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Tennis Ladder Competition: Parsons, Reboul, Principal, Le Huray, Cowie.

STUDENTS:

The following is the list of Students, giving the sphere in which they work:—
Adams, C. E. (St. John's, Glebe), Adey, A. H. (Parramatta), Barratt, F. R. (Lidcombe), Cameron, E. (Wentworth Falls), Cowie, G. E. W. (Hawkesbury River), Coleman, E. St. C. (Picton), Dryland, J. P., Th.L. (Enmore), Edmondson, L. G. (Darlinghurst), Ernshaw, E. H. (Coogee), Gidley, E. (Bundanoon), Hewitt, R. J. (Marrickville), Kenderdine, C. T. (Merrylands), Kingston, W. (Kensington), Le Huray, J. R. (Botany), Lofts, H. J. H. (Belmore-Lakemba), Madgwick, E. C. (Pymont), Marshall, H. J. (Bexley), McPherson, T. A. (unattached), Mitchell, T. (Penrith), Parsons, L. P. (Darlington), Reboul, W. J. (Rockdale), Roake, A. H. (Ultimo), Setchell, A. W. (Rouse Hill), Van, O. C. J. (Dural), Westley, P. R. (Ultimo).

GREETINGS.

The close of Michaelmas Term brings us within coo-ee of Christmastide—the season of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." And while this season brings with it many joys, it is not unaccompanied by sorrow. This occurs in our College, as well as in the ordinary walks of life. Each of us has his joys, but there comes, every time the season ushers in, the removing of old faces from our society. Men go out from the training ground into the fuller life of the ministry, and that means separation which is not always easy to bear. Yet the joy comes in the fact that so many more are fitted to carry on the work of the Lord Christ, and to support those who are now endeavouring to hold the enemy against great odds. The season, then, is mingled with joys and sor-

rows, but because we are Ambassadors for Christ we can rise above these feelings, and we can send out to every student who bears our badge, in and out of the College building, that old-time greeting, "A Happy Christmas."

OUR HERALDIC DEVICE.

Many questions have been put to me concerning the meaning of the heraldic device, or coat of arms, of the College. It is doubtful whether a theological college can strictly be said to have armorial bearings, though the Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge have each its own heraldic device. In their case the college armorial bearings are derived from the coat of arms of the founder or founders.

Whence the Moore College device came from it is impossible for me to say. It is a highly composite structure, and some of its parts are obscure in their symbolical significance.

The mitre above the shield obviously denotes episcopal foundation and recognition. Bishop Barker was the real founder of the College, and it has always been more or less under the control, as well as the recognition of, the Bishop or Archbishop of Sydney.

The cross and five stars in the shield seem to suggest not only the "Southern Cross," and therefore the Southern Hemisphere as the location and outlook of the College, but also the main purpose and function of the College—namely, to train those who shall proclaim the Cross as their main business, and live themselves in the power of the Cross, having it stamped on their characters, and who shall in the end shine as the stars.

The open book and pastoral staff point to the twofold function of the Christian ministry, to be preachers and pastors, handling aright the Word of Life. The open Bible also has its symbolic importance as signifying a foundation principle of our own Church. The pastoral staff also denotes authority and the discipline that comes from authority recognised and obeyed.

The dove with the olive branch would seem to indicate the result of accepting the message proclaimed and obeying the teaching, namely, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the new order and harmony He brings whenever His guidance is followed.

Together with the ship below it, the story of the Ark is suggested with its implication that the ship stands for the Church, though it might indicate also the fact that Moore College is situated in one of the overseas dominions of the British Empire, and owes most of its original financial basis to funds collected by Bishop Barker among his friends in England.

What the crossed olive branches mean is not at all certain, and nothing more than a conjecture can be made. It may signify the hope of immortality or the Christian assurance of peace with God and eternal life in His presence.

