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THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

NEWS BULLETIN



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CARILLON AVENUE, NEWTOWN. 2042.

BUILDING PROJECT COMMENCED

Work commenced in February on the next stage of our building development programme. Four staff houses are being built in Carillon Avenue opposite the Womens College. This is the first new building project undertaken for ten years.

The Committee has been concerned for some time over the unsatisfactory accommodation used for the staff. Before the new project could be undertaken, Clarke, Gazzard and Partners were engaged to prepare a plan of development for the College site to meet possible future needs. This was essential to ensure that the staff houses were placed in the right position in relation to any building developments.

Over the past years, the Committee has purchased properties adjacent to the College to provide room for future expansion. These houses are being used in the meanwhile for accommodating married students. The properties have been bought with legacies, donations and loans. Because of this foresight, land was available on which to build the houses.

The project was designed by Clarke, Gazzard and Partners, and is being built by W.J. Shipton Construction Pty. Ltd.

The new staff houses are designed on the town house style. They have



a northerly aspect looking towards the University, and are situated in the most pleasant part of the site available. Each has its own front garden raised above the level of the street for privacy and for the safety of growing families. The backyards are paved, and there are parking facilities for the staff and their visitors. The houses are two-storied; on the ground floor are the entrance porch, lounge room, dining room and study, and on the first floor, four bedrooms and bathroom.

It is essential in a residential college that the staff live on the campus, so that they can be accessible to students, and to exercise a pastoral oversight over them.

The new project will involve annual repayments of \$7,000, and the Committee looks to friends of the College for their support. It is thankful to God that it has been possible to undertake these new buildings, and at last, to provide adequate and satisfactory housing for the staff.

Six houses were demolished to make way for the new staff houses. The College owns the houses between the site and Deaconess House in the background.

The Principal, Rev. Dr. D. B. Knox, writes:

I commend for your support, the appeal the College Committee is making for four new staff houses.

The quality and abilities of the teaching staff in a college like ours are most important. It is a matter of thankfulness that men of spirituality, ability, and with a wide experience in different phases of church life, have served the College in the past. I trust that this may continue to be true of the present and the future.

Up till now, we have not been in a position to build houses for the teaching staff, apart from the Principal's house built 40 years ago. The Vice-Principal lives in a house over a hundred years old, and other members of the staff live in very old cottages or tenements.

Since the war, new student study-bedrooms, dining hall, kitchen and library have been built. The beautiful John Francis Cash Memorial Chapel was also erected during this time.

The new houses will be completed by September, and I commend the Appeal for your prayerful support.

The U.S.A. and Germany ... Theological Perspectives

The Rev. Dr. W. Dumbrell, a former student and lecturer, returns to the College in September. He writes from West Germany.

Our four years in the U.S.A. were a delightful experience in what could best be described as a theologically varied climate. We have been in Heidleberg since last September, with thus some opportunity to observe continental Protestantism.

PARISH MINISTRY LESS POPULAR

Some general impressions derived from both sides of the Atlantic were that more candidates for the ministry were specializing in the 'newer' pastoral disciplines (e.g. Pastoral Counselling), while fewer men seem to be interested in the pure parish ministry as such. Thus in theological colleges in the U.S.A., such peripheral biblical disciplines as pastoral psychology, counselling, Christian social action etc. were popular, while it is possible, even within conservative colleges, for the theological student to confine his strictly biblical emphasis to a fairly modest minimum.

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY DEPOSED.

The worth of these modern approaches to pastoral and social problems is not to be denied, and room for them within a theological curriculum ought to be found. Yet this decreasing lack of emphasis on biblical theology must remain disturbing. In Germany, biblical studies remain dominated by the form critical approach, with its acute attention to detail, and its disposition (its own methodology notwithstanding) to move from judgements upon the forms in which biblical revelation is couched, to the content of the forms themselves. As a result of such an approach, one can well imagine the message of the larger is often lost sight of.

