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The Ministry of the Library

To many people, the image of a Library is of a dark, dusty, dull and dreary place — certainly not “where the action’s at”! Moore College Library, however, fits the traditional image less and less. It is not only bright and cheerful in appearance but it is often bustling with activity. Here, in a very real sense, is the hub of College life — a place where communal study and learning go on almost every day, and most evenings as well.

The Library has an even more important ministry than providing the material for a mere “academic” type of learning. It is here that the follower of Jesus Christ, be he student, lecturer or church member, can meet and benefit from the great Christian minds of this age and of past ages. It is here that the standards and ideals of our society, which we have often absorbed unconsciously, can be challenged by and measured against the insights of the Word of God. The Library is one means by which the life-giving, life-changing Word is ministered in all its far-reaching intellectual, psychological and social implications to the minds and hearts of men and women.

Growth of the Library

Over the past few years, the Library has grown, both in the actual books and facilities, and in the use being made of it. New and second-hand books have been added each year, and the collection now totals some 60,000 volumes, representing an increase of 20,000 in the past five years. There are now also more than 120 periodicals and journals being received by the Library.

Notable recent additions to the Library have included the 13 volume *Oxford English Dictionary* (given by the parishioners of All Soul’s, Leichhardt in memory of the later Walter Tingle; 66 volumes of the important Old Testament

series, *Beihefte zur Zeitschrift fur die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft*; the 34 volumes of the *Fast Sermons to Parliament 1650-1653* in the English Revolution series; and 160 volumes of early Christian writings in the *Sources Chretiennes* edition.



Study space in the Reading Room has been increased by the addition of two more desks, but the facilities are often stretched to their limit. The Library is often being used by an increasing number of Sydney University students, as well as by members of the College and of Deaconess House. Indeed such is the expected growth of the Library, that serious thought will soon have to be given to provide adequate permanent accommodation to replace the present area, which, though excellent, was only ever envisaged as a temporary home for the Library, and is very limited in space.

The effectiveness of the ministry offered by the College Library depends on the support of all members, graduates and friends of the College. It is hoped that the splendid encouragement and help which has been given so generously over recent years will continue and increase in the years ahead.

The Lending Library

This library has been growing steadily over the last few years and is now fully

catalogued. Books are available for borrowing by the public and there is a borrower’s fee. Enquiries about borrowing procedures should be directed to the Bursar’s Office. 519-6460.

Publication of Catalogue

A landmark in the progress of the Library was reached last July with the publication of the first volume of the *Catalogue of the Bishop Broughton Memorial Library*. This book lists the 552 volumes held in the Library which were printed before 1700, and therefore gives a detailed picture of the most interesting and valuable part of the College’s Rare Book Collection. An introduction to the Catalogue sets out a brief historical survey of the Library. There is also a list of donors who contributed books, including Cardinal Newman who, whilst still an Anglican, gave three volumes to the collection made by Bishop Broughton in 1839 for the Diocesan Library, which now forms part of the College Library.

The Catalogue also gives an account of what may well be termed “Australia’s oldest Library”, that is, the collection of 70 volumes dated 1809, which were given by the “Associates of Dr. Bray” to the “Lending Library of Port Jackson” and which are now housed in the Bishop Broughton Library.

The Catalogue is available from the College at \$2.50 per copy (\$2.90 posted).

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The Library is open to the public
9.00 a.m. — 5.00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Books from the Lending Library may be borrowed by the public.

Gifts of books are greatly appreciated.
For further information, ring the College Librarian, Rev. Neil MacIntosh, 51-5916.

COLLEGE NEWS

RETURN VISIT TO ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE

A return visit was made recently to St. Patrick's, Manly, the theological college for Roman Catholic priests, by twelve students from Moore College and six from Deaconess House. They attended and participated in the chapel service of evening prayer. The evening activities took on an informal note of free discussion among the students and concluded with supper. The evening was very worthwhile.

Visits between the two colleges have been made for several years.

CANDIDATES COMMITTEE

The Committee will interview intending students for 1974 on the week-ends of 9th-10th November and 8th-9th February at "Gilbulla", the Diocesan Conference Centre at Menangle.

Any considering entering college next year should contact the Principal as soon as possible.

COLLEGE TREASURER

At the beginning of the year, Mr. Arthur Hann resigned as Treasurer because of an extended trip overseas. The committee is most grateful to Mr. Hann for his expert advice and for the time he gave to the College in a difficult period.