The motto explains itself, "Not pursuing low ideals." Nothing less than the highest should be the aim of those who constitute the College. They should "hitch their wagon to a star." The teaching suggested is that bodied forth in the "man with the muck rake" in the "Pilgrim's Progress." The College stands for what is best and highest in ideals and methods in ends and means thereto. The room for improvement is the largest room in the world.—D.J.D.

GIFT EVENING.

No matter in which direction you turn it is a "Peace Thankoffering" for one thing or another—and what is more, all the figures have ceased to speak in hundreds. Nothing less than thousands are accounted anything, and the Diocesan Peace Thankoffering Fund (with Ven. Archdeacon Martin, M.A., as Administrator) is no exception. That appeal says the minimum required to place our College and its work on a workable footing is £25,000. Our hope is that double the

amount might be eventually secured, because every penny of £50,000 could be profitably spent. The Church folk are alive to the necessity of raising the minimum at least, and the students are among the active band to swell the figures. With that object in view, they held a Gift Evening at the College on November 3, at which about 100 persons attended. As a consequence there was quite a substantial nucleus provided for the Sale of Gifts on December 10-11. During the evening musical items were given and enjoyed, and refreshments were provided. A happy evening closed by the whole company attending compline.

THE ORDINATION.

This year there are more being ordained to the diaconate than for several years previously. Ten will be presented by Ven. Archdeacon Davies, M.A. (the Principal), for Ordination, which will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral on December 19. The names of those to be ordained from the College, and their future sphere of work, are:—

ADEY, Arthur Henry, St. John's, Parramatta.

CAMERON, Ernest, Wentworth Falls.

DRYLAND, James Paul, Th.L., Christ Church, Enmore.

EDMONDSON, Leslie George, St. Stephen's, Newtown.

KINGSTON, William, St. Clement's, Marrickville.

LOFTS, Herbert John Henry, Belmore-Lakemba.

MADGWICK, Edward Charlton, St. Bartholomew's, Pyrmont.

PARSONS, Leland Percy, St. Andrew's, Summer Hill.

ROAKE, Albert Henry, St. Alban's, Ultimo.

SETCHELL, Arthur William, Rouse Hill.

Those for Priests' Orders are:—

HAWKINS, Rev. R. R., Th.L.

HAVILAND, Rev. Neville.

WHITEHORN, Rev. A. L., M.A., F.R.G.S.

WILSON, Rev. C. W.

PAST STUDENTS.

During August the Rev. H. S. Cocks, B.A., Th.L., late Chaplain to the Forces at Rabaul, left for England via America. It is his intention taking a post graduate course at Cambridge prior to taking up educational missionary work in India.

Rev. R. R. Hawkins, Th.L., did duty in Katoomba for several weeks between the death of the late rector and the arrival of the Rev. F. A. Reed.

Rev. R. H. Nobe, B.A., has been appointed to Longueville. He is also giving two hours per week as a lecturer at the College.

Rev. W. R. Newton, L.Th., has been appointed priest-in-charge of Sutherland and Cronulla.

Rev. R. H. Bootle, Th.L., has gone to Ashfield as assistant priest.

Rev. W. J. Roberts (Castle Hill) has injured one of his eyes in an accident. We extend our sympathy.

Rev. I. D. Armitage, on leaving Sutherland for Campbelltown, was entertained and presented with a purse of sovereigns.

Rev. S. H. Denman, L.Th., is now in full work in the parish of St. Bede, Drummoyne. His former parishioners presented him with a roll-top desk and an oak chair.

Rev. R. Harley Jones read a paper entitled "The present age of Transition" before the Junior Clerical Society at St. Oswald's, Haberfield, in November.

"SOCIETAS."

This issue the first Editor of our College sheet places the editorial pen back on the rack. In doing so it is not without feelings of satisfaction that the Students' venture has been so well received. Its purpose is to help keep the students of our College one body. If not present in body they always will be in spirit. "Societas" has done something in this direction already, for we have men living in other States who look forward to our publication with interest—and there is no reason in the world why that interest should not grow and expand. In careful hands, we are sure that object will be accomplished. "Societas" has lived one year—may it live on, and prosper!

