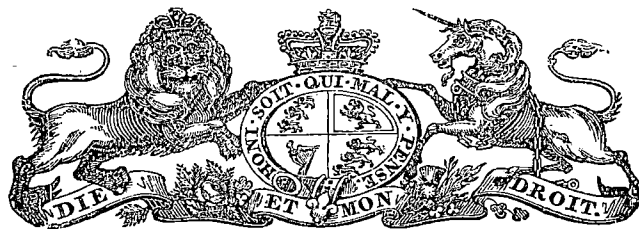


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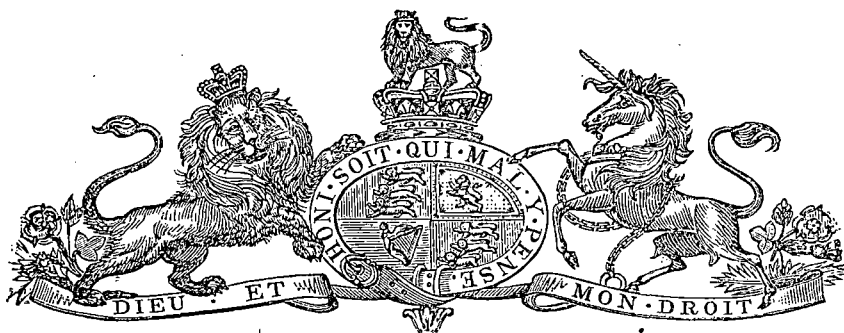
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## CHARITABLE GRANTS DEPARTMENT.

### REPORT FOR 1897.

New Town, 1st June, 1898.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of this Department for the year 1897.

#### *Out-door Relief, &c.*

Return "A" shows the expenditure under Items 1 to 7 inclusive of Section XVII. of the Estimates, from which it will be seen that the amount expended, although £169 18s. 5d. more than the expenditure for 1896, is £31 10s. 7d. less than the amount provided by Parliament. The repayments for the year were £52 0s. 4d. from Collectors, and £20 9s. 4d. from the Imperial Government, leaving a net cost of £3085 19s. 9d., or £104 0s. 3d. less than the Estimates. In addition to this amount the sum of £14 19s. 2d. was paid on account of 1896.

The excess of expenditure over that of 1896 was caused principally in the following items:— Out-door Relief, &c., £35 18s. 3d.; Salaries, £8 6s. 8d.; Maintenance of Paupers in Country Hospitals, £20 18s. 0d.; Maintenance of Destitute Persons not otherwise provided for, £22 7s. 8d.; Examination of Insane, £23 1s. 0d.; Stationery and Stores, £5 11s. 1d.; Miscellaneous expenses, £5 10s. 7d.; and Transport and Funeral expenses, £56 13s. 6d.

The expenditure on Deaf, Dumb, and Blind was £8 8s. 4d. less than in 1896.

The passages of a number of unemployed to the West Coast were paid for out of the vote for Transport, on the understanding that the men would, when in work, repay the cost of their passages, but up to the present time they have failed to do so, notwithstanding repeated applications have been made.

#### *Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.*

Return "B" shows the number of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind who have been maintained in Institutions in the other Colonies at the expense of this Government during the year 1897. From this it will be seen that there were on the 1st December, 1896, in the different Institutions, 5 males and 4 females; 2 females were admitted during the year, and 1 male was discharged, leaving 4 males and 6 females in the Institutions on 31st December, 1896. The male who was discharged returned to this Colony, married, and subsequently went to Sydney. The total cost under this head to the Government was £386 14s. 4d. I beg to append extracts from the Reports received from the various Institutions in reference to the progress and conduct of these pupils.

#### *Out-door Relief, including the two Cities.*

Return "C" gives a comparative statement of the expenditure for the past 10 years.

There is an increase of £26 13s. 11d. as compared with 1896, but this is accounted for by the balance in hands in country districts, which, on 1st January, 1895, was £192 5s. 1d., having been reduced to £90 4s. 8d. on 31st December, 1896, thus necessitating larger amounts being allotted for 1897.

*Out-door Relief in Country Districts.*

Return "E" shows the actual amount expended on Out-door Relief, Medical attendance on Paupers in Country Districts, and temporary provision for Tramps, from which it will be seen that the cost per head of population, based on the census of 1891, was 6½*d.* in Municipal and 3¼*d.* in the Police Districts. The amount granted for Out-door Relief to the Cities of Hobart and Launceston was £740 and £630 respectively. In addition to these amounts, Hobart received £250, and Launceston a like amount, on the £1 for £1 principle.

