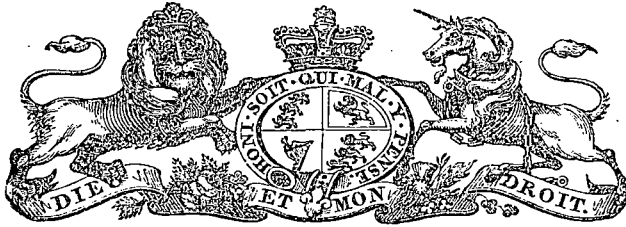


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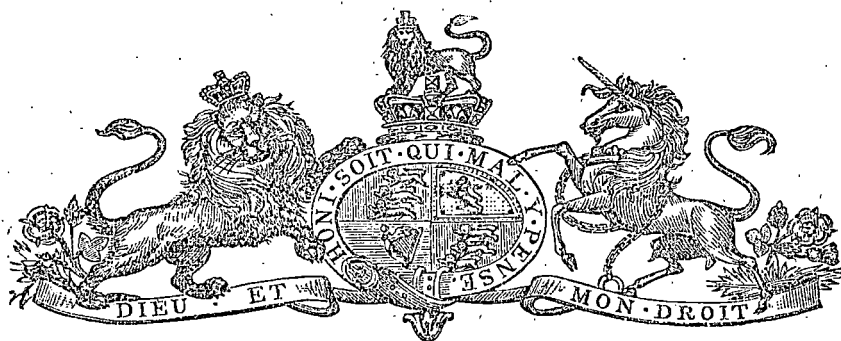
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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

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*Department for Neglected Children, 30th June, 1897.*

SIR,

IN accordance with the provisions of the 6th Section of "The Neglected Children and Youthful Offenders Act," I have the honour to submit this, the first Annual Report of the Department.

The Act did not come into force until the 23rd October, 1896, therefore the period that this Report embraces extends over ten weeks only. During that period there were no committals or discharges under the provisions of the Act.

From the Reports of the following Training and Industrial Schools it was found that 197 children—77 boys and 120 girls—were inmates of those Institutions on the 31st December, 1896; viz. :—

	Boys.	Girls.
Boys' Training School, New Town.....	47	—
Girls' Training School, Hobart.....	—	14
Girls' Industrial School, Hobart.....	—	37
Ditto, Launceston.....	—	19
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Hobart.....	—	50
Boys' Home, Hobart.....	30	—
	77	120
	<u>77</u>	<u>120</u>

Out of this number the Government contributed towards the maintenance of 148. The cost to the State for the year was £2339. 11s. 6d.

The Reports of the above-mentioned Institutions will be found appended. That for the Boys' Home is rendered for the 12 months ending 31st March, 1897.

The Report forwarded by the Girls' Industrial School, Launceston, and adopted by the Annual Meeting of the Subscribers on the 4th June, 1897, appears to embrace the year 1895. The Report for 1896 is not yet available.

No provision was made by Parliament for the operations of the Act, nor were any officers appointed, owing to the short time the Act was in existence during 1896. Under Section 5, the duties of the Secretary devolved upon the Administrator of Charitable Grants.

The offices of Secretary and Inspector, and Collectors of Imposts, were not filled until the 11th March, 1897, when Mr. George Richardson was appointed Secretary and Inspector, and Mr. George Judge and Mr. William Young, Collectors, for the Southern and Northern Divisions of the Colony respectively.

The Government have in contemplation the establishment of a Receiving Dépôt in Hobart, but the building is not yet completed.

The short time the Act has been in operation admits of no general observations on its working; but, from some minor difficulties that have arisen in its clauses, a few amendments will, I think, be found necessary. In a separate communication I will do myself the honour to submit for your consideration such amendments or alterations as may appear requisite.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*The Honourable the Chief Secretary.*

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX A.

## BOYS' TRAINING SCHOOL, NEW TOWN.

*Hobart, 12th April, 1897.*

DEAR SIR,

THE Managers of the Boys' Training School beg to submit their thirteenth Annual Report, being for the year 1896.

The year now under review has witnessed the most important alteration since the establishment of the School, both in the management and the site of the buildings. Mr. Longmore, the first Superintendent, ceased to be so on the 11th April, being succeeded by Mr. Geo. Richardson; and on the 27th April the boys were removed to the new and commodious premises specially built for them at New Town. The present site is found to be very suitable, and superior to that so long occupied at the Cascades, and the management under Mr. Richardson has given satisfaction to the Managers.

