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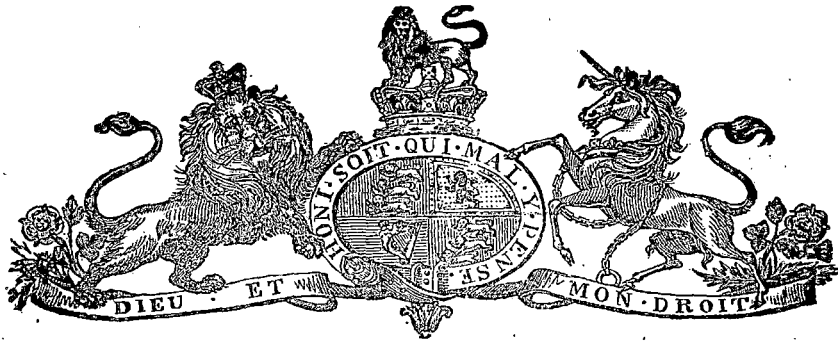
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R E P O R T F O R 1877.

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NINTH REPORT of the Boys' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, 1877-8.

THE Governors of the Boys' Home have the pleasure of presenting to the supporters and friends of that Institution the Ninth Annual Report.

During the year ending on the 31st March, 1878, 7 boys were admitted to the Home, and 7 left it; and at the end of the year there were 19 boys enjoying the benefits of the training afforded by the Institution.

The premises provide ample accommodation for thirty boys, and the small number at present there necessarily increases the average cost per head of maintaining and training the inmates.

The diminution in numbers is attributable to several causes, amongst others to the boarding-out system having been introduced and adopted, in many cases in which previously the benefits afforded by the training at the Home would have been gladly taken advantage of.

If children who are boarded out were, on arriving at a certain age, drafted for not less than one year into the Home, they would there learn habits of cleanliness and neatness in their person, of regularity and diligence, which they can hardly have the opportunity of acquiring in many of the families in which they are boarded out. In this way the Governors are of opinion that the Home would afford a valuable aid to the boarding-out system in training boys to become good and useful citizens.

45 boys have been apprenticed to masters since the Institution opened. Many of these boys, but for their training at the Home, would, in all human probability, have become the victims of vice and crime, and have added to the burthens of the State. The Governors are happy to be able to report that the boys are, almost without exception, doing well, and bearing testimony to the benefits derived by them from the careful and judicious training which they received at the Home.

Much credit is due to the faithful services of Mr. and Mrs. Reilley, who have been the Master and Matron of the Home from its commencement. The control of the Institution is vested in Seven Governors, who hold office for three years. The third term of three years has now expired, and the time has arrived for the Subscribers and Donors to elect Seven Governors for the ensuing three years.

After the last Annual Report was in print, a gloom was cast over the Institution by the death of Mrs. Kennerley, the wife of its Founder, and the Governors cannot let the occasion pass without paying a passing tribute to her memory.

She took an active interest in planning the Home, and after it was opened she was a constant visitor there, ever cheering the Master and Matron by her presence, and aiding them with friendly counsel and advice. The boys, too, knew her well, and regarded her as their friend, and no Saturday passed but some of the little fellows were rewarded for their good conduct at the Home by being allowed to visit her at her house, to work in her garden, and to enjoy the comfortable meal which, in the kindness of her heart, she provided for them. Much of the clothing for the boys was cut out and made up at her own house, and under her personal direction; and in many other matters she was indeed a benefactress, sparing neither time nor personal exertion to promote the best interests of the Home and its inmates. Her loss is one that cannot readily be replaced.

There is one other circumstance which the Governors record with deep regret. The Founder of the "Home," whose interest from the first has never flagged, being now stricken by the heavy hand of sickness, and finding himself no longer able to act as its Treasurer, is compelled reluctantly to resign that office. The loss sustained by the Institution is unfortunately not confined to the performance of the duties of Treasurer, for Mr. Kennerley's self-imposed labours on behalf of the Home went far beyond the limit of such duties.

After the loss sustained by the Home in the death of Mrs. Kennerley, and the illness of Mr. Kennerley, it becomes all the more necessary for the other friends and supporters of the Institution to exert themselves to maintain it in a state of efficiency for the benefit of the community; and the Governors venture to express a hope that this will be so.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st March, 1878.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance on 31st March, 1877	—			141	0	0	By paid Salaries and Wages..	—			156	15	0
Amount of Subscriptions ..	—			124	4	0	Meat Accounts	51	17	2			
Government Capitation	—						Bread and Flour	50	16	7			
Allowance	—			277	16	4	Tea, Sugar, Soap, &c.	32	15	8			
Butter sold	9	13	6				—				135	9	5
Fruit	5	11	4				Coals and Wood	—			10	5	6
				15	4	10	Hay, Potatoes, Mangolds, &c.	—			35	1	7
Received for 4 cows	—			25	2	6	Clothing	24	3	11			
Interest on Debentures	—			21	0	0	Making up Clothing	5	12	10			
Rent of Cottage, £6 14s. less City Rates, £2 10s. 5d.	—			4	3	7	—				29	16	9
							Boots and Repairs	—			14	2	9
							Insurance of Premises to Nov., 1878	—			5	7	3
							Printing and Advertising..	—			8	8	0
							3 cows	22	5	0			
							Grazing Cows	1	19	0			
							—				24	4	0
							Ironmongery, Ironwork, &c.	—			5	19	9
							Stamped Cheques	—			0	4	2
							Reilley's Petty Cash	—			12	11	1
							Balance	—			170	6	0
											£608	11	3
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To balance at credit of the Institution....				£170	6	0							

Audited and found correct,
J. M'C. BROWNE.

E. & O. E.,
ALFRED KENNERLEY, *Treasurer.*
Hobart Town, 27th April, 1878.

NOTE.—Milk, Fruit, and Vegetables produced in the Establishment have contributed largely to its maintenance.