*Imperial Claims.*

The amount charged to Imperial Government for repayment of the cost of Imperial Paupers maintained in various Institutions, and in receipt of Out-door Relief during the year, was £886 16*s.*

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Administrator*  
*Charitable Grants.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

## A.

*RETURN showing the Expenditure of the Charitable Grants Department for the Year 1897, and the Receipts for the same period.*

Expenditure.	Amount.		Total.		Receipts.	Amount.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Salaries.....	...		98	6 8	Repayments on account of Maintenance of Deaf, Dumb, Blind, &c.....	32	0 8		
Out-door Relief, Medical attendance on Paupers in Country Districts, and Temporary provision for Tramps.....	...		1898	6 2	Ditto of Transport and Funeral expenses.....	19	19 8		
Maintenance of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.....	386	14 4			Refund by Imperial Government.....	...		52	0 4
Maintenance of Paupers in Country Hospitals.....	145	18 0			Balance, being net Cost.....	...		20	9 4
Maintenance of Destitute Persons not otherwise provided for.....	106	17 2						3085	19 9
Examination of Insane.....	65	10 0							
Stationery and Stores.....	8	18 5							
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	24	18 8							
			738	16 7					
Transport and Funeral Expenses.....	...		423	0 0					
Total.....	...		£3158	9 5	Total.....	...		£3158	9 5

	£ s. d.
Per Estimate .....	3190 0 0
Expenditure.....	3158 9 5
Under Estimate .....	£31 10 7

## B.

## DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND.

RETURN of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind persons who have been maintained and educated at the expense of the Government of Tasmania in the under-mentioned Institutions during the year 1897.

	Remaining 31st Dec. 1896.				Admitted during year.				Discharged during year.				Remaining 31st Dec. 1897.				Cost to Government.		
	Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.				
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			
Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind.....	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	3	£	s.	d.
Deaf and Dumb Institute, Newcastle.....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	9	0	0
New South Wales Institu- tion for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind .....	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	104	0	4
Convent of Maternal Heart, Lewisham, Sydney.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	36	4	4
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	1	...	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	3	4	£386	14	4	

## C.

DECENNIAL RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years from 1888 to 1897, inclusive.

Year.	Expenditure.						Repayments to be deducted.	Total Expenditure.					
	Hobart and Suburbs.		Launceston Municipal and Police Districts.		Municipalities and Police Districts.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1888.....	946	6	11	2996	17	5	...	39	19	5	3903	4	11
1889.....	900	14	6	2628	8	3	...	45	15	0	3483	7	9
1890.....	817	7	6	2369	2	6	...	39	13	7	3147	6	5
1891.....	734	17	9	2385	19	6	...	59	7	2	3061	10	1
1892.....	787	16	3	2448	15	2	...	56	5	10	3180	5	7
1893.....	740	16	1	2202	11	10	...	53	1	7	2890	6	4
1894.....	702	8	6	2091	17	4	...	24	13	2	2769	12	8
1895.....	740	0	0	2131	5	9	...	35	8	3	2835	17	6
1896.....	740	0	0	380	0	0†	1862	7	11	22	2959	11	7*
1897.....	740	0	0	380	0	0	1898	6	2	32	2986	5	6

\* This amount includes Expenditure for medical attendance on Paupers in Country Districts and temporary provision for Tramps, which in former years was included in a separate vote on the Estimates.

† Launceston and Suburbs.

## D.

*DECENNIAL RETURN of the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Invalid Depôts during the years 1888 to 1897 inclusive.*

Years.	New Town.	Launceston.	Total.
1888.....	624	188	812
1889.....	589	217	806
1880.....	592	210	802
1891.....	545	215	760
1892.....	535	224	759
1893.....	541	214	755
1894.....	549	204	753
1895.....	545	200	745
1896.....	530	188	718
1897.....	499	197	696

## E.

*RETURN showing the Expenditure of Out-door Relief, Medical Attendance on Paupers, and temporary provision for Tramps, in various Municipal and Police Districts during the Year 1897, and the Expenditure per head of Population.*

