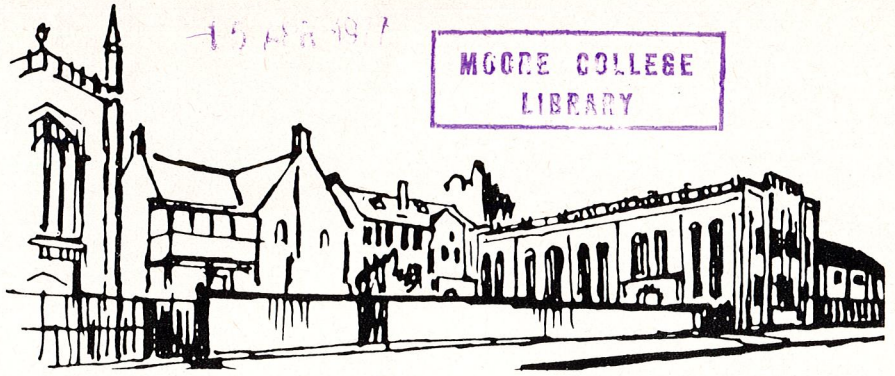


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THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

## NEWS BULLETIN



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## FROM MY OFFICE DESK

*Miss Vi Munnerley, A.A.S.A., was appointed College Accountant and Office Administrator in 1973 after having been the Accountant of the N.S.W. Auxiliary of the Bible Society of Australia for fifteen years.*

*Her contribution to the College through her professional ability and Christian dedication is invaluable.*

Andrew made his way through the crowd with the young lad until they were close to Jesus. With his hands on the lad's shoulders, he said, "Here is a lad who has his lunch of five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

The lad raised his eyes and looked into the face of Jesus and proffered his lunch. That day, he gave all he had — his lunch — and for a growing lad, that was really something! He must have felt like Andrew, "What is that among so many?" However, he had the great joy of seeing that lunch multiplied before his very eyes so that it fed the whole crowd, including Jesus and the disciples. His own hunger was satisfied, and perhaps from what was over, he was given some to take home to his family.

From my desk during the past three years, I have seen many give their "lunch" to Him. It takes many forms, but always it is giving, and always it is blessed and multiplied. Those who have entered College have given themselves to Him to be trained for ministry. They have left their secular employment, and for four years, have to rely on the resources they saved in preparation for entry into College, and these are being continually eroded by inflation. Nevertheless, they, in turn, sometimes give of that which they seem to need for themselves to others.

Last year, a student received a bursary — he heard of a student who had a greater need than his own, so he paid the cheque back into the office as an anonymous gift for his fellow student.

Another student, a family man, paid a month's rent for a student

whom he heard was having financial problems.

Recently, a number of families in a suburban church became aware that a student with a family was doing part-time work, which was taking up valuable study time. They undertook to pay for the man's fees, rent and a little for food, so that he could give his time to his studies.

Another church gave a generous amount to provide text books for three students — others have provided additional money for rent, or help in case of sickness.

It is a joy to see the gratitude of the students as they accept these gifts as the Lord's provision. More of this personal help is needed by the students in these inflationary times, not only to meet their material needs, but to encourage them spiritually. Houses have been bought by the College over the years to provide accommodation for married students, and their proximity to the College has many advantages. They are old and costly to maintain; lack of finance prevents their demolition and replacement. Much has been said about these houses by the uninformed. However, numbers of students have proved that "home is what you make it." Last December, some new students moved into the Little Queen Street houses. There was a spirit of comradeship as they worked together to clean and paint and prepare their little houses for the years ahead. The college provided the paint, the students the labour.

Tribute should be paid to the members of the College Committee, both clerical and lay, who give of their expertise for the on-going work of the College. Mr. Peter Nicholson



has served most faithfully and efficiently as Honorary Secretary for nearly 25 years; Mr. Neville Malone, Treasurer of Ampol Petroleum Ltd., makes a most valuable contribution as Honorary Treasurer; and Rev. Ron Palmer works tirelessly as Honorary Organising Secretary.

The faculty staff give of themselves continually, not only to the resident student body, but also in additional programmes. Evening courses and a Christian Teachers' Course are provided for lay people.

