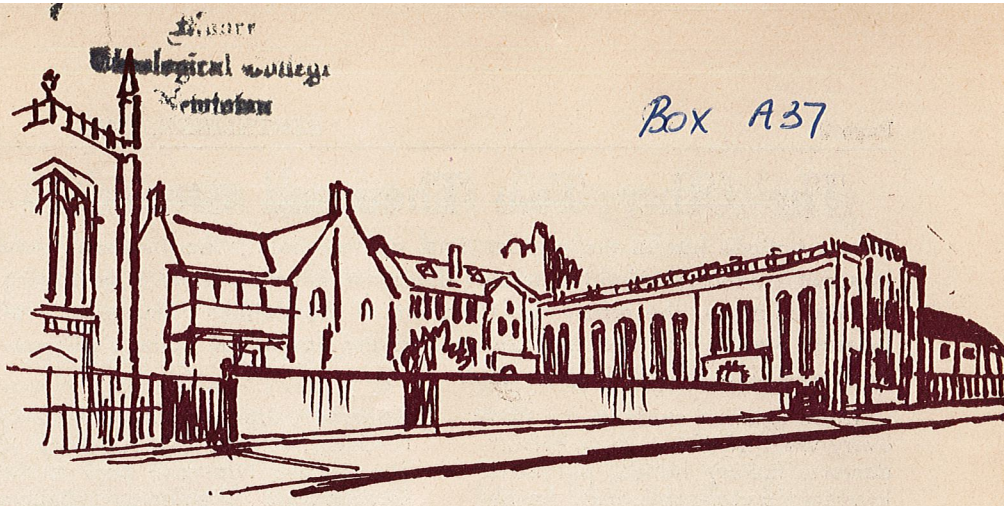


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FROM KIBONDO TO NEWTOWN

For many years, Moore College has provided bursaries for nationals of other countries in order that they might further their studies. The writer of this article, John Musigwa Kilalo, is completing his second year at the College, and will return to Tanzania at the end of 1968.

Christianity is a unique religion in that it is centred on its Founder who claims two natures, namely that of a true God and that of a true Man. To prove this, our Lord styled Himself as the Son of Man, even after He had been openly declared Son of God and Saviour designate. The way He did this was through humility in service and love that entailed suffering and death. It is easier to theorize about the Christian than to really live it.

Our Lord said, "If you would come after me, you must deny self-egotism, take up your cross and follow me". Such was the challenge I took up at the age of 15 saying, "Here I am Lord, use me as You like". This was because I realised I belonged to Him. So I volunteered cheerfully. As the years went by, there was no clearer vision of the need for my special preparation for the Ministry of the Gospel than that in Luke 10:2 and Matthew 9:37-38. It was true, and still is that "the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few". There is necessity for proclaiming the Gospel in Tanzania. But what has Kibondo to do with Newtown? The Lord had already provided a link before I offered.

My own Bishop, the Rt. Rev. A. Stanway is from Australia. In 1963 my headmaster at the Alliance

School at Dodoma, laid the question before the Bishop on one of his friendly visits to the school. The Bishop advised me to wait for the results of the examinations. The Lord acted wonderfully. I was selected to go to St. Andrew's College, Dar-es-Salaam where I studied for two years for the higher School Certificate.

Further plans were made for my theological training, and towards the end of March, 1966, I left Tanzania for Moore College.

It is one question to answer the Lord's call and quite another to stand the test that goes with it. Academically, I should think that the College is very well equipped with learned and humble teachers of truth. In my judgment, the library is very good. My first reaction to my course of study was of resentment because of language study and what appeared to be irrelevant to the Gospel Ministry. Now I have learned to persevere and rejoice in hardship knowing that the fruit of it is the joy of seeing the Gospel truth established. We were once told as an encouragement that we could only refute error with knowledge. I do trust that under God, our corporate work for the Gospel was not in vain.

On the spiritual side, the College has been a real blessing to me. I had never experienced such fel-

lowship with Christian warmth and concern in my life before. This is because the love of Christ reigns in the hearts of lecturers and students together. Personal experience of the redemptive grace of God is our secret here.

If ever the College is praised, it is because individually and corporately we love the Holy Scriptures as the inerrant Word of God and the rule of our lives. For in them the whole counsel and wisdom of God is set out. With the common hope of eternal glory with Christ, we let God's sovereign purpose and will for our lives undertake because He is faithful and powerful.