District.	Municipal or Police.	Population as per Census of 1891.	Balance in hand of Districts on 1-1-97.	Amount paid from Treasury during year.	Expended during year.	Balance in hand of Districts on 31-12-97.	Expenditure per head of Population.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
Brighton .....	M.	2111	1 2 7	59 4 0	60 16 4	0 9 9*	0 6·91
Bothwell .....	M.	1253	...	12 0 0	12 0 0	...	0 2·30
Campbell Town .....	M.	1876	5 18 11	260 0 0	235 14 0	30 4 11	2 6·15
Carnarvon .....	P.	748	0 0 6*	30 0 0	29 17 0	0 2 6	0 9·71
Clarence .....	M.	1730	0 9 2	25 0 0	23 1 7	2 7 7	0 3·20
Deloraine .....	M.	5073	6 13 1	110 0 0	119 14 8	2 16 7*	0 5·66
Devon, East .....	P.	14,776	9 18 10	154 7 6	162 15 1	1 11 3	0 5·11
"    West .....	P.		15 9 6	149 15 1	152 0 7	13 4 0	
Evandale .....	M.	2070	...	82 0 0	82 0 0	...	0 9·50
Emu Bay .....	P.	5597	...	22 2 0	30 15 11	8 13 11*	0 1·32
Fingal .....	M.	3419	...	68 0 0	68 0 0	...	0 4·77
Franklin .....	P.	5978	10 12 1	107 10 0	114 9 8	3 12 5	0 4·60
Glamorgan .....	M.	1003	0 9 1	20 10 0	21 15 3	0 16 2*	0 5·18
Greenorchy .....	M.	1962	1 9 3	13 0 0	14 6 8	0 2 7	0 1·75
Green Ponds .....	M.	1303	2 18 11	27 0 0	21 9 5	8 9 6	0 3·95
George Town .....	P.	3607	0 16 10	35 0 0	33 9 0	2 7 10	0 2·22
Hamilton.....	M.	1747	3 0 1	37 0 0	40 4 0	0 3 11*	0 5·52
Kingborough .....	P.	2437	1 15 9	60 0 0	61 13 5	0 2 4	0 6·07
Longford .....	M.	4389	3 3 7	170 0 0	173 3 7	...	0 9·47
Macquarie .....	P.	4000	...	3 5 0	3 5 0	...	0 0·12
New Norfolk .....	M.	4253	...	87 18 11	87 7 0	0 11 11	0 4·93
Oatlands .....	M.	3330	6 17 4	73 6 11	73 8 6	6 15 9	0 5·29
Portland .....	P.	1597	4 18 6	19 0 0	23 15 0	0 3 6	0 3·57
Ross.....	M.	817	4 11 4	33 15 0	37 15 3	0 11 1	0 11·09
Richmond.....	M.	2179	...	36 15 9	32 19 3	3 16 6	0 3·63
Russell.....	P.	1787	...	...	...	...	...
Ringarooma .....	P.	4800	...	26 16 0	24 18 4	1 17 8	0 1·25
Spring Bay .....	M.	918	2 19 0	10 0 0	6 16 0	6 3 0	0 1·78
Sorell.....	M.	2087	3 17 7	30 0 0	32 4 5	1 13 2	0 3·75
Westbury .....	M.	5269	3 14 9	135 0 0	140 14 5	1 19 3*	0 6·41
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	...	92,117	90 10 8	1898 6 2	1920 9 4	68 17 6†	0 5·00
Municipal Districts .....	...	46,789	...	...	1283 10 4	...	0 6·58
Police Districts.....	...	45,328	...	...	636 19 0	...	0 3·87

\* Balance due to Districts.

† Balance in hands of Districts..... £ s. d.  
 Balance due to Districts ..... 83 17 6  
 Balance due to Districts ..... 15 0 0

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## APPENDIX.

## REPORTS ON THE DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND PUPILS.

*New South Wales Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind,  
New Town Road, Sydney, 21st December, 1897.*

AT the annual distribution of the prizes, for the Spittles Legacy Prize Fund, on the 15th instant, George Peters obtained the 5th prize (£4 9s.), and Pearl M'Lean the 11th (£2 6s. 6d.).

The whole of our blind pupils, 24 in number, participated in the distribution.

Regarding the three children sent by the Government of Tasmania to the Institution here,—viz., George Peters, Pearl M'Lean (blind), and Florence Cullen (deaf),—it is pleasant to be able to speak in most satisfactory terms, especially about the two former pupils.

George Peters, age 13 years, at school 4½ years, is a really bright and promising lad, diligent, docile, and in every way praiseworthy. He passed his examination recently in a very creditable manner, an examination which embraced reading, writing, English and Scripture history, arithmetic, dictation, geography, grammar, and physiology. The examination was searching and, for such boys, pretty stiff.

Pearl M'Lean's examination was of course more rudimental, she having been with us only about 15 months. Both in reading and writing the Braille type, as also in the rudiments of English and Scripture History, &c., she acquitted herself most satisfactorily. As to her character and conduct I can speak in the very highest terms.

