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Visitation Report of BALLARAT

COMMUNITY LIST

Br. M. Borromeo Stallard (Superior)	Br. K. Cassian Smith
Br. T. Gilbert O'Brien (Sub-Superior)	Br. D. Sergius Herrick
Br. F. Albeus Geoghegan	Br. T. Hilary Gibbons
Br. W. Theodore O'Malley (Councillor)	Br. J. Ignatius Reilly
Br. S. Lasarian Carroll (Councillor)	Br. K. Ephrem Johns
Br. G. Leo Fitzgerald	Br. P. Berchmans Kelly
Br. K. Kilian O'Donoghue	Br. O. Grignon Stanley
Br. O. Venard Wynne	Br. J. Luke Guthrie
Br. F. Livinus Harper	Br. A. Harding McGregor (T.P.)
Br. A. Ernest Travers (Bursar)	Br. D. Andre Karczub (T.P.)
Br. J. Urban Frawley	Br. B. Hugh Henderson (T.P.)
Br. G. Venard Frances	Br. P. Lawrence Jones (T.P.)

Br. F. Peter Hennessy (T.P.)

Br. J. Raymund O'Keane is on sick leave recovering from a heart attack.

OBSERVANCE: The standard of observance is satisfactory in view of the fact that it is not only the largest community in the province but also the most complex. Administration covers four schools; and nearly half the Brothers live away from the main building. There is no inveterate late-riser - about half a dozen do sleep in at varying intervals, the excuse being overwork or inexperience of a residential school. Punctuality rating suffers for the same reasons. Fortunately, the Superior is regularity and punctuality itself and so gives a splendid lead to the Brothers. He says, too, that the Brothers invariably offer explanations for their absence from Exercises.

CHARITY AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT: It is remarkable to find no signs of tensions or of factions in so large a community as this. A fine fraternal spirit is very evident. The self-serve system for meals gives the young men little scope for thoughtfulness, but the general verdict of the community praises them for their readiness to lend a hand.

PERSONNEL: Br. Borromeo Stallard, B.A. has begun well as Superior. The Brothers find him approachable and generous to requests. He is always bright, cheerful and enthusiastic, dealing with problems expeditiously and ever ready to stand behind the Brothers in various trials of strength with the boys. The year has advanced far enough to indicate that he has a firm grip of the school - a definite policy as regards the essentials and a determination to avoid nagging the student body with its consequent loss of goodwill. He is blessed with a clear mind, good health and energy and should prove a successful Superior.

Br. Gilbert O'Brien was loath to assume any form of authority in the past, but has now settled in as Sub-Superior and is a tower of strength. He has charge of the Matriculation Boarders in McCann House and is coach of the First XVIII. The Middle School (Form III) benefits from his teaching. His long and wide experience here and his sound sober judgment make him an invaluable deputy.

Br. Albeus Geoghegan is happy to spend his declining years here. He is nearing eighty but still maintains his interest in the establishment, being content now to look after the Boarders Accounts for the Bursar.

Br. Theodore O'Malley finds that half a day in school is all he can manage. He remains a valuable link with the Old Boys and the College. His health is reasonable.



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PERSONNEL (Continued):

Br. Laserian Carroll, B.A. teaches four periods of French each day as well as Christian Doctrine to the Second Year Matriculation boys. He does not find this overtaxing to his strength; the senior boys relish his Religion period. The Superior realizes his worth both in school and in community.

Br. Leo Fitzgerald maintains his interest in school, even though his headmastership may be somewhat unorthodox. The two young men on his staff are not likely to overstep the authority he delegates to them. Week-end cycling and plenty of table talk round out his week. He shows no signs of ageing.

Br. Kilian O'Donoghue, M.A. (replacement for Br. Raymond O'Keane) has not yet found his feet again in the classroom. The difficulty lies in teacher-pupil relationship stemming from a too authoritarian approach - a characteristic that was evident in the government of the Novitiate. Two areas caused him most concern - the supervision of Kenny House (L.C. boys) and the Religion period in Matriculation. At crisis point he was relieved of the former, and there is every reason to believe that more pleasant days lie ahead for him in the latter. He would probably do better in a Day School.

Br. Venard Wynne has charge of the Seminary (Boarders whose fees are paid by the Bishop). The task is congenial for the numbers are small, and he is having one of his best years here.

Br. Livinus Harper is happy with the limited authority and responsibility that the headmastership of Drummond Street imposes on him. Discipline at the school is good and the place is spic and span. Both young men on his staff are amenable and he is much happier than when he had the burden of Br. Germanus Whitten's unpredictability.

