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THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

Many people in Australia are virtually unaware of the Solomon Islands, a group of tropical islands lying east of New Guinea. The capital, Honiara, is about the same distance from Brisbane as Port Moresby, but lies east rather than west of north. It has a population of about 13,000, and is the largest concentration of people in the Solomons, whose total population at the 1970 census was 161,000, mostly Melanesians, but including 1,300 Europeans.

SELWYN COLLEGE'S NEW HEADMASTER

Two of those Europeans are Vicky and Ken McIntyre who work at Selwyn College, the only secondary school in the Solomons conducted by the Anglican Diocese of Melanesia. It is co-educational, fully residential, with an enrolment of 270 students, 180 of whom are boys, and 90 girls. The staff of 17 teachers includes 5 Melanesians, 2 New Zealanders, 4 Englishmen and 6 Australians.

The Rev. Ken McIntyre, a graduate in Economics, was trained at Moore College in 1957-8, and since then has been Curate at Ermington-Rydalmere, Organising Secretary and Adult Education Officer of the Sydney Diocesan Board of Education, and Director of the Melbourne Diocesan Department of Christian Education. He obtained his Diploma of Education at Monash University while at Melbourne,

so opening the way for his appointment as Headmaster of Selwyn College last year.

THE CAPITAL, HONIARA

Writing from the school after a couple of months in the Solomons, Ken says:

"We have settled fairly well into our pleasant, three bedroomed house situated in the centre of the school grounds almost as if within a botanical garden with flowers, trees and shrubs. From our front door we look out over the chapel made of bush materials and the mountains of Guadalcanal Island reaching up to 8,000 feet in the background. We have gas, electricity, an adequate water supply and sewerage. The trip of 15 miles to Honiara takes about half an hour in our little two-cylinder Daihatsu car, travelling over dirt roads most of the way. Honiara itself is spread out along the coast with about five miles of bitumen roads. The cathedral church of St Barnabas is a splendid building seating about 800. It is possible to get most things in Honiara at prices slightly above those in Australia. Local fruit and vegetables are very cheap. The island is subject to earth tremors of which so far we have had three, one of them being quite a "shaker".

EDUCATION IN THE SOLOMONS

Education is a lively issue in the Solomons and is being looked at by an

Education Policy Review Committee with a view to introducing changes for the Seventh Development Plan to start at the end of 1974. Under the present system 1,900 pupils complete Grade 7 Primary each year but only about 400 go on to Secondary Schools. About 40-50 have the hope of tertiary education overseas, mainly in New Guinea and Fiji. So it is a very selective system with a high degree of government control because it alone has the funds required. At Selwyn we take in 90 Form 1 students each year but after two years only 30 are able to proceed to Form 3, a traumatic experience for those who have to leave. It is very sad dealing with parents whose children have not been selected for further education.

THE HEADMASTER AND HIS WORK

My main task is to be Headmaster, but I also teach 10 periods of divinity each week. As I am the only priest on the staff I take the two regular Communion services each week and share with other staff members in the daily worship. There was a stage when I was to be chaplain and the scope of the job is fantastic. **In fact a chaplain qualified as a teacher is one of our great needs.** For myself I am enjoying the ministry of preaching and teaching, using a Biblical basis in accordance with my usual procedure. We have a small Bible study club meeting each

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TRENDS IN THEOLOGICAL TRAINING



Before his appointment this year as Master of New College, University of New South Wales, the Rev. Dr Stuart Barton Babbage was Vice-President and Academic Dean of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Massachusetts, U.S.A. He is well remembered as a former Dean of Sydney, and then of Melbourne.

His assessment of the American scene shows many similarities with our own and indicates what may be the future of theological training in Australia.

Problems of American Theological Seminaries

The biennial meeting of the American Association of Theological Schools was recently held at St Paul, Minnesota. At that meeting, the Executive Director, Dr Jesse Ziegler, reported that over half the seminaries are operating on deficit budgets: budgets that range all the way from small deficits ('public relations deficits') to deficits of half a million or more. The deficits are, of course, the result of declining enrolments and mounting costs.

