

DIRECTOR.

I refer to our recent discussion in regard to the complaint received about Captain Saunders, the Deputy Manager of the Salvation Army Boys' Home.

This matter has been discussed with Major Sumsion the Manager of the home who conducted an enquiry into the allegations made in the presence of the boys and Captain Saunders. The boys repeated the allegations against Captain Saunders, which were denied by him.

Major Sumsion has confessed to me privately on many occasions that in his opinion Captain Saunders is quite unsuitable in the management of a boys institution. It is his opinion that in many instances the punishment he inflicted is quite unfair but on the otherhand is quite adamant that it does not amount to gross cruelty.

It is suggested that the nature of the complaint be referred to Colonel Palmer the Mens' Social Secretary, Pier Street, Perth. It is believed that it will then be forwarded to Major Sumsion for investigation, which will afford him an opportunity of making his comments regarding the Deputy Manager.

I have been informed privately also, that Captain Saunders keeps contact with Colonel Darlow, the Mens' Social Secretary in Melbourne and is hopeful of being appointed ultimately to the position of Manager of the boys home in W.A. From a departmental point of view it would be best if this appointment is not considered.

ACTING INSTITUTE OFFICER.

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