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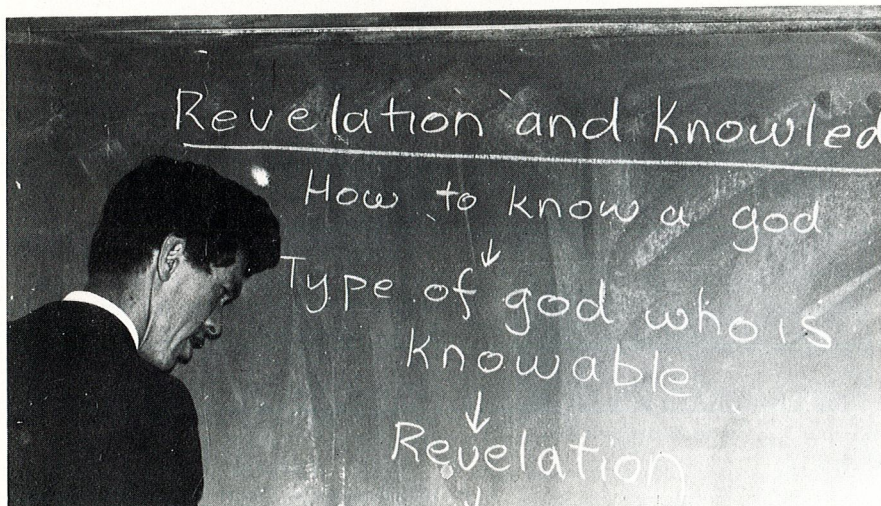
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THE COLLEGE COMMENCES A COURSE FOR

Christians Teaching in Schools

By the REV. I. R. MEARS, B.Sc., M.Ed., B.D.



Last March, Moore College held a course for Christian teachers. Its aim was to help them discover how their Christian beliefs might affect their teaching. Christians have always maintained that Christianity is not mere moralism but a way of life that gives a person a new orientation. Since education cannot fail to influence students in their orientation, it follows that the Christian must be sensitive both to those factors which are compatible with a Christian perspective, and to those which are not.

The Christian's orientation to life affects many things. Of course it affects his moral behaviour, his thoughtfulness, and his self-sacrificing service. But it also affects his view of the world, his understanding of the nature of man, his priorities, his goals, his values, and his estimate of what is important in life.

Other philosophies of life affect the same things but often come to different conclusions. If these philosophies are implicit in the writings of different authors, people's understanding of History, Science and Art, to name a few, it is the teacher's task, in particular, the Christian teacher's task, to make them explicit.

Two Fundamental Problems

With this task in mind, the course commenced with the fundamental problem of the nature of knowledge. In particular, it considered what ramifications there are if one believes that "in many and various ways God spoke of old by the prophets but in these last days He has spoken to us by a son." (Hebrews 1:1)

Does this mean, that in some areas at least, our knowledge is more certain than others? If so, in what areas? Furthermore, is this a different way of

knowing than other ways? Such were the questions which emerged during the course.

The second problem concerns the Christian's understanding of the nature of Man. Man is a "sinner," born a "sinner," grows a "sinner," dies a sinner." Even if Man becomes a Christian, he is not understood then to be a perfect individual in this world. So it is necessary to ask, "Does this understanding of the nature of man have any educational ramifications?"

The Course's Scope and Origin

The conduct of the course took the following pattern. Certain Biblical teachings were derived and examined. Alongside these, other views were explained and considered. The teachers present then examined Educational Methodologies and theories to see with which views they were consonant and with which ones they might be incompatible.

The course germinated because of the interest of the Principal and a number of the College Staff in these issues and in the desire for the College to be of service to the wider Christian community. It came to fruition in response to a request from some teachers in the Christian Parent controlled school at Blacktown who were grappling with the problem. The course was directed by the Rev. Ian Mears, a former High School Teacher, and at present a member of the staff of Moore College.

Thirty people attended the course, and these included teachers from state and independent schools and trainee teachers. The interest expressed by others has been very encouraging and shows that a real need for such a course definitely exists.

