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GOVERNOR TO OPEN STAFF HOUSES

The Governor of N.S.W., Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., will open the new staff houses at Moore College on Saturday, October 30, at 2.30 p.m.

All former students and all friends of the College are invited to attend.

The occasion will serve to highlight the importance of theological training in the life of the Diocese and of the whole of the Australian Church.

A campaign will be conducted with limited advertising and special feature articles in the media during October to bring the importance of Bible training before the public.

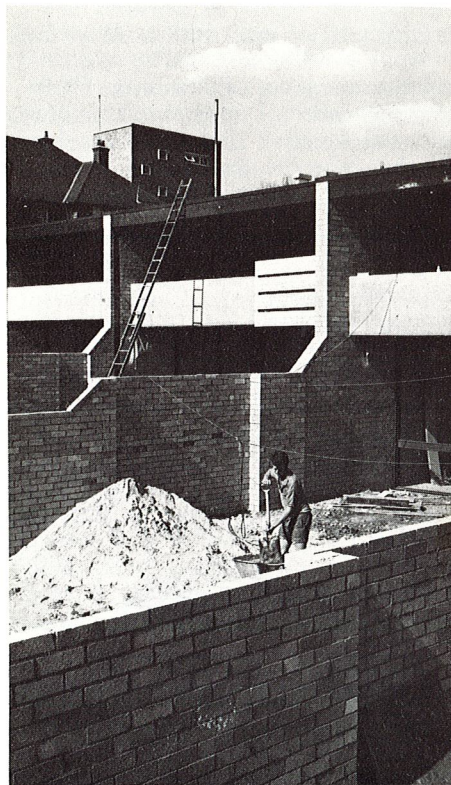
The new houses will provide residences for four married lecturers and their families. It is part of a master plan drawn up by Clarke, Gazzard and Partners for the whole area owned by Moore College around Carillon Avenue.

The new houses are designed on the town house style and have front gardens raised above street level for privacy. They are two storeys: porch, lounge/dining room and kitchen, and study on the ground floor; and bedrooms and bathrooms on the first floor. They are the first staff accommodation built on the college property since the Prin-

cipal's residence in 1928. Up to now, staff have been living in renovated terrace houses in Carillon Avenue and Campbell Street.

They will help to emphasize the importance of the "campus" idea — all students living around a central study centre and easily accessible to one another for fellowship and pastoral oversight.

Repayments on the loan for the new project will be \$7,000 a year, and the College Committee looks to friends of the College for support.



An angle on the new staff houses, shortly before completion. The high walls enclose a private garden, designed to eliminate street noises and give privacy.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO

**The Official Opening of the New Staff Houses
by His Excellency**

**Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E.
Governor of N.S.W.**

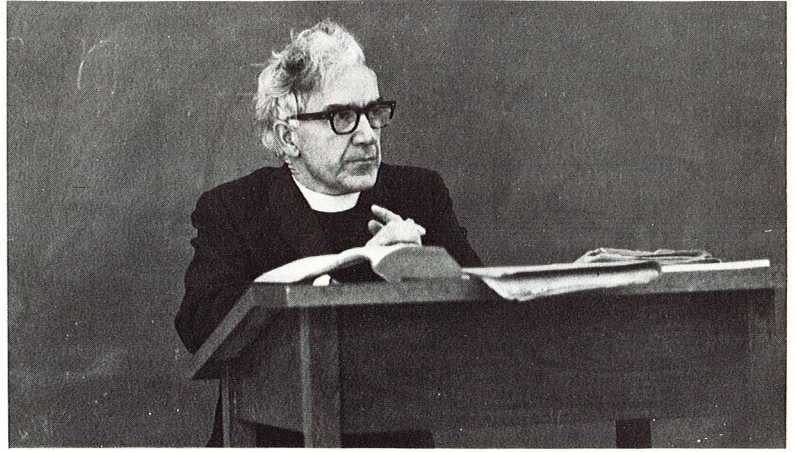
**and Dedication by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney
on**

SATURDAY — OCTOBER 30TH, 1971 — 2.30 P.M.

