

Moore College.

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Rev. and dear Sir.

I have noticed in the "Guardian" of April 12th, a letter <sup>s</sup>uggesting that in the place of the many Theological College hoods, one hood should be adopted for those men who have passed the English Theological Preliminary; also that some distinguishing letters such as C.P. should be put after their names. I think the idea an excellent one, and would be glad to know if there is any likelihood of the Council adopting it.

I think I was the first to present men for the Theological Preliminary Examination in Australia. That was in 1896. Since then I have stood by the examination, though it has a somewhat formidable rival out here in the Th. L. examination of the Australian College of Theology. This College of Theology, which is an examining body only, was constituted by the General Synod in 1891. It grants diplomas with the right to wear a hood. I am sending you the "Manual", so that you may see the style of the examination.

I stand by the English Preliminary because the recognition of its standard is as wide as the Anglican Church. It simplifies matters if men ordained out here go to England or to other parts of the world, if they have passed that examination; they hold a certificate the value of which is recognised by every Anglican bishop.

Now, I am told by men who have been recently to England, that the "Preliminary" is not holding its ground there as the standard for ordination, and that some of the bishops are not satisfied with it.

I should like to know if there is any foundation for this statement. I have seen nothing to bear it out in the English Church papers.

Moore College is now the largest Church of England theological college in Australia. We have this year 30 students, 11 of whom will, I hope, sit for the "Preliminary" in October next. And there is naturally some little feeling because we do not fall in with the General Synod scheme. My position would be strengthened, if I could show that the "Preliminary" was gaining ground, or at least holding its ground, as a generally accepted test for ordination in the Anglican communion.

Apologising for trespassing on your time,

I remain

Yours faithfully

The Rev. Dr. King.

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