

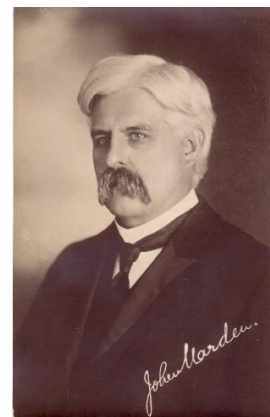
STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Dr Marden's Egyptian Collection

Our founding Principal, Dr John Marden, was a man of many talents and wide interests.

Dr Marden held a life-long dream of visiting “the historic land of Egypt, with its noble monuments and relics and philosophies of an ancient civilisation”. Ironically, it was due to poor health that he was able to fulfil his dream.

At the end of 1909 the Principal's health was such that upon medical advice, the College Council determined that he needed a rest and a change of scene. Accordingly, in early 1910 he boarded a ship for Cairo.



Dr John Marden, Principal 1888-1919

In the previous year Dr Maynard Pain, an Australian medical missionary working in Cairo, spoke at a meeting of the Student Christian Union at PLC.

It is reasonable to deduce that Dr Marden may well have looked up the doctor upon his arrival in Cairo. Furthermore, we may conclude that Dr Pain was the source, or at least the conduit, for the acquisition of the Egyptian artefacts now in the Archives' collection.

The artefacts are currently on display in the Marden Heritage Centre. You can see them on Marden Open Day, Monday 13 August, between 8.00 am and 3.00 pm or by contacting Debby Cramer, the Archivist, on 9704 5748.



*Medieval oil lamp
often found in the Fatimid Caliphate
11th or 12th century AD*



*Bead Collar
made of blue faience and red
and yellow stones, with various
faience amulets attached
1st millennium BCE*



*Shabti
ceramic funerary
figurine
New Kingdom 13th-11th
century BCE*



*Mould-made ceramic oil lamp
(kite-shaped body)
probably late second to first century BCE*

PLC students and staff can learn more about Dr Marden's Collections by going to “PLC Sydney Archives” in PLACES, Topic 7.