Future Courses

This year's course was run as a pilot scheme. It is hoped that it will be capable of development into a one-or two-year course of tertiary educational standard. At its successful completion, students will then be awarded a diploma which will reflect the standard (Continued on next page.)

MAKING LIFE EASIER

More than 60% of Moore College students are married. This year, 36 students and their families are living in houses owned by and adjacent to the College. Barbara Squires writes about this community.

Moving into Newtown

Many families have decided to move into a College house for financial reasons. Few can afford to keep living in the house they have been buying or renting when the husband leaves his job to enter College. This is particularly so when there are young children in the family and the wife is unable to work. By moving to Newtown, families are able to take advantage of the low-rental housing provided by the College.

The move is probably easiest for young couples, newly-married, who are setting up their first home. The same move can be quite a shock for those who have previously lived in their own home. They find themselves in an old house which may need renovating, with a very small yard, and traffic much heavier. However, it is "home" for the next 3 or 4 years, so most students spend as much time as possible before first term begins turning the houses into homes. The College provides the basic materials for minor repairs and renovations, while the students provide the labour. With hard work, most students can create a warm, homely environment in which they are prepared to spend their stay at College.

When they move into Newtown, students also find that they have moved into a close-knit community, where there are always people ready to help move furniture, look after children, or provide a much needed cup of coffee. The help and support given to students when they first move in makes settling in much easier.

During the first week of term this year, wives who had just moved in were invited to morning tea in one of the student's backyards by the wives who were "old hands." About 21 students' and lecturers' wives with some 20 toddlers and babies had an opportunity to meet each other right at the beginning of the College year.

We spent the morning knee-deep in toddlers and wriggling babies, which brought home to us the large number of families with young children "living in Newtown." Many could find this time spent at Moore College a very difficult one. Students spend long hours in study, and exam periods can be times of great tension. Tight budgets, houses which have seen better days,

and limited playing space for children put added strains on College wives. In spite of these pressures, or perhaps partly because of them, College families have learned to co-operate in many and varied ways.

Playgroup

One of these ways was the establishment of a playgroup. We meet in a large, empty flat, provided by the College, which was once a dry-cleaner's shop and which still has the original shop window! The group meets on two mornings a week, and mothers come with their children aged from 6 weeks to 5 years. The children enjoy having room to run around and such activities as painting, play-dough and stories.



Student Houses in Campbell Street

The mothers enjoy a cup of tea and a chat together while being able to play with their children without trying to cope with household chores at the same time. The playgroup is functioning with makeshift equipment until we are able to get better established.

Bargain Hunting

One difficult task for College wives is shopping. The Newtown shopping area looks quite fascinating when you drive through it, but when it comes to doing the weekly shopping, it is inconvenient and inadequate.

Partly to overcome this difficulty and partly to keep the cost of living to a minimum, a number of co-operative buying schemes have been organized. Through the valuable help of Mrs. Pitkin, the College Matron, some food-stuffs are bought through the College and others through fruit and vegetable markets or wholesale outlets. We become very skilful at hunting out bargains and locating outlets through which factories sell direct to the public.

News of such discoveries travels quickly!

Study

While husbands are busy with theological studies, their wives are busy with full or part-time work or caring for a young family. Some are able to do one or two years full-time study with their husbands; others attend College lectures as part-time students. Some wives with young children are often able to attend some lectures by making mutual arrangements for child-minding.

A weekly Bible study run by and for the wives of both students and staff meets a great need for systematic Bible study for those who are able to attend. This is held in the evening when husbands are available for baby-sitting.

Shared Activities

Each Wednesday evening, wives are able to join their husbands in attending the Chapel service and evening meal.

Each month during the College year, the Wives and Fiances Fellowship provides an opportunity for students' wives and fiancées to meet together. A programme of speakers, discussions and time spent in sharing and praying together helps to prepare us for the responsibilities we will face alongside our husbands in parish life.

