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PREACHING GIVEN GREATER EMPHASIS

The college pastoralia course is giving greater emphasis to preaching, the Dean of Students (The Rev. Bill Lawton) said at the commencement of the academic year. He said the college aim was to produce competent preachers.

Training now started in first year when students were introduced to the "notion" of preaching and its significance.

They looked at contemporary and traditional preaching in its various styles, but the emphasis was on expository preaching.

"In second term, Dr. Jensen and I divide the class and each of us expounds Jeremiah," Mr. Lawton said.

"We work through selected sections and in the next term students prepare their own sermons on the same passages.

"They preach these in their own seminar group and students and staff then analyse the sermon.

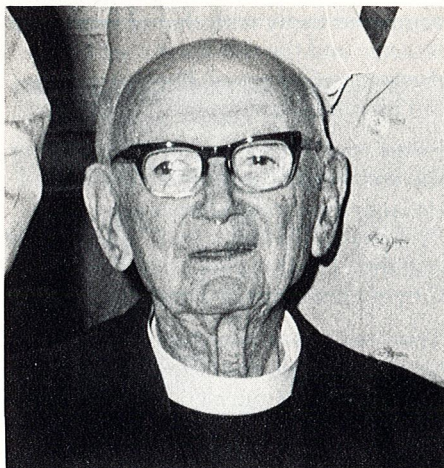
"We encourage them to preach the same sermon in parish."

Mr. Lawton said that in second year the nature of preaching was treated at greater depth.

Content, style, method, language, the principles of exegesis and the needs of contemporary society were all dealt with.

In third year, principles of worship were discussed as part of the course on prayer book.

"For the final year, Dr. Bill Dumbrell joins us and we study selected sections of Isaiah, preparing sermons with the



Our oldest graduate, Canon Arthur James Alexander Fraser, recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He was the 251st student enrolled at college when he entered in April 1903. Canon Fraser graduated in 1905 with second class honours in the Oxford and Cambridge Preliminaries. His last appointment was as secretary for A.B.M. from 1945 to 1949. (Photo Ramon Williams)

students and they then preach them in chapel," said Mr. Lawton.

"The trial sermon is now preached in the man's terminating year — he is likely to preach on at least two other occasions.

"As well, we listen to three taped sermons from parish, and chaplains hear three sermons from each student."

Mr. Lawton said staff members were encouraged by students consulting them with increasing frequency about preaching.

"We can only lay the foundations," Mr. Lawton said. "It is up to the students to continue persevering."

RECORD GIVING IN 1980

Donations to the Building and Extension Fund in 1980 reached an all-time record of \$55,295. This was an increase of 79 per cent over the previous year.

The college bursar (Mr. Trevor Blundell) said last week that after lengthy negotiations the college had completed the purchase of the Master Builders' Association property on November 7.

"The college managed to raise 50 per cent of the funds needed from internal sources," Mr. Blundell said. "These included generous gifts from donors.

"The balance came from external sources."

Donations in recent years have been:

1976	\$33,225
1977	\$36,002
1978	\$37,573
1979	\$34,021

"We are very thankful for the support and encouragement of our friends," said Mr. Blundell.

"Fixed commitments which the Building and Extension Fund must meet each year total \$46,000. We bring this need to you for your prayerful consideration."

Mr. Blundell asked donors to note the following minor change to the College's File Reference Number for Tax Deductibility purposes:

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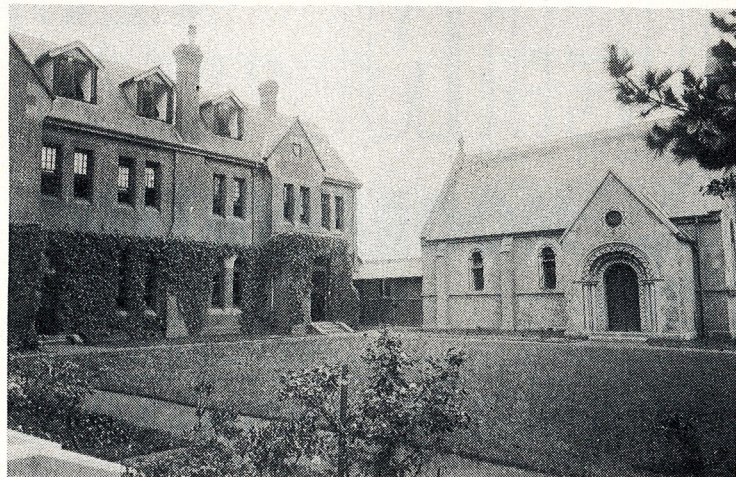
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NEW REFERENCE

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THEN AND NOW:



THE ARCHBISHOP LOOKS BACK . . .

A new academic year is beginning for Moore College.

It was 125 years before, on March 1, 1856, that the college opened its doors for the first time. It was situated in Thomas Moore's old home at Liverpool; the Rev. William Macquarie Cowper was the acting principal; and there were three students.

Now, 125 years later, the college occupies another site on the edge of the Sydney University campus; it has a staff of eight full-time members; and there is the largest overall enrolment of students for many years.

The contrasts between 1856 and 1981, Then and Now, seem almost endless. They are a great tribute to the foresight of Bishop Barker, and they reflect the growth of the church in the diocese.

Some of those contrasts make the past seem so remote that it is not easy to think of it as though it were real.

When the new term begins, it will be 49 years since I first passed through the gates of the college. There were few married students, and even fewer graduates, in those days.

Students were allocated rooms in the old wing or in what is now the vice-principal's house. My room was No. 13, an attic on the top floor of the old wing.