Moore Theological College, Carillon Avenue, Newtown

Principal talks on the future

Canon D. B. Knox, Principal of Moore College, interviewed about the future of full-time Christian ministry in a changing church of the future.



Q: First can we ask, what is distinctive about a full-time Christian ministry?

A: From one point of view, every Christian has a ministry. God gives to each of us gifts, and we serve Him as we use these gifts for other people's benefit. This is our ministry, and it is a *Christian* ministry, so that if all ministries are similar, none can be full-time.

There are three passages in the New Testament which speak on different ministries in the Church: Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4, and it is plain that none of them are full-time ministries to which men or women might devote their whole life-time.

On the other hand, there *are* examples of full-time ministries in the New Testament; pre-eminent is the ministry of Jesus, who in the period of time covered by the Gospels gave Himself exclusively to His ministry, which was that of teaching and proclaiming the imminence of God's rule.

Another example is the apostle Paul. His was an itinerant apostleship, and by its very character was of necessity a full-time occupation, for he was apostle to the Gentiles and so travelled throughout the Mediterranean world. He himself describes the content of his ministry as giving to Christians a world-view in which God and the Lord Jesus Christ was the centre.

Q: Will there always be a place for full-time ministry of the Word of God?

A: The Christian religion is a religion of faith in Christ the Lord. Faith is distinguished from superstition by being based on the truth, and distinguished from rashness by being based on the knowledge of the truth. All this depends on *teaching*, for we are not born with a knowledge of the truth. Moreover, Christianity is a religion of personal relationship, that is, of fellowship.

Fellowship only comes through hearing and responding to a word spoken; so it is plain that a ministry which conveys and makes clear the truth about God, and conveys God's Word to the mind and so

to the conscience of the hearer, is an essential characteristic of Christianity.

Q: Do you think such a ministry should be regarded as a lifetime vocation?

A: Yes, because teaching cannot be discharged without preparation, and preparation takes time. For the Christian teacher to give himself to preparation, to the study of the Word of God and its relevance, was never more needed than in the present generation. New questions keep looming up, such as the rightness of nuclear war, abortion, such theories as evolution, and so on. If the Christian teacher is to guide rightly the minds of the Christian congregation, he must give himself to a good deal of reading and reflection. The unprepared teacher and preacher is like the blind guide.

Q: Do you think full-time ministers have an obligation to evangelise?

A: Yes, because closely related to teaching is the other aspect of the Christian ministry — proclamation or telling forth of the good news of the kingdom of God and the rule of God exhibited in the life and in the victory of Christ on Calvary and in the day of judgement. Just as teaching is essential to Christian faith and obedience, so proclamation is essential for the conversion of sinners and calling them to repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostles regarded their work of proclamation and teaching as so important and so full-time an occupation that they were not willing even to give time to the humanitarian activity of helping in the distribution of money that had been collected for the needy. They told the Christians that others ought to come forward to undertake this distribution while they gave themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word. We read this in Acts 6.

Q: How important in this full-time ministry do you see a ministry of prayer to be?

A: Prayer takes time, and is an essential accompaniment to the proclamation of the Gospel, because the proclamation of the Gospel is a frontal attack on the

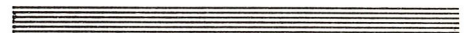
kingdom of Satan, and only prayer can ensure success in this struggle with the spiritual powers of darkness. It is by prayer and proclamation that God's kingdom is advanced and God's people are called out of darkness into the light of Christ.

Q: Do you feel that, in a changing world, there is still a valid place for the full-time ministry?

A: If a man is called by God to this Christian ministry, he is called to something to which it is very worthwhile to devote his life. He will find plenty of opportunities for proclaiming God's rule, and for teaching both publicly and in people's homes.

Such a ministry is an essential ministry in the purposes of God for the maintenance of faith and obedience and the calling of people into fellowship with God. Those who are called by God to this ministry will find it a very worthwhile way of spending a life.