The College is fortunate in having as its new Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Neville Malone, a Lay Reader of Christ Church, St. Ives. Mr. Malone is the Treasurer of a very large Australian Company, and brings to the College a wide business experience.

VISIT TO THE NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

A group of six students, three from Moore College and three from Deaconess House, recently paid a weekend visit to the University of New England at Armidale. They were the guests of last year's Senior Student, Dr. Tony Doran, who is the Anglican Chaplain.

The purpose of the visit was to publicise and stimulate interest in the work of Moore College and Deaconess House. Members of the group engaged in discussions and participated in the Sunday services in the chapel.

MARCIA ABEL SCHOLARSHIPS

An examination for the 1974 Marcia Abel Entrance Scholarships will be held at the College on Saturday, 16th February. Further information may be obtained from the Principal.

MEN FOR THE MINISTRY

In June, 130 young men attended the College for a "Men for the Ministry Night". The Rev. Tony Lamb of Caringbah and the Rev. W. Lawton of Gladesville, spoke about the Ministry, the role of the Minister as Teacher, and his qualifications and opportunities.

BACK TO SINGAPORE

After two and a half years as a student at the College, John Ting returned to Singapore in July. He will undertake research at the Discipleship Training Centre, and will also be a member of the teaching staff.

DOCTORATES FOR LECTURERS

Rev. Graeme Goldsworthy, a visiting lecturer, was awarded a Doctorate in Theology by the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia. The title of his thesis was, "The Old Testament Wisdom Literature."

Mr. W.E. Andersen, Lecturer in Psychology, was awarded a Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of London.

GENERAL FUND SPECIAL APPEAL

As a result of the generous response for the Special Appeal in May, the deficit in the General Fund for 1973 will be reduced by \$6,000. The College Committee is most grateful to all who gave to this Appeal.

FROM OLD STUDENTS

Rev. Kevin Giles writes:

"We came to England through the help of the Joan Augusta Mackenzie Travelling Scholarship which I was awarded while a Curate at St. Michael's Pro-Cathedral, Wollongong in 1972.

"I am a student at Durham University which has a theological faculty, specialising in Biblical Studies. I am undertaking research into the origins and formation of the Church. My supervisor is Professor C.K. Barrett who has been most helpful.

"I have a part time curacy in a go ahead evangelical parish, six miles from Durham. I am responsible for a family service which is held in the local 'pub'. From a small beginning when we arrived it has slowly grown and consolidated".

From the Diocese of Western Tanganyika, the Rev. John Kilalo writes:

"I moved from Tabora on June 20 to take up a new post at our Diocesan Centre at Kasalu where we have our only Bible School. Miss Beryl Long from St. Thomas'

Kingsgrove is currently Principal at this School. In the near future, I might be taking over from her, according to the original plans of the Diocesan Council. This is planned for 1974.

"Meanwhile, I am helping Miss Dulcie McLeish, our Administrative Secretary in the office. She is going on leave soon and I shall act in her absence for about two months duration.

"My new work falls outside my career and experience. However, 'experience is the best teacher'. Experts are too expensive here. Please pray for us."

From Washington

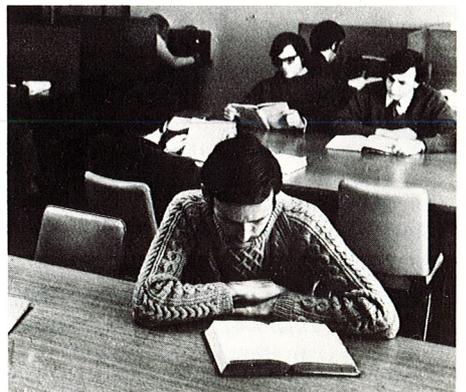
The Rev. Robert McNaul graduated from the University of Denver in 1965 and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, California. Hearing of Moore College, he came to Australia for two years post-graduate study.

He is now the Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Pasco, Washington. He writes:

"Pasco is a city of 14,500 in the semi-arid Columbia Basin of Eastern Washington; there is extensive irrigation from the Columbia River, and agriculture dominates the economic picture. I am currently doing all the usual tasks of a Rector plus additional responsibilities for summer camping.

