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THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

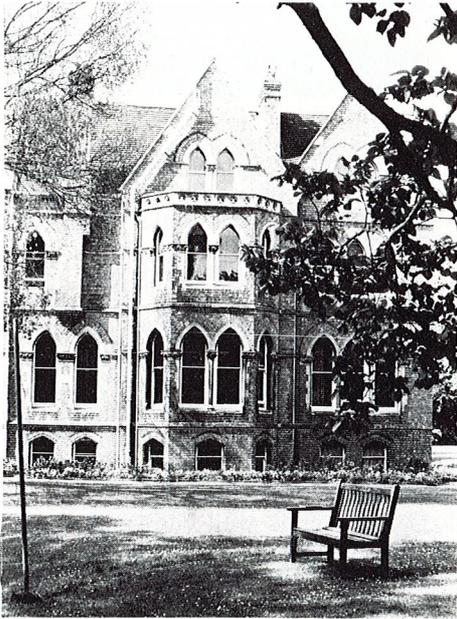
NEWS BULLETIN



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THE ENGLISH WAY OF DOING IT



The Rev. Peter Jensen, a lecturer on the staff of Moore College, is furthering his studies in theology at the University of Oxford.

His article shows up some of the similarities and some of the differences between theological education at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, of which he is a member, and Moore College.

Wycliffe Hall, one of the three Anglican Theological Colleges in Oxford was founded in 1877. In May last year, a special service was held to commemorate the Centenary. Two of the former students who took part in the service were the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. F. D. Coggan, who preached; and the Archbishop of York, Dr. S. Blanche, who was the celebrant.

To-day, it exists in a complex of buildings centred around an old, but very large house. It has the pleasant difficulty of having too many students — more than eighty this year. Having dinner is a very tight fit!

The Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry

The fortunes of English theological students are supervised by a body known as ACCM — the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry — which advises the Bishops. ACCM recruits, selects and surveys the training. The student is interviewed and assessed by a panel nominated by the Bishops, but under the auspices of ACCM. The candidate consults his Bishop about which College to attend.

The Colleges are independent bodies, although a committee of ACCM monitors their affairs and advises them. Some students receive grants from ACCM; some, like many students in other fields, have help from local government.

The Relationship between Theological Colleges and Universities

Since theology and religious studies are taught in many Universities and other tertiary institutions, there is a strong suggestion that Theological Colleges leave the teaching of theological subjects to these bodies. The Colleges would then concentrate on Pastoral Theology and Liturgy, and would also provide the experience of fellowship in the community life, which is still felt to be valuable.

This would save money for the Colleges through staff reductions, although since the Colleges already do much of the teaching in association with the Universities, the latter would have to expand their departments. It would also lead to a broader theological experience for the student, with benefits for ecumenism.

Not everyone agrees that this proposal is satisfactory. The independence of the College is seen to enshrine an important principle. As well, it is suggested that the division between pastoral and other theology

does no justice to either; they need to be integrated rather than separated. Concern is also felt about the wisdom of committing future pastors to the uncertainties of university theology without mature guidance at the start.

Evangelical Colleges

For the student who wishes to train in an evangelical college, there are six to choose from: Ridley College, Cambridge; Oak Hill College, London; St. John's College, Nottingham; Cranmer Hall, Durham; Tyndale Hall, Bristol; and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Each has its own peculiar character. At Nottingham, there is the added advantage of an Australian staff member (the Rev. Noel Pollard who was formerly a member of the staff of Moore College) — but Durham can boast of two (the Revs. B. Kaye and A. Chapple, both former students of Moore College)!

Life and work at Wycliffe

Wycliffe is not a College of the University of Oxford, but many of its students sit for Oxford exams; and some of its lecturers are members of the Oxford University Faculty. This means that some of the students are doing the full University degree course, but their tuition is largely done from the College. Teaching at all levels is by lecture and personal tutorials. Should a person have done theology at University previously, it is expected he will do two years which is two thirds of the regular course, at the College.

Life at Wycliffe is very demanding. The week lasts from Sunday to Friday. Everyone meets for Holy Communion at 8 am on Sunday mornings before going out to Parish work. Most people also come to lunch that day. The week ends with dinner on Friday night. Chapel is at 7.30 am each week day before breakfast.

During the week, the students are fully occupied with academic and

christian service through books

by Charles M. Mann,
Manager of I.M.P.A.C.T. Books



Let me begin by asking the question, "Why the need for a College Bookshop?" We ought to start with the importance of the Scriptures. In 2 Timothy 3:16 we read, 'all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.' Because the Scriptures are the Word of God, His revelation to us, then it is important to study them, to read them in accurate translations, and to have godly and careful interpretations of these 'Oracles of God'.

In the bookshop, we stock Bibles — different versions — from Revised Version to Good News for Modern Man. To-day there is an immense wealth of christian books available. No previous age in history has produced so many books. When faced with many Commentaries on the Epistle to the Romans, which should we choose?

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college courses. Married students are expected to play a full part in the life of the College. Sunday pastoralia assignments last for 2 or three terms only, and are generally handled by a small team of students. This means a variety of opportunity, although little continuity. There is also an annual mission taken by the students.

