

R. PICKERING.

Sister Marie Therese Harold called on me today. She was disturbed by the conduct of Father Pickering towards the Superior of Star of the Sea.

Some time ago -1st November - Brother John burst into the kitchen of Star and told the Sisters he needed the stove. He was advised by the Superior that in the future he should first approach one of the Sisters. Half an hour later R,P. rang her and took strips off her, called her for everything... "Put that in your pipe and smoke it." Sister M.T. fears the influence that Brother John has over R.P. to have this sort of result. R.P. advises all his friends in the presbytery of what he had done.

The Sister in charge of the school has had to tell Brother John to keep away for the place.

Prior to the Presentation Sisters advising Fr. Pickering that they would be discontinuing at Gardenvale - a fact that they made sure of conveying to him prior to his departure overseas by personal courier - two different men had come to the school at Gardenvale to have a look at it as they had been offered the position of Principal of the school for the coming year.

There is always a coterie of males hanging about the presbytery. It would not be a good place into which to place first appointments or young priests. They take over the celebration of the Holy Week and so on. It no longer remains a parish affair.

DOVETON.... debt getting V.R.??

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