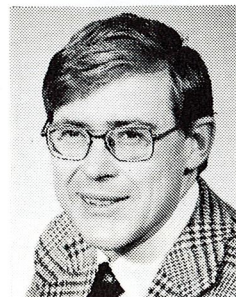

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From the principal



Dear Friends,

Twenty-five years ago when I first began to read Christian books the great debate was on the authority of the Bible. Nothing has changed.

There are new authors (and some old ones!) and there are new issues, but basic to the divisions of opinion amongst Christians is the place assigned to the scripture. Very few Christian theologians ignore the Bible. All regard it as important. But far fewer give it a unique and central place in their hearts and teaching.

There are serious practical results. Relationships with God must be impoverished by an inadequate understanding of scripture. We cannot pray effectively, for example, if we do not have the assurance that God speaks in his Word. In the end the gospel itself may be lost.

Current debates may not seem to involve the status of scripture as such. Traced through to their conclusions, however, they confront us with the question of obedience to God's revealed mind.

The secular atmosphere of our times makes it harder for Christians to be loyal to the truth. We need to be both clear-minded and determined.

The students of our college study many different subjects, from philosophy to speech communication. All this is useless, however, unless the contents of the Bible are thoroughly known, and we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in obedience to God. That is what makes theological education so difficult – it is a sustained attempt to learn and apply the Word of God.

If our College fails to serve the scriptures, our graduates will fail their people and the knowledge of God will disappear.

Will you pray for us – faculty, students, administration alike, that we may learn 'to live according to scripture' (I Corinthians 4:6)?

May I raise another important subject with you?

Each student at the College is required to pay his own way. While the fees are kept to a minimum through the support of the Diocese and friends of the college, in these days of rising costs it is becoming more and more difficult for our students to keep their heads above water.

Your support will help us to keep their costs to a minimum. You can use the coupon at the back of this Newsletter to make your gift.

Yours sincerely

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

Peter F. Jensen

Covenant & Creation

An Old Testament
Covenantal Theology

W. J. Dumbrell

COVENANT AND CREATION

What we confidently hope is the first of many books that will come from the pen of Dr. Dumbrell, our former vice-principal, is now available. The title, *Covenant and Creation: An Old Testament Covenant Theology*, suggests themes which were prominent in Dr. Dumbrell's lecture courses here. He examines the nature of the important covenants recorded in the Old Testament: that with Noah, with Abraham, at Sinai, with David, and the New Covenant prophesied towards the end of the Old Testament period. Dr. Dumbrell is concerned to demonstrate the unity of the Old Testament message. The various covenants are not to be contrasted with one another, but are in fact different expressions of *one* basic covenant between God and his creation. The whole Old Testament (and indeed the whole Bible) records the movement of God towards the accomplishment of his purpose in creation. After the fall, redemption is nothing less than the restoration of creation.

In the light of this Dr. Dumbrell draws out the significance of many Old Testament texts and concepts. *Covenant and Creation* is an important book for those seeking a comprehensive understanding of the message of the Bible.

John Woodhouse

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Farewells . . .

Broughton and Ailsa Knox

Hundreds of friends of Broughton and Ailsa Knox gathered for two dinners hosted by the Faculty at the College in November in order to honour the retiring Principal and his wife. They heard tributes from Bill Lawton and Bruce Smith on the first evening and Paul Barnett and John Chapman on the second. Dr. Knox replied with words of wisdom and exhortation and several gifts were presented.

Margaret Rodgers

The college community was disappointed (for its own sake) to hear that the Principal of Deaconess House would also be retiring from office on March 1st. Margaret has accepted the post of Administrative and Research Officer of the Anglican General Synod. Her lectures in Church History are a high point for many in the college course.

Neville Malone

After over a decade of service, Mr. Neville Malone has also relinquished his post as College Treasurer. He has brought great expertise and zeal to the job, and the evidence of his commitment is easily seen in the College's life. His place will be taken by Mr. John Creelman, a Company Secretary. The Creelman family are parishioners of St. Barnabas', Broadway.

Welcome . . .

Mark and Sue Harding

In February this year Rev. Mark Harding joined the lecturing staff of the college. Mark has just completed a three year curacy at St. John's, Parramatta. Before that he served in the parish of St. Stephen's, Port Kembla. He was originally a Tasmanian, and holds honours degrees from the University of Tasmania, London University and The Australian College of Theology. He and Sue have three children.

Barry and Alison Webb

The Webbs left in 1981 so that Barry could study for his Ph.D. in Old Testament at Sheffield in the U.K. Word has just been received that Barry has been successful in gaining his Ph.D. and that his thesis (an investigation on the book of Judges) has been accepted for publication. Congratulations to Barry (and Alison)! Barry has recommenced lecturing at the college. Alison and Barry have two children.

New Principal at Deaconess House

Narelle Jarret has been appointed Principal of Deaconess House. She has gained extensive experience in Christian work since leaving College and holds the B.D. and Th.L., the latter with first class honours.

Congratulations . . .

M.Th. results

Congratulations to Graham Cole who has added the Sydney University M.Th. to his other degrees with a thesis on Thomas Cranmer. June Horne, assistant to the Principal at Deaconess House, has not been idle either — she, too, has been awarded the M.Th. degree from the University of South Africa for research on the doctrine of the last things.

Students do well

Most congratulations should go, however, to the students of the college who managed as a whole to score very well in their Diploma of Arts, Bachelor of Theology and Licentiate of Theology exams. Particularly noteworthy results were obtained by:

Greg Burke, Peter Blowes and Moses Chin —
First Class Honours in the Dip.A.
David Short and Wayne Presbury — *First Class Honours in B.Th.*
Peter Bolt —
First Class Honours in Th.L.

