

To the Rev W. H. Griffith Thomas.

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My dear Will. I feel like rating you for being so bad a correspondent. I wrote to you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July last asking about the London Divinity degrees & have not yet received an answer. However I don't mean to give you up yet; I have an idea that you will make a very good Australian Bishop; I can bear testimony to your power as a preacher, but when these practical Australians ask me about your business capacities. I want to be able to say: "Well I know that he is very prompt in answering letters" So I am giving you another chance - Now about those degrees. Moore College at present is a decidedly Protestant Institution: consequently Moore College stinks in the nostrils of most of our Australian Bishops. (There are a few noble exceptions, - may you be soon added to the number.) These Australian Bishops have established a College of Theology, which at present is only an Examining Board, and they encourage their Candidates to go in for their Examinations. When I tell you that the text-books include Wake man's History (?), of the Church of England; Maclean on Thirty Nine Articles; Luckock's Divine Liturgy, I think I may leave the moral to your own fertile imagination. Now what is the Principal of Moore College to do? That Institution being a place where (according to the Church Times), the training consists of Fox's Book of Martyrs, & teaching the art of extempore prayer, one can hardly expect much support from the afore said Bishops. The Principal has tried to vindicate the reputation of his College by requiring his men to pass the English Prelim, with the re-



sult that out of 13 who have sat he has secured 7 'First's'. But the  
"English Prelim" does not give a man letters to stick after his name, the  
Australian Coll of Theology does; it has its Th A. Th Schol & Th Soc & it confers  
gorgeous hoods. Consequently the fact of our men passing the Prelim" does  
not convey so much to the Australian mind (wh is impressed by externals) as  
as would the mysterious letters Th Soc, with a scarlet hood. If Moore  
College is to hold its own in Australia it must enable its men to get  
degrees in some way or other. How is it to be done? Not having heard from  
you, I have written to the London Univ'. Victoria Univ'. (Manchuk, & Durham  
asking if affiliation is possible & have not yet received replies; but you  
on the spot could do much more for me, and in this work you will be assist-  
ing the noble cause of Protestantism - I enclose a Leader which runs on the  
subject wh may throw a little more light on our position -

Now there is another thing - I aspire to authorship - I have a little  
scheme which I am submitting to you (under sep' cover) which tho not very  
original in teaching is somewhat new in form. I think as a rule those  
who have written on the Church Year, have dwelt rather on the objective side  
of its teaching as set forth in the Gospels. I have made the Epistles the basis  
using the Gospels as illustrations. I send a syllabus (only a revision) and  
the text of one part. Do you think you cd get Nisbet Marshall or some  
such publisher to take it up, I cant afford to publish it, but I think it would  
sell (tho I am not best judge) The Book would be a little over 200 pp  
arranged as in my specimen, & if got up tastefully might sell at 2/6.  
One cant publish here, terms are too high, and publishers wont touch  
Theology at their own risk - I would be very grateful if you would see  
what cd be done, and would make or obtain any suggestion on my  
outline of contents -  
Personal Enquirer.

Yrs N Jones