The crisis situation has necessitated some hard decisions in relation both to faculty and programmes. Delegates were reminded that, in a time of drastic retrenchment, the concept of tenure is of little relevance and that theological institutions can no longer afford the luxury of peripheral programmes only tangentially related to the main task of theological training.

Some seminaries have sought a remedy for their problems in forced mergers; others have tried to attract students by emphasising their social involvement and political radicalism.

The case of Union Theological Seminary in New York illustrates the nature of the problem. Union for long enjoyed a reputation as the most prestigious academic institution in America (Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich and John Bennett were outstanding members of the faculty); now, despite endowments of many millions, the seminary is in serious financial difficulties.

I attended the inauguration of Bishop Brooke Moseley of the Episcopal Church as President. Bishop Moseley has a deserved reputation as a social activist. He does not profess to be a theologian. The inauguration was held in Riverside Church; the Bishop wore a psychedelic

cope and the service took the form of a 'celebration'. After the function, claret and cheese were served to the guests in the grounds of the seminary.

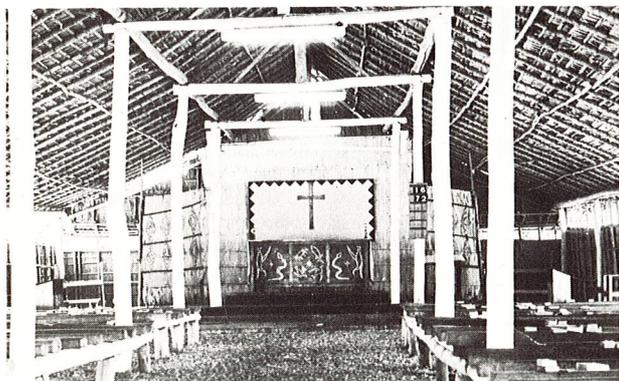
During the past two years the enrolment of Union has dramatically dropped (from 600 to 200); there are now more Roman Catholics enrolled than Protestants; as a matter of policy the proportion of blacks on the faculty and among the students number one half and that of women one third; the famous School of Music will be closed as from the end of this year.

Encouragement at Evangelical Seminaries

The one exception in this dismal picture is the steadily growing enrolment at evangelical seminaries. Evangelical seminaries, however, are not without their problems; all are struggling with the problems of burgeoning costs, and all have a public relations problem. The older evangelicals (who are strongly represented at the Trustee level) are politically right-wing; the younger evangelicals are by and large, profoundly critical of the establishment and have an awakened social conscience.

It is a sign of the times that over half the evangelical students now beginning their theological training are recent converts. They are the products of such organisations as Inter-Varsity, Campus Crusade and Young Life: organisations which are interdenominational and evangelistic. They have not grown up in the Church: a number of them have no denominational allegiance. These students are interested in new and experimental forms of ministry: for a time it was the coffee houses ministry; now it is the Logos ministry through Christian bookstores. Others are interested in drug rehabilitation programmes and the establishment of Christian communes.

There are today an increasing number of students (both men and women) who are seeking theological training, not because they desire to be ordained, but because they desire to undergird their faith by being grounded in the Bible and theology.



The chapel is made of bush materials, with a coral floor ("hard to kneel on" comments Ken). The inlay work on the Communion Table was done by the students.

week. We are praying for the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the students here, most of whom will go on to leadership positions in the future.

Some people may think it strange that Vicky and I are here in this situation, especially as for all our Christian life we have been strong supporters of the Church Missionary Society. But even while we were in Sydney we were aware of God's calling to work in this area. My visit to New Guinea in 1970 strengthened this awareness and when my studies at Monash were drawing to a close I had an overwhelming assurance of His calling

which was confirmed in 1972 in the way in which He worked all things together for good. Our experience of the Australian Board of Missions has been a very happy one and up here we are very conscious of friendliness and acceptance in the work. We really thank God for it all.