Peter was awarded both the W.Hey Sharp Prize for being first in the merit list and the John Forster Memorial Prize for Greek.

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Amongst the authors

Bill Dumbrell is not the only Moore College author. Bruce Smith, whose connection with the College goes back over many years and who now is a visiting lecturer, has published a book of poems *I'll not pretend* (available at Impact Books, \$7.95). Graham Goldsworthy, a former lecturer, has also broken into print with his second book, *The Gospel in Revelation*.

Initiatives and Coming Events . . .

Media Watch

Clifford Warne, the popular and skilled Director of Anglican TV, has been teaching speech communication at the College for some years. He is now offering students a five-day vacation course on the use of media. This will involve the writing of scripts, the production of audio-visuals and the understanding and use of radio and TV.

New Evening Course

Denis Kirkaldy, the Director of External Studies, has surveyed the Southern and Western areas of Sydney and discovered a need for the extension of the College Evening Course. First term 1986 will therefore see the opening up of a new centre for lectures somewhere in the south-west of Sydney. The college is aiming to equip lay people for christian ministry. Enquiries can be directed to the External Studies department (Phone 519-2188).

Generous Bequests

Mention was made in the last Newsletter of generous bequests to the College. Since then word has been received of similar donations from the estates of Mrs. Ellen Black and Mr. Edwin Haxby. These gifts have been of great benefit to the work of the College and it suggests a way in which others can also help. The Bursar, Mr. Doug Marr, can give advice to you or your solicitor about how this can be done.

Commencing Ministry

On the whole we don't mind when our students are eager to leave college: it means that they are keen to use the skills they have learned in the service of the Gospel!

On March 11th we celebrated the Commencement for Ministry in which degrees, diplomas and scholarships were awarded and we prayed for those who have gone forth. The Principal gave an address in which he spoke of preaching as the call and test of ministry.

As last year's graduating class commences ministry they scatter to many different places and different jobs.

Lindsay Robertson is serving Christ as a student worker in Newcastle.

Keith Mascord's work is in the Anglican church in Tamworth.

Peter Blowes is headed for St. Andrew's Hall, Melbourne and service for the Lord amongst students overseas.

Moses Chin has been ordained a deacon in the Anglican church in Sabah.

Seth Nden has returned to a responsible chaplaincy job in his native Nigeria.

The majority, however, are serving

Christ and his people in various capacities in Sydney ... *Greg Burke, Stephen Hale, Ray Beckman, David Coy, Tim Harris, Graham Crew, Graeme Orr, Ray Vassallo and Leigh Roberts.*

The whole group earned (and did so by working very hard) the college's final award, the Diploma of Arts in Theology. Their results were excellent. They know how much they have still got to learn about ministry - but they also know that they have laid the most important foundations. The college has equipped them.

We have other students commencing ministries too, though. It is not possible to mention them all but *Jan Smith*, after having obtained the B.Th. with honours is parish assistant at Seaforth; *Peter Morphew* has become assistant to the chaplain at Scots College and *Bob Cameron* is a youth worker in St. John's, Sylvania Heights and C.M.S. Time would fail to tell of the comings and goings of our Bible and Mission graduates ...! In all, at last count, 43 people are now using new-found skills for Christ outside the College.

Who put all these talented and well-equipped people into Christian service? **YOU DID!** The college functions through the prayers, gifts and support of its friends.

Societas — is it a record?

Societas, the College student magazine, was launched in April. Not only is it amazingly early — it is very well produced and gives a real picture of the College. Congratulations to the editors!

New Telephone Numbers

Please make a note of these new Telephone Numbers for the College.

Library, Administration and Faculty	519-2644
External Studies	519-2188
After Hours	
Library	519-2869
Kitchen	519-2126

Making ends meet

Many people believe that the catechist's stipend covers the fees of those training for the ministry.

In fact, for an unmarried student, there is a shortfall of about \$1,000 and the student is expected to meet travel costs and other expenses from this stipend.

The married student has to meet many extra expenses for himself and his family.

It is vital that the college does everything in its power to keep student fees as low as possible while improving the facilities of the college.

The college needs concerned Christian people to lend a hand. Our students have enough to worry about without being concerned about where the next \$ will come from.

Please send your donation with coupon today.

Your support is vital.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Friends of the college are asked to remember in their prayers — the staff and students; the Council; the administrative and domestic staffs; the Department of External Studies.
- In particular, it may be helpful to 'adopt' several students and families (starting with your parish catechist?) and a lecturer.
- Our prayers for finances have been answered by God many times. This encourages us to keep praying for the needs of the college and the expansion of its ministry.

A letter of thanks from Dr Knox

Dear College Supporter,

I am writing to thank you for the support you have given to the College over the past years. I have valued very much your prayers for the College and your financial support, and I want to thank you and to encourage you to continue your support and especially your prayers for the faculty, the students, the administrative and domestic staff, the council and all aspects of the College's activity.

At the Council's request I shall be going overseas in 1985. My wife will be going with me and we shall spend a month in South Africa with Bishop Dudley Foord as he has asked me to give some help in developing theological education in the Church of England there. Most of the time will be spent in Cambridge. I plan to write at Tyndale House where I have booked a study desk. This is my primary object in going overseas. I shall also be visiting some of the theological colleges in England and North America. Next year, the Lord willing, I shall continue lecturing in Christian Doctrine at College.

God has blessed our College and I believe it is primarily due to the prayers of his people. I know you will be in prayer for Dr. Jensen and his colleagues on the faculty at this significant time.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



D.B. Knox



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☐ Please send me information about regular monthly donations towards the cost of training men for the ministry.

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