



Christian Brothers' Training College,

Mount St. Mary,

Strathfield, N.S.W.

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My most dear Br. Superior General,

Your letter of the 8th February came in due course. My last ones to you were dated the 15th of March and the 5th of April.

Italian. My request for a Brother versed in Italian put you to some trouble to show the difficulty you would have in sending one from Rome. Only for the details you gave I would not have an idea of the problems of that House. It is a good instance of the ease with which we can bear another's burdens. We must try to manage with our own resources.

Finance. The Bursar told me that he had got permission to send money to you and that he had done so.

Br. Vincent Keenan. I regret to have ~~to have~~ to report adversely about this Brother. Several years ago he wrote to me about the difficulties he had of a moral nature and asked me whether I thought he should seek a dispensation. I told him that if he observed his Rule, especially the last clause in Const. 91, and was faithful in prayer he should not hesitate about continuing. He did not keep the Rule referred to and offended. Two Religious priests some time ago advised him to apply for the dispensation. One said he was unfit constitutionally for the life. The information at my disposal leads me to endorse his application. He will write to you himself this week.

Br. J. O'Farrell. This Brother was changed in January from collecting to his old work at Castle Hill. We had in mind among other things the probability of his taking charge again. Of course I did not allude to that when I wrote him a personal note, saying he might like to get back to the ordinary routine of religious life. He construed that into a charge that he had been neglecting his religious exercises. He made out that some priests had spoken against him and that Br. Damian had got him changed. There was no use in telling him that there was not a word of truth in those things. He said also that his health was not good and that he would not be able to make the signs; and that though he has to do much driving of a car when collecting. The poor man worked himself up into a bad state of mind and asked me to use my influence to have him sent back to Ireland. I am sorry for him because I appreciated his action when he took over the charge of Tardun at my request, and I would be the last to see him in a distressed state of mind. He must have written to you before this and I should have had these comments sent to you. I might add that besides blaming