The attached Report of the Superintendent gives full details of the strength and working of the School.

During the year the Rev. S. Bucknell and Rev. J. W. Simmons resigned from the Board of Management, and Archdeacon Whittington, Rev. A. Cass, Rev. M. W. Gilleran, Mr. John O'Boyle, and Mr. George Richardson, the Superintendent of the School, have been appointed Managers.

JOHN MACFARLANE. *Chairman.*  
F. BELSTEAD.  
THEO. CANE.  
ARTHUR CASS.  
M. W. GILLERAN.  
J. O'BOYLE.  
GEO. RICHARDSON.  
FRED. T. WHITTINGTON.

*The Secretary, Department for  
Neglected Children.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*New Town, 31st March, 1897.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Boys' Training School, Cascades, from the 1st January to 26th April, and of the Boys' Training School, New Town, from the 27th April to 31st December, 1896.

*Strength.*

The distinct number of boys on the books during the year was 84; and the number remaining on 31st December, 47.

The highest number of boys in the School at any one time was—at Cascades, 64; at New Town, 59; and the lowest number was 53 and 46 respectively.

The average daily number was 56,—being a decrease of 8 on the previous year.

*Admissions.*

The number admitted during the year was 29. Full particulars under this head will be found in appended Return, marked C.

*Discharges.*

The number discharged during the year was as follows :—

Licensed to Masters .....	16
Ditto Parents.....	17
Discharged to Parents.....	1
Transferred to General Hospital, Hobart .....	1
Ditto New Town Charitable Institution .....	1
Absconded from Cascades.....	2
	—
	38
	—

Of the 33 boys who have been licensed out to service and to parents, I have received very favourable reports from their employers and from other sources. Subjoined are a few extracts from the Reports received :—

R.B.—“Has conducted himself very well.”

J.W.—“Has conducted himself very well indeed.”

A.C.—“Have much pleasure in testifying to his general good conduct.”

J.M.—“His conduct is above reproach. I have found him willing and obedient; and, with a little patience, is the making of a good man.”

J. O'G.—“Is getting on well, and likes his place. He is as good as anyone could expect.”

G. J.—“He conducts himself very well, and also continues to do his work well.”

J.R.—“Conducts himself very well, and satisfies me in other respects fairly.”

R.B.—“Has conducted himself in a most satisfactory manner. He is really a very good boy.”

H.D.—“He is satisfactory in conduct and in work as well; and I am quite satisfied with him.”

W.A.—“Cannot speak too highly of the boy's character: he has given me every satisfaction in every respect. His conduct is exemplary.”

P.H.—“I am sure you have my heartfelt thanks for what you have done for my boy.”

A.W.B.—“Has given every satisfaction. I find him well-mannered, a good willing worker, and truthful, and quite a credit to the Training School.”

One boy absconded from the service of his employer, with whom he had been three months. He has not since been heard of.

#### *Religious and Secular Instruction.*

Since their transfer to New Town the boys have been allowed to attend their respective churches. The Church of England boys attend St. John's Church every Sunday, morning and evening; and religious instruction is given them on Saturday evenings by the Venerable Archdeacon Whittington, and on Sunday afternoons by lady teachers. The Roman Catholic boys attend the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday mornings, and receive religious instruction, on Tuesday mornings by the Roman Catholic Chaplain, and on Sunday afternoons by the Sisters of Charity.

With regard to their secular instruction, it will be observed from Return C. that, of the 29 boys received during the year, 16 could read and write, 5 could read only, 4 could neither read nor write, and 4 were deaf and dumb. School duties were commenced at New Town under the direction of Mr. E. M'Gregor, of the Education Department, on the 1st May, 1896. He has reported from time to time that the boys have made very fair progress, and take an interest in their work. The Director of Education (Mr. Rule) visited the School, and examined the boys, on the 13th December. His Report is appended.

#### *Drill and Gymnastics.*

Since their transfer to New Town the boys have received instruction in military drill, in which they evince an interest. A Gymnasium has been fitted up with the usual appliances; and instruction has been given by Mr. M'Gregor in horizontal and parallel bars, Indian clubs, &c.

