



**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS TRAINING COLLEGE,
MOUNT ST. MARY,**

**STRATHFIELD, N.S.W.
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(vigilance of all on lines of letter
sent April 42)*

My very dear Br Assistant,

The following is an excerpt from a letter which I received today from J.C. McCann :-

"I was called out to Kew where I had an interview of 45 mts. D.M. referred to recent cases as alarming to danger of publicity. He said that P.S. was involved in similar cases in Geelong and that the members of the Provl C. could not have had this information when they met in Sydney. He asked if I and the Provl were present. He seemed to think, without expressing it plainly, that more drastic action should have been taken. He spoke of the necessity of warnings in the Novitiate and of letting the Novice Master know something of these happenings. He thought that it might be that we work in water-tight compartments. He referred to the Adelaide and Abbotsford cases and was aware that Liguori was working in Melbourne. He said that he was an old pupil of the C.B.'s in Ireland where such cases were unheard of, in his days. He referred to your letter. Altogether, it was a painful interview. I came away with the feeling that we do not fully realise the seriousness of the cases that we have had before us."

Personally, I consider that the main and real difficulty lies in the fact that the Provl. Cl. is not functioning as it should. As it is constituted at present, it cannot function properly, because the perspective and general outlook of some of the members on the duties attached to their position, is incorrect, not through the desire of doing better, but because of a natural lack of capacity for the type of work they have to do.

I am much concerned about matters in the Prov. I can't be as explicit as I would wish to be. You know the real position, even better than those out here, hence I will repeat myself again that a re-constituted Provl. Cl. is urgently and immediately needed. The old members have lost the confidence of the Church authorities and our own members, generally. I think that I am in a position to know the true position better than most and I think that I have done my best to apply a remedy. It is full time for action, and I am placing the matter, I feel, in the hands of one who will act, in conjunction with the other members of the General Cl., if action is at all possible.

I remain with respectful good wishes to the Supr. General, self and the other members of the General Cl.

*The Provincial is still in mts
and the 3rd out left Jardine 28/8/42
after having spent 3 mts. there
what an example for others!*
Rev Br J.N. Allen.

Your affect, Br

R.A. Coulson