It will not be without tears, as St. Paul experienced at Ephesus, nor without its dangers perhaps, but certainly it will not be without its rewards and crown. ■



LISTEN TO

THE PROTESTANT FAITH

2CH, 9.05p.m. every 2nd Sunday

by the

Rev. Dr. D. B. Knox

Copies of the talks are available from the Principal's Secretary.



Don't forget to tune to

CHANNEL 10 — 11.30a.m. Each Sunday

for

"ON THE LINE"

with Mr. Ray Watson, Q.C., the Rev. Bruce Smith, and Fr. J. Bird.

Do you have to close the door?

Many Christian people close the door to people who come knocking, not because they can't be bothered talking, but because they don't know the answers themselves. This is a pity, and it is unnecessary. Every Christian can become informed about the Bible. All you need to do is give some time to a correspondence course from Moore College's Department of External Studies.

The two-year Preliminary Theological Course will help you sort out your ideas and clarify what you believe.

Write today to: *The Secretary,
Dept. of External
Studies,
Moore College,
7 King Street,
NEWTOWN 2042*

Or phone: 519-6460

AUDIO-VISUAL

In the past three months, sixteen parishes have seen the College's audio-visual, presenting the claims of the Christian ministry and explaining the College's training.

As well, students at two High-Schools and a lunch-hour group at the C.S.R. company have seen it.

You can book the audio-visual through the Rev. Ron Palmer at 44-3688.

ANOTHER PH.D.



The Rev. Peter O'Brien, a former student and member of College staff, has successfully completed his Ph.D. studies in New Testament under Professor F.F. Bruce at Manchester University. He has now returned, with his family, to India where he is a lecturer at the Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal.

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COLLEGE NEWS

VISITING PREACHERS

A number of overseas visitors have preached in the Chapel this year, and their addresses were greatly appreciated. They were:

- the Rev. David Chan, General Secretary of Scripture Union for South East Asia;
- the Rt. Rev. Chandu Ray of Singapore for the British and Foreign Bible Society;
- the Rt. Rev. Stephen Bradley, Bishop of the Church of England in South Africa.

COLLEGE MISSIONS

Last month, students and staff of the College, working in conjunction with the Board of Diocesan Missions shared in missions in the parishes of Uralla (Diocese of Armidale), Blaxland, Baulkham Hills, Belmore, Leichhardt and Asquith.

LENDING LIBRARY

The Lending Library is now housed in No.11 King Street. The library contains books of value for all Christians, and particularly for those studying for Th.L. or Th.C. It is open to the laity, as well as the clergy, and further information may be obtained from the Secretary of the Department of External Studies.

LECTURES BY DISTINGUISHED THEOLOGIAN

Professor G. C. Berkouwer of the Free University of Amsterdam gave two lectures in July to the students on "Modern Catholicism since Vatican 11" and "The Doctrine of the Church". Professor Berkouwer is one of the foremost theologians of Europe.

"MEN AND THE MINISTRY TODAY"

This was the theme of a special evening held at the College in June, and attended by 200 young men.

Canon K. Short and the Rev. M. Myers spoke on the Christian Ministry. Two students, Dr. Tony Doran and Ian Mears, explained why they decided to seek theological training at Moore. In the ensuing lively session chaired by the Dean of Students, the Rev. Dudley Foord, questions were answered by the panel.

DISTINGUISHED OVERSEAS GUESTS

Members of the College had the privilege of the company of two distinguished visitors early in July. One was Dr. Hudson Taylor Armerding, President of Wheaton College, Illinois, U.S.A., the College of which Dr. Billy Graham is a graduate. The other was the Very Rev. Henry Chadwick, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and formerly Regius Professor of Theology.

STAFF AT IMPORTANT CONFERENCES

The Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society for Theological Studies was held at St. Paul's College, Sydney. Professor Hans Kung, of the University of Tubigen, Germany, and probably the best known theologian in the Roman Catholic Church to-day, was a visiting speaker, as also was Professor Eduard Schweizer, a leading New Testament Scholar, of Switzerland.

