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 Visitation Report of CLONTARF.
COMMUNITY LIST.

Br. F. Bruno Doyle (Superior)	Br. C. Alonso Angus
Br. V. Nicholas Cusack (Sub-Superior)	Br. E. Lewis Fitzgerald
Br. K. Evin Duckworth (Councillor)	Br. P. Laurian McLaughlin (C.P.)
Br. W. Raphael Kent (Bursar)	Br. J. Roderick Brown (Tardun).

OBSERVANCE: The general standard is fair enough. The morning attendance is good. Prayers begin at 6 a.m. The page of the Rule is read before First Point. Mass is offered at 6-45 a.m. After Mass the Brothers supervise the boys' charges and come to breakfast when free. At 8 a.m. Morning Lecture is read. The Particular Examen is at 12-30 p.m. Dinner follows. Those Brothers on Night Study make their Spiritual Exercises privately after this meal. The rest make theirs after tea. Night Prayers are said with the boys at 8-15 p.m. Conference follows and supper is taken at 9-15 p.m. The Final Prayers are said about 9-30 p.m.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND CHARITY: The Brothers get on well together; the Superior gives a good lead.

PERSONNEL: The Superior is finishing his six years of office. At the end of the year he will have completed ten years at Clontarf and thirteen in institutions. He has always worked hard in school and outside. He has the confidence of both Brothers and boys, and is well-regarded by the Archbishop.

Br. Nicholas Cusack impressed me by his devotion to duty. The Superior was high in his praise of his efforts in class and his willingness to help out at any time. His class is well disciplined, keen to learn and not far from normal standard. He is quite equal to the task of looking after the establishment in the absence of the Superior.

Br. Evin Duckworth has a pleasant manner in dealing with the boys. Physically, he is a bit soft and inclined to nurse himself too carefully. He does not relieve others of their burdens as often as he might, since his indisposition regularly burdens others. His teaching lacks robustness. He has improved in his morning attendance. There seems no great need for his return to the harsher climate of the East as his Father lives at Coburg and his sister (who has a car) lives at Pascoe Vale.

Br. Raphael Kent at seventy seven enjoys keeping the books and helping in an honorary capacity the Bursars of Castledare and Findoon. His regularity is splendid for one of his age.

Br. Alonso Angus helps himself liberally to the "hundred fold". The piggery and the shopping are his main occupation. He is regularly late for the evening meal and trails the community thereafter. Missed exercises are not always made up. During his recent holiday at Tardun and Geraldton he managed a trip to Onslow (700 miles north of Geraldton). The charge of interfering with boys came up a couple of years ago; he was also reported for having boys in his bedroom. Both charges were denied. Recently a similar charge of dealing immorally with a boy at Clontarf came to the notice of the Superior. The incident is said to have taken place last year. Br. Alonso denied the charge to both the Superior and to me. There the matters rest at present.

Br. Lewis Fitzgerald is young and active and highly regarded by the community. He teaches woodwork, trains the choir, and diligently cares for the Sacristy.

GEOFFREY O. CLEAVER
Justice of the Peace

This is the Annexure
marked 'B' referred
to in the Affidavit of
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PERSONNEL: He has a Builder's Licence (3-£5,000 limit) and is studying Costing and Quantity Surveying. He is regular and exemplary.

Fr. Laurian McLaughlin manages the Farm. He is neat and tidy and quite a good carpenter. He has not the maturity his years should give. Whilst Fr. Alonso was on holiday he was put in charge of the working boys. In his zeal to help a boy who was finding it difficult to refrain from dirty talk and bad actions he began to encourage him in his room at night with the light off and got round to embracing and kissing him. The other boys knew what was going on and teased the young fellow making sundry low taunts and other innuendoes. It is hard to know whether the boy was conscientious or cunning. The upshot was that Brother took his troubles to the Superior who informed me. I took the matter up with Fr. Laurian and was surprised to learn that he did not regard his action with the boy as fundamentally wrong. It was a mistake to put him in charge of the sharp-witted out-of-schools. His inexperience and his self-assurance make him an easy mark. I impressed on him the gravity of such compromising incidents both to him-self and to the good name of the Order.

Fr. Roderick Brown of the Tardun Community lives here. His eyesight is very limited, his blood pressure high and his heart in an unsound state. He is also partially deaf. He finds time hanging heavily on his hands often and seeks permission to have the use of a radio.

SCHOOL:

Grade VI - 35 - Mr. J. Jackson	First Year - 42 - Fr. E. Duckworth
Grade VII- 44 - Fr. M. Cusack	Second Year - 34 - Fr. L. Fitzgerald
Total (School) = 163	Junior - 13 - Fr. Superior
Working Boys = 10	Clontarf Boys at Aquinas = 6
<u>Grand Total = 184</u>	

Migrants: British: 96; Maltese 13; State Wards 36; Private Cases 39.

Results 1958

Junior: 3 Passes; 1 Partial Pass: Second Year: 14/15 Passes: First Year: 36/43

Report

Every effort is made to give the boys as good an education as possible. In the establishment, the emphasis is on school. No side of the boys' training is neglected. Emphasis is rightly placed on the basic subjects. The result is that the classes are close to normal standards. Manners, deportment and the obvious desire to do well create a very favourable impression. The boys are well classified and so are able to benefit from the teaching of a devoted staff. The Brothers should be both consoled and gratified at the success of their efforts. The Choir under Fr. L. Fitzgerald won the Christian Brothers' Eisteddfod.

FINANCE: B/S as at 1/12/58

Total Income	£35,083. 3. 7.
Total Expenditure	£34,009. 5. 7.
Excess I/E	<u>£1,073. 18. 1.</u>

Bank Balance as at 1/12/58	£2349. 15. 9.
Bank Balance as at 30/1/59	£1700. 1. 8.

(£2,000 had been loaned to Castledare).