#### *Recreation.*

Prior to their removal from the Cascades, a picnic was given to the Roman Catholic boys by Rev. Father Gilleran. On the 9th November the whole of the boys in the School were taken over to Derwent Park for a holiday, and a programme of sports was held for small money prizes, donated by friends of the School; and on the 19th December a cake and fruit tea was provided for the boys, through the exertions of some lady visitors to the School.

Several entertainments have been given in the School by lady and gentlemen friends; and the boys have been allowed to attend concerts, &c. given in the New Town Charitable Institution.

Two footballs were supplied by the Government, for the boys; and cricketing materials have been presented by friends. Cricket and football matches were played on the Show Ground against the New Town State School and other teams.

#### *Industrial Department.*

Since their transfer to New Town the boys have been employed at farm work on the Government Farm and Derwent Park, and in gardening, domestic work, carpentering, tailoring, bricklaying, blacksmithing, &c. During the year the boys have assisted in the erection of a carpenter's shop, two rooms to officers' quarters, shelving in school-room, fencing, road-making, and other works.

#### *Classification and Reward System.*

In August last a system of classification and rewards was initiated, by which the boys, according to their conduct, were ranked as Monitors, First Class, Second Class, and Third Class.

The Monitors and First and Second Class boys are allowed a small money reward per month, and, in addition, the privilege of weekly, fortnightly, and monthly leave of absence for half a day on Saturdays.

I am happy to say that this privilege has in no instance been abused; and I find that the system is a great incentive to good behaviour on the part of the boys.

#### *Conduct of the Boys.*

Since the first fortnight of their removal to their new quarters, the conduct of the boys has gradually improved, and, on the whole, may be described as very satisfactory.

#### *Health.*

With the exception of an epidemic of influenza in June last, the services of the Medical Officer have seldom been required.

Three boys were sent to the General Hospital for treatment: one for treatment of his eyes, one for a slight operation, and one for a broken leg, caused by falling under a cart. The last two were returned cured.

#### *Expenditure.*

It will be seen from the Return in Appendices, marked A., that the gross expenditure at the Cascades, from 1st January to 26th April, was £542 11s. 1d. This sum was swelled by extraordinary charges, which are explained in the Appendix.

The sum of £39 was received for sale of milk and potatoes and maintenance of inmates,—leaving the net expenditure £503 11s. 1d., or £8 13s. 8d. per head for the four months.

Return B. shows that the gross expenditure for the New Town School for the remaining eight months was £447 7s. 11d., and the receipts £59 8s. 11d. The net expenditure was £387 19s., or £7 3s. 8d. per head for the eight months.

The net cost per head for the year was £15 18s. 4d., or £2 15s. 6d. less than in 1895. This cost will be considerably reduced next year.

#### *Live Stock.*

1 horse, 1 bull, 8 cows, 1 calf, 1 boar, and 1 sow were transferred from Cascades to New Town; 6 cows were kept to supply the milk to the Gaol; and the remaining stock were sold on removal of the School from Cascades to New Town.

#### *Library.*

In response to an appeal through the Press from the Venerable Archdeacon Whittington, several persons interested in the School have supplied books and illustrated papers, which have formed the nucleus of a Library, which is much appreciated by the boys.

#### *Visitors.*

Among the many who visited were His Grace the Archbishop of Hobart, the Premier (Sir Edward Braddon), Sir Philip Fysh, M.H.A., and John Hamilton, Esq., M.H.A.

The visitors generally expressed themselves pleased with the buildings and surroundings of the School.

#### *General.*

I took over charge of the School on the 11th April; and on the 13th and 18th of that month I furnished to the Hon. the Chief Secretary reports detailing the state in which I found the School, and notifying the absence of complete records. I subsequently learnt that many of the records, from some unexplained cause, had been burnt just prior to my taking charge.

