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THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

The Principal of Moore College, the Rev. Dr. D. B. Knox, has always maintained that the first priority of a theological college is to obtain a well qualified staff.

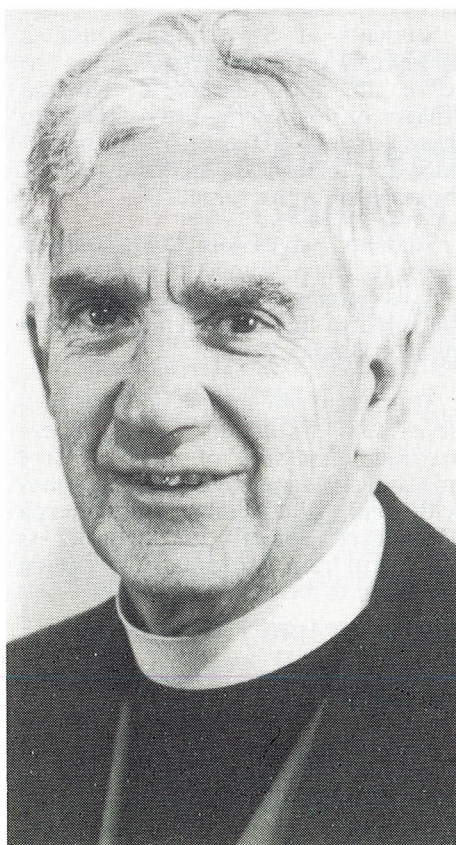
This is shown in a number of ways: in the academic achievements of the students; in the number of former students occupying positions of leadership in the church, and in the field of theological education both in Australia and overseas; in the number of students attracted to the College from within and without the Diocese of Sydney, and from overseas. It is also reflected in a laity, increasingly informed in the understanding of the Scriptures and in the teachings of the Church in the Parishes where graduates of the College minister.

The Principal writes about the staffing of Moore College.

Students come to Moore College because they believe that God is sending them with a ministry of His word to His people. The College's job is to assist them as they prepare for this ministry. The best help is to teach the contents and meaning of God's revelation in Jesus Christ contained in Holy Scripture; that is, to teach the whole counsel of God, as St. Paul puts it.

This calls for teachers who are prayerful and spiritually minded, intellectually competent, and well trained themselves in the knowledge of God's word. The teaching staff is the most important element of a theological college, and the library is their most important instrument in carrying out their work of teaching.

In Australia, it is not easy to assemble a teaching faculty covering the wide spectrum of subjects which go to make up a theological education. The students are eager and intelligent, and this calls for a high calibre of spiritual and personal gifts, as well as intellectual competence and knowledge in the teachers. How to acquire in Australia the knowledge and skills required for theological teaching has always presented a problem. There is no centre for advanced theological study in this country, so that teachers have to go overseas to obtain their qualifications; and this is time consuming and expensive.



The ideal would be for a theological teacher to spend, say, ten years in parochial work after ordination, and then return to theological teaching. But what is expected of a

parish minister in Australia means that a clergyman has little time or encouragement for continuing his theological studies. When ten or so years have elapsed, he is not able to cope with theological teaching at the level that modern curricula and examinations require. The pattern in the past at Moore College has been that a young man, after a short time in parochial ministry, returns as a junior lecturer; and then goes overseas so that he is qualified to take up a more senior appointment either immediately or in a few years time.

I hope that supporters of our College will keep foremost in their prayers for the College the need, always present, of the supply of spiritually minded teachers who possess the needed gifts of personality, intellect, and theological knowledge. We may thank God that the College has been blessed up to the present with good teachers, for the College depends on the spirituality, wisdom and knowledge of its teachers for its effectiveness.

Anglican theological colleges in England aim to have one staff member for every 10 students. By these standards, Moore College is very short of staff since we have 120 students, and only 8 full time teachers. This means that the quality of teaching and pastoral care of the students is less than it might otherwise be. But the College is already at the limit of its financial resources.

Though Moore College is ahead of English theological colleges in its library, it is very far behind American standards. Here too, improvement depends on increased financial support! In particular we need a library building, as at present we have not enough room, either for the books or for the students who want to use the library.

