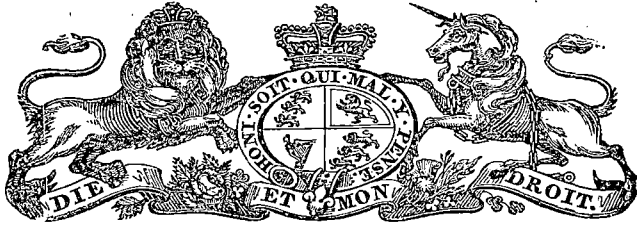


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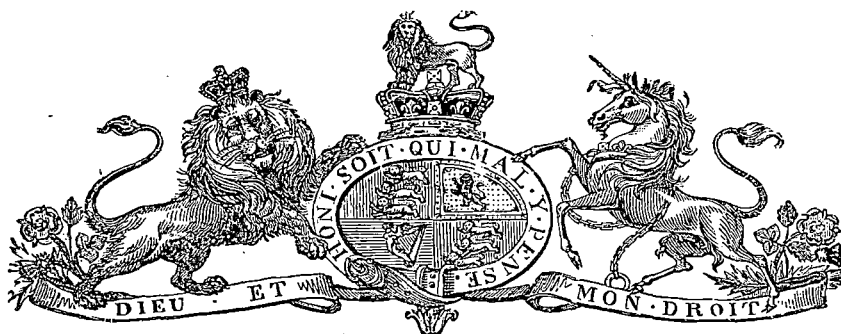
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CHARITABLE GRANTS DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1898.

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CHARITABLE GRANTS DEPARTMENT.

REPORT FOR 1898.

New Town, 31st December, 1898.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of this Department for the year 1898.

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 expenditure exceeds by £291 3s. 2d. that for 1897, and is £239 12s. 7d. in excess of the amount provided for on the Estimates. The excess expenditure was in the following items:—Maintenance of persons in country hospitals, £171 6s., as against £145 18s. in 1897, caused by epidemic of measles, &c.; maintenance of destitute persons not otherwise provided for, £176 15s. 7d., as against £106 17s. 2d. in 1897 (this increase was caused by the additional number of persons who were relieved during the year); examination of insane, £91 16s. 6d., as against £65 10s. in 1897; this expenditure depends upon the admission of persons to New Norfolk Asylum; 80 were admitted in 1898, as against 63 in 1897. In out-door relief, &c., to country districts the expenditure for 1898 was £44 9s. 2d. in excess of that for 1897.

In the item Transport and Funeral Expenses of Paupers the expenditure was exceptionally heavy, and was £126 8s. 2d. in excess of the expenditure for 1897. Included in this service were items of a special character, such as free passages per steamer to persons to enable them to obtain employment, which were mainly responsible for the excess.

The repayments for the year were £62 1s. 1d. from collectors and £9 19s. from the Imperial Government, leaving a net cost of £3377 12s. 6d. The sum of £1 1s. was paid on account of 1897 and £9 16s. on account of 1898. The excess expenditure in each case was provided for upon Supplementary Estimates.

Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.

Return B shows the number of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind who have been maintained during the year at the expense of the Government.

On the 5th July, 1898, the pupils, who were then being maintained in the Royal Victoria Institute for the Blind—2 males and 3 females—were transferred to Hobart. They are now in the Tasmanian Institute for the Blind, which was opened during the year. One blind boy was returned from the Convent of the Maternal Heart, Lewisham, New South Wales, at the beginning of the year, and was subsequently placed in the Tasmanian Institution for the Blind, but was discharged for misconduct on 17th December, 1898.

Appended are extracts from reports relative to the progress of the various pupils.

Out-door Relief (including the two Cities):

Return C shows the comparative expenditure for the past 10 years. It will be noticed that there is an increase of £625 17s. 10d. over 1897. Of this amount £149 9s. 10d. was paid to the

Hobart Benevolent Society for increased price of bread and £400 to the Launceston Benevolent Society, being half the amount expended on the families of the unemployed from the year 1892 to 1896.

Charitable Institutions.

Return D shows the daily average number of inmates maintained in the New Town Charitable Institution and Launceston Benevolent Asylum during the last 10 years. It will be seen that the numbers are decreasing, in 1898 there being 148 less than in 1889.

