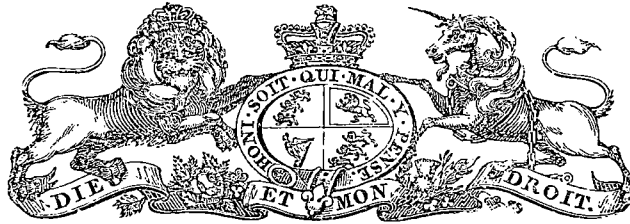


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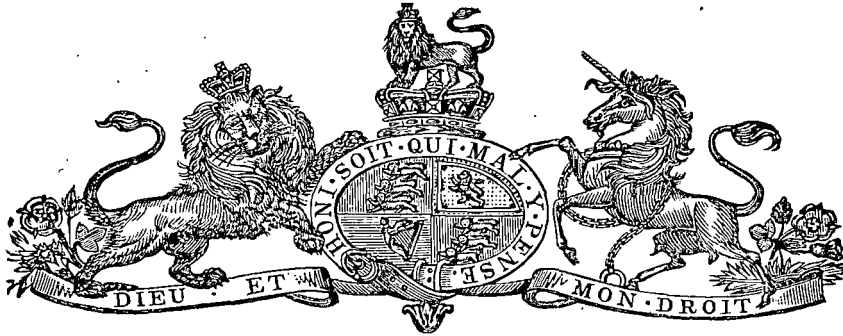
DEPARTMENT FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN:

REPORT FOR 1900.

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## DEPARTMENT FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

### REPORT FOR 1900.

New Town, 29th June, 1901.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Department for Neglected Children, for the year 1900.

#### *Committals.*

During the year, 60 children were committed under the provisions of "The Neglected Children Act," and were disposed of as follows:—

Committed to Boys' Training School.....	7
"    Girls' Industrial School, Hobart.....	3
"    "    "    Launceston ..	1
"    Care of department .....	49
	60

The 49 children committed to the care of the department were disposed of as follows:—

Transferred to the Boys' Training School.....	13
"    St. Joseph's Orphanage .....	2
"    Industrial School for Females, Launceston ..	1
Boarded out.....	33
	49

#### *Expenditure.*

Return B. shows the expenditure of the department for the year, from which it will be seen that the net cost was £3891 17s.; the gross expenditure was £3985 19s. 3d.

Return C. shows the expenditure of the various Industrial and Training Schools, and of the children maintained under the Boarding-out System. It will be seen that the number of children maintained on the 31st December, 1900, was 320, an increase of 12 as compared with the 31st December, 1899. The net cost per head was £12 15s. 2d., or 2s. 9d. less than in 1899.

#### *Apprentices.*

On the 31st December, 1900, there were 87 children apprenticed to various persons from the Boys' Training School, New Town, and from the Boarding-out System. The sums deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank to the credit of the apprentices on that date amounted to £135 2s. 5d.

I have again to acknowledge the assistance rendered this department by the Commissioner of Police in causing the police throughout the Colony to report upon, and keep under review, all neglected children licensed and apprenticed,

*Reports.*

Attached will be found the following reports :—

- Appendix A.—The Boys' Home, Hobart.
- „ B.—The Industrial School for Females, Hobart.
- „ C.—The St. Joseph's Orphanage, Hobart.
- „ D.—The Industrial School for Females, Launceston.
- „ E.—The Girls' Training School, Hobart.
- „ F.—The Boys' Training School, New Town.
- „ G.—The Boarding-out System.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

F. R. SEAGER,  
*Secretary Neglected Children's Department.*

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(1.)

## RETURN of Committals under the provisions of the Neglected Children Act for the Year 1900.

DISTRICT.	Number committed.	AGES.															RELIGION.				CAUSE OF COMMITTAL.							
		Under 1 year.	1 year.	2 years.	3 years.	4 years.	5 years.	6 years.	7 years.	8 years.	9 years.	10 years.	11 years.	12 years.	13 years.	14 years.	15 years.	16 years.	Total.	Church of England.	Roman Catholic.	Wesleyan.	Total.	Neglected child.	Larceny.	Idle and Disorderly.	Unlawfully beating a girl.	Total.
Hobart .....	16	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	2	1	2	2	...	3	...	2	...	16	4	10	2	16	11	5	...	...	16	
Launceston .....	8	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	8	6	...	2	8	7	1	...	...	8	
Sorell .....	7	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	7	7	...	...	...	7	
Burnie.....	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	5	
Scottsdale .....	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	4	
Fingal .....	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	4	
Strahan .....	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	3	
Zeehan .....	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	1	2	...	...	3	
Queenstown .....	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	3	
Franklin .....	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	
Devonport.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	
George Town .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	
Glenorchy .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	
Hamilton .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	
Ringarooma .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	
TOTALS .....	60	1	4	...	5	2	2	7	2	5	4	9	6	3	7	...	2	1	60	33	19	8	60	48	10	1	1	60

