

Oamaru, and V. Coghlan are very capable in dealing with money matters. Parade with the help of the Commercial School seems to have turned the corner. Rostrevor's increase in numbers should prove helpful in financing the place. Evidently, Traynor spent lavishly in Highgate.

Tardun had another bad year. I have not seen the Balance Sheet. The number of boys is small, the expenditure is high, and the revenue comparatively low. However, prospects are brighter than they were. The Lotteries Commission gave £2,000 on condition that the money be devoted to building purposes. The farm, Bindoon, saved some of Tardun's sheep. The prices of wheat and wool are high. If a curb could be put on expenditure for a time, the 'Budget' might be balanced. The Province is paying annually over £5000 on account of Tardun.

I need not deal with Observance. The Visitation Reports give you a fair idea of the Houses in this respect. The frequency of moral lapses is alarming. In almost every case the offender was not a man of study. The most hopeful sign in the Province is the splendid type of young Br. coming out of the Novitiate. The Novice-Master, although rather extreme, is regarded as very just by the novices and, if his blows come down somewhat heavily, they usually fall on the right place. Undoubtedly, he is turning out men of character.

Probably you have heard enough about Perth and Indooroopilly. I am better conclude this belated epistle!

With kindest regards & good wishes,  
I am, my most dear Br. Superior General  
Your affectionate Br.,

Very Rev. Br. J.P. Noonan,  
Dublin.

*H. W. Carr*

P.S. De Br. Jarlath Mullan has gone to his reward. He was of the stuff pioneers are made. R.I.P.  
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