In conclusion, I desire to place on record the zealous, intelligent, and valuable assistance I have received in the management of the School from the Overseer and the other officers under the new organisation.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

*To the Managers of the Boys' Training School.*

## A.

*RETURN showing the Expenditure at the Boys' Training School, Cascades, from the 1st January to 26th April, 1896, the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.*

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	<sup>a</sup> 205	5	0	By Cash received for maintenance .....	5	0	6
Provisions .....	<sup>b</sup> 98	19	9	Sale of milk and potatoes to C. D. Hos-			
Clothing, bedding, and stores.....	<sup>c</sup> 165	2	7	pital and House of Mercy .....	10	11	11
Washing, fuel, and light .....	27	13	9	Sale of milk to officers Gaol, &c. ....	6	15	8
Stationery and printing .....	1	3	6	Milk and potatoes to Gaol.....	16	11	11
Petty expenses and rewards .....	0	9	0				
Alterations and repairs.....	2	7	5		39	0	0
Farm labour and expenses .....	41	10	1	Balance, being Net Cost of Establishment ...	503	11	1
TOTAL.....	£542	11	1	TOTAL .....	£542	11	1

Average daily number, 58. Net cost per head, £8 13s. 8d.

<sup>a</sup>This amount includes gratuity paid to Mr. Longmore to 30th June, and to other officers to 31st May, 1896.

<sup>b</sup>Provisions to the value of £4 14s. were transferred to New Town with the boys.

<sup>c</sup>Included in this amount is the sum of £112 11s. for stores supplied from the Colonial Stores in 1895, and charged for in 1896.

## B.

*RETURN showing the Expenditure of the Boys' Training School, New Town, from the 27th April to the 31st December, 1896, the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.*

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	124	11	1	By Cash received for maintenance of inmates	24	16	6
Provisions .....	178	16	4	Sale of milk to officers at the Gaol .....	9	9	3
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery ...	74	1	9	Sale of stock.....	11	15	4
Fuel and light.....	11	18	0	Sale of hides .....	1	0	6
Petty expenses and rewards.....	13	15	4	Milk supplied to Gaol.....	12	7	4
Repairs .....	6	12	2		59	8	11
Furniture and materials.....	9	0	3	Balance, being Net Cost of Establishment ...	387	19	0
Unforeseen expenses .....	28	13	0				
TOTAL .....	£447	7	11	TOTAL .....	£447	7	11

Average daily number, 54. Net Cost per head, £7 3s. 8d.

## SUMMARY OF A. AND B.

	£	s.	d.
Net Cost from 1st January to 26th April, 1896 .....	503	11	1
Ditto from 27th April to 31st December, 1896...	387	19	0
	£891	10	1

Average daily strength for the year, 56. Net Cost per head, £15 18s. 4d.

## C.

## RETURN of Boys admitted into Training School for Boys during the Year 1896.

ADMITTED FROM.	Number admitted.	AGE.							OFFENCE.								SENTENCE.					RELIGION.			EDUCATION.							
		10 years.	11 years.	12 years.	13 years.	14 years.	15 years.	Total.	House-breaking.	Criminal assault.	Indecent assault.	Attempting to upset a train.	Picking pockets.	Damaging property.	Idle and disorderly.	Larceny.	Total.	3 years.	4 years.	5 years.	Her Majesty's pleasure.	Temporary.	Total.	Church of England.	Roman Catholic.	Total.	Read or write.	Read only.	Cannot read or write.	Deaf and dumb.	Total.	
Supreme Court, Hobart .....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	
Ditto, Launceston .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	
Police Court Hobart .....	5	1	..	2	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	5	1	..	4	..	..	5	4	1	5	3	1	..	1	5	
Ditto, Launceston .....	11	..	1	4	4	2	..	11	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	8	11	11	..	..	..	11	8	3	11	8	2	..	..	..	11	
Ditto, Zeehan .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	
Ditto, Carnarvon .....	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	
Ditto, Scottsdale .....	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	1	..	2	2	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	
Ditto, Deloraine .....	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	2	2	2	2	2	2	..	..	2	2	
Ditto, Glenorchy .....	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	
Gaol Hobart on Governor's Warrant .....	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	
By order of Hon. Chief Secretary .....	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	Pending other arrangements								2	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	2	2
TOTAL .....	29	1	3	9	7	6	3	29	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	15	29	19	1	5	2	2	29	21	8	29	16	5	4	4	29	

*REPORT on the Annual Examination, Boys' Training School, 1896.*

THE Examination was held in the evening of the 14th of December. There were present 46 Boys, in five classes.

*Lower First Class.*

Three were examined. None had yet mastered the alphabet. Two could reckon numbers well.