Br. Ernest Travers, M.A. accepts the Bursaring with goodwill but would like some light teaching or tutoring to keep him mentally active. Although quiet in community he seems to get on well with those at his table.

Br. Urban Frawley works hard in school and gets on well with fellow staff members at St. Paul's. He re-affirmed his desire to be freed from his Vows.

Br. Venard Frances, B.A. is pleased to be back in the classroom after his period as Postulator and Scholastic Master. He is full of enthusiasm and does not spare himself in or out of school. His zeal is a tonic to others.

Br. Cassian Smith has charge of Form II. His other interest - almost all-absorbing at that - is the Band. He is obliging and sociable.

Br. Sergius Herrick is proving himself as Headmaster of St. Paul's. Although of a quiet personality, he is a good community man, sound in ideas and effective in organization. The responsibility is doing him good.

Br. Hilary Gibbons, B.Sc., Dip.Ed. is both versatile and tireless. He is equally at home with drama, music, ~~country~~ country running and has successfully re-established the Sodality of Our Lady.

Br. Ignatius Reilly, although on St. Paul's staff is happy to lend a hand at the College by supervising a Dormitory. All find him willing and pleasant - a fine community man.

Br. Ephrem Johns, B.A. has good standards, a keen mind and a fine way with boys. Competent but inexperienced in boarding school ways would sum him up at present but he has great potential and will soon prove a great asset.

Br. Berchmans Kelly is highly regarded by the whole community. He has the knack of anticipating the needs of the Brothers and of offering his services with tact and grace. He has a good influence over boys.

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PERSONNEL (Continued):

Br. Grignon Stanley, B.Sc. is a sound religious. Although inexperienced in Boarding School life he has settled in well enough and has no disciplinary problems. He hopes to do the Dip. Ed. in the not too distant future.

Br. Luke Guthrie presents an easy-going and pleasant exterior to the world. Behind this deceptive facade is a worrier who does not face up confidently to new situations. He is much happier now with his teaching assignment and thoroughly enjoys the supervision of the Junior Dormitory. Some think that he lacks persistence and is easily distracted. This was discussed with him.

Br. Harding McGregor is by nature a gentle type and found the transition from Grade 4 to Form II no easy task. He is slowly coming to grips with the situation. He has the school choir and helps with the Band. He hopes soon to gain the A. Mus. A. in the Trumpet.

Br. André Karczub is obliging and co-operative and is spoken well of by all. He is zealous and effective in school.

Br. Hugh Henderson is on his first year on the Mission, having spent a term at Fitzroy. He is inclined to be independent in attitude and forget that he is but a member of a staff and should defer to either his headmaster or his Superior. This matter was emphasized with him.

Br. Laurence Jones is also on his first mission. He is full of confidence and seems satisfactory in school. I have a feeling that he is a little off balance however. Only time can solve this.

Br. Peter Hennessy is the third young man to start his career here. He is very obliging and is held in high esteem by all. He keeps a good school but may be a bit slow to cover a sufficient amount of the syllabus.

SCHOOLS: ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE: CLASSES

Form 1 A 42 Br. Guthrie	Form 4 A 42 Br. O'Malley
B 42 Miss Hynes	B 48 Br. Stanley
C 40 Br. Wynne	C 28 Mr. G. Tobin
Form 2 A 40 Br. Smith	Form 5 A 40 Br. Johns
B 40 Mr. Van Leeuwen	B 39 Mr. Morris
C 41 Br. McGregor	C 46 Br. Gibbons
Form 3 A 42 Mr. Farley	Form 6 A 12 Br. Carroll
B 40 Br. O'Brien	B 34 Br. O'Donoghue
C 43 Mr. Halliburton	C 42 Br. Frances
	<u>2 Non-catholics</u>

Total = 701 including 257 Boarders

Other Teachers: Mr. P. Rice; Mr. A. Benson; Mr. N. Tobin (sick leave); and Br. Stallard.

RESULTS: Matriculation: 65/77 (16 First Honours; 55 Second Honours); 16 Commonwealth Tertiary Scholarships;
Leaving Certificate: 79 passed 5 or more subjects/122;
Intermediate Certificate: 90 passed 5 or more subjects/121; 8 Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Sodality of Our Lady; St. Vincent de Paul Society; Cadets; Band; Drama Festival; Literary & Debating Societies.

VOCATIONS: 4 Diocesan Seminaries; 2 Columbans.

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SCHOOLS (Continued): ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE.