Pasco is part of the "Tri-Cities", three towns located in proximity to the confluence of the Columbia and Snake Rivers. One of my most exciting projects is working with the other two Episcopal Churches in our area on joint worship and evangelistic activities. Another project is the creation of a group home for incorrigible children.

"We would love to hear from any of our old friends in Australia. Our address is: 1604 West Marie St., Pasco, Washington, 99301, U.S.A.



The Library Reading Room.

Moore? Ridley? St. Andrews?

Charles Sherlock, son of Canon and Mrs. C.H. Sherlock of Hunter's Hill, graduated with Honours in Statistics from the University of Sydney, and gained his M.A. from the Australian National University, Canberra. He entered Ridley College, Melbourne, where he gained his Th.L. and B.D. (London) with Honours, and then served on the staff. This year, he has been on the Lecturing Staff of Moore College. He leaves on 24th September with his wife and family to serve with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Taiwan.

The question we've been asked most over the past year is, "Which is better, Ridley or Moore?"; but we do not intend to answer it here. Rather we wish to raise some further and far more important questions about theological education. These stem from our experience of both Moore and Ridley, and past contact with St. Andrew's Hall, the Church Missionary Society's training college next door to Ridley has provided added stimulus.

What Geographical location?

Firstly, what should be the geographical location of theological education? Traditionally, it is reasonably isolated both from the community and local churches in colleges often close to universities. Ridley has a ministry in North Parkville as a parish church. In Asia, 'extension' training is growing: students live at home, with their teachers moving between them. This latter has the obvious advantage of keeping contact where one will minister, but may well sacrifice the communal experience made possible by a college. It also makes concentrated theological learning more difficult, and discussion is limited.

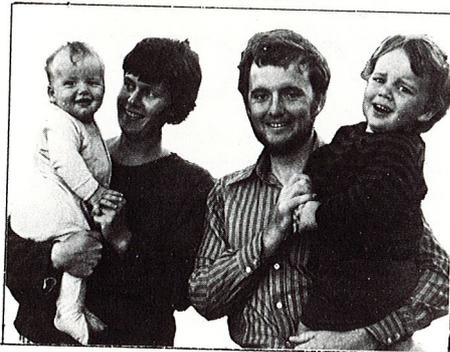
Obviously this problem cannot be answered from scratch, since we must live in a situation in which we find ourselves, but the question must be borne in mind continually. This is especially so with the increasing number of married students, who cannot share entirely in the communal life.

Closed or open?

Secondly, what should be the academic context of theological education? Moore has almost all theological students, while Ridley has a majority of university students, both male and female. This implies very different atmospheres; more intense theological training academically at Moore, but a wider academic background at Ridley, including a fair-sized non-Christian element. Both colleges are close to universities, but theological students at both see little of these directly. Which is the better situation — a broader base in other disciplines, or a deeper one in theology itself?

Personal growth or acquired skills?

Thirdly, what should be the relation between personal development and the gaining of skills? Both Ridley and Moore major on the skills while seeking to minister to each person's needs. St. Andrew's seems to us to be more concerned for personal development needed by Christian workers. Within the colleges, this implies constant thinking about the role of the Chapel; how far is it for worship, practical training, spiritual instruction, or all three? The sympathetic care of the spiritual needs of non-evangelical students, and witness to non-Christians, are two other related issues.



What missionary context?

Fourthly, what should be the missionary context of theological education? Ridley is itself a mission field; St. Andrew's is specifically training Christians for mission, while Moore concentrates on pastor-teachers. Should more study time be given to the world in which we minister, and to the methods and theology of mission? What of other philosophies and religions? What is the place of college missions? After all, most theological education is teaching what *not* to say!

And in conclusion . . .

These questions all raise the most obvious tension — that of practical versus academic training. Most church-goers consider all theological education too head-orientated, but it is difficult to have a consistent practical ministry without a thorough understanding of the issues. This problem cannot receive attention here; basically the problem is whether the main emphasis should be on academic theolog-

ical education or on practical vocational training.

Finally, what pattern of Christian ministry does our theological education as done at present, *actually* imply? For example, are we advocating clericalism by isolating students for 3-4 years? Colleges *want* to prepare students realistically, but how do the geographical, academic, personal, vocational and missionary contexts of each college affect the nature of the ministry of their products? This poses the question of varying theological positions in colleges. Should there be a variety allowed (or even encouraged) at the staff and policy level, as advocated by the Primate? Should there be a variety of students within one basic college position, as at Ridley? Should there be a unity of both staff and students as at Moore and St. Andrew's? And what of ecumenical trends?