TENNIS.

On Tuesday, October 17, the College Tennis Team, comprising Parsons, Reboul and Le Huray, journeyed to Armidale to play the return match with St. John's College. The players, who were the guests of the College throughout, were right royally entertained, the staff and students sparing no efforts to make their stay a happy one.

The match was played on Thursday afternoon, St. John's being represented by Elkin, Pyke, and Jessop, the result being a victory for the home team. The Armidale players gave a splendid exhibition of tennis, their combination being excellent. On the day's play it is not to be wondered at that they reversed the decision of the first match.

After the contest had been won and lost, and the victors duly crowned with the laurel wreaths of many congratulations, the visitors were entertained at a social evening, which was not the least enjoyable item of a very successful trip.

The members of the team wish to place on record their high appreciation of the unbounded hospitality they received on all sides. They specially wish to stress the kindness of the Rev. and Mrs. Burgman, who spared no effort to make them comfortable and happy during their stay. The address delivered by the Warden on the evening of their departure was most helpful and inspiring. The students were also a host in themselves. Moore College looks forward to having the opportunity of meeting them again in another match, and reciprocating their hospitality.

The team left Armidale on Friday night, the St. John's men giving them a rousing send-off.—J. R. Le Huray.

BRIEF MENTION.

The first edition of "The Church and the Plain Man" found ready sale. There are but a few copies left. It looks as though a second edition will need to be printed.

Rev. Thos. Quigley, M.A., is now rector of Austinmer. He still gives his lectures on the New Testament, which are always very helpful in the highest sense of the word.

Rev. J. V. Patton, M.A., B.Litt., who has accepted the post of Director of Education for the Diocese, finds time to devote an hour each week at the College to a course on the subject of education as applied to religion. These lectures should be found very useful "stock-in-trade" when men are out in the field of their labours.

A. W. Setchell has returned from active service. He looks well and feels well.

New students this term: C. T. Kenderdine, C. E. Adams, O. C. J. Van, T. Mitchell.

The Wollongong choir presented L. P. Parsons with a handsome teacher's Bible upon leaving there for long and devoted service as organist and choir master of St. Michael's Church.

Of those who sat for Th.L. examinations, J. P. Dryland, of Moore College, passed the two parts together and secured first-class honours. Beside doing this, he secured the highest marks for the whole of Australia. Congratulations! L. P. Parsons, T. A. McPherson and P. R. Westley secured passes in the second half: Congratulations also!

P. R. Westley, at the invitation of his late rector, goes back to his old parish (Narremburn) to work as catechist.

H. J. Marshall is probably going to work in the Grafton diocese as a deacon.

During his visit to Sydney to take part in the recent meeting of General Synod Mission Committee, the Rev. G. E. Aickin, formerly Archdeacon of Bendigo, was the guest of the Principal, and preached twice in the College Chapel.

The annual ordeal of having to sit for the photograph took place on November 26. The Group was larger this time than any during the past three years.

The subject for the College artist this term has been advertising for lost gowns. Drawings of the lost articles, with full description as to whether one or the two wings were missing, or the number of rents in the garments, were given. The rewards, as is usual for lost articles about the premises, has been nil. Then there were bust and head drawings of several students renowned for their various efforts in parish work.

We had a visit from the Rev. C. D. Black Hawkins, principal of the Dubbo Bush Brotherhood, during November. He spoke of how the Brotherhood work generally came into existence, and how it had collapsed in some parts, and with difficulty held together in other parts. Generally the address was very instructive of the work carried out by the Dubbo Brotherhood, and great stress was laid upon the need for men early in their ministry to devote some years to such a work. The speaker felt the work could be best carried out by Australian men, as they were more accustomed to prevailing conditions. The Principal presided.

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Miss K. Boydell and Miss Jackson, who have been attending lectures at the College, were farewelled for the mission field by the C.M.A. on November 4. Miss Boydell goes to Japan and Miss Jackson to India. Miss Boydell was enthusiastically farewelled at her home town, Allynbrook, when the local hall was crowded, several clergy being present. Here she received, among other things, a beautiful travelling bag and a writing wallet. And at a farewell at St. Paul's, West Maitland, a large number were present.