Wycliffe offers high academic standards. This is accompanied by a strongly felt concern for the spiritual life of the students. Indeed, the staff feel that the most important element of College life is the corporate explanation of all that it means to relate to God. Chapel is central to this experience. Wycliffe does not give itself as whole-heartedly to training in Christian communications as do some other Colleges. On the other hand, its graduates are filled with enthusiasm to minister the Word and Sacraments in the framework offered by the Church of England.

DISTINGUISHED THEOLOGIAN TO VISIT MOORE COLLEGE

The Annual Moore College Lectures were firmly established as a series in 1977 when the eminent New Testament scholar, Professor F. F. Bruce of the University of Manchester, gave the inaugural lectures. Under the general heading, "Promised Beforehand Through the Prophets", he lectured on the relationship of the Old Testament to the New.

Over the five nights in September last year, more than two thousand people attended the College to hear the lectures. These have been subsequently edited by Professor Bruce and will be published by Paternoster Press later this year under the title, "The Time is Fulfilled."

The distinguished theologian, Dr. J. I. Packer, currently Associate Principal of Trinity College, Bristol, has accepted the invitation to be the Moore College Lecturer for 1978. Arrangements are now being made for his lecture series in September. Details concerning enrolment will be published in due course.

Dr. Packer is well-known through his many books, especially the two volumes, "Knowing God", and "Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God". His particular area of speciality has been in the theology of the Puritans, and we are greatly honoured that he has consented to be the Lecturer for 1978.

In addition to delivering the Annual Lectures, Dr. Packer will interact with both staff and students by leading seminar and discussion groups in areas of theological interest.

In line with the general intention of making the lectures available to the Christian public through publication, Dr. Packer's lectures will be published as soon after delivery as possible.

The visits of Professor Bruce and Dr. Packer are financed by a number of clergy and laity concerned for the promotion of theological studies. The lectures are open to ministers and other Christians interested in Biblical and Systematic Theology.

The Rev. Dr. Peter O'Brien is in charge of the arrangements for Dr. Packer's visit.

"As It Was In the Beginning ..."

In 1829, Archdeacon T. H. Scott wrote: "On my arrival (in Sydney), I found the Services much more after the manner of a Methodist Chapel than of the Church, nor can I by all the private hints I have given or example I have set, get the better of such practices Their sermons are delivered extempore, or at least unwritten with a Bible in their hand, full of bookstrings placed in the texts they intend to use by

way of illustration — now and then they look at their watch as if they ought to continue to a given time whether they have matter or not — and they usually continue an hour or so; and sometimes more delivering the most unconnected sentences in a violent ranting manner to the little edification of their audience who in this hot climate are often asleep more than half the time." ...

Quoted by Professor A. T. Yarwood in "Samuel Marsden, the Great Survivor."

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM



Two important members of the staff of Moore College are the Matron and her husband, Jack and Rita Pitkin. They came to Australia in 1971 when the position of Matron became vacant. Mrs. Pitkin later said: "It had occurred to us that there might be doubts as to whether we would fit in because we were Pommies." These doubts were soon dispelled.

The task of Matron is an onerous one. She is responsible for the catering of a College of about 80 residents. She has to see they are well fed, and at the same time keep within a budget. She has to engage and supervise domestic staff. She has to keep the residential side of the College in good trim. This involves attending to the provision of linen, furnishings etc; and to the general cleaning of the College.

All these duties Mrs. Pitkin has carried out most efficiently and reliably to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Jack Pitkin has also become involved in the work of the College assisting in the office and in other areas. He attends to the production of the Teaching Cassettes.

But more is required of those who work in a theological college than ability and efficiency. A sense of Christian vocation for the task and a sympathy with the aims and ideals of the college are so important.

Jack and Rita Pitkin have become a real part of the College life that it is difficult to imagine the College without them. They are dedicated Christians actively involved in the spiritual life of the College.

We're glad they decided to emigrate!

COLLEGE NOTES

Preserving History

The sketch on the Appeal Envelope enclosed in this Bulletin is of the oldest part of the College.

The College was originally sited at Liverpool, where a new chapel, named the "Broughton Chapel" was opened on 17th December, 1857. When the College was transferred to Sydney in 1891, the Chapel was dismantled and re-erected at Newtown.

With the passage of time, the Chapel became unsafe, and in 1947 it was replaced by the John Francis Cash Memorial Chapel.

However, the entrance archway of the Broughton Chapel was preserved and built into the entrance porch of the Hodgson Wing of the College.

New Staff Members

The Rev. Bruce Winter, B.A., Dip. Pub. Ad., M.Th., Th.Schol., has been appointed to the Staff of the College. He entered Moore College from Brisbane, where he was later ordained and served for five years.

For the past five years, he has served in the Diocese of Singapore. He was the incumbent of St. George's Church, and recently warden of St. Peter's Hall, the Anglican section of Trinity Theological College.

He brings to the College, not only academic gifts, but a knowledge and zeal for the Church overseas.