FEES: Forms 1 - 4: \$42; Forms 5-6: \$55; Boarders: \$160; Entrance Fee: \$40.

SALARIES: Mr. N. Tobin: \$62; Mr. G. Tobin: \$54.06; Mr. Farley: \$67.06; Mr. Morris: \$78.64; Mr. Halliburton: \$60.04; Mr. Van Leeuwen: \$80.08; Mr. Rice: \$37; Mr. Benson: \$60.04; Miss Hynes: \$43.83.

ST. PAUL'S TECHNICAL SCHOOL - CLASSES

Form 1 A 24 Br. Kelly	Form 3 A 22 Br. Frawley
B 24 ..	B 21 ..
Form 2 A 21 Br. Reilly	Form 4 20 Br. Herrick
B 21 ..	<u>TOTAL = 153</u>

Other Teachers: Mrs. G. Nott; Miss M. Barry.

RESULTS: Form 4: 18 passed 6 or more subjects/21.

5 Commonwealth Technical Scholarships; 17 Junior Scholarships.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY: Eisteddfod.

FEES: Form 1: \$17.50; Form 2: \$18; Form 3: \$19; Form 4: \$20.

SALARIES: Mrs. G. Nott: \$51.20; Miss M. Barry: \$33.20. Amount handed into the Superior after paying the teachers: \$884.80. (1966)

ST. ALIPIUS' BALLARAT EAST - CLASSES

Grade 3 42 Br. Fitzgerald	Grade 5 42 Br. Hennessy
Grade 4 51 Miss Cullinan	Grade 6 50 Br. Karczub
<u>TOTAL = 185</u>	

FEES: \$21/year; Teacher's Salary paid by the Parish; Fees collected and handed into the Superior: \$2017.95. (1966)

ST. PATRICK'S DRUMMOND STREET - CLASSES

Grade 3 41 Miss Menzel	Grade 5 42 Br. Henderson
Grade 4 42 Br. Jones	Grade 6 46 Br. Harper
<u>TOTAL = 171</u>	

FEES: \$21/year; Teacher's Salary paid by the Parish; Fees collected and handed into the Superior: \$2304.68. (1966)

TOTAL FEES FROM BRANCH SCHOOLS (1966): \$884.80 + \$2017.95 + \$2304.68 = \$5207.
Stipend from Cathedral = \$2400; Total Income for 10 Brothers: \$7607.43
Average per Brother: \$760.74 (1966).

REPORTS:

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE: Numbers in all classes are now reasonable. Payment of extra teachers must either force the Fees to rise or the Surplus for the year must lessen (not desirable because of the debt). Social Studies might replace Roman History. Some effort at breaking down the dichotomy between the Day Boys and the Boarders is being attempted - Day Boys invited to join the Literary & Debating Societies, and Boarders are being interested in the Cadets.
ST. PAUL'S TECHNICAL SCHOOL: The fall-out at Form 3 is such that the consideration of Form 5 is unwarranted. One wonders whether Form 4 should be retained or whether it would be more advisable to have Forms 1,2,3 in two divisions. The need for a Technical School at all in Ballarat is questioned.
ST. ALIPIUS' and ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOLS: Both are efficiently run. Fees are rather low.

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FINANCE:

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 1966

Total Income	\$259763.56
Total Expenditure	\$257703.80
I/E	\$2059.76

BANK BALANCE AS AT 24TH JULY 1967 (ANZ)

\$79779.86 O/D

BANK LOAN (ANZ SAVINGS): \$79000.

TOTAL DEBT: \$158779.86

The final payment of the Science Grant from the Commonwealth Government came to hand recently and has been taken into account when reckoning the debt. Science Grant: \$58000. (Final Payment).

- GENERAL:
- 1) All house books are up to date.
 - 2) T.V. viewing time in the evening will be discussed by the Local Council and the recommendations sent on to the Provincial for approval.
 - 3) Noon on Saturday is an unsatisfactory time for the Spiritual Exercises. Seldom can more than half the community be present. Vespers and Rosary are said at this time and the evening meal is at 5-30 p.m. followed by Compline. Films commence at 6-15 p.m. and go on until 10 p.m. or so. It would seem to be an unpopular suggestion to interfere with the Films but a better attendance at the Exercises might be obtained.
 - 4) The Matron presents a problem. She is old and cannot come to the kitchen until late in the morning. Her absence causes many of the staff to be careless, etc.
 - 5) The cleaning of the new classrooms is unsatisfactory; performed by the boys under the supervision of the Prefects. The work is poorly done, creating a bad impression.

J. J. Levander