Generally speaking, there is a disposition in the U.S.A. to place the Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern historical framework, with thus a wider perspective (particularly in such fields as Biblical Archaeology, for example) than here. But when that has been done, there is all too often little subsequent attempt to come to grips with basic biblical themes or to discuss their bearing upon a modern society.

On both sides of the Atlantic, it would all too often be assumed that the critical approaches to the scriptures, dominant within the last century and a half, have so carried the field as to be now self evident.

Once the question of biblical authority has been so disposed of, it is natural enough that the Canon should be called into question. In fact, the composition of the Canon and its constitution has in recent years particularly, been the subject of much scholarly research and review.

CHALLENGE TO EVANGELICAL THOUGHT.

Thus in the modern theological climate, the twin pillars of authority and canonicity, upon which the evangelical movement has so happily and necessarily rested, are considered by most to be somewhat shaky props. Faced as it is with such a situation, the evangelical movement may do one of two things. It may be tempted to hope (or to wish!) that the current mood will pass and that the pendulum will once again swing to revival, as it has invariably done in similar historical situations within the history of the Church. Fortified by such confidence, the evangelical movement may thus decide not to meet the criticisms of the age (real or implied), and of course, continually changing; but rather to continue with the real work of stating the authoritative biblical case to those who, in any generation, will hear.

On the other hand, it may feel it is necessary to respond to current criticisms. In this case, the task of evangelical scholarship, or indeed of evangelicals, will be to examine the positions under review, to draw what strength may be had from their methodologies, while at the same time drawing attention to whatever presuppositions exist in their approaches.

The second is the alternative which I favour. Some of the difficulties to be faced, it must be fairly said, are not capable of easy solution (the textual criticism of the Bible, particularly of the Old Testament in the light of the Qumran discoveries is a case in point). It is an educated age to which we speak, and we are not only faced with the erosion of biblical authority, to which I have referred, but with that also of a good deal of public confidence. Each minister of the gospel must be equipped to speak to his age, and to-day this undoubtedly means a higher standard of theological education, in-service training and the like. So far as theological training is concerned, it is certainly essential to balance all this with the concurrent of a pastoral heart, without which no ministry can possible hope to be fruitful.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The College Staff.

for the Principal in his work as teacher and administrator;
for the staff in their teaching and personal links with the students.

The Students.

for a deepening understanding of Holy Scripture, and a continuing awareness of their call to the ministry;

for their work as Catechists in Parishes.

College Administration.

for the Trustees and College Committee;

for the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. T. Nicholson, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Hann, and the Bursar in their special responsibilities;

for the Hon. Organising Secretary, Rev. R. Palmer;

for the Matron, Domestic Staff and Clerical Staff.

New Students.

for an increase in the number of students for the Ministry;

for the Moore College Fellowship as it contacts young men;

for the screening of the Audio-Visual, as the Call to the Ministry is presented in Parishes.

The Building Programme.

give thanks for the commencement of the staff housing project;

for an increase in donations to meet the repayments.

The Wider Ministry.

for the Department of External Studies as it provides instruction for the laity;

for the Staff in their teaching and preaching engagements in parishes, conventions and missions;

for the ministry of Rev. Bruce Smith on TV; and the Principal in his session, "The Protestant Faith" on 2CH;

for overseas students studying in College this year.

for the Post-Ordination Training Courses.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED "ON THE LINE" CHANNEL 10

11.30 am EVERY SUNDAY by
Mr. Ray Watson, O.C., Methodist
Layman.

Rev. Bruce Smith, Lecturer, Moore
College.

Fr. J. Bird, Parish Priest, Carlton.

COLLEGE NEWS

NEW ORGAN IN USE.

The pipe organ purchased from St. Luke's, Liverpool, has now been installed by Mr. Arthur Jones, Organ Builder, of Northmead. The organ has a very sweet tone, and has proved most satisfactory.

To fit the organ into the Chapel, it was necessary to dispense with the open diapason rank. In any case, this stop may have proved too loud for the Chapel.

We are grateful to the Rev. L. Bartlett of Enfield, and Mr. Keith Asboe, Music Master of The Kings School, for their helpful advice to the Vice-Principal during the installation. It is hoped to arrange recitals by these two organists at an early date.