Mr. Barry Webb, B.A., Dip.Ed., B.D., L.Th., Th.L., has been appointed to the staff as Tutor. He will also be the Warden at But-Har-Gra, the College's annexe at Croydon. He is at present doing a M.A. Honours course in Old Testament at Macquarie University.

Rev. David Peterson returns to the College Staff in June. He has been on leave overseas studying at the University of Manchester under Professor F. F. Bruce.

B. D. (London) Results

The results of these examinations came to hand at the end of 1977. Of the 18 overseas students throughout the world who passed, 9 were present Moore College students, and 4 were former students.

1978 Enrolments

The total number of students enrolled this year is the highest ever at the College.

The composition is as follows: 54 Sydney Ordinands; 8 students doing the Youth Department's Course for Youth Workers; 42 Independent Students, and 18 Deaconesses.

Of the 53 new students accepted for 1978, 19 are candidates for the Diocese of Sydney; 25 are Independent Students; 4 are undertaking the Youth Department's Course; and 5 are Deaconess House students.

Post-Graduate Awards

Rev. Paul Barnett, Rector of Holy Trinity, Adelaide, a former student and member of the College Staff, has been awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of London.

It's not too late to begin Moore College Courses for Laymen

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Term 11 commences 5th June
Enrolments close 8th May.

Subjects: Doctrine 1
(The Doctrine of God)
Prayer Book or Worship.

EVENING LECTURES

Second Semester commences 18th
July

Subjects: Old Testament —
Exodus
New Testament — Romans
Ethics 1.
Christian Worship
Understanding the Learner
Theology & the Practice of
Mission.

Further information may be obtained by filling in the form of page 4 or by ringing the Department of External Studies 519 6460 (9 am - 5 pm.)

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The College Committee has a lot of property to maintain and to keep in good repair ...

6 staff residences; 3 student residential wings; a Chapel; a Dining Hall and Kitchen; Library Building; administrative buildings; over 40 houses for married students; and lecture rooms.

Maintenance costs money, but keep our property in good order we must!

Help us maintain our property to enable the work of the College to be done effectively.

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

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THE TREASURER REPORTS ...

Dear Friends,

It is with a sense of thankfulness to God that I write to report on God's provision for our needs in the College for the 1977 year, and at the same time to lay on all our hearts the needs for 1978.

For the year 1977, our financial statement of the General Account representing the running expenses of the College indicated that we concluded 1977 with a book surplus of \$7,000 as compared with a book deficiency in 1976 of \$23,000.

This change from the previous year was a direct result of increased donations; higher assistance from the Diocese in the form of Parish assessments; an increase in the number of University students boarding at the College (because of the large number of married students, there were vacant rooms in the single students quarters); and a further containment of expenditure.

It is a joy to report to you that under God's Hand, our donations in 1977 totalled \$59,908 as compared with \$53,837 in 1976; \$38,182 in 1975, and \$28,900 in 1974. The Lord has indeed provided through the stewardship of His people, for which we are deeply thankful.

The 1978 Budget calls for increasing expenditure in the areas of maintenance and repairs; an additional staff member (some time ago, we made a temporary staff reduction of 2); additional housing — this year our enrolment is at a record level and we thank God for real answers to prayer — and the continued need to meet repayments of a capital nature. The regular commitments for 1978 include: Maintenance & Repairs: \$27,000, Capital Debt: \$31,000, General Fund requirements: \$15,000.

In placing these needs before you for 1978, we thank God that He continues to make provision for them even though inflation continues to accelerate.

Let us all continue in prayer to trust, and in obedience, to search our hearts before God so that His provision for the College's needs may continue in 1978, as we all share in the exciting work of preparing men for the most sacred ministry of the proclamation of the Gospel.

In all things, we "give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever."

In the service of the Gospel,

Neville Malone, Hon. Treasurer.

PAUSE A MOMENT ...

to pray for

- ★ *The Staff: the Principal, the Vice-Principal and all other members of the teaching staff in their teaching and pastoral care of the students; and for those who are continuing their studies at home or overseas.*
- ★ *The Students: for all the students in their studies, and for their work as Catechists; and especially for all the new students for their growth in knowledge and in spirituality.*
- ★ *College Government: the Trustees and College Committee; the Secretary, Mr. P. Nicholson; the Treasurer, Mr. N. Malone, and the Hon. Organising Secretary, Rev. R. Palmer.*
- ★ *College Administration: the Accountant and Bursar, Miss Vi. Munnerley, and her office staff; the Matron, Mrs. J. Pitkin, and her staff.*
- ★ *The Department of External Studies: for all studying the Correspondence Courses, the Evening Course, and the Course for Christian Teachers; and especially for the overseas students.*
- ★ *The Bookshop: giving thanks for its growth; and for the opportunities of providing Christian literature for the deepening of a knowledge of the Christian faith and for the growth of Christians; and for the Bookshop Manager, Mr. Charles Mann.*
- ★ *Finance: giving thanks for the response to the appeals in 1977; and praying for a further increase to enable the Committee to undertake an extension programme.*