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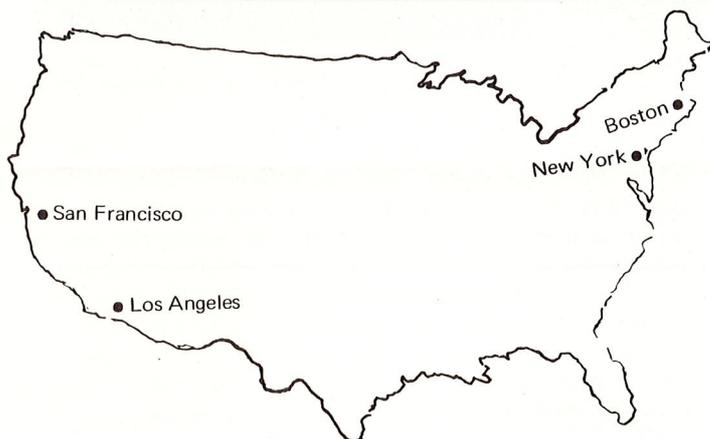
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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By the
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Principal of Moore College

A very interesting part of my recent tour overseas was my visit to North America to examine theological education there. I was able to take advantage of the cheap excursion fare which gave me three weeks in America before flying back to London, and during this time, I visited about 20 theological colleges, and stayed at several of them.

In Boston I met the Rev. Charles Barton, a former Senior Student of Moore College, who is doing a Chaplain's Supervisory Course at Boston State Hospital, and I stayed with the Rev. W. J. Dumbrell and his family in a small village near Boston. Mr. Dumbrell, who is on leave from our College Staff, is engaged in Old Testament studies at Harvard University. In Philadelphia, I stayed with Dr. Stuart Babbage and was present at the inauguration of the Faculty of Conwell Theological Seminary of which he is the President.

Equipment and Staff

American Colleges are well equipped with the tools for teaching; their libraries have flourished wonderfully in recent years, but I was most interested in the fact that almost every college I visited was equipped with a closed circuit television camera for video tape, and a play back room. In this way a student could see himself on a screen so that he and other members of the group could have the benefit of criticism and advice from their supervisor in regard to sermon presentation, radio broadcasting, public speaking and the conduct of

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services. I was assured, and I had no doubt, that this modern electronic equipment enables a student to make rapid progress in this area. The capital cost for its installation is, however, considerable.

The Anglican colleges in North America which I visited have a staff/student ratio of one staff member to every eight students. This enables not only careful supervision of academic studies but also supervision of practical work in the parishes which is very time absorbing from the supervisor's point of view. However, American colleges regard supervision of practical work as of the utmost importance to prevent what they describe as 'negative learning', or what we would call 'the formation of bad habits'. This supervision of practical work is an area of instruction in which we fall well behind in Australia, primarily because we do not have the staff available to undertake it. It is, however, a very important element in the training of a candidate for the parochial ministry.

Areas of College Instruction

It may be said that there are four areas for growth of knowledge during a College course. Firstly, growth in knowledge of divine revelation with a co-relative growth in Christian experience; secondly, growth in understanding the world of humanity; thirdly, growth in sensitivity to one's own personal environment and situation; and fourthly, growth in practical skills and techniques.

The first of these four divisions is by far the most important for a college to concentrate on, for it is the staple of the ministry and if the opportunity that the time of a college course provides is not taken advantage of, it may never recur.

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● **1968 Graduates**

Fifteen students completed college courses last year, six being ordained for the Diocese of Sydney, and three for other dioceses. Of those not ordained, one is pursuing further studies in England and two are engaged in full-time Christian work.

● **New Committee Member.**

The Standing Committee of the Diocese appointed to the College Committee, Dr. Keith Watson, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of N.S.W. He is a member of the committee of St. Matthew's Church, West Pennant Hills, and the superintendent of the Sunday School.



● **Examination Results**

Apart from past students completing Th.Schol. and Th.L., fifteen students secured the Th.L. of the Australian College of Theology. Raymond Barraclough and Peter Jensen tied for the Hey Sharp prize which is awarded for first place in Australia.

Eleven students graduated with the B.D. from London, eight of these with second class honours.

The Vice-Principal comments: "All honours candidates for the London B.D. from Moore College over the years have succeeded in obtaining the degree. Since this is the main course we follow, and since we do not encourage students to do the pass course except in special circumstances, the achievement is very gratifying, and represents a very much higher pass rate than is obtained anywhere in England in connection with the London B.D."