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. It will be observed that the cost per head, based on the estimated population for 1897, was 5½*d.* in Municipal and 3½*d.* in Police Districts.

Imperial Claims.

The amount charged to Imperial Government for repayment of the cost of maintenance in the various Institutions and in receipt of out-door relief during the year was £801 5*s.* 2*d.*

Staff.

On the 21st January, 1898, Mr. George Judge, Collector of Fees for the Southern Division of the Colony, died, and Mr. J. Connolly, Clerk of the New Town Charitable Institution, was appointed in his stead.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON,
Administrator Charitable Grants.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Expenditure of the Charitable Grants Department for the Year 1898, and the Receipts for the same period.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries.....	...			110	0	0	Re-payments on account of						
Out-door relief, medical attendance on Paupers in Country Districts, and temporary provision for Tramps .....	...			1942	15	4	Out-door relief	2	10	0			
Maintenance of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.....	375	4	8				Ditto on account of Deaf, Dumb, Blind, &c.	20	16	10			
Maintenance of Paupers in Country Hospitals	171	6	0				Ditto of Transport and Funeral expenses.....	38	14	3			
Maintenance of Destitute persons not otherwise provided for	176	15	7								62	1	1
Examination of Insane	91	16	6				Refund by Imperial Government				9	19	0
Stationery and stores	8	5	1				Balance being net cost to the State				3377	12	6
Miscellaneous expenses	24	1	3										
				847	9	1							
Transport and Funeral expenses .....	...			549	8	2							
Total .....	...			£3449	12	7	Total				£3449	12	7

	£	s.	d.
Per Estimate.....	3210	0	0
Expenditure	3449	12	7
Over Estimate	£239	12	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 undermentioned Institutions during the Year 1898.

	Remaining 31st Dec., 1897.				Admitted during year.				Discharged during year.				Remaining 31st Dec., 1898.				Cost to Government.	
	Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	£	s. d.
Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind .....	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	115	18 5
Deaf and Dumb Institute, Newcastle .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	15	1 10
New South Wales Institution for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	105	10 7
Convent of Maternal Heart, Lewishan, Sydney .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tasmanian Society for the Blind .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	3	137	1 10
Temporary board and lodging for Blind boy..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12 0
Total	1	2	3	4	...	...	4	3	...	...	4	3	1	2	3	4	375	4 8

C.

DECENNIAL Return of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years from 1889 to 1898 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.	£ s. d.
1889	900 14 6	2628 8 3	...	45 15 0	3483 7 9
1890	817 7 6	2369 2 6	...	39 3 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 16 4	*2959 11 7
1897	740 0 0	† 380 0 0	1898 6 2	32 0 8	2986 5 6
1898	889 8 10	† 780 0 0	1942 15 4	23 6 10	3612 3 4

* 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 the several Invalid Depôts during the Years 1889 to 1898 inclusive.

Years.	New Town.	Launceston.	TOTAL.
1889	589	217	806
1890	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
1898	470	188	658

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 1898, and the Expenditure per head of Population.

