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Daily Programme.

11. Children rise approximately 7.15 a.m., wash, dress in their school clothes and perform their allotted domestic duties before breakfast at 8 a.m. They do not perform any farm duties. After breakfast until 9 a.m., they play and visit the lavatory and at 9 a.m. they all go to the solution centre to wash and clean their teeth.

After school, children change into their play clothes or trunks and play or swim in a special "safety pool" in the nearby river. The pool is shallow and fenced in. There are no duties to be done after school during the week, other than on Wednesday afternoons, which is gardening afternoon and all help to tend the area, which is a picture with its flowers etc. Swimming tea is at 6 p.m., following showering etc. at 6.30 p.m. After tea, lads play in the open air quarrels area, which is electrically lit, and bed and "lights out" is about 8 p.m.

Saturday is "clean up" day during the morning and the lads do mending, etc. in the afternoon. Clothes are changed on Saturday and it is generally quite a busy day. They all go to church during the afternoon in the summer. On Sunday the boys attend Church, then play or go on organised outings. Visitors call on Sunday also, but they are few only and Bro. O'Doherty endeavours to have prospective visitors phone firstly in view of the outings the boys have.

The lads go out each third Sunday monthly to private homes. They are transported by the Brothers to a central point in Perth and Fremantle at 10 a.m. where they are met by their parents and then the Brothers collect them again at the assembly points at 2.30 p.m.

Recreation.

12. Much of this matter is mentioned in my report under "Daily Programme". It is seen that lads have quite a deal of contact with people outside the Institution. Much credit is due to Bro. O'Doherty and his fellows for their efforts which allowed of arrangements whereby all lads were sent away from Castledare for part or whole of the last Christmas Vacation. (100 lads went on leave out of 115).

The boys from Castledare attend pictures on Saturday evenings "at home" and at Clontarf on Sunday evenings.

Discipline.

13. The Manager indicated that discipline was mainly enforced by the withdrawal of privileges. Also an approved leather strap about 18" long is used and I take it the term "approved" means it is the standard used for Christian Brothers' schools. Bro. O'Doherty stated a punishment book is kept, but I did not sight it on this occasion.

General.

14. A Tuck Shop is proposed for Castledare and each lad will be credited with a small amount of pocket money weekly and also credited with the money handed to him by friends. Final details have not yet been worked out but it is a pleasing move.

It is desired to comment particularly upon the high standard now obtaining with the ablution block and school rooms at Castledare. Facilities for ablutions and schooling are most modern and really a credit to all concerned.

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6. Kitchen
The kitchen was pointed out that he hoped to be able to renovate the kitchen as the next project at Castledare. The kitchen and scullery area appeared reasonably clean and free of flies, and both cooks were on duty when inspected. The kitchen area is a little drab and unattractive and renovations will undoubtedly be planned to all concerned. The area is screened and appears fly-proof. It is removed daily from the kitchen area and fed to the pigs at the institution. I look forward to the start of Bro. O'Moherly's plan here, but it is realized that the financial aspect is the great problem.

Bro. O'Moherly explained that the lads received a varied diet. Breakfast comprises porridge, "wasties" on Sunday, bread and butter, cocoa, the mid-day meal is a hot one, meat and vegetables, a slice of bread, the bottle of "school" milk, pudding. Tea provides two slices of bread and honey, salad or a bowl of bread and milk. Soup is served in the winter. Tea also means a piece of cake, sausage roll, bun, etc. and the lads have a break at 11 a.m. daily when a "piece" is served, fruit or bread and jam.

7. Dining Facilities

Meal times are: Breakfast - 8 a.m.
Hot Dinner - 12.30 p.m.
Tea - 6 p.m.

Meals are partaken in an attractive, bright and airy dining hall which has a capacity of 120. 18 tables which can seat 3 each. At present 6 lads are seated to a table. Tables and chairs appeared in sound condition, windows are brightly curtained. Table cloths are not used, but each lad has his own large "mat" and serviette. The dining hall was in process of being swept out and tidied up by the Sisters when I inspected and it appeared to be quite reasonably free of flies. There were no table decorations or flowers obvious on this occasion, although I have seen these on tables in the past.

A Brother is on duty in the Dining Hall to supervise during meals and the Sisters arrange the serving of meals. Some portion of the meal is usually on the table when the boys sit down and a duty lad from each table then attends to other food served out during the course of the meal. The boys pack up their dishes neatly when the meal is over and a duty lad then removes the dirty dishes. (One duty lad per table). The Sisters attend to the washing up.

8. Schooling

A fine, modern new school of three classrooms is now in use at Castledare and is located at the end of the dining hall. An access door is provided and each class is intercommunicating as well as having outer doors. The classrooms appear to be "the last word" and each has a bench capacity of 40. Approximately 30 students are in each class and Standards 1 to 3 are taught. Bro. O'Moherly taking Standard Standard, Bro. Murphy Standards 1 and 2. Bro. O'Moherly is teaching the third group who are mostly newcomers to Castledare and these lads are being graded scholastically.

The Education Department inspectors visit the institution and test the children once yearly. Examiners from the Christian Brothers also test the lads yearly.



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All mattresses are protected with mackintoshes. The Manager reports maybe 10 lads who wet their beds and I consider this quite good remembering the boys are little fellows and that all 10 do not wet the bed nightly. There are 5 "wet beds" in each dormitory and they are not grouped in one area but distributed about the rooms.

Supervision at night time is arranged by at least one Brother sleeping at the end of each dormitory.

5. Sanitation, Ablution, etc. Facilities.

Schemes water supply is available and hot water is provided. Septic tank system is used for disposal. There are four boilers for hot water, one each for laundry, kitchen, ablution block and dairy.

The day lavatory block is first reported upon. It is well clear of the school, dining room and dormitories and appears to be a reasonable structure for its purpose. It is roofed and properly screened and comprises 8 pedestals in cubicles, fronted by a long urinal, over which are located 4 cisterns for flushing. It was found, when checking that cisterns were in working order, that a blockage had occurred in the septic system. The two tried functioned properly, but no more were tried as it was found that a person was working at the rear of the lavatory block on the blockage.

The block is hosed out daily.

The night facilities are quite new and comprise part of the attractive, modern ablution block at one end of the dormitory building. Each dormitory has a urinal and 2 W.C. pedestals and in each lavatory block an electric night light is burned all night.

The ablution facilities at Cwefledare are now most modern and really first-class. In the centre is a shower group of 52 roses. The floor is an easily cleaned concrete type of material and on the other side of a tiled dividing part-wall is located a long foot-bath, completely tiled. Hot and cold water is controlled centrally.

On either side of the shower block is a group of 13 faucets (sprays) (26 in all) for head, face and hand washing and teeth cleaning. This again is all tiled and most attractive.

To baths are available for use as such. In view of the close supervision of washing and showering, I do not think baths are necessary. In any case, bathing would be a slow process and hardly practicable in the case of large numbers.

Lads have individual towels which are changed each week. Bro. O'Doherty pointed out that each of his lads has personally a towel, soap, nailbrush, comb and tooth-brush. There are three wall mirrors in each "head-rack" room.

The ablution area is cleaned out daily with soap and broom, and is given a thorough going through on Saturdays. One of the Brothers watches this cleaning arrangement.

One Brother supervises the showering of the lads at 5.30 P.M. daily and two Brothers share the supervision of the face, etc. washing and teeth cleaning in the morning and before bed. Teeth are cleaned after breakfast and before bed. Lads are given a small quantity of tooth powder into a hand, issued from a bulk supply.