NO POLLUTION BUT THE SAME HARD STUDY

The Rev. Francis Ntiruka, of Tanzania, completed a two-year Th.L. Course at Moore College in 1962. He returned last year to study for a Master of Theology degree. He is the Principal of St. Phillip's Theological College, Kongwa, in the Diocese of Tanzania. He writes about life at St. Phillip's.

How does the life of a theological student in rural Tanzania compare with that of his counterpart in Moore College? In many ways, it doesn't! While Moore College is almost engulfed by the roar and stench of Sydney's traffic, students at St. Phillip's are surrounded by the peaceful sounds of the African bush.

People in the nearby village live in simple houses. Many are made of mud, and others are built with corrugated iron and concrete. The inhabitants depend for their livelihood on crops and cattle.

Transport

If a student at Moore wants to buy something, he walks to the shops at Newtown, just around the corner. His brother at St. Phillip's also walks, but his shops are four miles away.

There is no public transport, and none of the students or staff have cars. We did have some bicycles, but these were so popular that they wore out. Replacements are expensive, so for the time being, we go without. At weekends, the staff and students go to various churches and worshipping places in the surrounding districts to share in worship and to preach. This often involves walking up to six miles along rough bush tracks. At one time, some used to cycle 12 miles to take a service, but without bicycles, this cannot be done.

Housing

Life at the college bears some resemblance to that of Moore College. But if the students of Moore think they have accommodation problems, they may be comforted to know that their living quarters are palatial compared with those of our students.

The single men live in single-roomed rondavels (round huts) with bare cement floors, while the married couples have two rooms each, also with cement floors. The furniture is very simple, just enough to meet the basic necessities of life.

While the single students have meals cooked for them, the married couples cook for themselves in a

communal kitchen. Some people might say that the food is overloaded with starch, but we have to accept what is available locally and what we can afford. The most common meal consists of boiled maize and beans, followed by a cup of tea or a glass of water. Twice a week, we have fruit, generally bananas, and now and again rice replaces maize, and meat is substituted for beans.

Finance

Our students are not required to pay fees for tuition or for their accommodation, neither of which they could afford. These expenses are met by the Diocese, which also gives the students an allowance for clothes and other expenses.

Common Aims

Students at St. Phillip's take a three-year course before going to serve in the country's Ujamaa villages or its growing towns. Though these are very different from a parish in Sydney, the basic spiritual task of the minister is the same.

Students' wives join them for two years to learn domestic science, as well as gaining a good knowledge of the Bible so that they can help in the ministry among women.

This year, we have about 50 students and 18 students' wives. There are nine members of staff — five missionaries from overseas, together with four Tanzanians. The Church Missionary Society in Australia is helping to train Tanzanians by paying for them to be sent to overseas colleges.

The Pastor's Life

After completing his course, the student will become a pastor. He will have the oversight of from 5 to 20 congregations. He will visit regularly all the villages in his area. Equipped with up-to-date literature and cassettes, he will bring the Gospel to his people, and build them up in the Christian faith.

COLLEGE STAFF 1978

Principal: Rev. Canon D. B. Knox, B.A.(Syd.), M.Th.(Lond.), D.Phil.(Oxon.), A.L.C.D.

Vice-Principal: Rev. W. J. Dumbrell, M.A. (Syd.), M.Th. (Lond.), Th.D. (Harvard).

Lecturers:

Rev. P. T. O'Brien, Th.L., B.D. (Lond.), Ph.D. (Manchester).

Rev. D. G. Peterson, M.A. (Syd.), Th.L., B.D. (Lond.), Ph.D. (Manchester).

Rev. W. J. Lawton, B.D. (Lond.), Th.Schol. (A.C.T.).

Rev. P. F. Jensen, B.D. (London), Th.L., (on study leave).

Rev. M. Hill, B.Litt. (UNEU), B.D. (Lond.), Th.L.

Rev. B. Winter, B.A. (Q'land), Dip.-Pub.Ad. (Q'land), M.Th. (Lond.), Th.Schol. (A.C.T.).

Mr. B. Webb, B.A. (Syd.), Dip.Ed., B.D. (Lond.), Th.L., L.Th. (Melb.).

