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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

The Right Reverend,  
The Bishop of Grafton,  
Bishopsholme,  
GRAFTON, 2460.

Dear Gordon,

In a recent letter to you I added a handwritten post script regarding Allan Kitchingman. His case was heard yesterday, and he was given a bond for two years in his own recognizance for \$300.

I am quite convinced that he is not physically and naturally homosexual, but his early life without a father, who died when Allan was five, and his later mixing in very free musical circles, affected his attitudes towards this social problem. A probation officer made exhaustive inquiries and has furnished a confidential report which was presented to the judge. I hope I am committing no breach in forwarding a copy of this report in toto so that you may understand the background of Allan's life. I am convinced that he is fully repentant, that he is really concerned about the wound to the Church which has been caused here, and is anxious to fulfil his ministry. His wife has been really wonderful, and will help him both in his personal life and in his work of the ministry if he is able to continue. I think you need have no fear that he will not play the game or cannot be trusted, though I have warned him, as I think others have, that he must avoid "occasions of sin" and situations in which he may become "anonymous", as he did here in an honest endeavour to free lance among some of the wandering and lost youth in this large city. He did this not realizing his own weakness.

He is ready to come and see you and to accept employment as soon as you are able to offer it. He has a car and is awaiting news from you, as I told him that I had recommended him to you. He and his wife will be here until Monday or Tuesday, staying at a hotel, and if you could sent me a telegram when and if you could see him, they could come straight away.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


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