The principal was Archdeacon D. J. Davies and the vice-principal the Rev. G. C. Glanville; there were three visiting lecturers.

The Bishop Broughton Memorial Chapel was at right angles to the main porch of the old wing.

The Th.L. examinations took place at the end of the Trinity Term, and the Michaelmas Term was rather wasted.

I spent only five terms in the college, and then left without any nostalgic memories. The standard of lectures compared badly with that of university lectures and the text-books set by the Australian College of Theology were too liberal for me.

I read what I liked and ignored most of the text-books. In this way I ploughed through the three volumes on Systematic Theology by Charles Hodge and then the three volumes of John Calvin's Institutes of Theology.

That was a very uncommon exercise in those days; I do not know of any other student of the time who followed that diet of reading. But it was invaluable to me and served as an introduction to the Doctrines of Grace exemplified in the Lives and Works of the Reformers.

I left the college at the end of August 1933, and a month later began to work as a full-time catechist in the parish of Gladesville.

Archbishop Mowll arrived in Sydney in March 1934 and I met him for the first time three months later at the King's Birthday Convention at St. Paul's, Chatswood.

Archbishop Mowll was to determine the course of my ministry in ways I had never dreamed of.

I was in the first group of men whom he ordained to the diaconate in March 1935. There were five of us in all, and I was the last of the five.

To my immense surprise, he informed me that I was to return to the college as resident tutor and chaplain. I had not been asked and I had no choice. He had made up his mind, and that was that.

So in March 1935 I found myself back in the college after an interval of 18 months. It was a momentous year.

Corrie Glanville had retired at the end of 1934; Frank Hulme-Moir was the senior student; Archdeacon Davies died towards the end of the first term; Canon A. L. Wade of Croydon became acting principal.

After some time, it was announced that the trustees had appointed the Rev. T. C. Hammond, who was superintendent of the Irish Church Missions, as the new principal. He did not arrive in Sydney until April 1936.

Moore College then began to surge forward through the combined impact of Archbishop Mowll and the new principal.

It was Archbishop Mowll's drive and initiative that led to the formation of the Women's Auxiliary and the appointment of the Rev. S. G. Stewart as the organising secretary.

Funds were steadily raised to renovate the old buildings and to erect three new residential wings.

The building programme in the forties reached its culminating point with the consecration of the John Francis Cash Memorial Chapel by the Archbishop of Canterbury in November 1950.

"TC", as the new principal was commonly called, was a man of massive learning and intellect, full of Irish wit and foible, formidable in debate and capable of true oratory from pulpit or platform.

He began at once to lecture to the Th.L. men as though they were final year honours students in Philosophy.

He preached in chapel five mornings every week, without a note, and often for 40 minutes before breakfast.

He was in great demand for house parties and undergraduate meetings and soon established a dominating position for himself in synod affairs.

There was a steady increase in the number of students, while matriculation was made the basic requirement before a candidate could be accepted.

A regular three year course of study and a special February term were established. Evening lectures were begun for two diploma courses which came to be known by their initials. Then in mid 1947, Archdeacon Hammond, as he had become, went on prolonged leave to visit Great Britain.

He did not resume his college duties until March 1949, but his great days were over. He did not lay down the reins of office until the end of 1953 when he was 77 years old.

I always thought it a pity that students in those last five years only knew him when his powers were on the wane.

Archbishop Mowll and Archdeacon Hammond together laid the foundation for what Moore College has become today.

The contrast between the college when I first knew it in 1932 and as it is now in 1981 is so enormous that it is hard to convey.

Archdeacon Davies was principal for 24 years; Archdeacon Hammond for 18 years; Canon D. B. Knox has now held that office since March 1959.

The last 20 years have seen the erection of new buildings and the purchase of new properties on the south side of Carillon Avenue: the dining hall, the library, the class rooms, and staff houses. A four year course has been established; students have regularly taken the London B.D. degree; and the record of academic excellence has never been so high.

But there is something more fundamental to a college than fine buildings or academic achievements: this is the more intangible element that makes the spiritual tone of college life pre-eminent.

Moore College is now 125 years old; may it continue to increase in honour and usefulness for the glory of God and the welfare of His people.

COLLEGE PRAYER MEETING

The college prayer meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2. There will be sessions at 7.15 and 8.15 p.m.

Plan to share with us in prayer. If you cannot share in the encouragement of being together, you may care to set aside a special time on that day and pray with us.

We give thanks for: 125 years of college life — for those who have been equipped for the ministry.

- The number and calibre of candidates for admission.
- The generosity of college friends.
- Continual development of the library.
- Provision of domestic and administrative staff.

Pray:

- For wisdom for the Principal and lecturing staff. For more staff to cope with increased enrolments and responsibilities.
- For finance for more accommodation.
- That students might keep Biblical goals.
- For wives and families of staff and students: Their health and education, growth in the Lord.
- Opportunities for staff and students to speak in parishes.
- Guidance on preparing a new course of lectures on prayer and the devotional life.
- That graduates might faithfully minister in the Lord's Name.



Interior of the Broughton Memorial Chapel. The three stained glass windows are now near the entrance to the common room.

AVOID DOUBLE BOOKING — MARK THESE DATES NOW!

Thursday, April 2: College Prayer Meeting. Sessions at 7.15 and 8.15 p.m.

Monday, May 4: Moore College Library Lecture, 1981.

Speaker:

The Rev. Bill Lawton.

Subject: "That Woman

Jezebel" — Moore College After 25 Years.

September 15, 17, 18, 21 and 23. Fifth Series of Annual Moore College Lectures — Bishop Donald Robinson.

September 20: Moore College Sunday.