*Upper First Class.*

Twelve were examined. All but one passed in Reading, three with credit. All passed in Writing, ten with credit; all passed in Arithmetic, eight with credit.

*Second Class.*

Seventeen were examined. All passed in Reading, thirteen with credit. All passed in Writing, eight with credit. Two failed in Arithmetic, six obtained credit.

*Third Class.*

Thirteen were examined. All passed in three subjects, eight gaining credit in Reading, four in Writing, two in Arithmetic.

*Fifth Class.*

One was examined. He passed barely in all three subjects.

*Progress.*—Eighteen of the Boys had been examined in the previous year. The progress of 3 was found fair, that of 5 moderate, that of 10 slow.

*General.*—The Teacher complains with reason that "the time of instruction ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours every evening from 6 to 7.30) is very short, and that it takes place when the boys are least fitted for mental work, having been at labour all day long."

J. RULE, *Director of Education.*  
26. 3. '97.

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

## APPENDIX B.

## GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL REFORMATORY.

*REPORT for 1896.*

*Hobart, 18th March, 1897.*

SIR,

THE Ladies' Committee, in presenting their Sixteenth Annual Report, are pleased to say the work of the Institution has gone on steadily throughout the year.

We have again this year had to draw heavily on our reserve fund, having so many voluntary inmates, leaving the small sum of £61 16s. 3d. in the Bank. At the beginning of the year there were eleven girls in the Home: six were received, three left, fourteen remaining at the end of the year. Their behaviour, on the whole, has been good.

Service is still held on Sunday mornings, and Classes by ladies for Bible instruction on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The girls are employed in washing, housework, cooking, needlework, and receive instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

The amount received by washing is £177 5s.

The Committee desire again to record their appreciation of the Matrons, whose exertions help so much towards the success of the Institution.

I am, &c.

M. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. G.T.S.R.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary, Hobart.*



*STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure of the Girls' Training School for the Year ending  
31st December, 1896.*

<b>Dr.</b>			<b>Cr.</b>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Cash in hand, 31st December, 1895	13	0 2	By Cash for Salaries .....	92	15 0
Cash in Bank, 31st December, 1895	91	13 5	Bread, meat, and flour...	56	9 2
Government Aid to Reformatory ...	100	7 1	Groceries, soap, starch, and blue .....	46	1 10
Washing done at Reformatory .....	177	5 0	Milk, vegetables, and fruit for jam, &c.....	21	17 7
Paid in for H. Smith .....	1	3 0	Drapery, boots, &c.....	26	12 3
Interest at Bank .....	3	2 10	Washing delivery .....	24	0 0
			Fuel and gas.....	28	10 6
			Stationery and stamps ..	2	15 11
			Books for library and lessons.....	1	19 6
			Printing .....	2	10 0
			Ironmonger and repairs	5	10 7
			Municipal charges .....	2	0 0
			Insurance and rent,.....	0	8 6
			Crockery .....	1	11 6
			Carting rubbish and sweeping chimneys ..	0	10 6
			Door-mats .....	0	13 6
			Sundry small expenses...	2	5 0
			Expense of Christmas treat .....	2	18 9
					319 10 1
			Cash balance.....	5	5 2
			Cash in Bank, special Donations towards Building or Reserve Fund	61	16 3
					£386 11 6
					£386 11 6

Examined and found correct.

JOHN MACFARLANE.  
17. 3. 97.

E. WILSON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

*REPORT on the Annual Examination, Girls' Training School.*

THE examination was held on the 22nd of December. Number examined, 14, of ages ranging apparently from 12 to 18 years.

There is no regular classification, reading excepted. In this subject and writing the proficiency is far beyond that found in arithmetic. On examination of the girls individually, according to State School standards, the following results were ascertained:—

In Reading 3 had reached the Third Class standard.			
3	"	Second Class standard.	
5	"	Upper First Class standard.	
3	"	Lower First Class standard.	
In Writing 3 had reached the Third Class standard.			
3	"	Second Class standard.	
4	"	Upper First Class standard.	
3	"	Lower First Class standard.	
1		had not reached the Lower First Class standard.	
In Arithmetic 3 had reached the Second Class standard.			
5	"	Upper First Class standard.	
5	"	Lower First Class standard.	
1		had not reached the Lower First Class standard.	
In all three subjects 2 had reached the Second Class standard.			
6	"	Upper First Class standard.	
5	"	Lower First Class standard.	
1		had not reached the Lower First Class standard.	