Florence Cullen, age 12½ years, at school 11 months, for her time at school, and in view of the fact that she is deaf and dumb, and that her mind had lain dormant so long, has made very fair progress in the Manual Department. She was found quite incapable of learning the oval method, in which she had a protracted trial; however, she is beginning now to both write and spell words, and even easy sentences.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ELLIS ROBINSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

*The Administrator Charitable Grants Department,  
New Town, Tasmania.*

*Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, St. Kilda Road,  
Melbourne, 1st March, 1898.*

*REPORT upon Pupils of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, received from Tasmania.*

1. Eliza M'George, age 18, admitted February, 1890—Is of rather feeble constitution and medium intelligence. While in the school she made fair progress. Was placed in Brush Manufactory for the purpose of being taught the branch of trade technically termed "drawing," in which she promises to succeed fairly well. She has mastered the initial difficulties of the trade, but is somewhat slow. It may, I think, be safely predicted that with perseverance on her part she will in a year or two attain sufficient skill to support herself. She has a fair knowledge of Music and is a good average performer on the piano. It is, however, in the direction of vocal music that she displays the greatest aptitude. She has developed a good contralto voice, and sings with good expression and enunciation. For the past two years or so she has appeared as a soloist at all the Institution Concerts, and is well received by the public. Her progress during last year was good.

2. Robert Smith, aged 21. Admitted in March, 1891. Came from New Norfolk Lunatic Asylum at the suggestion of Dr. Macfarlane. It was with some misgivings that the Board of Management retained him, as he was practically a lunatic, although he showed promise of improving intelligence. He was a case of more than usual interest, and received special attention from the teachers and staff. For some considerable time he was the cause of great anxiety to those in charge of him by the extraordinary freaks he committed, and the violent temper he showed; since then he has greatly improved, to the extent of taking two prizes in his class, though he has not managed to reach the highest one. He is now in the Mat Department, where an attempt is being made to teach him to make coir matting. He does not display much mechanical aptitude, and is exasperatingly clumsy, but if given sufficient time will, I hope, do fairly well. It is, however, distinctly to be understood that in such a case as his not more than half the progress made by brighter pupils can be looked for, and from a purely commercial standpoint his education is barely worth the expense, although from a psychological point of view I am glad it has been undertaken. He has developed a good baritone voice, and sings extremely well. Good progress is being made in this branch of his training, and he should develop into a good soloist. Generally he is enormously improved, and beyond being somewhat ungraceful in appearance and manner, shows scarcely a trace of the semi-lunacy that once characterised him. For further information see my letter of June last.

3. Herbert Dosseter, aged 18, was admitted in March, 1892. He is a kindly, upright, harmless lad, of very stunted intelligence, due evidently to heredity. His capacity for receiving instruction is little, if any, better than that of the lad Smith's just referred to; his eccentricities, however, unlike Smith's, are of a harmless and amiable character. His nervous organisation is poor, and his sense of touch so defective that it has been with the greatest difficulty that he has overcome the mechanical difficulties attendant upon his education so far. From this cause it is practically hopeless to attempt to teach him a trade; indeed, I may say that he has the most helpless hands of any blind person I ever met. Fortunately, he has a phenomenal "musical ear," and, but for the deficiency of touch and lack of idea of locality, I believe would have developed into a musician of an exceptional character. It took over two years to teach him to find a given note without sounding it. He is still somewhat weak upon this point, but is rapidly becoming a very good performer upon the piano. About a year and a half ago he also commenced to

receive lessons on the violoncello, and has made such progress as to take part in the performances of the Institution String Band. He has also a fair baritone voice, which is improving. That he will attain sufficient skill to become an excellent performer on the two instruments I have mentioned I consider undoubted. It is, however, less hopeful that from his peculiarly helpless character he will be qualified to become a successful teacher. If he belonged to Victoria the management of the Institution would undoubtedly continue his studies in that direction.

4. Elsie Maher, aged 16, admitted April, 1893. She has made somewhat poor progress in the school, and is far from bright, and has been somewhat kept back by severe trouble with her eyes, necessitating considerable surgical attention, and culminating in the excision of both eye-balls at different times. She failed in passing the Examination in Class III. last year, and it has been considered advisable to keep her there for another year. I do not think it would be wise to keep her at school until she passes the highest Class (V.), but if she remains after the present year I propose to put her to a trade.

5. Elizabeth Butler, aged 14, admitted February, 1894. Is of fair intelligence, and has made reasonably good progress in the school. Studied very well last year, and is now in Class (IV.), and we hope for satisfactory results in her case.

In the cases of Smith and Dossetor much better results might have been looked for had they been sent younger. The very defective nature of the raw material in at least three out of the five cases has rendered the work of tuition difficult and tedious, and those unfamiliar with the circumstances might naturally suppose they did not do the Institution much credit. For this reason I should have been much better pleased had their standard of intelligence been higher.

J. THURSTON HOGARTH, *Superintendent and Secretary.*

To GEO. RICHARDSON, Esq., *Administrator of Charitable Grants, Hobart, Tasmania.*

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*St. Patrick's Institute for the Blind, Lewisham.*

THE boy Albert Pierce Blong has been in our Institution for the past two years, during which time he has tried to improve himself in every way, and we are greatly pleased with his progress. He is respectful and well behaved, and we are sorry to have to part with him, but we cannot keep boys over eight years old.

SISTER M. CECILIA.