The College Community

Living at such close quarters to each other in Newtown, everybody knows what everybody else is doing. This may occasionally have some drawbacks, but it usually means that our joys and sorrows, blessings and difficulties are shared with Christian friends in the same circumstances.

Most students look forward to moving away from Newtown, but no-one looks forward to having to leave behind the warm fellowship of the Moore College Community.

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required by the Advanced Education Board which recognised the College's status last year.

Other issues that will necessarily be included are Christianity and Science, Christianity and History, and also the role of parents in education. Although its prime interest will be for Christian teachers, it should also be of interest to Christian parents who may wish to equip themselves to take a more active role in the examination of their children's education.

Readers who are interested in this extension of the College's activities and who would like to be informed of further developments are asked to fill in the form on page 4.

COLLEGE NEWS

COLLEGE SPEAKERS

Three clergy who wished to do something for the College have offered to speak on behalf of the College for a limited number of occasions during the year.

The College Committee has therefore appointed as speakers, the Revs. Neil Prott, John Baxter and John Webb. They have been specially briefed and informed about the various aspects of the life and work of the College.

They will welcome invitations to preach and speak to church groups, and have also available the College's Audio-Visual, "Not My Will."

Parishes and organisations, especially in the western areas of the Diocese, who would like to hear of the work of the College should contact one of the speakers direct:

Rev. N. Prott, Kurrajong,	045 7-1239
Rev. J. Baxter, Blaxland,	047 39-1324
Rev. J. Webb, Glenbrook,	047 39-3127

MAILING LIST

The Honorary Organising Secretary is anxious to keep the News Bulletin Mailing list up to date. Recipients who no longer wish to receive the Bulletin or whose addresses are incorrect are asked to fill in the form on page 4.

COLLEGE VISITORS

The College has already this year had some distinguished visitors to speak to students and friends.

Professor P. Collinson, Professor of History and Chairman of the Board of Divinity of the University of Sydney was the Guest Speaker at the Opening of the College's Academic Year and the Presentation of Diplomas in March.

The Annual Library Lecture was given by Professor K. J. Cable, Professor of History at the University of Sydney. He is no stranger to the College, and his subject was, "Bishop Barker and his Clergy."

LOST MAIL

Last year, a considerable number of letters containing both cash and cheques failed to reach the College.

Donors are advised not to send cash through the post, and to send their gifts in a plain envelope simply

addressed to: Rev. R. Palmer, Moore College, 7 King St., Newtown. N.S.W. 2042.

A letter of acknowledgement and a receipt is always sent for every donation.

NEW AUDIO-VISUAL

Mr. Clifford Warne of the Church of England Television Society is producing a new Audio-Visual for the College. It is expected to be available for screening in July.

The previous Audio-Visual produced by Mr. Warne had some 200 screenings, including about 30 in Dioceses other than Sydney, and was always well received.

WIDENING COLLEGE INFLUENCE

The College was approached last year by some of the leaders of the Continuing Presbyterian Church with regard to the possibility of their students attending Moore College for theological training.

This year we have five members of the Continuing Presbyterian Church as students in the College.

1975 ORDINANDS

Seven students were ordained for the Diocese of Sydney this year, and four others are doing further studies before ordination.

Three students were ordained for other Dioceses — D. Barker and B. Wynn for Armidale and J. W. Magee for Brisbane.

TEACHING TAPES

The College has a number of cassettes prepared by members of the College Staff.

A list of titles and costs may be had by filling in the form on page 4 or by telephoning the Department of External Studies, 519.6460.

NEW STUDENTS

Thirty new students commenced their courses at the College in 1975. Eleven of these are candidates for the Diocese of Sydney.

APPOINTMENT TO BIBLE COLLEGE

The Rev. Ray Wheeler, formerly of Holy Trinity, Bexley North, is now on the Staff of the Sydney and Missionary Bible College.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH and KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Enrol now in the Moore College Correspondence Course

The Preliminary Course is for two years and consists of 6 terms, each of 10 weeks.