*Progress.*—That of one was found good, that of two fair, that of four moderate. Total traceable, seven.

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

J. RULE, *Director of Education.*  
26. 3. 97.

## APPENDIX C.

## HOBART INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, 1896.

*Twenty-eighth Annual Report.*

In presenting the Report for 1896, the Committee have little to say of interest as regards the children. The health of the School has been most satisfactory, and the work has gone on as usual.

The sum earned by washing and needlework shows a small increase on the amount received last year, but is still considerably below that of a few years ago; and the Committee are therefore obliged to ask friends of the School for more liberal contributions, to prevent the risk of the work having to be curtailed. Subscribers must remember that, as a rule, the girls are apprenticed to the Matron for two years after the Government Grant ceases, during which time the Committee are entirely dependent on the earnings of the girls and the donations of the public for their support. At the present time only half of the girls receive Government aid.

The year 1896 is a momentous one in the School annals, owing to the resignation of Mrs. Cook, who for nineteen years filled the onerous post of Matron with marked efficiency and devotion to the highest welfare of the children. Ill-health was the cause of her taking this step, which all concerned most deeply deplore.

The Governors and Committee united in testifying their warm appreciation of Mrs. Cook's services, and presented her with a handsome travelling clock, suitably inscribed.

The Bishop and Clergy of St. David's also took the opportunity of recognizing Mrs. Cook's earnest Christian work, by making her a present of some religious books, with a very cordial letter expressing their respect and esteem.

After anxious consideration, the position of Matron was offered to and accepted by Miss Freeman, who has been Assistant Matron for some years, and is therefore thoroughly conversant with the working of the School.

Miss M'Phee has been appointed Sub-Matron, while the lessons and needlework remain, as before, in the charge of Miss Sinclair. The Committee have every reason to hope that, under the altered management, the School will still maintain its past satisfactory standard.

The Committee have, further, the great pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Cook amongst their number, so that the School will continue to benefit by her experience and advice; and they earnestly pray that, under God's guidance and blessing, the Institution may have the privilege of leading some of Christ's little ones to plant their feet firmly in the "narrow way," and by patience in well-doing learn to overcome the difficulties, the sorrows, and the temptations which beset their most tender years.

In School, 1895.....	41
Admitted.....	3
	—
	44
	==
No. Girls, 1896—	
Left for Service.....	4
Taken by Friends.....	3
Remaining December, 1896.....	37
	—
	44
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For Governors and Secretary,

FRED. J. SALIER.



1895, 24. The Report concluded :—It is with feelings of deep regret we have to record the death of Mrs. Geo. Gilmore, who was President of our institution for a period of 18 years, and who only resigned the position last year consequent upon failing health. We have always felt it a privilege to be associated with this lady in such work—so gentle in manner, so kind of heart, and so deeply interested up to the very last in all that pertained to the well-being of the school. The Committee has suffered a second loss in the removal by death of Mrs. Arthur Evans, who always felt a real interest in the school, and was at one time one of our collectors. Another removal by death is that of Miss Beard, for so many years matron of the school, and who always manifested a great deal of interest both in the work of the school and its inmates.

A detailed statement of accounts was submitted. This showed a credit balance of £172 10s. 5d. Among the receipts were £63 16s. 1d. for washing and work done by the girls, and £87 12s. 3d. from subscriptions.

The Chairman had very great pleasure in moving that the Report and balance-sheet be printed and published under the direction of the Committee. He referred to the fact that the school would soon attain its majority, and was of opinion that during its 19 years' existence it had been of great benefit to many families, both in the city and in the country. Referring to the fact of children having to be taken into the school because of their not being amenable to parental control, the Chairman said it seemed to him that one great matter that concerned the Australian colonies was efficient home life, careful teaching, and what was more, careful training. They might teach and teach, but unless children were trained to practise what was taught they would not see any result. The Report contained its disappointments, but they should not lay too much stress on that fact. Every work of a similar character had them, and the most beautiful flowers and ripest fruit often grew in the most unexpected places. God would, he was sure, bless their work with results of which they had at present little idea. As to the late Mrs. Gilmore, he cordially endorsed what was said in the Report, and expressed a hope that others would always be found to carry on the work of those whom they had lost. It gave him very much pleasure to move the adoption of the Report, which was, he considered, exceedingly encouraging.