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

There are always at Moore College, a number of overseas students, who are studying to equip themselves for Christian service to their own countrymen. In College this year are:

Gregory Chiang. A graduate in Engineering, he worked as a chemical engineer for Esso in Singapore; he is a candidate for ordination in the Diocese of Singapore.

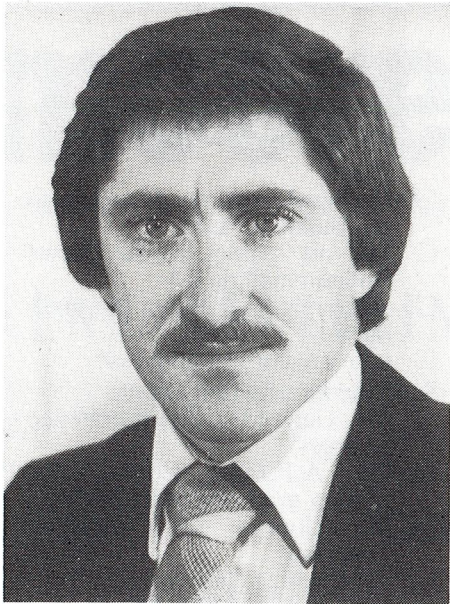
Doan Trung Chanh. He fled from Vietnam to the U.S.A.; and thence to Australia; he studied for 4 years in Bible College in Vietnam; he is working for the Evangelical Church of Vietnam in Sydney, and especially amongst his people in the migrant centre at Villawood.

Kong Kee Chua. He comes from Malaysia and is a graduate in Economics; he is associated with the Chinese Christian Church at Milson's Point, and hopes to return to South East Asia to work among students.

Aureliano Tan. Formerly a university lecturer in Physics in the Philippines, he hopes to return to his country to work amongst students.

Sunnil Kim. He comes from Korea, and is an Assistant Minister with the Korean Presbyterian Church in Australia.

Rev. Francis Ntiruka. Francis has come from Tanzania for a further period of study.



COLLEGE NOTES

College Staff

The Rev. David Peterson, after three years study leave in England, has returned to the College. He was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Manchester in New Testament Studies.

The Rev. John Woodhouse left at the end of last term to study for a Doctorate in Philosophy in Old Testament at the University of Manchester.

Students' Magazine

The Students' magazine, "Societas" has just been printed for 1978, and is available from the students or from the College office.

Evening Lectures

Two years ago, the College staff commenced evening lectures for the laity. This year, over eighty people are attending the lectures, and are receiving the benefit of listening to competent theological teachers.

Correspondence Courses

These courses run by the Department of External Studies continue to be well supported. Over 1400 students are currently enrolled, 200 more than at this time last year.

Miss Jeanette Logan, who has been assisting in the administration, has now been appointed Secretary of the Department.

College Bursar

Mr. Trevor Blundell has been appointed the College Bursar. He has had a wide business experience both in Australia and overseas. While in 'Africa, he worked in an honorary capacity for the Scripture Union. He comes from the Parish of St. Peter's, Burwood East.

Distinguished Visitor

The College was honoured in having a visit from the Primate of Canada, the Most Rev. E. W. Scott, and to have him preach in the Chapel.

Marcia Abel Entrance Scholarships

An examination for these scholarships will be held next February. Further details are available from the Principal's office.

Miss Vi Munnerley

Miss Munnerley resigned as Accountant and Bursar last May to take up an appointment as Bursar of Kambala School, Rose Bay.

Miss Munnerley contributed in a wonderful way, both to the efficiency of the College accounts, and the growth of the External Courses, for which she was responsible. Her Christian character and leadership have been of inestimable value in the happy running of the College administration and the harmony amongst those who worked in the office.

"The Newtown Mews"

More than forty families, both staff and students, live on the College campus with innumerable children. Except for the staff houses, the other houses lack adequate playing areas for children.

A part of the College property known as the "Newtown Mews" is being turned into a playground for the children. The area has been cleared and levelled, and a child-proof fence erected. When funds become available, paths will be laid, the area turfed, and recreation equipment installed. The students themselves have helped in the construction of the playground.

IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE and INCREASE YOUR EFFICIENCY IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Undertake a Course with the Department of External Studies.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. This is a two year course, there being three terms in each year. Subjects to be studied in 1979 are New Testament 1 (Luke's Gospel); Doctrine 1 (the Doctrine of God); and the Epistle to the Romans.

The course commences on 5th March, and enrolments close on 5th February.

EVENING CLASSES. These are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and lectures are given by members of the College Staff and other competent lecturers. Subjects available for study in 1979 include Christian Worship, Christian Education, and the Gospel of St. John.

COURSE FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHERS. The course is supervised by the Rev. I. R. Mears, B.Sc., B.D., M.Ed. Lectures are held on Wednesdays at 4.30 pm. The course is designed to examine the areas where Christianity and education interact.

COURSE FOR GRADUATES AND TERTIARY STUDENTS. The A.F.E.S. Course has been arranged in conjunction with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical students. It is designed to meet the needs of tertiary students who want to tackle systematic study of the Biblical data at a level comparable to their tertiary studies.

FOR ALL INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE COURSES, FILL IN THE FORM ON PAGE 4 OR PHONE THE DEPARTMENT, 519 6460.

WE WANT YOU TO HAVE THE BEST

Moore College wants parishes to have the best trained clergy.
To give you the best, we must have

GOOD MATERIAL — students able to absorb the teaching; of spiritual depth; with a concern for people; and with individual gifts suited for the Ministry. Our parishes are providing this material.

A COMPETENT TEACHING STAFF — this we have, but our financial resources are as yet not sufficient to provide a full complement of staff.

AN ADEQUATE LIBRARY — we have one of the best theological libraries in Australia; but we lack space for all our books, and adequate reading room accommodation.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES — we make do with what we have, but further building extensions and housing for married students are required.

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COLLEGE LECTURER'S CONTRIBUTION TO NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

A book by the Rev. Dr. Peter O'Brien has recently been published as part of a series of New Testament Monographs, *Novum Testamentum Supplements*, titled, "Introductory Thanksgivings in the Letters of Paul". This is a revision of his doctoral dissertation, and seeks to examine the role and content of these thanksgiving prayers in Paul's letters and their place and significance in each epistle.

He has explored the literary and theological background of each prayer; and while noting that each prayer springs directly out of the needs of the various congregations, he notes also that Paul's requests catch up the particular needs within a broader framework of the believer's full maturity in Christ, a life consistent with the gospel, and a fitness and perfection for the last day.

Two Commentaries

Dr. O'Brien has been asked to produce two New Testament Commentaries. One, on Colossians and Philemon based on the Greek text, is to be published in a new evangelical series, *Word Biblical Commentary*, under the editorship of Dr. Ralph Martin.

The other, on the Greek text, is also designed for scholars, ministers and students. It is on Paul's letter to the Philippians and under the editorship of Dr. I. H. Marshall.

Dr. O'Brien has been granted six months study leave to help him undertake these assignments. He leaves next month for England. This leave will enable him to have access to material not available in Australia; to discuss his work with scholars overseas; and to give him a concentrated time for this work.

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to pray for

- ★ *The Staff: the Principal, the Vice-Principal, and all members of the teaching staff; and especially those furthering their studies overseas — Revs. Peter Jensen, John Woodhouse and Peter O'Brien.*
- ★ *The Students: in their studies and especially those facing final exams; and for their work as Catechists; pray especially for the wives and children who are also making sacrifices for the work of the Ministry.*
- ★ *College Government: the Trustees and College Committee; and the Secretary and Treasurer who carry heavy responsibilities.*
- ★ *College Administration: the Bursar, Trevor Blundell, and the office staff; the Matron, Mrs. J. Pitkin, and her staff.*
- ★ *The Department of External Studies: for all students undertaking these courses; and for a willingness for more church people to take up the opportunities these courses offer.*
- ★ *Finance: giving thanks for the response to our appeal so far this year; and praying for a further increase in donations to enable the Committee to undertake an extension programme.*
- ★ *Ordinands: for those who will be ordained this year.*
- ★ *Candidates for the Ministry: for those who are considering God's call to enter College next year.*