As regards the future, it is in the Lord's hands. I have no excuse for anxiety about it. All I know is that God has called me to preach the Gospel of His Kingdom — I hope in Tanzania, to my own people. Whether ordained or not, is not my first concern. All I desire to know is Christ and His Word so that by the power of His Holy Spirit, my people in Africa may be found righteous in Him. I long to see my nation established in righteous truth and justice, and to see every one reconciled to God. For I know that "righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people".

So come what may, I am convinced that "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God". I must strain on, looking to Jesus my Saviour and Lord, the "Pioneer and Perfector of our faith".

The Other Two Thousand Students

Moore College has at the present time, approximately two thousand, one hundred students. About ninety of these are full-time students preparing for the ministry; the others are members of the College's Department of External Studies and are engaged in studying one of the College's Correspondence Courses in their spare time.

These external students are from every walk of life — truck drivers, doctors, factory hands, plumbers, lawyers, under-graduates, housewives. There are some in almost every Australian Diocese, and many live overseas in New Zealand, Malaysia, India, Africa, the United States and elsewhere. They are studying theology part-time to equip themselves for Christian service.

More than a quarter of a century ago (1941) Archdeacon T. C. Hammond, Principal of Moore College, recognised the need to provide an opportunity for lay people to learn the basic truths of the Christian faith, and commenced evening classes which were open to all. Later, under the Rev. Harry Bates, the weekly class at the College was changed to small groups in the Parishes often led by the Rector. This opened the way for a great increase in the enrolments, and in 1964, the Department of External Studies was formed to administer and expand the courses, and the Rev. B. Ward Powers, B.A., B.D., B.Comm. was appointed full-time Secretary for External Studies.

The Department provides a general six year course, and a specialized course for University graduates and under-graduates. The first course is divided into three two-year parts, and students may proceed as far with the course as they wish. The first part, known as the **Preliminary Theological Course** (P.T.C.) consists of six subjects — New Testament I, Old Testament I,

Doctrine I, Prayer Book or Worship I, Church History and Doctrine II. The second two-year part is the **Intermediate Theological Course** (I.T.C.). This course continues the study of New Testament, Old Testament, Doctrine and Church History begun in P.T.C. and includes a number of subjects from which two are chosen. The third part is the **Advanced Theological Course** (A.T.C.), which continues the studies of the I.T.C., and allows a choice of two other subjects.

Some students work on their own; others form a group in the Parish often led by the Rector. One subject is usually studied each term, and sets of printed notes are issued to each student. These notes are clearly set out, and also list passages of Scripture and chapters from text books to be read in conjunction with the course. Examinations are optional, and a very modest charge is made for the course to enable the Department to be self-supporting.

Many lay people have valued the opportunity provided by the Department to become more informed Christians, and have found the time devoted to the course well worth while, and most profitable.

The Department has its own office in the College property at 13-15 King St., Newtown, where its staff supervises the progress of the students. Enquiries about the courses should be made to: The Secretary for External Studies, 15 King St., Newtown, N.S.W. 2042, or telephone 51-6460.

For your Prayers

Sunday

The Trustees and College Committee; the Candidates' Selection Committee.

Monday

The Lecturing Staff: the Principal, the Vice-Principal; the Revs. D. Ford, B. L. Smith, N. S. Pollard, G. L. Goldsworthy and P. W. Barnett. **The Visiting Lecturers:** Revs. Canon A. A. Langdon, K. N. Shelley, G. H. Feltham, E. D. Cameron, E. G. Mortley, J. McIntosh.

Tuesday

The Domestic Staff; Matron Banks; the Rev. P. Barnett, Mrs. White and students at But-Ha-Gra.

Wednesday

The Senior Student. The daily sermons in the Chapel. The students in their parish work. The families of married students.

Thursday

The students' activities in open air meetings, visits to other Colleges, College Missions and Conventions. The Department of External Studies, and the Secretary, the Rev. B. Ward Powers.

Friday

The various Dioceses and mission fields to which men are going. Graduates and Staff studying overseas.

Saturday

The needs of the College. That God will raise up men to be trained for the Ministry; that the financial needs of the College may be met; that there might be provision for urgently needed expansion (accommodation for lecturers, students' quarters, married men's quarters).

A Prayer for the College

"Almighty God, the giver of all good things, without whose help all labour is in vain, and without whose grace all wisdom is but folly; grant that thy holy Spirit may so direct our thoughts, words and works that we may always obey thy holy will. Bless, we beseech thee, all who teach and all who learn at Moore College, that from it there may ever go forth men duly qualified to serve in thy sacred ministry, to the benefit of thy holy church, and the glory of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

If you are not on the mailing list for the College News Bulletin, and would like to receive it, please fill in the form below and return it to:

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A Report from . . .

the Rev. W. L. Walsh, who organised the Building Extension Fund Appeal in 1966.