The external correspondence courses have long provided a profitable study programme for Christians around the world. The following appeared in the June, 1976 issue of "Today", the journal of the Church of England in South Africa. David Hodgson of Christ Church, Blairgowrie writes:

"Last November, eight members of our church sat down in great trepidation to write a two hour paper on the Epistle to the Romans. Having



enrolled for the Preliminary Theological Certificate of Australia's Moore College, we were plunged into the heart of the Gospel. Meeting every Wednesday for two hours for three months, we worked through the study notes under the guidance of our Rector, Patrick Stevenson. We all struggled hard in understanding and memorising Paul's unfolding of the fundamentals of the Christian faith and the foundation upon which it is centred — justification by faith. Most of us, for the first time, were brought along the same path that Martin Luther trod when he first understood 'the righteousness of God', as revealed in Romans 3:21-24. All passed, with two gaining distinctions. The more lasting result was a significantly deeper understanding of the gospel wrought in our hearts."

May this example encourage not only the staff of the Department of External Studies, but also the clergy who assist in setting and marking the papers, and the faculty members who write or review the notes.

A "Think-in Weekend" was held last Easter to give external students an opportunity for fellowship, study, and sharing with the Rev. Geoffrey Paxton and Dr. Graeme Goldsworthy.

On Mondays at 9 a.m. the office staff gathers for prayer, and in a simple way, prays for the work of the College, the staff, and all the students. This is a meaningful time, and sets the tone for the week.

An area in which answer to prayer has been experienced is that of the provision of office staff. Advertisements were placed in newspapers, and the prayer has been, "Lord, we want one applicant — the right one." The result has been no wasted time in interviews. Invariably there has been just one applicant, and indeed, the "right one" needed at that particular time. In each instance, if the choice had been from dozens, it could not have proved more suitable. All members of staff have a very real sense of the Lord's calling, and give of themselves unstintingly.

Last year, a number of Youth Groups provided sufficient funds for a 3-M Secretarial Copier. This machine has proved a very useful and versatile tool for the faculty staff, office staff and students. Thank you, young people, for this wonderful provision.

Throughout the year, churches and individual donors have been generous in the support of the General Fund which meets running expenses; the Building Fund which meets the loan repayments on the Library, Dining Hall and Staff Houses; and the Repairs and Maintenance Fund which assists in keeping the College buildings in repair. Others gave to the Library, an essential tool for student education; and the Principal's Discretionary Fund to meet emergency financial situations of students. Donations for 1976 showed a 38.4% increase over 1975, and for this the College is grateful.

Moore College is a worthy institution of the Anglican Church providing theological training, not only for its own prospective clergy, but also for Christians desirous of preparing for other ministry or service.

Much is needed to maintain the present work; there is much more which could be done. Continued and additional support is needed firstly in believing prayer, and then faithful giving. Have you given your "lunch" lately? Yourself? Is the Lord calling you to enter the full-time ministry; or to undertake a correspondence course; to give your time sacrificially in prayer for the College; to give your money to provide the means for others to prepare themselves for service? Your "lunch" will probably be that which you "seem" to need yourself.

However, like the lad of long ago, you will find the greatest joy and fulfilment in giving — "for it is in giving that we receive".

## COURSES FOR LAYPERSONS

### CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Second Term Commences 6th June.

Enrolments Close 9th May.  
Subject: Doctrine I.

### EVENING LECTURES AT THE COLLEGE

Second Semester Commences 11th July.

Subjects      Offering:      New  
Testament      General;      Ethics;  
Evangelism;      Old Testament  
(Ezekiel).

For further information, fill in the form on page 4 or ring the Department of External Studies, 9 a.m.-4.45 p.m. — 519 6460.

## RECORD ENROLMENT

The College began 1977 with a record enrolment of 55 first year students. These included 39 men training for a full time ministry of one type or another; 7 men and women who are being trained by arrangement with the Youth Department of the Diocese of Sydney; and 9 women enrolled through Deaconess House. In addition, there are a number of people who are taking some College first year lectures part-time. Of the thirty-nine men, almost two thirds have been accepted as candidates for the Diocese of Sydney, while the remainder are either independent students, or are being trained for ministry within the Continuing Presbyterian Church.

More than 70% of the new students are 25 years or over, some coming with considerable experience in professional fields. Eleven are married with two or more children, and a commitment to four years training involves a considerable degree of personal sacrifice by the student and his family. Slightly more than a third are university graduates extending from the Bachelor to the Doctoral level.

Many have come with extensive backgrounds of Christian service in the local congregations, wider Diocesan contacts or synod service. For the most part, they will live on the College campus — as single men in residence and as married men occupying College houses in adjacent streets, King, Little Queen and Campbell.

