On the 21st. instant, accompanied by the Master Secretary for Lands and Immigration, Mr. W. H. Smith, and the Assistant Master Secretary for Lands, Mr. Curran Smith, I visited St. Joseph's Boys and Girls School at Armagh.

As the visit was made unannounced it was unfortunate that the manager, Brother Mullen, was absent on business, so were greeted by Brother O'Sullivan and every faculty arranged to us to make on the occasion of the buildings.

I am pleased to report that since my last visit there has been visible signs of improvement in the standard of discipline, both in the dormitories and dining room, and more particularly in the appearance both physically and the clothing of the boys.

Friday had been declared a half-holiday from school to celebrate the occasion of the boys' festival and the boys had changed from their school to playing clothes. In the inspection of the dormitories it was noted that each boy had obviously changed from a clean pair of black shorts and shirt, and that they had been issued with new pairs of sandals. The absence of lockers was noted and commented upon and Brother O'Sullivan informed us that although they had expected lockers to arrive with the last group of clothes they had been put off the boat at the last moment. Lockers for each boy were urgently required and it is hoped that some action will be taken in this regard.

The ablution facilities are as were reported on my last visit.

The dining room was inspected and noted as being clean, which consisted of -on soup, cox's eggs and hard-boiled eggs, bread and jam, with milk as required. There is no shortage of butter at this institution as all the milk from the 21 cases now being milked goes in most of the domestic purposes. The tablecloth and Darren were in a reasonable condition.

Brother O'Sullivan informed us that it is now the intention to obtain a number of sisters for this institution. It is anticipated that they will be housed in the old Bakery Laundry building which is now not needed, and as far as Brother O'Sullivan was aware they would be in residence in the near future. This is a most pleasing aspect and I have no doubt that when the Sisters take charge of the domestic work the institution will automatically come up to standard.

The classrooms were open and with the exception of an improvised blackboard, are as previously reported. However, as school will be breaking up for the Christmas holidays in the near future it is hoped that the facilities necessary to carry on education will be installed.

It is unfortunate that Brother Mullen was absent as I would like to have discussed those various aspects with him. The main points now to be followed up are -

1. Provision of facilities for education.
2. The extent of sisters for domestic duties.
3. The completion of the ablution block.
4. The provision of lockers.