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DEAR SIR,

Hobart, 15th July, 1884.

I HAVE now the honor to enclose Report for the past year of the Girls' Training School Reformatory, Hobart, duly signed by the Lady Secretary to the Ladies' Committee.

I remain, yours faithfully,

JOHN MACFARLANE.

The Hon. WILLIAM MOORE, Chief Secretary.

THE work of the Institution during the past 12 months has gone on quietly and steadily; and the Committee would desire to express their thankfulness to God for His help, and that in the midst of some disappointments and troubles there is so much to encourage in the difficult work of striving to train the inmates into habits and principles that will enable them to lead good and useful lives.

The average number of inmates for the year has been 12, and the behaviour on the whole has been good. Three girls were received, and four left, all to good situations. The usual outfit was provided for each girl on leaving. The system of rewards in money for good conduct works well, most of the girls putting their money into the savings bank.

The girls are employed in washing, housework, cooking, and needlework, and receive Bible lessons and learn reading and writing.

The sum earned for the Institution by washing amounted to the satisfactory total of $\pounds 234$ 19s. 5d.

The Committee feel that their work is greatly hindered from the short term of sentence, viz., one to two years, of some of the girls; at least three years should be the minimum, which would enable the Committee to have longer control over the girls, if need be, after their leaving, and greatly facilitate the attainment of the object of the Institution, viz., permanent reformation, and not punishment.

This is being brought under the notice of Magistrates by circular, and it is hoped, where possible, the views of the Committee will be carried out.

That this year may bring much success and blessing with it, is the earnest prayer of the Committee.

MARY WRIGHT, Hon. Sec. G.T.S.R.

. . THE TREASURER in account with the HOBART TRAINING SCHOOL REFORMATORY FOR GIRLS.

Image:	\mathbb{C} tr. Cash expended from 1st July, 1883, to 30th June, 1884:
£524 17 4 Audited and found correct, JOHN MACFARLANE.	E. WILSON, Treasurer. Hobart, 5th July, 1884.

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