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New M.A. starts this year

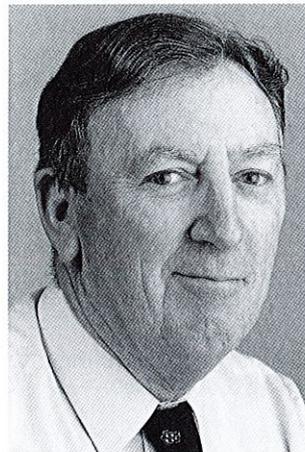
This year has seen the beginning of the Master of Arts in Theology course being taught at Moore. This is a new degree program to be awarded by the Australian College of Theology in conjunction with Moore College.

Though currently awaiting final approval from the Higher Education Office, the Australian College of Theology has indicated its willingness for Moore College to proceed. The M.A. is specifically for the pastor or theology graduate who wants to pursue further study in the areas of Biblical Studies, Christian Thought or Pastoral Ministry.

The degree is a two year full-time course, designed to be undertaken over four years part-time. It consists of six subjects and a written project of 10,000 words. In first semester 1989, Dr Bill Dumbrell is teaching Christology. In second semester Dr Robert Doyle will lecture in the Theology of Martin Luther, and a faculty symposium will teach Hermeneutics. Anyone interested in enrolling in the M.A. should contact the Registrar.

Bill Dumbrell has been appointed Director of Post Graduate Studies at Moore College as of July last year. Formerly the College's Vice Principal under Broughton Knox, Bill left Australia in 1984 to take up

the position of Academic Dean at Regent College, Vancouver. Now after four years in Canada, we are delighted that Bill and his wife Norma have returned to Sydney. Bill's international reputation has been enhanced by his North American experience, and his third book has recently been published by Baker and IVP entitled *The Faith of Israel: Its Expression in the Books of the Old Testament*.



Bill Dumbrell
Director of Post Graduate Studies

A word from the Principal

I would like to tell you about two significant developments at the College.

First, we instituted a prayer bulletin for supporters of the College to use, whether in small groups or as individuals. We aimed to distribute 500 of these every second month and we achieved that goal.

This means, I trust, that there are committed Christians praying for our work specifically and regularly.



One of the things which we made a consistent matter for prayer last year, was an increase in the numbers.

Second, the year has begun with ... an increase in the number of students! We have gone up in numbers from 141 full time students, to 168 full time students, 66 of whom are candidates for ordination in Sydney Diocese.

An expansion like this puts pressure on our teachers, on the library, administration and kitchen staff, as well as straining our facilities. But we are thanking God for his kindness in raising up such an excellent group of students. This is not merely because we like to have a full College. It is because we see in our students the desperately needed future ministers of the gospel in Sydney, throughout Australia and overseas.

It's a great work. Why don't you ring our office and ask to be enrolled as a prayer partner, and also get your Bible study group to make this a particular prayer ministry? Please also support our building fund - as we try to improve the College's safety and efficiency.

With thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter F. Jensen".

Peter F. Jensen

On the Move

Broughton Knox

1989 is the first year in which Broughton Knox has not been actively related to the ministry of the College for over forty years. Having joined the teaching staff in 1947, Dr Knox was Principal from 1959-1985, and then continued to lecture in Theology on a part-time basis until the end of 1988. However, not content to idle away his time in retirement, Dr Knox accepted the offer to become the founding Principal of the George Whitfield College in Kalk Bay, South Africa, and we have no doubt that both Broughton and Ailsa will have a very worthwhile and significant impact upon those students who come to train for gospel ministry. It has been a courageous move that Dr and Mrs Knox have made at this stage of their lives, and we pray that God will greatly prosper their work in that troubled and divided nation.

David Peterson

David Peterson is presently in Cambridge on sabbatical leave from the College. He and his family are living in Tyndale House, where David is researching and writing a book on Worship. They will return to the College in July.