District.	Municipal or Police.	Estimated Population, 31 Dec., 1897.	Balance in hand of Dis-	Amount paid from Treasury	Expended during	Balance in hand of Dis-	Expenditure
			tricts on 1 Jan., 1898.	during year.	year.	tricts on 31 Dec., 1898.	per head of Population.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
Brighton	M	2470	0 9 9*	55 0 0	51 17 0	2 13 3	0 5·04
Bothwell	M	1467	...	20 0 0	19 18 1	0 1 11	0 3·26
Campbell Town	M	2197	30 4 11	196 0 0	223 8 2	2 16 9	2 0·45
Carnarvon	P	874	0 2 6	36 10 0	36 12 6	...	0 10·06
Clarence	M	2023	2 7 7	25 0 0	27 7 0	0 0 7	0 3·24
Deloraine	M	5940	2 16 7*	110 0 0	109 12 6*	2 9 1*	0 4·43
Devon East	P	13,406	1 11 3	168 0 0	167 6 2	2 5 1	0 6·14
Devon West	P		13 4 0	162 13 7	175 17 7	...	
Evandale	M	2423	...	67 0 0	66 9 9	0 10 3	0 6·58
Emu Bay	P	6553	8 13 11*	40 13 4	31 19 5	...	0 1·17
Fingul	M	4004	...	82 13 4	82 13 4	...	0 4·95
Franklin	P	7000	3 12 5	117 0 0	116 10 10	4 1 7	0 3·99
Glamorgan	M	1173	0 16 2*	26 11 0	25 14 9	0 0 1	0 5·27
Glenorchy	M	2296	0 2 7	22 15 10	22 18 5	...	0 2·39
Green Ponds	M	1526	8 9 6	20 0 0	27 2 0	1 7 6	0 4·26
George Town	P	4221	2 17 10	41 0 0	39 9 6	3 18 4	0 2·24
Hamilton	M	2046	0 3 11*	40 0 0	36 4 6	3 11 7	0 4·25
Kingborough	P	2852	0 2 4	63 0 0	59 4 10	3 17 6	0 4·98
Longford	M	5138	...	161 9 5	161 9 4	...	0 7·54
Macquarie	P	4683	...	6 10 0	6 10 0	...	0 0·33
New Norfolk	M	4980	0 11 11	89 11 3	90 3 2	...	0 4·35
Outlands	M	3898	6 15 9	65 0 0	62 11 5	9 4 4	0 3·85
Portland	P	1871	0 3 6	29 16 0	29 11 0	0 8 6	0 3·79
Ross	M	956	0 11 1	30 0 0	28 8 4	2 2 9	0 7·13
Richmond	M	2550	3 16 6	37 15 0	41 11 6	...	0 3·91
Russell	P	2092	...	...	...	...	...
Ringarooma	P	5623	1 17 8	39 5 0	38 18 11	2 3 9	0 1·66
Spring Bay	M	1075	6 3 0	7 0 0	11 12 0	1 11 0	0 2·59
Sorell	M	2444	1 13 2	36 0 0	33 17 7	3 15 7	0 3·33
Westbury	M	6169	1 19 8*	146 11 8	144 12 0	...	0 5·63
TOTAL .....	...	103,950	68 17 6	1942 15 4	1969 11 7	42 1 3†	0 4·55
Municipal Districts .....	...	54·775	...	...	1267 10 10	...	0 5·55
Police Districts .....	...	49·175	...	...	702 0 9	...	0 3·43

* Balance due to Districts.

† Balance in hands of Districts .. £ s. d.
Balance due to Districts..... 2 9 1

£42 1 3

APPENDIX.

*New South Wales Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and the Blind,
New Town Road, Sydney, 22nd December, 1898.*

THE following is our Superintendent's Report :—

Re the Tasmanian pupils, George Peters, Pearl M'Lean, and Florence Cullen.

I am happy to be able to report favourably, especially of the lad Peters, as also of Pearl M'Lean, both of whom are blind.

It is gratifying to be able to state that by the vote of the blind pupils Peters won first prize as being the most popular boy in the Blind schoolroom.

Pearl M'Lean is a good girl and popular too, though not the winner of this particular prize.

At the recent examination by the Inspector from the Department of Public Instruction, Peters stood high in his class in all subjects, especially in Arithmetic. Pearl, though only $2\frac{1}{4}$ years at school, was examined on the rudiments of Geography, Grammar, History, Arithmetic, &c., and did well in all these, as also in reading and writing Braille. I cannot speak too highly of these two blind children.

Of Florence Cullen (deaf and dumb) one cannot speak so well; as regards both mental and moral qualities she ranks rather low, and I am glad to notice improvement in both respects.

Poor girl, she needs careful treatment, and will often yield most graciously to a little kindness and encouragement, while harsh measures would only spoil her temper.

Already she is able to write fairly well, answers easy questions on Object lessons, Scripture, Arithmetic, &c. On the whole one is hopeful about each of these three children's educational future.

S. WATSON.

On the 16th instant, at the annual distribution among the blind pupils of the interest from the Spittle's Legacy Fund, George Peters obtained 2nd prize, £4 15s. 8d., with 366 marks out of a possible 450, and Pearl M'Lean obtained 7th prize, £3 2s. 2d., with 238 marks

George Peters and Pearl M'Lean leave for home to-day by the s.s. *Tekapo* for the Christmas holidays. F. Cullen stays here.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ELLIS ROBINSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

*Deaf and Dumb Institution, Waratah,
New South Wales, 7th February, 1899.*

Jane Riley is well, and doing as well as she can at school.

S. M. COLUMBA DWYER.