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Congratulations to our Acting-Vice-Principal (Rev. A. L. Whitehorn, M.A.), who has been appointed Vice-Principal of the College. Mr. Whitehorn has also been appointed an officer of the N.S.W. State Childrens' Protection Society and an honorary probationary officer in the Neglected Childrens' and Juvenile Offenders' Department of N.S.W.

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Rev. T. Terry, a former student of this College, has received the Royal Humane Society's Medal for saving life.

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The special preachers at the Friday devotional hour this term have been the Revs. F. S. Rogers, A. G. Perkins, R. H. Noble, J. G. Gabbott, A. H. Garnsey, P. A. Micklem, W. J. Cakebread, and Thos. Quigley.

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Mr. L. S. Dudley, B.A., Dip. Ed., a former tutor, has proceeded to Hyderabad (India), to carry on educational work under C.M.S.

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E. N. Dudley has again resumed his studies.

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The first five in the Tennis Ladder Competition are: Parsons, Reboul, the Principal, Le Huray, Cowie.

THE READING PRIZES.

The Annual Reading Competition was held on Tuesday, December 2, in the College Chapel. The examiners were the Rev. C. H. Lea, M.A., Precentor of St. Andrew's Cathedral, and H. N. P. Sloman, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of the Sydney Grammar School. The first prize was awarded to C. E. Adams, the second to R. J. Hewett, and E. C. Madgwick received honourable mention. Mr. J. T. Lingen, K.C., the donor of the Reading Prizes this year, was present during the competition.

GOWNS.

A visitor to the Gift Evening at the College last month remarked, "What a funny lot of gowns!"

Student: They are not funny at all. You know the different stages of dilapidation denote so many years of service.

Visitor: But, really, you will excuse me, they are funny. Perhaps you would explain the various life stages of those garments.

Student: So far as I can I will. See that nice, new, shiny, glossy gown which rides so neatly on So-and-So's shoulders?

Visitor: Yes; and doesn't he look just nice!

Student: That man only came into residence a week or so ago. His gown is quite new; and, besides, he has not yet been through the initiation ceremony we have here once each term. He has never helped quadrupeds change their location from the tennis court to the top room where the sleeping apartments are. He has not yet attended the spirit-rapping meetings, nor has he met the student who delights in frolicking, nor has he had the "Order of the Bath" conferred upon him.

Visitor: Oh! is that in the College curriculum?

Student: Not at all. They are extras which are not charged by the Trustees. They are just extras which may or may not cost you anything.

Visitor: Then that man with the green showing through the black, a rent up the back, and minus half a sleeve?

Student: Oh! Tom Thumb. He's been initiated; he has been here two years and is now a man of experience.

Visitor: There is a man over there with about half a gown. I suppose he has been here three years?

Student: Yes; he has finished his course. He has seen life; he has heard all the old College favourite songs and choruses; he is experienced in the art of setting alarm clocks, of warding off the vigorous efforts of a hasty brother; in short, without giving away too many secrets of the old haunts, he knows the ropes.

Visitor: Well, that is all very interesting, but I had no idea that theological students were so human. But, look! What is that one done up like my little sister's hair for, just like a bunch of knots? Does that denote life membership of your College?

Student: Not at all—that denotes brains. Those grey patches, the slits and the knots tell you he has been so studious that when his brother tied him to his chair he was not aware of it, and in his hurry at the sound of the dinner gong or lecture bell he would rise quickly to attend such call. The gown being more fragile than the chair, it split, and he would simply tie the hanging remnant in a knot. The procedure was so often repeated and hence the number of strings and knots you see. And he is leaving in a week or so, and the purchase of a new garment can remain till after that date.

Visitor: Thank you. Well, I am edified! I am delighted with your explanation. Never again will I think the students are a lot of sober-sides or kill-joys as I used to do.