

"St. Mary's", Marino, Dublin
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Rev. Br. T. B. Garvey, Provincial,
Saint Patrick's Province,
MELBOURNE.

My very dear Brother Provincial,

We have been considering Visitation Reports these days on some of the Communities in your Province, and there are a few points arising from them about which I would like to write to you.

The general standard of observance is, thank God, quite satisfactory, and your Brothers are not sparing themselves in the glorious apostolate of the Schools.

In the Rostrevor Community Report some irregularities were listed. See to it that they are remedied. As teachers of religion we should be very conscious of the need for daily study of the subject with which we are most vitally concerned.

We were surprised, and somewhat disturbed, to hear of the arrangement that was made early in the year for accommodating girls from the Convent Schools in Science Classes at Wakefield Street, Adelaide. As you know, such an arrangement is altogether opposed to our traditional practice, and we here do not favour it. I do not remember to have heard from you about this matter before. Whenever pressure is exerted upon you from outside for the granting of such requests, it may ease the position for you if you point out that approval would have to be received from the General Council. ~~Yes~~ It is mentioned in the Report that the arrangement is temporary: let it finish at the end of the year.

I notice that Brother Lambert Wise is a member of the teaching staff at Rostrevor - a Boarding College. Perhaps you do not know that there was some reason in the past to believe that contact with boys constituted a danger to him. ~~It is a weakness really, but~~ there, it is the kind of thing, unfortunately, that does not easily die, but has the habit of unexpectedly reasserting itself. I would suggest that you have a word with Brother Leonard, your Provincial Bursar, if you have not already done so. My only reason for mentioning it now is lest you may not be aware of the position, and because I have good reason to know what unfortunate happenings have occurred with others in the past.

Mention was made of a proposed new opening at Strathmont, in Adelaide. I presume that things are only in the discussion stage. As far as I remember, no formal approval has yet been sought for a new foundation.