Canon Beresford seconded the motion. The Chairman had put in a nutshell what might have been much enlarged upon. He was sure they had all been touched by the Report placed before them, and felt what a wonderful and good work was being done at the Industrial School. He regretted that promised subscriptions had not been paid in, and thought it was a matter of honour that these should be paid. He hoped next year they would be in a better position.

The Report was adopted.

*THE Treasurer in account with the Launceston Industrial School for Girls.*

Dr.			Cr.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
1895. To Balance from last year...	197	5 6	1895. By Cash paid—		
Jan. 1 to Subscriptions and dona-			Jan. 1 to Provisions.....	168	14 10
Dec. 31. tions .....	87	12 3	Dec. 31. Milk .....	44	0 8
Government subsidy.....	308	0 0	Clothing .....	63	2 5
Government account,			Boots .....	22	1 11
teacher's salary.....	25	0 0	Soap.....	8	5 0
Washing and work done			Gas .....	6	14 10
by the girls .....	63	16 1	Fuel .....	27	18 9
Repayments by girls ap-			Furnishing .....	20	9 1
prenticed .....	3	15 0	Stationery.....	5	14 3
Discounts on accounts...	0	13 3	Printing and advertising...	4	1 6
			Repairs.....	19	18 3
			Cartage washing .....	7	10 0
			Petty cash .....	0	4 8
			Sundries .....	4	2 3
			Salaries .....	100	0 0
			Insurance.....	2	8 0
			Interest.....	8	5 3
			Balance .....	172	10 5
	£686	2 1		£686	2 1

Examined and found correct.

MATT. TYSON,  
ROBT. GEORGE LAKIN, } Auditors.

Launceston, 20th May, 1897.

(E. & O.E.) F. STANFIELD, Hon. Treasurer.



## APPENDIX F.

BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, LANSDOWNE CRESCENT,  
HOBART.*Twenty-eighth Annual Report.**Hobart, June 15th, 1897.*

SIR,

THE Governors of this Institution have the honour to submit to you their Report for the year ending 31st March, 1897.

*State of the Institution.*

The number of Boys in the Home on 31st March, 1896, 27; admitted during the year, 10; apprenticed and left the Home, 11; leaving 26 inmates at this date.

The health of the boys has not been so good during this summer, several having suffered seriously from the prevailing epidemics. Mrs. Shipley still continues as Matron, and the behaviour of the boys, with the satisfactory state of the Institution and its surroundings, continue to reflect credit upon her management.

The boys give attention to their school duties during the morning under a Certificated Teacher (Mrs. Spratt), and the progress made by them is evidenced by the extract from the report of Mr. J. Rule, the Director of Education and Inspector of Industrial Schools.

*Progress.*—The progress of 21 was found traceable, that of 6 was good, that of 4 fair, that of 7 moderate, that of 4 slow.

*General.*—The Teacher keeps excellent order. The Institution is characterised in all its arrangements by the most perfect neatness and cleanliness.

In the afternoons the boys are employed in and about the grounds and garden, the order and neatness displayed therein being excellent. Mr. Emery kindly continues to give the boys drill exercise once a week, which is very beneficial, and for which the Governors are grateful.

The boys who have been apprenticed show a decided feeling of love and gratitude to the Matron for services rendered them whilst under her care, as evidenced by their letters to her, and the opportunity of visiting the Home is always taken advantage of when they are in town. The apprenticed boys are as a rule, and with few exceptions, doing well.

*Accounts.*

These have been audited for the year as per annexed statement, and show—

	£	s.	d.
The Expenditure for the 12 months .....	670	12	5
The Receipts .....	526	9	6
Showing a deficiency for the year .....	144	2	11
To which has to be added the previous debit balance.	6	8	3
Making the balance due the bank at this date .....	150	11	2

The thanks of the Governors are again due to the kindly interest taken by the friends of the Home; some have continued to render assistance for years. It is to be hoped that those who do not already subscribe to the funds will do so, and so enable the Management to carry on the work more efficiently.

Signed, on behalf of the Governors,

G. W. SHOBRIDGE, *Chairman.*

*To the Secretary of the Department for Destitute Children.*

