5. In August 5 had 350 young people away for a weekend at Stanwell Tops at which Rev. Dick Lucas was the main speaker.

Impact Books & Explorations

Impact Books (21 King Street, Newtown) will be holding a sale during the months of October and November. Impact's ministry of providing a wide range of theological literature is unique in Sydney and the prices on many titles remain very competitive. An Impact book voucher is an excellent gift for your minister or catechist. Available at the moment is the latest edition of *Explorations*, entitled *Spirit of the Living God Part One*, which reproduce the addresses given at the School of Theology in 1990. The 1991 School of Theology was held in September and the College's systematic and historical theologians gave lectures on the same theme. These will be published in 1992.

Faculty Output

Faculty members remain in high demand for houseparties and other speaking engagements. Another important aspect of their ministry, however, is writing and publishing books for the Christian public and their fellow ministers. 1991 seems to be a record year in this respect with no fewer than four books published or due for release. Peter Jensen's Annual Lectures have been published under the title *At the Heart of the Universe* (Lancer). David Peterson is expecting his work on worship to be available soon. Peter O'Brien has produced a second work on Colossians which is aimed at helping the ordinary reader to apply the message. Last but not least, Peter O'Brien's commentary on the Greek Text of Philippians is due to be launched in November. This 600 page commentary is bound to take its place beside his commentary on Colossians as a standard work. All these books (and many others) are available at Impact Books (Phone (02) 557-2225).

Centenaries

Three notable centenaries are celebrated this year. As has been mentioned elsewhere, on 1st August 1891 the College opened its doors in Newtown. But congratulations also go to Deaconess House which began life in Balmain one hundred years ago. And further congratulations to the Australian College of Theology which also dates its foundation to 1891. The three institutions owe so much to each other that any history of one would involve the other two. Moore certainly owes a great debt both to Deaconess House and the A.C.T.



Mark Thompson

People

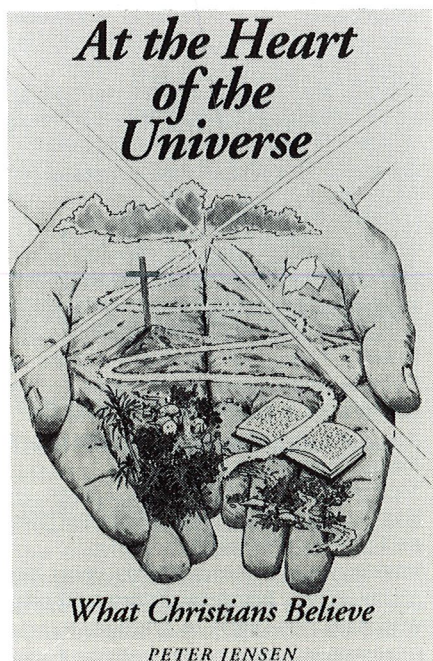
In 1991 *Dr Stuart Barton Babbage*, the Registrar of the Australian College of Theology retires after 18 years of distinguished service. He has been a great friend to Moore College and has offered advice and help on many occasions. His place will be taken by a distinguished graduate of the College, *Rev. John Pryor*, at present lecturer at Ridley College, Melbourne. Two other Ridley recent appointments are connected with Moore: *Rev. Lindsay Wilson* and *Mr Adrian Lane* both joined the Ridley faculty in 1991. *Rev. Maurice Betteridge* is resigning as Principal of Ridley at the end of 1992. *John & Moya Woodhouse* left Moore at the end of first semester 1991 so that John could become Rector of Christ Church St. Ives. Their loss has been heavily felt at the College. It is hoped that John will have time to continue as a visiting lecturer. The newest member of staff is *Mark Thompson*, formerly curate at Pymble and Dapto. Mark came to the College as a bachelor — but he did not allow this state of affairs to last long. He is to marry *Kathryn McIntyre* in December. *Neil Foster* has been tutor at the College in 1991 and leaves for Pakistan with Interserve at the end of this year; his place will be taken by *Andrew Shead* who also has plans to engage in missionary work.



Graduation

External Studies

The reputation of the Colleges external course is spreading! There has been significant interest from South Africa and the United States of America this year, as well as our usual enrolments from New Zealand, Singapore, England and elsewhere. On the local scene the numbers involved in the evening course and in the correspondence course have grown. Students appreciate the solid biblical strength of the courses and the help it gives in equipping them for a deeper study of Gods word. All sorts of people do the courses — in the graduation photo above there is at least one Ph.D. as well as people who have not studied anything at a formal level for decades. Under the leadership of Dr Robert Doyle the department has a policy of upgrading its correspondence notes and the courses should be even better with each year that goes by. For more information, phone the External Studies Department on (02) 519-2188.



Principal in the UK

Peter and Christine Jensen were invited by the Proclamation Trust to visit London in July this year where Peter addressed a meeting of ministers and theological students on the subject of revelation. Among others sharing these occasions was Dr Jim Packer, Rev. Dick Lucas and John Chapman. These talks will be published next year.

Days of Prayer

Twice during 1991 the College has suspended lectures for a day and engaged in corporate prayer. With chapel, chaplaincy meetings and prayer groups there already exists a commitment to calling on God together which is part of the usual life of the College. But faculty and students alike appreciate the opportunity to pause in the midst of a busy program and focus on God through the fellowship of prayer.

Annual Moore College Lectures

Professor I. Howard Marshall, author of numerous books and articles on the New Testament was the distinguished lecturer this year. Professor Marshall spoke on the theme of a Fresh Look at the Book of Acts. He proved to have a clear style, much learning and a keen wit. Faculty and students enjoyed his presence at the College. In an initiative this year, only two of the lectures were given in the evening and the rest were delivered during the day. The day lectures were open to the public and a number of visitors were able to attend. The main idea was to make sure that the students benefited from having a scholar like Professor Marshall in our midst and the new system is a way of fulfilling this goal.

Prayer for the College

The College Prayer & Support group has had a most successful year. It distributes the bi-monthly prayer diary of the College to over 500 people, and at a dinner in September over 70 of these prayer-partners gathered at the College to hear about the College's work and be stimulated to pray. At the same time the Prayer & Support group visits parishes with an audio visual and raises money for student amenities. If you or your Bible study group would like to pray regularly for the College, a phone request to Norma Esler ((02) 519-2644), the College receptionist, will ensure that your name is on the list. The work of a theological College can hardly exist without the faithful prayer support of God's people.

How can I invest?

There are various ways in which you can aid the development of the College at this important point in its history and take part in its vital ministry. Here are some suggestions:

- **A gift for its work.** Gifts made for the building fund or the library are tax-deductible. You could also consider the bursary fund where money will go toward assisting financially disadvantaged students.
- **Parish support.** Does your parish make any specific provision for the College? Diocesan funding only covers part of the needs. Parish support through the missionary budget is still required. (We would be glad to send a deputationist.)
- **Training Guarantee Act.** Does your business spend enough on training to offset the cost of this tax? If not, you can choose to give the shortfall to an educational institution such as Moore College. We have received several donations this year already.
- **Your will.*** Over the years the College has received some most helpful bequests. To make sure its work goes on, you could provide for the College in your Estate.
- **Interest free loans.*** The College will gladly welcome interest free loans as a means of offsetting its interest bill.
- **Property investment.*** A property purchased in Newtown could be used by the College to house students at a low rent.

*The College Bursar, Mr Doug Marr, will be happy to discuss aspects of these proposals with any interested person interested in pursuing them.

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