1971 STUDENTS

93 students are attending theological lectures this year, and of these, 33 are new students.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS.

The students expect the College to do well in the Inter-Collegiate Sports this year with the help of the Rev. Roland Warui, an accomplished runner. After teaching for six years, Roland trained for the Ministry at St. Paul's United Theological College, Limuru, Kenya. He then spent four years as a Pastor.

Young Chen Fah from Sabah, is our other new overseas student. He is a former captain of St. Patrick's School, Tawau. Having completed an Arts degree at Sydney University, he taught at St. Andrew's Choir School for a year. He is studying theology with a view to the work of the Ministry in Sabah.

ORDINANDS.

Last year, 22 students completed their courses; of these, 16 were ordained for the Diocese of Sydney; two, Revs. M. Hill and K. Allen for Armidale; and one, Rev. B. Gibson, for Tasmania. Mr. Ronald Buckland was appointed the Scripture Union Secretary for Tasmania.

COLLEGE "AT HOME" FOR LADIES.

The Women's Auxiliary will hold an "At Home" at the College on Monday, 9th August at 10.30 a.m. All Ladies are invited, and an opportunity will be given to inspect the College.

THE LIBRARY.

The late Douglas Tilghman of Berry bequeathed his library containing an important collection of Australiana to the Moore College Library. Mr. Tilghman had

a long career in the banking world, and had wide interests in History and Economics as well as Liturgiology.

The Warden of Latimer House, Oxford, has presented to the Bishop Broughton Memorial Library, twelve volumes of 16th and 17th writings. These include three volumes of the 16th century Puritan, William Perkins, and a journal of the House of Commons in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

Volume 1 of the Broughton Library Catalogue, containing all books printed before 1700 has now gone to the press.

Any layman wishing to use the library facilities is welcome to do so. This may be done by contacting the Principal's Secretary, 51.1243.

STAFF NEWS.

We welcome to the Staff, the Rev. David Peterson, B.A., B.D., Th.Schol. He will lecture mainly in Old Testament.

Rev. Dr. R. S. Withycombe, a former student and lecturer, will rejoin the staff next year. At present he is the New Zealand Secretary of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship.

Members of the College Staff have been taking part in the Lenten "Christ Cares" evangelistic campaign held in the Diocese.

During the summer vacation, Revs. Dudley Foord and Alan Cole spoke at the I.V.F. Conference at Canberra. Mr. Foord also spoke at the Perth Keswick Convention and the Riverina Convention.

Rev. Tony and Mrs. Nichols completed the ten week Summer Institute Linguistics Course in Brisbane.

THE GEORGE THOROLD EARP SCHOLARSHIP.

The Rev. George Earp, who passed away last year, left a generous bequest to the College for a scholarship. He had spent a lifetime ministry in the Diocese, his last parish being St. James, Turramurra.

THE CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

This is the subject of an Audio-Visual prepared for the College by the Church of England Television Society.

In the past twelve months, it has been screened in 92 churches as widely separated as Norfolk Island, Cooparoo in Queensland, and Norseman in W.A.

Two copies are available for Sydney Diocese, and one for other Dioceses. Bookings may be made with the Rev. Ron Palmer, 44.3688 (evenings) or c/o Moore College.

CHURCH BENEFACTOR.

Thomas Moore, ship's carpenter, who arrived in Sydney in 1792, was a noted citizen, and a generous benefactor to the Church of England.

The Vice-Principal produced for the Royal Australian Historical Society, a valuable paper on his early life. Copies are available from the Principal's Secretary, phone 51.1243, at a cost of 50c, including postage.

MEDICO'S TOP CORRESPONDENCE COURSE.

At the top of the list of students completing the six years Moore College Certificate of Theology Course last year were two members of the medical profession — Dr. Ailsa Barker of New Zealand and Dr. John Treloar of Sydney. The 1969 list was topped by Dr. John Tay of Malaysia.

The moral is that if very busy people have time to do such a course, less busy people also have time.

CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS THE COLLEGE.

The Chief Secretary, Mr. Eric Willis, M.L.A., kindly accepted an invitation to address the College last year on "Censorship". He faced a barrage of questions afterwards, and his visit was much appreciated.

COLLEGE ARCHIVES.

The College is anxious to have as complete a record of the past as possible. Any reader having information, documents, or photographs of the earlier days of the College is asked to contact the Principal's Secretary.



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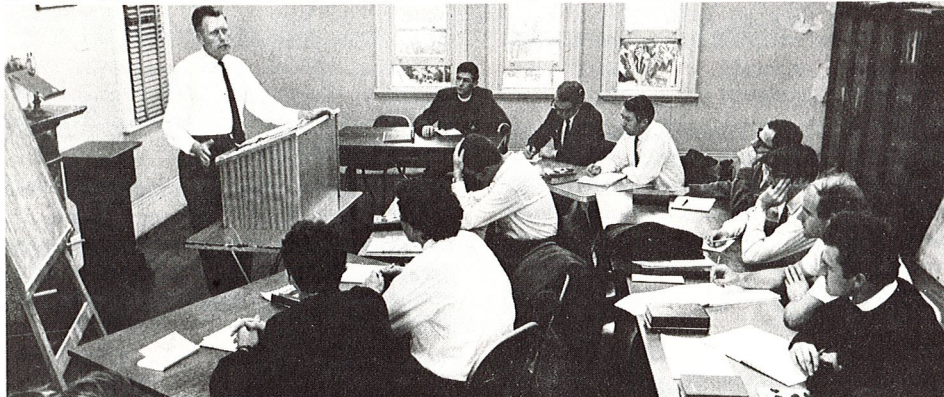
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POST-ORDINATION TRAINING



Mr. W.E. Anderson, Senior Lecturer in Education at the University of Sydney lectures to Curates in a course, "Human Understanding".

As we glide into the brave new world of automation and computers, the educational revolution gathers momentum, and knowledge explodes on us daily on every conceivable subject. One by-product of these decisively new factors is the rising educational level of our society as Universities and Educational Institutions pour out an increasing number of competent graduates.

The significance of this becomes evident in the rising educational calibre of church congregations. This means that the Clergy in the seventies must be adequately trained and prepared to meet this new and challenging situation.

Overseas, Schools of "Continuing Theological Education" have been established to provide courses to assist a

clergyman to fulfill his vocation in an increasingly complex and demanding world. He is thus enabled to participate in theological and pastoral courses to keep him fresh and vital in his work.

The training of ministers, then, has to be seen as a continuous whole, ranging over a life span, yet in three stages.

The first stage is the Theological College. Basically the Ministry is a teaching-pastoral work. Moore College exists to train men in biblical theology and pastoral skills.

The second stage is the Post-ordination Period. The two or three years after leaving college are crucial and formative ones in the total ministry of any man. He is confronted with the problem of relating the unchanging Gospel to the

contemporary world. He must receive further training under supervision.

In previous years, this task, and the further acquisition of pastoral skills was left in the hands of a Curate's Rector. While the Rector will, in the new scheme of things, continue to exercise a vital role in the training of a Curate, the complexities of our society are such that persons with specialist skills must be called upon to give Curates further insights and knowledge for the work of the Ministry.

The Archbishop of Sydney, in consultation with his Examining Chaplains and an advisory committee, has introduced this year, a programme of post-ordination training. Lecture and seminars are held at Moore College one full day a fortnight.

The third stage is the Stage of In-service Training. In the professional and business world, it is taken for granted that retraining at regular intervals is essential. When a minister has been on the job for a number of years, he begins to realise how many gaps there are in his knowledge, and the need for refresher courses.

The first of such in-service training courses was held at the College last November. Additional courses are planned for this year.

It is a matter for gratitude to note the expanding use of the College facilities in the on-going work of training men for the Ministry.

Further information about Post-Ordination Training may be obtained from the Rev. Dudley Foord.

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The Building Extension Fund

The Hon. Organising Secretary,
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