In conclusion, I am impressed by the extent of the provision made for the school by the Diocese and the Government in buildings, staff and other educational requirements. However, there is a recurring need for staff, many of whom come for two years only. **The scope for committed, qualified Christian teachers**

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COLLEGE NEWS

THE WAY THE U.S.A. DOES IT

The College recently received a donation from St George's Church, Nashville, Tennessee. The minister of the church is the Rev Peter Peters who was trained at Moore College.

It is a custom in all American denominations that one Sunday in the year is designated "Theological Education Sunday". The offerings on this day are sent to the theological college where the minister of the church was trained. In this way parishes acknowledge in a very direct way their obligation to the College which trained their minister.

It would be an excellent thing for theological education and ministerial training if Australian parishes were to adopt the same custom.

LECTURER RETURNS TO UNIVERSITY AS CHAPLAIN

Before entering Moore College, Dr Tony Doran was a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Physics at the University of New England.

He was ordained last February and Bishop R.C. Kerle has appointed him Anglican Chaplain at the University.

NEW STUDENTS

30 new students were accepted for 1973. 13 are candidates for the Diocese of Sydney, and 17 are independent students. Eighteen of the new students are university graduates.

STUDENTS ORIENTATION CONFERENCE

This conference, organised by the Students Union was held this year at "Deer Park", in the Royal National Park. The purpose of this annual conference is to bring the new students into contact with other members of the College before First Term begins.

The weekend was built around three addresses - "The Sins of a Theological Student" by the Rev Paul Barnett; "Christian Ministry", (Rev John Chapman); and "Dealing with Stress and Strain" (Mr W.E.C. Anderson). Much valuable discussion took place.

RETURN VISIT TO MORPETH

Three students paid a return visit to St John's College, Morpeth late last year. They shared in chapel services and lectures, and enjoyed informal discussions at mealtimes and in the students rooms.

It is hoped that further contacts between the two colleges will take place this year.

GARDEN PARTY

The Women's Auxiliary has arranged a Garden Party at the home of Mr and Mrs

Harold Knight, 39 Hull Road, Beecroft, on Wednesday, 19th September at 10.30 a.m. An invitation is extended to all ladies to be present.

1973 GRADUATES

20 students completed their courses in 1972, and of these, 14 were ordained for the Diocese of Sydney.

The Revs Tony Doran, Graham Farley, Kerry Medway were ordained for the Diocese of Armidale; the Revs Vic McNamara and Graham Hodgkinson for the Diocese of Brisbane; and the Revs Dale Appleby, Graham Chipps and David Seccombe are doing a post-graduate year as Deacons at Wollaston College in the Diocese of Perth.

LAUNDRY PROBLEMS

Over 30 married students with some 40 children are living in studentshouses at the College. The washing and drying facilities are very poor indeed, and make life difficult for mothers with young children.



The Women's Auxiliary is raising funds to equip a common laundry with washing and drying machines.

If any women's organisations in the Diocese would like to help in this matter, donations may be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs Rosemary Hanbury, 91 Eastern Road, Turramurra.

MARCIA ABEL SCHOLARSHIPS

Winners of the 1973 Scholarships were: Robert Forsyth, Graham Cole, Paul Weaver, Hugh Begbie, Stephen Hinks, Kenneth Bernoth.

ACCOMMODATION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The College has accommodation available for University students.

Enquiries should be made to the Bursar, 7 King St., Newtown, 2042, or telephone 519-6460.

COLLEGE STAFF

At the end of 1972, Bishop Robinson and Dr Cole moved out from College to their new appointments.

Bishop Robinson is now Bishop of

IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE

Begin a Correspondence Course with Moore College now.

Second Term enrolments close 21st May.

For further information, fill in the form on page 4, or ring Mrs Ruth Nelson, 519-6460 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

Parramatta. He will come to the College one day a week to give lectures in New Testament. The College is very fortunate in continuing to have the benefit of his wisdom and scholarship in this way. In the 22 years he has been on the staff, Bishop Robinson has made an inestimable contribution to the life of the College.

The College will also miss the unique contribution that Dr Cole has made during the time he has been connected with the College, which with breaks for time for service on the mission field, has extended over 22 years. In his new position as Master of Robert Menzies College in Macquarie University, he hopes to be able to visit Moore College to continue lecturing in Old Testament.