We are grateful to God for the increase in the number of those training for ministry.

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# AID FOR ASIA

*Aureliano and Nenita Tan and their young daughter, Charis, have been living in a College house for the past fifteen months.*

*Nationals from many countries have studied at Moore College in recent years. The College has assisted them by bursaries as a contribution to the world-wide work of the Church.*

The gift of teaching, or more precisely, pastor-teaching is a gift from the Spirit of God (Eph. 4:11), for which no minister of God can brag about, but only be thankful for. It is primarily a responsibility rather than a privilege. It is given by God to accomplish a specific task.

We have come to Australia to study at Moore College, convinced that this is God's task for us when we return to the Philippines. We knew that a serious study of the Scriptures demands full attention.

## THE CHALLENGE IN THE PHILIPPINES

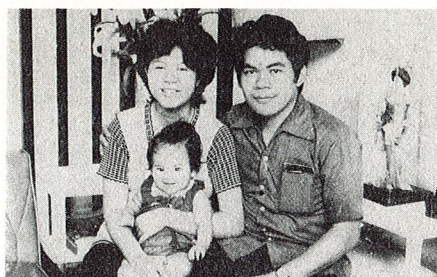
Our country has a population of more than 45 million, three times the population of Australia. 85% is Roman Catholic, with Protestants numbering a meagre 3%. The rest of the population are either animists, agnostics, or outright atheists, with the Muslims numbering less than the Protestants.

The evangelical section of the nominal church-going population is small, but it is a number to be considered in terms of a long term ministry. This presents a tremendous challenge in theological education.

There are a lot of seminaries which aim to train pastor-teachers for this specific ministry. Many are staffed by foreign missionaries. These expatriates have been of tremendous help in building up the Philippine church; but they have also transplanted their own culture into the church. Thus the church exists as a sub-culture within Philippine society.

There is a great demand for pastor-teachers who will devote their lives to the study of the Word and it's proper application to specific life situations within a culture. The Philippine church needs many of them. Our seminaries need Filipinos specially trained to teach the students for the building up of the Body of Christ in our country.

To this end, God has been pleased to call us.



## GOD'S CALL TO US

God kindled in me a desire to minister the Word when I was in the University of the Philippines doing a B.Sc. in Physics. I was also actively involved in the work of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship. The desire never waned as increasing opportunities for teaching the Word to young Christian High School and University students crowded out my interest in Physics. A lecturing post at the University after graduation had to give way to a very short stint of pioneering work in the slums of the city of Pasay, south of Manila. Here, the necessity of solid Bible-training again presented itself to me. The counsel of the brethren in Manila confirmed this.

Finding a suitable college was one problem; the other was finance, because of the much higher living standards abroad. While waiting on the Lord for an opening, I worked with Scripture Union as it's lone staff worker in Manila.

While I was lecturing at the University, a Church of England minister from Australia, who was visiting the country, suggested Moore College to me. In September, 1975, an old acquaintance from Malaysia, arrived in Manila for the "Love China Congress". I told him my thoughts, and he encouraged me by promising to look for sources for part of my support, and he opened the way for our coming.

## SYDNEY AT LAST

As it was not easy to be allowed out of the country, we took the issuing of our passports as a clear guidance from the Lord, that we should go. Our acceptance at Moore confirmed this.

The last hurdle in our coming was finance. Through the sale of many of our belongings, and some gifts from both my parents and in-laws, we were able to buy our tickets and go.

Our arrival was not very promising, as we only had A\$50. Ignorance of the law allowed us to be fooled by the driver of the first taxi we used in Australia. We were told that we could not put any luggage inside the cab only in the boot. We had to hire another cab just to carry two small pieces of luggage to follow us to our destination.

As only part of our stay at College was assured a month after we arrived, our needs were made known by old friends, and soon help came in. The College was very generous in giving us a bursary; and the members of the Milsons Point Chinese Christian Church have also been very good to us. God has been faithful.

## OUR FUTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Looking back to these times of testing, we can only be grateful that God has not left us to ourselves. A year has passed, and we continue to look forward to the day when we will have finished our studies and go back to fulfil the ministry God has assigned to us.

The daily Bible reading ministry with Scripture Union, student work, and seminary teaching will probably occupy us when we return.

In this very direct way, Moore College is helping the Philippine church to grow by training us for the task which lies ahead.

