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Rev. Father R. Brown, P.P.,
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Dear Father Brown,

Thank you for your letter of 26th June.

I will not reply to the individual questions you raise, as they do not bear on the basic point at issue, namely, the state of your health brought about by a dependency on alcohol, and the adverse effect that this is having on the Parish.

Nowhere in your letter do you give any justification for your failure to honour an agreement to keep in touch with Doctor O'Neill of Armidale and with Father Nichol of "Damascus". I cannot ignore the reports of both of these men which say that you are sick and desperately in need of help. My chief concern is to offer you that help.

I have spoken to Father Mills who told me of his visit to you recently. In accordance with your wishes I have asked Father O'Gorman to join him in a visit to the Parish and to give an independent and impartial report. No doubt they will be in touch with you soon.

When I have heard from these two priests I suggest we meet again when we can hopefully come to some solution to the problem.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

John Satterthwaite

BISHOP OF LISMORE