The Rev Peter Jensen, B.D., Th.L., who has been Curate at St Barnabas Broadway, has been appointed to the staff.

We also welcome to the College Faculty, Mr Charles Sherlock, B.A., B.D. With his family, he has taken up his position as Warden at But-Har-Gra before going out to Taiwan with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

The Rev Neil Macintosh, B.D., Th.L. has been appointed College Librarian.

The College is fortunate in obtaining the services of these three men.

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to offer for this service will always be present. For 1974, for example, we need a teacher in English (aware of how to teach English as a foreign language) and one in Maths. Above all we need continuing genuine prayerful support for the work of the school and the extension of Christ's Kingdom through all that is attempted here."

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The theology scene does not lend itself to easy generalisation; what cannot be denied is that within the evangelical seminaries there are many students of unusual ability and promise who have a very deep love for Christ and a very real concern for the world in which they live and who, as a consequence, are seeking for a new and authentic life style which is, at one and the same time, both Christian and committed.

Inflation hits the College

Because of rising costs, the College faces a substantial deficit in the General Fund this year. The Committee has made a very close examination of its budget for the year, and has effected some economies.

For the information of our friends, we set out briefly the causes of the situation.

INCOME This is derived from a number of sources, and it is very difficult to increase.

- (a) **Students Fees** The Committee believes it cannot make a substantial increase in the fees without causing a decline in enrolments. There is an increasing number of married students, who because they live out, make no contribution to the residential expenses.
- (b) **Diocesan Assessment** The College receives an allotment from the Special Purposes Assessment from parishes, and this is limited by the funds available.
- (c) **Donations** Most donations are for the Building Extension Fund to meet the annual repayments on new buildings.
- (d) **Property Rents** The College owns a number of houses. Some are let on a commercial basis; others house married students at a reduced rental. Income from rents has to be used for maintenance and the repayment of the loans by means of which they were purchased.

EXPENDITURE

- (a) **Staff Salaries** These have been increased according to the Diocesan scale. The College has not a full complement of lecturers.
- (b) **Housekeeping Expenses** These have skyrocketed. The price of food has increased and award wages have gone up tremendously. To cut costs this year, some of the lecturing staff are cooking the week-end meals for the students.
- (c) **Repairs and Maintenance** Much of the College property is old, requiring more maintenance, and here again, costs have increased.

WE APPEAL TO ALL WHO ARE NOT REGULAR DONORS TO THE COLLEGE TO SHARE IN THE WORK OF TRAINING MEN FOR THE MINISTRY

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

As far as possible, donations will be allocated to items in the General Fund expenditure which are allowable deductions for taxation purposes.

To:
Rev. R. Palmer,
Hon. Organising Secretary,
Moore College,
7 King St.,
NEWTOWN, N.S.W. 2042.

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POINTS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

please pray for

- the Principal and the Staff in their teaching programme and their personal relationships with the students.
- the Trustees and Committee as they manage the affairs of the College.
- the need for increased interest and prayer support.
- the Special Appeal to meet the urgent financial needs of the College.
- more University students to become boarders at the College.
- the new students as they commence their studies.
- the students that they might not only acquire knowledge but spiritual understanding and growth in grace.
- the Department of External Studies which administers the Correspondence Courses and the "Tapes That Teach".
- more men for the Ministry.
- the Post-Ordination Training Course.

TAPES THAT TEACH....



Cassettes available from the Department of External Studies, 519-6460, at \$2.00 each:

- The Sermon on the Mount — Bishop D. Robinson
- The Gospel according to Isaiah — Dr. R. Withycombe
- The Work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament — Rev B.L. Smith
- Studies in Romans — Dr D.B. Knox
- Jesus Christ and Marriage & Jesus Christ and Violence — Dr Alan Cole
- Studies in Judges — Rev B.L. Smith
- Studies in Job — Rev D. Petersen
- Studies in Genesis — Dr W. Dumbrell
- Two Lectures by Prof John Bright of Virginia, U.S.A.