## CORRECT ADDRESSES

The Hon. Organising Secretary would like to be informed of changes of address of recipients of the News Bulletin. This applies particularly to overseas and interstate readers.

He would also like to be informed of incorrect addresses, or cases where two copies are sent to the one address. Please use the form on page 4 for this purpose.

## EVENING OF PRAYER FOR THE COLLEGE

Thursday, 21st April at the College.

Sessions: 7.15 p.m.-8.15 p.m.

and 8.15 p.m.-9.30 p.m.

All friends of the College are invited to share in this ministry.



Through the generous and sacrificial giving of church people

## MOORE COLLEGE HAS INHERITED A VALUABLE SET OF BUILDINGS FOR THE MORE EFFECTIVE TRAINING OF MEN FOR THE MINISTRY

a chapel, lecture rooms, library, dining hall, staff houses, student accommodation, houses for married students, administration offices.

### HELP US KEEP OUR BUILDINGS IN GOOD ORDER AND REPAIR

**In 1977, we have budgeted for \$11,000 for necessary maintenance and repairs.**

You may share in the work of training men for the Ministry by placing your donation in the enclosed envelope.

*Donations to the Maintenance and Repairs Fund are allowable deductions for taxation purposes.*

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Moore College,  
7 King Street,  
NEWTOWN, N.S.W. 2042.

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### PAUSE A MOMENT . . .

#### to pray for the College

- ★ *The Staff* — the Principal, Vice-Principal and all members of the teaching faculty as they impart knowledge and deepen the spiritual lives of the students.
- ★ *The Students* — for their studies and their work in Parishes; and a deepening sense of God's call to them; for their contribution to the Theological Students Association of N.S.W.
- ★ *College Government* — for the Trustees and College Committee; and especially the Secretary, Mr. P. Nicholson, the Treasurer, Mr. N. Malone, and the Hon. Organising Secretary, Rev. R. Palmer.
- ★ *College Administration* — the Accountant, Miss V. Munnerley, and the office staff; the Matron Mrs. J. Pitkin and her staff.
- ★ *Finance* — giving thanks for the increase in donations last year; and for increasing support this year to meet rising costs.
- ★ *Lay Education* — for all laypersons studying the Correspondence Courses; the Evening Courses; and the Course for Christian Teachers; and for the Department of External Studies.
- ★ *Professor F. F. Bruce* — for his visit in September.
- ★ *Former Students* — for those serving in other Dioceses and overseas.
- ★ *Students for the Ministry* — giving thanks for the increase of new students this year; and that men will continue to respond to the call of the Ministry.

### VISIT OF PROF. F. F. BRUCE

The noted New Testament scholar and writer, Professor F. F. Bruce, Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis in the University of Manchester, and a Fellow of the British Academy, will inaugurate an annual series of Moore College academic lectures. His five lectures will be on the relationship of the Old Testament to the New under the general title, "Promised Beforehand Through His Prophets".

The lectures will be published, and will be available soon after delivery.

The lectures will be held at the College as follows:

1. Tuesday, 6th September, 8.00 p.m. 'The time is fulfilled' (Mark 1:15).
2. Thursday, 8th September, 8.00 p.m. 'It is they that bear witness to me' (John 5:39).
3. Friday, 9th September, 8.30 p.m. 'Our father Abraham' (Rom. 4:12).
4. Monday, 12th September, 8.00 p.m. 'A shadow of the good things to come' (Heb. 10:1).
5. Wednesday, 14th September, 8.00 p.m. 'The spirit of prophecy' (Rev. 19:10).

The lectures will be open to the Clergy and lay persons interested in Biblical Theology.

### N.S.W. THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Last year, a number of theological students in N.S.W. felt the need to establish links between their Colleges. The idea was to offer students an opportunity for Christian fellowship and discussion, and to bridge the isolation gap existing between most Colleges.

In September, a meeting of representatives of a number of Colleges was held, and the Association established. Colleges represented were: the Baptist College, Eastwood; St. Columban's College, Turramurra (R/C); St. John's College, Morpeth (C/E); the United Theological College, Enfield; St. Paul's College, Kensington (R/C); Moore College; The Catholic Theological Union, Hunter's Hill; and the Catholic Institute of Sydney, Manly.

The inaugural meeting was held in October at Moore College, and most of the Colleges were represented. The first meeting for 1977 was a full day's conference held last month at St. Patrick's, Manly.

The Association offers another avenue for theological students to expand their horizons; to share perspectives; and to learn about the views of others.