● **New Students**

Thirty-six new students commenced their courses in March. Of these, 25 are candidates for the Diocese of Sydney; six are independent students, which means they have been accepted for training, but have not committed themselves for the future; one is a candidate for the Diocese of Armidale; one is an overseas student on a College Bursary; and two are laymen who wish to study theology without any view of ordination.

It is interesting to note that 20 students are between 21 and 25; 8 are between 26 and 30; and 8 are over 30. Fourteen students are married, and 9 have University degrees.

● **Increased Interest**

The Honorary Organising Secretary, the Rev. R. H. Palmer, reports that \$10,600 was received from individuals and parishes in 1968 for the Building Extension Fund. Although this was the same amount as given in 1967, the number of individual donors increased by 18%.

● **Helping the Layman.**

In 1941, the then Principal, the late Ven. T. C. Hammond, recognised the need for an opportunity for lay people to learn the basic truths of the Christian faith, and he commenced a two year course open to all.

In recent years, the course has been revised and extended by adding a further two courses of two years each. The first group of people to complete the six year course were awarded the Certificate of Theology last March. Mrs. V. Mathis, of Revesby was awarded the First Prize. Miss Laurel Heath of Canberra topped the Preliminary Theological Certificate class (the first two-year course.)

● **College Visitors**

Last term, the Rev. Dr. Barry Marshall, then Chaplain of Trinity College Melbourne, and now Principal of Pusey House, Oxford, visited the College, and gave a number of lectures on liturgical matters and new ideas concerning the catechumenate.

Our students attended three lectures by the distinguished theologian, Dr. Edouard Schweizer, Professor of New Testament at the University of Zurich. Dr. Schweizer later visited the College and met some of the senior students.

● **Thank You**

For some years, the ladies of St. George's Church, Stanwell Park, have held an annual street stall for the College. As a result of their last effort, \$25.00 was forwarded to the College.

● **Staff Changes**

The Rev. Dr. R. A. Cole joined the staff in February. The Rev. Noel Pollard has taken up his appointment as Master of New College, University of N.S.W., but will continue as a visiting lecturer. Rev. Tony Nichols has become Warden of But-Har-Gra where 9 first year men are residing.

● **College Library**

The Rev. Bruce Smith has taken over the library from the Rev. Noel Pollard whose contribution in this sphere has been so valuable as he devoted much time, skill and energy to the work.

● **An Urgent Need**

Owing to the growth of the Library, the present catalogue card cabinet, given in memory of Mrs. G. Loane the founder of the Women's Auxiliary is now inadequate.

A second cabinet is urgently required and will cost about \$300. If there is a friend of the College who would like to donate the cabinet as a memorial, the Principal (51-1243) would be pleased to give further information.

PAUSE
A
MOMENT



To pray for

- **the Principal and the Staff**
as they enlighten minds and feed souls.
- **the Trustees and College Committee**
as they direct the affairs of the College.
- **the Bursar and the Clerical Staff**
as they attend to the daily business matters.
- **the Domestic Staff**
as they attend to material needs
- **the Students**
as they study God's word;
as they grow in grace and spiritual understanding;
as they learn to be pastors of the flock;
as they serve in parishes;
as they take part in meetings, missions and conventions.
- **the Department of External Studies**
as it teaches lay people throughout the world the truths of the Christian faith.

**THIS IS THE LAST WILL
AND TESTAMENT OF**

The wealth and money entrusted to us by God may be wasted or may be usefully employed so as to please Him. We may be prodigal, or we may be charitable, **but** ultimately the accounting time will come to everyone, to show how it was used and how that which remained was dealt with.

This last disposition is as important as our present usage of these things, and it can be made by a Will— — — — yours.

After providing for your family, you will think of the work of God.

**YOU MAY CONSIDER IN YOUR WILL A LEGACY
FOR MOORE COLLEGE TO:**

- provide a bursary for a needy student.
- endow a lectureship to maintain the teaching programme of the College.
- to provide books for the library.
- be used for the general purposes of the College.

The Principal would be pleased to discuss this matter with any friend of the College.

A PRAYER FOR THE COLLEGE

*"Almighty God, we thank Thee for the Ministry of all who have gone out from Moore College as Ministers of the Word and Sacraments. May there never be wanting a supply of suitable men who shall be shepherds after Thine own heart. In Thy goodness, O Lord, provide for the needs of the College. Grant wisdom to those who govern its affairs. Bless all who teach and all who learn, and may Thy Holy Spirit be their guide; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen."*

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