TERM 2. Subject: BASIC DOCTRINE

by the Rev. Dr. D. B. Knox, Principal, Moore College.
Enrolments close 3rd June.

TERM 3. Subject: MODERN CHURCH HISTORY.

by the Rev. H. Bates, Rector of St. Clement's, Yass.
Enrolments close 18th August.

Further information may be obtained from the Department of External Studies, 519-6460, or by returning the form on page 4.

GENERAL FUND APPEAL

For the Purpose of Reducing the 1975 Deficit

Please place your donation in the enclosed envelope and forward it to the College. Donations to the Maintenance and Repairs Account are allowable deductions for taxation purposes.

The Honorary Treasurer writes:

I welcome the opportunity to write to you, our friends and supporters in the work of training men to spread the Gospel.

You will recall that last May, I informed you that the College, in its General Fund, was facing a deficiency of \$39,000 for 1974.

The inflationary spiral in 1974 was for Australia, an all time record. I am pleased to report that under God's leading, we were able to contain this deficiency, and in fact reduce it to \$32,000. Our good friends and supporters assisted us by donations to the General, Building and other Funds to the extent of \$29,000.

We continually thank and praise God that He has laid this burden on the hearts of so many to give generously every year, and who, in the

sense of true giving, "Look Unto Jesus."

In 1975, the finances are still strained and we expect another deficiency in our General Fund. This is due to the continuing effect of the inflationary spiral on the costs of operation.

Under God, the work of training and equipping men for the Ministry will continue, but it needs earnest prayer and financial support. We pray that you as our supporters, may before God take this opportunity to support the general funds of the College.

Will you pray that God might place upon your heart this need and seek ways and means of continuing and perhaps increasing your financial support?

"The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build." (Nehemiah 2:20)

VICE-PRINCIPAL APPOINTED



The Rev. Dr. W. J. Dumbrell, M.A., M.Th., Th.D., has been appointed Vice-Principal of the College in succession to Bishop D. W. B. Robinson. He has had a distinguished academic career as well as considerable experience in parochial work.

He was educated at Sydney Boys High School and then at the University of Sydney, graduating Master of Arts in Greek. He gained his M.Th. from London University before proceeding to Harvard University, U.S.A., as the holder of the Peter Brooks Saltonstall Memorial Fellowship.

After four years study, he was awarded his Th.D., specialising in Old Testament Studies and Near Eastern Languages.

He was subsequently awarded the Frederick Sheldon Travelling Fellowship 1970-71 (Harvard University) which enabled him to do a year's Post-Doctoral Research at the University of Heidelberg, West Germany.

In his early time on the College Staff, Dr. Dumbrell also was a part-time lecturer in the Department of Semitic Studies of Sydney University, and is now a part-time lecturer in its Faculty of Divinity.

After two years as a student at Moore College, he was a Curate of St. John's Parramatta, under the late Bishop W. G. Hilliard. Then for three years, he was the Curate-in-Charge of the Provisional District of Ermington, joining the Moore College Staff in February, 1963. Whilst at Harvard, he held a part-time pastorate at Groveland in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Dr. Dumbrell has been on the College staff for twelve years, and the College and Diocese is fortunate in having him as Vice-Principal.

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to pray for

- ★ the Principal, the Vice-Principal and other members of the teaching staff
- ★ the Trustees and College Committee
- ★ the Accountant and the Administrative Staff; the Matron and the Domestic Staff
- ★ the students in their studies and their work in parishes
- ★ the 30 new students that they might adjust to college life, and be confirmed in their decision to enter the College
- ★ students wives and families
- ★ those who completed their courses in 1974 and are now ordained
- ★ former students serving in other Dioceses in Australia and overseas
- ★ the Rev. Dr. E. K. Cole, Principal of Nungalinya College, Darwin, as he plans for the future of the College after its destruction by cyclone Tracy
- ★ the Department of External Studies and those undertaking the Correspondence Courses
- ★ the financial needs of the College, giving thanks for increased giving in the past two years
- ★ the need for more men to train for the Ministry