It is my privilege to bring to your notice the progress that the Moore College Appeal has made during the last twelve months.

There is no doubt that the Lord has supplied the needs of the College at the moment, and that people have been giving willingly and sacrificially. The number of people who have given and the number praying offer encouragement in this work, but I wonder if, in the busyness of our working days, we stop to realise the importance of having well trained men to become Ministers of the Word and Sacraments. In this day and age when efficiency and learning seem to be the keynote, it would appear that in some respects, we are lagging in our facilities compared with some overseas theological colleges. Even though this may be, it is of encouragement to know that the calibre of the men trained at Moore College is very high and commands world wide recognition.

In the work of the Church today, our prayers should be directed to this aspect of the work that men may be raised up to be trained as Ministers, and that the necessary finance may be provided. The work of training men for the Ministry is a work of the less glamorous type, and is therefore sometimes overlooked.

The debt on the new buildings is \$126,000, and repayments on the loan are met from the gifts of our friends.

The Archbishop has approved of Sunday, 24th September being observed as a day on which the Diocese may remember the work of the Ministry and of Moore College in particular. We trust that this may be a united day of prayer, and that many may be led to support the College.

An invitation is extended to individuals or groups to visit the College.

We look forward to your continued prayerful support.

A Layman Looks At Clergy Training

The writer of this article, Mr. Peter Nicholson, B.E., B.Sc., is the Managing Director of Standard Waygood Ltd., and the Honorary Secretary of Moore College.

How many lay people give any thought to the type of training being given to the man who could be the Rector of their Parish? What should such training involve?

It seems reasonable to accept as an educational standard matriculation, to a recognised University. Some might consider that a University degree is essential, and although this is desirable, the need for men and the financial help available to assist with the cost of training would make this impossible for many.

For most professions, the standard of education is continually rising — reflecting a higher general level of education in the community. This means that the clergyman of the future must himself be better educated if he is to minister to a better educated congregation.

It is pleasing, therefore, to note that at Moore College, men are able to study for their London B.D. whilst pursuing their Th.L. Course.

One outcome of this situation is the need for more time for the theological course — the Moore College course is now of four years' duration, whereas some years ago, three or even two years was regarded as sufficient. This brings with it the need for more staff and for an increase in financial assistance, as the funds provided by a previous generation for bursaries and scholarships have to be spread over a larger number of students in training at any one time.

We need to ask ourselves the question, 'To what end is all this training given?' Surely the answer must be, "So that the clergyman is able and equipped to expound and interpret the Word of God to his own generation." All other issues, important as they may be in themselves, must be relegated to the role of aids to this end. A Theological College should make no apology for the emphasis given to Bible study and exposition. The finest ability to preach a most eloquent sermon — even one dealing with contemporary problems — will be ineffective in turning the hearts of men and women to our

Lord Jesus Christ unless such preaching is based on God's Word itself.

While this is fundamental, the parish clergyman must be more than a Bible student. The ability to teach, to counsel, to organise all come within the qualifications he needs. Specialised courses have to be provided — such as hospital visitation, day school teaching, courses in psychology, and Church law.

This academic emphasis leads up to the other side of training, that of practical, "on the job" training. Just as the medical student spends time in a teaching hospital, or the engineering student in industry, so it is important for the theological student to receive this training, first as a Catechist, and then as a Curate.

Training should be a continuing process and parishes and the Diocese itself should see that clergy have the opportunity to attend refresher courses. Another method of ensuring proper "in-service" training would be by arranging for a variety in responsibilities and experience. Some changes may be required in the parish-diocese relationship to ensure the clergy benefited in this way.

In down-to-earth terms, training is given so that the student may be equipped to lead a Parish — yours and mine. It makes good common sense to concern ourselves with the quality of this training both by our interest in and prayer for the College, and by supporting the Catechist or Curate with our prayers and fellowship.

Finally, training is no substitute for a personal call to the work of the Ministry and a God-given concern for the souls of men. May all who graduate from a theological college be able to say with St. Paul: "Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ. For this I toil, striving with all the energy which He mightily inspires within me."

News Briefs . . .

The Rev. M. M. Thomas of the Mar Thoma Church in India, who was a student at Moore College in 1958, has recently been appointed a missionary to the Andamans and Nicobar Islands. Old friends may care to write to him at Port Blair, Andamans, India.

