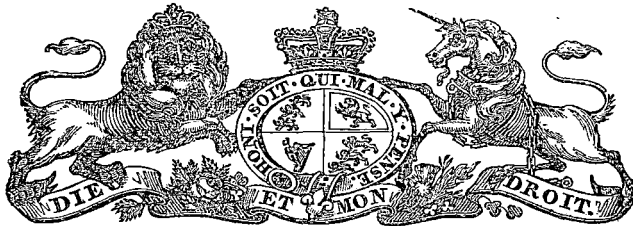


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BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, HOBART :

REPORT FOR 1890.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



## BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, HOBART.

### TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

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Hobart, 20th April, 1891.

SIR,

THE Governors beg to submit their Report for the year ending the 31st March, 1891.

1. It is a pleasurable duty to be able to state that the Home continues in an efficient state, and is accomplishing the object for which it was instituted by its founder, that of taking in lads of the destitute class, and training them in such a manner that they are fitted hereafter to be apprenticed to farming and other pursuits, thereby earning their own living and becoming a credit to society.

2. The Home during the year has been full, and a greater average of inmates than heretofore, the numbers at the end of each quarter being 35, 34, 35, and 37: the average for the year, 34. There have been 15 boys admitted, and 8 apprenticed, leaving 37 now in the Institution. The conduct of the boys, both in the Home and with their masters, has been on the whole satisfactory. One boy, however, who misconducted himself, had to be sent to the Training School for a number of years. The health of the boys has been very good throughout the year.

3. A certain portion of the day is set aside for teaching them reading, writing, and arithmetic, and the report furnished by the Inspector of Schools is as follows:—

“Present—35 boys. These were examined in four classes, viz.—Lower First, Upper First, Second, and Third. Lower First Class—Number examined, 3; these—recently admitted—had made little progress. Upper First Class—Number examined, 5; all were found passable in reading, but they had not been brought forward equally in writing and arithmetic, in which all failed (according to State School standards). Second Class—Number examined, 13; these did fairly well in reading and writing; twelve did tolerably in arithmetic. Third Class—Number examined, 14; these showed very fair results in reading and writing, but half failed in arithmetic; one, however, reached full standard in that subject. The answering was very fair in geography, fair in Scripture history, pretty fair in general knowledge. The progress of 20 was found traceable from the previous examination: that of four had been good, that of three fair, that of eight moderate, that of five slow. With the prevalent weakness in arithmetic excepted, the work of the classes may be called fair.”

4. The Triennial Meeting of subscribers and friends was held in the Town Hall last year, Sir Lambert Dobson presiding. There was a large attendance, and a collection and subscriptions to the Building and Repair Fund were taken up.

5. During the year there have been changes in the governing body, and it is with much regret the loss by death of Francis W. Mitchell is chronicled in this Report. He had been connected with the Home and acted as a Governor for ten years, and always took a keen interest in its affairs, and in the boys individually. His loss is therefore severely felt. The Rev. G. W. Shoobridge was appointed in his place. The Hon. A. Dobson having left the colony for a time on a trip to England, resigned his position, and Mr. John Mitchell has been appointed.

6. The receipts and expenditure, duly audited, are annexed, and show a small credit balance of £2 11s. 1d. Included in the receipts is the legacy from Mr. Charles Atkins, late of Argyle-street, Hobart, of £150 16s. 7d. This amount was received through the executor, Mr. Fred. J. Salier, and the thanks of the Governors are tendered to him, on behalf of the donor for it. If it had not been for this legacy, and other special items, the balance would have been on the debit side, the expenditure during the year having been heavier than usual.

7. There still exists the necessity for increased accommodation at the Home. A special subscription has been opened, and the amount, £20 5s., has been received, and promises to a larger amount have been made, and the hope is expressed that very soon the Governors will be placed in a position to commence this urgent work.

The Governors would again thank the subscribers, and the public generally, for their support, as well as the donors of the special amounts that have been received during the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman are still in charge of the Home, and have, as heretofore, performed their duties satisfactorily.

Donations and subscriptions will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. John Macfarlane), the Governors, the Secretary, and the Master.

We have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

G. W. SHOBRIDGE,  
JOHN MACFARLANE,  
BERNARD SHAW,  
THOS. B. MATHER,  
F. BELSTEAD,  
J. MITCHELL, } *Governors.*

*The Honorable the Chief Secretary.*

*STATEMENT of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st April, 1890, to 31st March, 1891.*

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
1891.—March 31.			1891.—March 31.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Subscriptions .....	121	6 1	By Balance due Bank, 31st March, 1890....	64	12 5
Ditto, Building and Improvements..	20	5 0	Provisions .....	294	6 3
Ditto, Theatre, per Mr. Bland Holt..	38	1 3	Cows' keep, Seeds, Manure, &c. ... ..	61	8 4
Ditto, Triennial Meeting .....	10	0 0	Gas and Fuel .....	35	9 3
Ditto, <i>Tableaux Vivants</i> , per Mr. T.			Clothing and Repairs.....	89	9 10
J. Haywood, Trinity Association..	17	0 0	Master, Matron, and Assistance .....	142	0 0
Fox's Bequest, Interest .....	10	9 6	House Requisites .....	9	1 3
Dexter's Bequest, Interest.....	2	12 0	Material and Repairs to Premises .....	40	17 1
Legacy, Charles Atkins .....	150	16 7	Boots, Repairs, Leather, &c. ....	50	0 5
Interest on Endowment Fund .....	48	7 0	Rent of Paddock .....	5	0 0
Government Contribution .....	419	16 2	Instalment to Endowment Fund .....	50	0 0
Boys' Earnings .....	30	19 6	Land Tax, Fire Insurance, Secretary,		
Twelve months' Rent of Cottage .....	30	0 0	and sundries .....	25	3 3
			Fox's Bequest, Christmas dinner, and		
			other treats .....	10	9 6
			Dexter's Bequest, Education, and books	2	12 0
			Sewing Machine .....	11	5 0
			Interest on Account and Cheque Book..	5	7 5
			Balance in Bank.....	2	11 1
	<u>£899</u>	<u>13 1</u>		<u>£899</u>	<u>13 1</u>

Audited and found correct.

JAMES MURDOCH.

E. & O. E.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Hon. Treasurer.*  
*Hobart, 31st March, 1891.*

ENDOWMENT FUND.

*Particulars of Investments, 31st March, 1891.*

	£	s. d.
Balance in Savings Bank .....	3	3 11
Fixed Deposit, Commercial Bank, due 1st April, 1892 .....	450	0 0
Fixed Deposit, £180, due 9th June, 1891 .....	180	0 0
Ditto, due 3rd July, 1891 .....	50	0 0
On mortgage .....	250	0 0
	<u>£933</u>	<u>3 11</u>