

WELFARE SUPERINTENDENT:

In company with Mr. Bartholomew a visit was made to Clontarf Orphanage on the afternoon of the 23rd instant. The visit was unannounced and we were conducted through the home by Brother Doyle.

With regard to the points raised by Mr. Arney as a result of his visit on the 30th September.

1. Pillows on beds on verandah dormitory.

I agree that a number of pillows and pillowslips in this dormitory were grubby. This is the dormitory which is used by the bed-wetters and I am of the opinion that these lads are not particular in their personal hygiene. Supervision of bathing may be required. Linen is changed weekly. It is suggested that either new pillows or new ticking be procured for those pillows that are in a grubby condition. Adequate supervision is exercised for the bedwetters and good quality rubber proof sheetings is supplied for necessary beds.

2. Kitchen. flywiring and outside court yard.

On inspection of the kitchen - scullery and dining room we found that flywire was fitted to both the kitchen and scullery but no fly-proof coverings were on the dining-room windows. Brother Doyle stated that it was the usual policy for these to be renewed every three years and that they were at present being repaired. Flies were noticeable in the dining room and as the tables were then set for the evening meal, this position was far from satisfactory. Urgent replacement of fly-wire screens over dining-room windows and doors is essential.

It is also recommended that tables be not left in prepared position from meal to meal. There was no evidence of any litter or scraps in or in the vicinity of this building. Recommended that plastic table covers be supplied for more homely appearance.

3. Outside and Inside Toilets.

Inspection of these conveniences revealed them to be in a very clean state. One cistern was not functioning properly and was to be repaired by a plumber who calls regularly.

4. General appearance of inmates.

Inspection was made of Grade 7 classroom and pupils and all lads appeared in good health. All pupils dressed in usual khaki shorts and shirts. No inmates in sick bay and no evidence of sores on lads seen around room.

From the inspection made general conditions throughout, except for those points listed above, were well up to standard. However, it is recommended that the appearance of dining quarters, stairway to dormitory and the verandah dormitory could be enhanced by painting.

It is also recommended that line or adequate floor coverings be provided for dormitories.

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