Michael Raiter

Michael Raiter has returned to the faculty this year as he and Sarah await their visas and appointment to a Bible College in Pakistan. Last year Michael worked as a part-time Curate at St Philip's, South Turramurra, while he completed his thesis on *The Righteous in the Gospel of Matthew* for the Master of Theology degree.

Glenn Davies

Glenn Davies returned to the faculty in 1988, with Dianne and their two daughters, after spending two and a half years on leave in England. Glenn successfully completed his PhD thesis on *The Relationship between Faith and Obedience in Romans* at Sheffield University, which will be published early next year. Glenn is now lecturing in New Testament and Theology at the College.

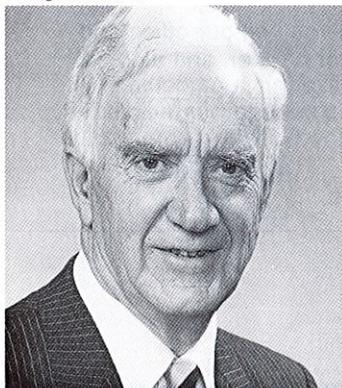
John Tweed

John Tweed has been appointed as Property Manager for the College. John comes to this newly created position with a great deal of experience, and his efficient oversight of the buildings and their maintenance has already been much appreciated.

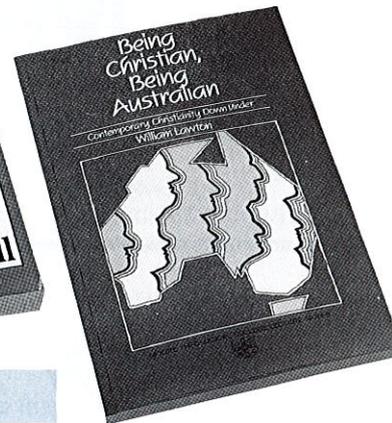
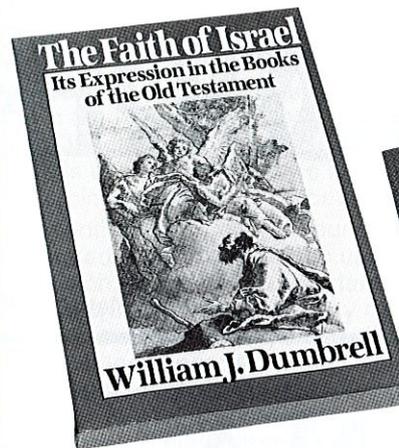
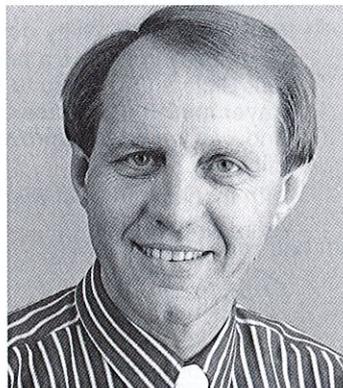
Mark Harding

In August, this year Mark Harding will be leaving the faculty to take up a research scholarship at Princeton Theological Seminary, U.S.A. The scholarship is for four years and will enable Mark to study for a doctorate in the area of Early Christianity.

Broughton Knox



David Peterson



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Bill Lawton

The Moore College lectures for 1986 which were delivered by Bill Lawton have recently been published by Anzea Press under the title *Being Christian, Being Australian* (\$9.75). This represents a significant and perceptive study of the changes in the religious character of Australian society and the Christian response to them.



Bill Dumbrell

The Faith of Israel: Its Expression in the Books of the Old Testament (\$26) by Bill Dumbrell, is an introduction to the theology of each book of the Old Testament and will be an invaluable tool in the hands of preachers who want a bird's eye view of the content and theological thrust of a particular book.

Explorations 3: Christians in Society, the published material from the 1987 School of Theology is now available. It comprises a number of important contributions to questions concerning social ethics, denominations and the relationship between evangelism and social responsibility. It sells for \$5.50.