Another Indian old student of the College, T. S. Joseph, was recently consecrated Bishop in the Diocese of Madhya in the State of Kerala. Bishop Joseph spent a year in Moore College in 1953 under the overseas bursary scheme.

Among those who have visited the College this year, and have addressed the students were: the Rt. Rev. Hassan Dequani-Tafti of Iran; the Rt. Rev. A. Stanway, of Tanzania; and the Rt. Rev. I. R. H. Gnanadason of the Church of South India, who was the visiting Moorehouse Lecturer for 1967.

Two staff seminars, to which members of the staff of Sydney University as well as senior College students were invited, were held in second term. The first was led by Dr. E. Fackerell of the Monash University on the philosophical assumptions of the theory of biological evolution. The second was led by Professor R. Boyd, Professor of Physics in the University of London and Professor of Astronomy and Head of the Mullard Space Laboratory, London, on the relation of modern physics and Christian theology.

In July, four students from St. John's Anglican College, Morpeth, paid a visit to Moore College for two days. They attended lectures and chapel, and joined in the activities of the College. A return visit to Morpeth is to be paid by Moore College students.

The College Committee received with regret, the resignation of Canon S. G. Stewart as Treasurer. Canon Stewart has been the College Treasurer, since 1951, and his wise and sound judgment in financial matters has been a very large factor in the progress of the College. Canon Stewart will remain a member of the Committee.

The Committee is most grateful to Mr. Arthur Hann, who has accepted the position of Treasurer. Mr. Hann has rendered outstanding service to his own Parish of St. Philip's, Eastwood, and to the Diocese, and until his retirement recently, was the Chief Inspector of the Public Service Board of N.S.W.

On Saints' Days, the College has been using the Modern Liturgy in the Communion Service, and some of the other revisions more frequently.

Moore College students are drawn from a wide variety of occupations and professions. A recent survey of the 92 students reveals that: 19 have University Degrees (Arts 7, Science 6, Engineering 3, Economics or Commerce 3); 2 have Diplomas in Architecture and 1 in Agriculture; 7 hold Teachers' College Certificates; 3 have Accountancy letters; 6 have Technical College Diplomas; 5 have Technical College Trades Certificates; and 4 others have recognised qualifications.

The Chaplain of "Shore" School, the Rev. L. M. Abbott, brought a party of boys from the school to visit the College. They were able to meet staff members, look over the College, attend Chapel, and have dinner with the students.

The Dean of Students, the Rev. Dudley Foord, arranged an evening for university students, and sixty accepted the invitation. The guests heard three papers read by staff members, and considered the challenge of the Ministry in a forum which followed Chapel and dinner.

Pastor Phan Xuan Tin who was at Moore College in 1964 has completed his Th.L. since returning to Vietnam, and is now studying for his Th.Schol.

In August, the College Convention was held, with its morning and evening meetings. This has always been a high point in the College year, and one which provides a significant contact between the College and the many visitors from Sydney who come to the meetings.

The service of Morning Prayer from the College Chapel was broadcast over the ABC on Whitsunday. The Senior Lecturer, the Rev. B. L. Smith, was the preacher.

The Autumn School of Theology was held at the College at the end of May. Fifty clergy resided in the College and met daily to hear and discuss papers on the subject of "Christian Holiness in a Secular World".

The football season has seen the College men in action four times in Rugby Union. Two defeats were suffered at the hands of St. Paul's College, but victories were recorded over the Baptist College, and the Sydney Evangelical Union.

The Honorary Organising Secretary of Moore College is the Rev. R. H. Palmer, of St. David's, Forestville, telephone 42-8242.

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The Rev. W. Dumbrell, on leave of absence from the staff of Moore College, is studying at Harvard University in the U.S.A., and is also in charge of St. James' Church, South Groveland.

The Dean of Students, the Rev. D. T. Foord, apart from his ministry as chaplain to the Anglican students of the University of Sydney, conducted two Missions in second term, one at Monash University in Melbourne and the other at the University of New England. Both these Missions were organised by the Evangelical Unions of the Universities.

We have had to say farewell to the following students during the year: Robert Duffield, who was ordained in Adelaide in June; the Rev. A. Nicholls and the Rev. G. Jeffreys who have returned to their parishes of Drummoyne and East Roseville respectively; Tony Richardson who has gone back to the U.K. via Canada before returning to Australia for ordination later on; and John Small who has gone to Canberra where he will be ordained.