The Principal of Moore College, the Rev. Dr. Broughton Knox read a paper on the subject of **The Church**.

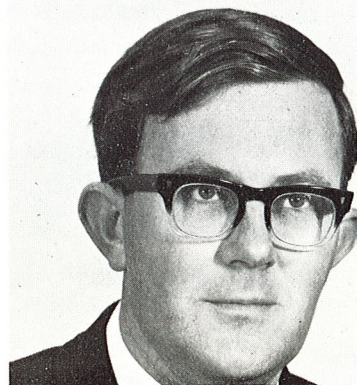
Staff members also gave papers at the Canberra Conference on **The Ministry** sponsored by General Synod; and at the National Evangelical Conference at Monash University.

VACANCIES FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

There will be a limited number of vacancies in 1972 for University students who wish to board at the College. Enquiries should be made to the Bursar.

COLLEGE BURSAR

Mr. Murray Martin (pictured), who was appointed the first Bursar in 1969, has resigned to take up an appointment with the Glebe Administration Board. His



business ability and warm understanding have proved invaluable and we are most grateful for his contribution to the College.

Mr. Roger Thomas, formerly the Business Manager of the CENEF Centre, has been appointed to this position.

COMBINED MAGAZINE

"Societas", the college magazine, has this year, for the first time since the 1940's, combined with Deaconess House to produce a combined magazine.

Under the editorship of Eric Bird and layout skill of John Lamont, the magazine reflects this year's thinking of both Moore and Deaconess students. It sells for 30 cents from the College office.

How to Pray for The College . .

PAUSE A MOMENT TO PRAY FOR . . .

■ **the College Staff:** *Rev. Dr. D. B. Knox, Canon D. W. B. Robinson, Rev. Drs. A. Cole & W. Dumbrell, Revs. D. Foord, B. Smith, A. H. Nichols, D. Peterson; and the visiting lecturers, Canon A. A. Langdon, the Revs. P. Barnett, N. Pollard.*

■ **the Trustees and the College Committee:** *and the Candidates Committee meeting in November.*

■ **the administration Staff:** *the new Bursar, Mr. Roger Thomas, and the Clerical staff.*

■ **the Domestic Staff:** *the Matron and the staff.*

■ **the Students:** *in their studies and parish work; for their fellowship in the College; pray also for those to be ordained this year.*



■ **our overseas students:** *Roland Karui (Kenya), Yong Chen Fah (Sabah), Choong Chee Pang (Singapore), Nguyen Van Hai (South Vietnam).*

■ **the Post-Ordination Courses:** *for the Curates and the lecturers.*

■ **the Department of External Studies:** *the present students; pray also that others will feel the need to undertake the courses.*

■ **the wider work of the College:** *for the staff in their preaching in parishes, conventions and conferences; for the sessions in which they take part in television and radio; and their contributions to theological literature.*

■ **a response to the call of the Ministry:** *for the parish clergy as they place before young men the claims of the Ministry; and for an increase in the number of students.*

■ **the Staff Housing Appeal:** *for more supporters to meet the financial needs.*

COLLEGE INFORMATION

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The Bursar & Department of External Studies, 7 King St., Newtown. Ph: 519 6460.

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ANNUAL EMBERTIDE APPEAL

This month, the Annual Embertide Appeal for the College is being made, and donations will be allocated to the Staff Housing Appeal.

We are dependent upon donations and legacies to provide funds for new buildings. Over the past years, the annual gifts of a relatively small number of people have enabled the Committee to meet the repayments on our loans. We are encouraged by the fact that the number of donors has increased considerably in these years.

The new staff houses will mean an **increased annual commitment of \$7,000**. To meet this, we need new friends to share in the work of the College.

OUR AIM FOR THE 1971 APPEAL IS \$8,000

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBSCRIBED TO THE STAFF HOUSING APPEAL, PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE AND FORWARD IT TO THE COLLEGE OR YOUR CHURCH TREASURER.