

C.B.C., St.Kilda, 13/4/'59

The Very Reverend Brother E.F.Clancy,
Superior General.

My Most Dear Brother Superior General,

We have had trouble in Cygnet. The Superior, Br. Andrew Dowd was reported to the P.P. for fondling a girl aged 10. The Superior requested that he see the parents and explain. The P.P. thought this unwise as he said the father was enraged and was threatening to report the matter to the police. Br wrote to me and I advised he come to St . Kilda immediately. On his arrival he declared his innocence of anything serious and said he conscience was quite clear of anything wrong. He also requested that he be changed. Br. P. Hurley of Wakefield St. Adelaide was suffering from a nervous breakdown so Br. Andrew fitted in there. The Br. Ist about this time went postulating to Tasmania. Reports that he brought back indicated that there were other cases in which Br A. has been extremely foolish. He has been written to, but still claims innocence of anything serious. He is being warned of the seriousness of fondling children etc and how he could damage the Church and the Congregation by such foolishness.

We have voted for a new Superior for Cygnet:-

Our first choice is Br. Dorotheus Murtagh (5-0) in favour
Our 2nd Maurice Hurley (5-0)

The farm at Cygnet has proved a problem to the Brs and in some respects they have been farm labourers. By arrangement with the Archbishop, the P.P. is to take over the farm entirely at the end of this term. The Brothers are to manage the school only.

The Convention has been long & ended chance made for the removal of the schoolmaster etc. J. P.