We do not propose to answer these questions. Some are already answered inevitably by our given situation. All are inter-related and pose further questions. But in practice, they *are* being answered continually whether we realize it or not. Therefore these questions need to be kept in mind continually to ensure that we are able to meet the needs of God's church in the world as it is, to-day and to-morrow.

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The Sherlock's address is: P.O. Box 329, Taichung, Taiwan 4000. Republic of China.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

The initial course is for two years, and consists of three terms of ten weeks each year.

SUBJECTS FOR 1974:

- Term 1. The Life of Christ.
- Term 2. Basic Christian Doctrines.
- Term 3. Church History.

For further information fill in the form on page 4 or phone Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Department of External Studies, 519-6460 (9am-5pm).

ANNUAL EMBERTIDE APPEAL
for the Building Extension Fund

\$7,000 is required to meet the balance of our loan repayments for 1973 on the staff houses, dining room and library.

In addition we require \$4,000 towards the cost of another house for married students.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE AND FORWARD IT TO THE COLLEGE

Donations are allowable deductions for taxation purposes.

MICHAEL YOUSSEF COMES TO MOORE

I was brought up in a Christian home in a city called Assiut, which is about two hundred miles south of Cairo, Egypt. When I grew up, I was told that my birth was a miracle, since my mother had already been told by physicians she would not survive the birth of another child. My mother therefore encouraged me to enter into the ministry whenever I heard the call of the Lord.

After finishing my secondary school education, I went to study Electrical Engineering at Cairo University. While there, I felt that the Lord was calling me. His voice became even more clear each time I went to the Throne of Grace. Some years later, I left Egypt for Lebanon with the intention of continuing on to the United States. While I was there, I met an American missionary whom I had known in Egypt. Dr. Kenneth Bailey, a Presbyterian theologian, who is now lecturing at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon, advised me to consider Moore College, assuring me that it was "the most evangelical college in the world". I put the matter to the Lord, and everything worked out in a marvellous way. A few days later, I met Mr. Aubrey Whitehouse, an Australian missionary who was the Principal of the Lebanon Bible Institute. It was he who took the initiative to write to Bishop Robinson in Sydney.

The population of Egypt is now about thirty-three millions. Seven million of this number could be said to be Christian, the remainder being mainly Moslem. Whenever there is mention of Christians in Egypt, most people associate them with the Coptic Orthodox Church. It is interesting to note, however, that approximately three-quarters of a million are members of various evangelical denominations. It would be fair to say that even the Coptic Orthodox Church tends to be more evangelical than most other Orthodox Churches, probably as a direct result of the work of the English Church Missionary Society at the turn of the Century.

About three years ago, a group of Evangelical Christians started a meeting in one of their homes. The numbers steadily increased and they were obliged to move to larger premises in the city. There are now about fifty-five members from about a hundred families in the Middle East Evangelical Church in Sydney. Regular meetings are held at St. Andrew's Church of England, Summer Hill. The members appreciate the friendship and fellowship they find with Anglicans. They have a part-time pastor and are constantly in need of support, both moral and prayer, from their brothers and sisters in Christ.

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- find enclosed my donation to the Building Fund
- add my name to the News Bulletin Mailing list
- delete my name from the mailing list
- note my correct address
- send me information about the Correspondence Courses.

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PARISH

The Committee of Moore College
invites you
TO SHARE IN AN EVENING OF
PRAYER FOR THE COLLEGE
THURSDAY, 4th OCTOBER

Two sessions:

7.15 p.m. — 8.15 p.m.;
8.15 p.m. — 9.15 p.m.
in the Chapel.

POINTS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- ★ *the Principal & the Staff*
- ★ *the Trustees and College Committee*
- ★ *the students in the studies and parish work*
- ★ *the Final Year students that they may know God's will for next year*
- ★ *those considering the work of the Ministry, especially in 1974*
- ★ *the Candidates Committee as they meet the prospective students in November and February*
- ★ *the Department of External Studies and those taking Correspondence Courses*
- ★ *for former students serving in other countries and Dioceses*
- ★ *give thanks for the response to the May Appeal, and for the increase of interest in the work of the College.*