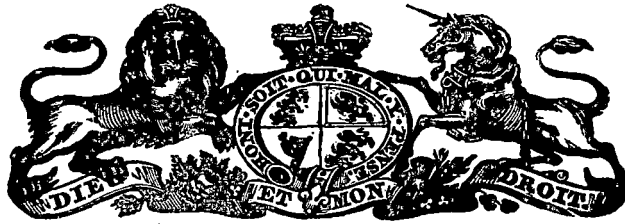


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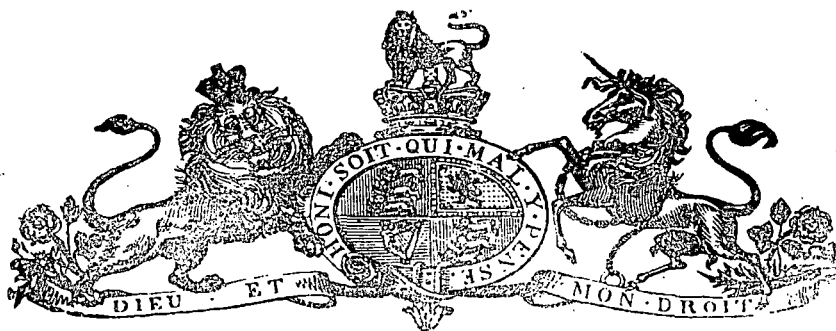
1884.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

B O Y S' H O M E:

REPORT FOR 1883.

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



BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, HOBART.

To His Excellency SIR GEORGE CUMINE STRAHAN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies, in Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WE, the Governors of this Establishment, have the honor to submit our Fifteenth Annual Report thereon, with account of Receipts and Expenditure appended.

The 31st March, 1884, completed the fifteenth year since the establishment of the Boys' Home.

2. The object of the Governors throughout has been to bring the boys up to be useful, and, as a general rule, to place them, when sent out from the Home, in the country rather than in the towns. A large proportion of the boys who have been apprenticed have done well; and from some of them very gratifying accounts have reached us.

3. In the course of the year arrangements were made to obtain, annually, from the Superintendents of Police of the districts in which the boys were apprenticed reports as to their conduct. Of 20 cases reported upon, only three were unfavourable. In the great majority of cases the characters are described as good, and sometimes in even more satisfactory terms. The thanks of the Governors are due to the Superintendents of Police for the ready assistance afforded by them in this matter.

4. During the past year six boys were admitted, eight apprenticed, three were returned to their friends, leaving 24 in the Home on 31st March, 1884, the average number maintained throughout the year being 21.

5. The year commenced with a balance of £59 12s. 2d. The total receipts amounted to £552 11s. 8d., £292 5s. 9d. being contributed by Government, £106 18s. 4d. by subscribers, and £93 15s. 5d. from other sources, such as rent, interest, sale of produce, &c. The expenditure was £519 5s. 8d., or £26 6s. 2d. in excess of the actual receipts within the year. The balance at the end of the year was £33 6s.

6. Comparing these amounts with those for the previous year we find the following decreases:— On balance at the beginning of the year, £48 1s. 10d.; on the balance at the end of the year, £26 6s. 2d.; on Government aid, £27 15s. 1d.; on private subscriptions, £2 1s. 8d.; on the total receipts, £71 3s. 9d.; and on the expenditure, £44 17s. 7d. On the miscellaneous receipts there was an increase of £15 15s. 9d.

7. The state of the funds in the last year did not admit of the payment to the Trustees of the sum of £50 as required by the Deed.

8. The sanitary condition of the Home continued to be excellent.

9. In consequence of increasing infirmities on the part of his wife, Mr. Reilly signified his intention of resigning his post as Master on 31st March last. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly have been in charge of the Institution from its establishment up to that date, and the interest manifested by them in the welfare of the boys, and especially the motherly care exercised by Mrs. Reilly, to which spontaneous testimony of the warmest kind has at different times been borne by boys after leaving the Home, deserve such recognition as the Governors have it in their power to bestow. Most of the boys speak in most affectionate terms of their late master and mistress; and some of the letters show the religious and moral teaching imparted to them in the Home has not been forgotten, but is bearing most gratifying fruit.

