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Dear Canon Jones,
Possibly you are aware that the Rev H.A. Pigott who was curate here until Nov last, had to resign through continued ill health. Ever since then I have been working alone, getting supplies as best I could. A man in orders is really absolutely necessary for the work here to be efficiently done. Two Sundays in the month I have 9 full services, one Sunday 8, and on the fourth 6, besides several Holy Communion. Now can you help me to obtain, or put me in the way of getting an earnest and spiritually man? A.W.J. Evans was here at Springwood and at Glenbrook about three weeks ago, and my
wardens and people were very much pleased with him. He conducted the services most reverently, and his reading was impressive. All who have spoken to me would much like to have him stationed here. It was mentioned to me in Sydney last week that you knew him, and that he had read in some way for a time in connection with Moore College, but failed in an exam. Can you recommend him for me? If so, and I have him here as a Catechist with time for reading, can he prepare for ordination, by visiting you at stated periods, without going into the College?

I do not think that he can find the necessary fees for a residential course of two years. Do you know if the Archbishop
would ordain him from your report, if favourable, as curate for Springwood in less time than two years?
Believe me
Dear Canon Jones
Yours sincerely
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R.J. Read