Another recent publication from the faculty, at a more popular level, is a Bible study on the book of Job by Glenn Davies. This is one of four studies on the Wisdom literature in the Bible Probe Series, published by Scripture Union.

Operation Good News 1988

Moore College took part in the Australia wide distribution of Bicentennial Bibles last year. Dr Barry Webb headed up the team of students who over the course of several months covered a wide area of Newtown. Not all residents were willing to receive a portion of God's Word, however, some 500 New Testaments were distributed, a number of which were in foreign languages. This proved to be a very exciting venture for all those who were involved, as it enabled the College to reach out to the urban community at large. Yet even more exciting were the significant conversations about the gospel which the Operation Good News afforded. From one of these conversations a young woman was converted.

Ordination 1989

Readers of *Southern Cross* will have noticed that this year's number of ordinands was the largest admission to the diaconate that the Diocese of Sydney has ever seen. The numbers were swelled, of course, by the appearance of female deacons for the first time. All twenty-eight of the ordinands were trained at Moore College or Deaconess House, and are currently serving in parishes around the Diocese. With the very large intake of first year students this year, it is hoped that the numbers ordained for gospel ministry will continue to rise in the coming years. There were twenty-two ordinands in 1988 and currently eighteen candidates for the Sydney Diocese in 1990.

Graduation 1989

On March 12th, 1989, the College community assembled together to witness the Graduation of forty-one students. Bishop Dudley Foord addressed the gathering on the topic of "The Gospel we Preach". Dr Foord spoke forcefully and passionately about the need for sound gospel preaching in a world which is desperate for an answer to its predicament.

This year saw seven graduate with the Diploma of Bible and Missions, one with a Th.L., thirty-three with the B.Th. and ten with the College Diploma of Arts in Theology. The B.Th. exams, of course, are held around Australia under the auspices of the Australian College of Theology. It was therefore with some pleasure that first place in these exams, with first class honours, was awarded to one of our students, Richard Gibson.

Another honour for the College was announced by

Dr Stuart Barton Babbage, Registrar of the Australian College of Theology, that Broughton Knox had been awarded an honorary Th.D. by the A.C.T. This news was greeted with much enthusiasm by the College community as it marked not only the publications of Dr Knox but also his significant contribution to theological thought in Australia over the past four decades. Archbishop Robinson added a further honour to our former principal, when he announced that Canon Knox had been appointed a canon emeritus of St Andrew's Cathedral. The Archbishop also announced that he had recently made our present principal, Dr Peter Jensen, a canon of the Cathedral.

Library Lecture

1989 is the thirtieth anniversary of the first Billy Graham Crusade in Australia. The occasion gave us an opportunity to think about evangelism in our context, and the changes that have taken place over the past three decades. On Thursday, 25th May Dr Stuart Piggin gave a lecture on the impact of the 1959 Billy Graham Crusade. Dr Piggin lectures at Wollongong University and is known for his thought provoking and perceptive analysis of Australian religious history. His lecture provided the opportunity to hear an analysis of a relatively recent event, whose impact was remarkable in many ways, not least of which being the number of men who entered College in 1960. It was also at the '59 Crusade that both Peter and Phillip Jensen went forward!

Annual Moore College Lectures

The 1989 Annual Lectures will be given by Dr Dick France on the theme of *The Kingdom of God in the Gospel of Mark*. Dr France is a highly respected evangelical scholar of international repute and was appointed last year to the principalship of Wycliffe Theological Hall in Oxford. The lectures will be held at the College at 7.45pm on August 8, 10, 11, 14 and 16.

School of Theology

The School of Theology this year will be held on the topic *The Ethics of Life and Death*. Papers from the faculty will include a presentation of the Biblical perspectives on life and death as well as an investigation of the ethical questions surrounding the beginning and ending of life, together with the challenge these questions provide for Christian ministry. The School will be held over Tuesday and Wednesday, 19th and 20th September.



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