10. The following letters were written from Christchurch, New Zealand:—

"DEAR FRIENDS,

"I TAKE the pleasure in writing you these few lines, which I hope will find you both in good health. I am enjoying very good health myself. I suppose you had come to the conclusion I had quite forgotten all your past kindness to me; but not so, though it is some years since I left the Home. But I have seen some ups-and-downs

since then, but many times have the old teachings came fresh to me in some of my deepest and greatest troubles. Although so long a time has passed, I never forget your ever kind love which you showed me while under your care at the Home. So now, dear friends, do not think of the past neglect of me not writing, but being writing to Mr. Hyatt; I did not for a moment think of dropping you a line. It is perhaps very wrong on my part for doing so, but kindly forgive me. You see I have been some time mail carrier here now, close on three years, and I like it very well; but there is some very hard work about it sometimes, but I always seem to get through it all right, thank God. It is a very responsible billet. I have been very careful not to do anything that I should be afraid of being seen doing. There was some lad caught cutting the mail bag from Christchurch to Dunedin. Of course they being through my hand, I had to go and give my evidence in court. He has got to take his trial at the next sittings of the Supreme Court. I feel very sorry, because I knew his father, but he is dead now. I did know his mother; she seemed such a nice old lady when I saw her in the court-house. Poor woman, I don't really think she is to blame in the least, but getting mixed up with other lads, he, of course, has been tutored by them; but he is not a child, being about 16 years of age.

"Dear friends, how are your two sons William and George. I hope they are quite well. We have a Mr. Marsh here just now lecturing. He is a wonder—such a nice man; he preached in our chapel yesterday, Sunday. Our own minister is very ill; his name is Rev. Best,—such a nice old gentleman. I hope he will soon get better, please God. Our chapel is in Durham-street—just like the Wesleyan Chapel in Hobart; a very nice building indeed. There are some nice places here, but still things are very dull, and don't seem much prospect of them getting any better yet. We have had a very wet season, and cold with it. So now, dear friends, I must away to work again, and remain your ever truly and affectionate servant."

"MY DEAR FRIENDS,

"I RECEIVED your kind and loving letter with many thanks. I should have answered it before, but you told me you were removing, and of course every one knows the fix a place is in at that time; but when this letter reaches you everything will be right, I hope. It rather gave me a turn to hear of you leaving the Home, but the time does seem to go by. To think of 15 years there, and me one of the first boys in the place. My number was 4; I remember it well; and I believe God has blessed all your work you ever did while in the Home, and may He still bless all you may ever do. I hope the boys will get one that will look after them the same as you always did. You will find it a great release to be out of so much care and trouble, for I am sure it was, for you did look after all of us with every kind affection possible; therefore may God ever reward you for it. Kindly receive my newspaper. Dear friends, you will kindly pardon my letter being short, but I have got to write to Mr. Hyatt also. I have got to appear at court to-morrow over the mail-bag robbery. I suppose you did hear of it. Poor boy! So now kindly accept my best love till next time I write. I will send you the paper after the trial is over."

11. The usual statement of receipts and disbursements is appended.

JOHN MACFARLANE,	} <i>Governors of the Boys' Home.</i>
W. CROSBY, JUN.,	
E. C. NOWELL,	
ALFRED DOBSON,	
F. W. MITCHELL,	

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st March, 1884.

1883.	Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Mar. 31.	To Balance from last year.....	59 12 2	By paid Salaries and wages	221 0 0
	Amount of subscriptions.....	106 18 4	Secretary	5 0 0
	Government allowance	292 5 9	Bread and flour	42 2 1
	Interest on debentures.....	31 0 0	Meat	58 1 8
	Rent of cottage (5 quarters), ...	37 10 0	Potatoes, bran, hay, &c	23 9 9
	Sale of two pigs	3 7 6	Fuel (part on account of previous year)	44 5 6
	Sale of cow	6 13 0	Clothing	21 4 11
	Sales of fruit	7 1 6	Boots and repairs.....	12 2 0
	Sales of butter	6 17 5	Groceries	40 2 3
	Sundries (balance of wages) ...	1 6 0	Ironmongery, &c.....	6 19 6
			Fire insurance premium	2 14 9
			Grazing and hire of cow.....	4 13 6
			Purchase of cow	7 10 0
			Collector's commission (1881-2-3) ..	3 17 10
			Real Estate Duty.....	1 5 0
			Bonedust	3 2 6
			Soap	1 10 0
			Printing and advertising	4 5 0
			Stationery.....	2 0 10
			Refund	1 0 0
			Sundries—Cab hire, postages, stationery, &c.	4 6 6
			Stamps for cheque-book.....	0 16 8
			Petty cash, per Superintendent.....	7 15 5
			By balance	33 6 0
		<u>£552 11 8</u>		<u>£552 11 8</u>

1884.—March 31.

To balance—Cash in Bank, £27 2s. 6d. }	£33 6 0
Cash in hand, £6 3s. 6d. }	

Audited and found correct.

H. L. GARRETT.

13th May, 1884.

E. & O. E.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Hon. Treasurer.*
31st March, 1884.