Visitation Report of

APeINTS ARISING OUT OF VISITATION JULY 1951

1. The Sub-Superior should have a thorough overhaul from a stomach specialist. Should his health condition continue he should apply to the Provincial to regularise his morning absences.

2. Br Alonzo spends the time of First Point of Meditation in arousing the dairy boys. Some other arrangement is desirable.

3. Meal time especially breakfast is at present most uncertain and the Community arrives at irregular periods. There is no reason why breakfast could not be definitely at 8 o'clock.

4. The Rule Book should be read in Chapel as it cannot be read at meals.

5. Sunday Conference should be held and at a time when the Brothers can attend.

6. Council Meetings should be held at the prescribed time and minutes of the meetings kept.

7. Brothers should be most careful at all times to preserve the greatest reserve with the boys. Special care is called for in the dormitories. The hands-off Rule is our safeguard.

8. While the boys may be allowed to talk in restrained fashion in and around the dormitories when preparing to go to bed anything like romping through the dormitories should be prohibited. Wrestling on the beds is objectionable from more points than one.

9. There is need for a call for prudence and loyalty in the matter of conversing with externs no matter who they may be. We have had in W.A. too many examples of late in the way of loose talk.

10. In view of what may happen in the way of serious accidents the utmost care should be taken when transporting boys on trucks. Last year's accident bad as it was could have been even far more serious.

11. The "clean-up" campaign around the premises is to be commended. A week's intensive attack on rubble and rubbish dumps even before the operations on buildings now in hand would improve appearances.

12. It is imperative that supervision of boys at play time be systematically taken in hand. If boys are left to their own devices at 6-8 o'clock especially where there are so many "round-the-corner" spots the danger is obvious. Some Brother should be on duty at this time.

13. The training in speech-craft and song is bound to have beneficial results. This attention could be extended to the improvement of the boys' conversational speech and their manner of approach to people. Table manners especially need attention. In this department a monitor system where those selected would receive a course in table etiquette to be put into operation and enforced by them at their separate table could be established, I think, with advantage.

14. Few boys have been found to be wearing the Scapular or Scapular Medal. The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel next week offers an opportunity to revive this fundamental devotion to Our Lady.

15. More use could be made of the Church in the way of private visits by the boys.

16. The working boys need an instruction or two a week on essentials.

17. The many dogs about the place could with advantage be dispensed with.