*RETURN showing the Expenditure of the Neglected Children Department for the Year 1900.*

EXPENDITURE.			RECEIPTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries .....	182	2 10	By Cash received for Maintenance..	94	2 3
Contingencies .....	13	19 7	Balance, being net cost to the State..	3891	17 0
Industrial and Training Schools, Boys' Home, Hobart <sup>s</sup> .....	305	2 5			
Industrial School for Females, Hobart	231	11 10			
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Hobart . . . .	324	14 8			
Industrial School for Females, Launceston .....	197	0 0			
Girls' Training School, Hobart . . . .	139	10 0			
Ragged Schools, Hobart .....	350	0 0			
Ditto, £1 for £1 .....	49	17 6			
Maintenance of Destitute Children under the Boarding-out System ..	2192	0 5			
	<u>£3985</u>	<u>19 3</u>		<u>£3985</u>	<u>19 3</u>

(3.)

*RETURN showing the Number of Children maintained at the Expense of the State in Training and Industrial Schools and under the Boarding-out System on the 1st January, 1900, the Number admitted and discharged during the Year, the Number remaining on the 31st December, 1900, and the Net Cost of same.*

INSTITUTION.	Remaining 31 Dec., 1899.		Admitted during Year.		Discharged during Year.		Remaining 31 Dec., 1900.		Average daily number.	Cost of Maintenance.	Repayments.		Net Cost.	Net Cost per Head.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.			Maintenance.	Other Sources.		
Boys' Home Industrial School.....	25	...	...	...	5	...	20	...	23	£ s. d. 305 2 5	£ s. d. 7 13 4	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 297 9 1	£ s. d. 12 18 8
Industrial School for Females, Hobart .....	...	17	...	3	...	...	...	20	18	231 11 10	4 17 8	...	226 14 2	12 11 11
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Hobart .....	...	26	...	3	...	4	...	25	26	324 14 8	...	...	324 14 8	12 9 9
Industrial School for Females, Launceston.....	...	19	...	4	...	5	...	18	17	197 0 0	9 14 0	...	187 6 0	11 0 4
Girls' Training School, Hobart .....	...	12	...	...	...	3	...	9	11	139 10 0	...	...	139 10 0	12 13 8
Boys' Training School, New Town .....	48	...	42	...	39	...	51	...	52	953 18 6	16 15 0	277 16 7	659 6 11	12 13 7
	73	74	42	10	44	12	71	72	147	2151 17 5	39 0 0	277 16 7	1835 0 10	12 9 8
Boarding-out system .....	84	77	30	29	23	20	91	86	163	2192 0 5	71 17 3	...	2120 3 2	13 0 2
TOTAL .....	157	151	72	39	67	32	162	158	310	4343 17 10	110 17 3	277 16 7	3955 4 0	12 15 2

## APPENDIX A.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, LANSDOWNE CRESCENT.

Hobart, 14th May, 1901.

SIR,

THE Governors, in submitting the usual annual report, are pleased to state that the work has been conducted to their satisfaction during the year.

The number of boys now being maintained in the Home is 23. During the year nine have been admitted, nine have been apprenticed or surrendered, and one has died.

There is room for 32 boys, and as there can be no doubt as to the effective preventive work which has been done in the past by this institution, it is matter for regret that the full strength is not maintained.

The Governors would respectfully request the department to remedy, if possible, this state of things, and so materially assist the Home in maintaining its position financially, thereby enabling the good work to be carried on in the future as it has been in the past.

Mrs. E. L. Shipley resigned her position as matron on the 31st March this year, after a period of nearly 10 years' service, during which time her duties were performed with much satisfaction to the management.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Warland have been appointed Master and Matron, and so far the appointment appears a very satisfactory one. Mrs. Spratt has been retained as schoolmistress, and under her tuition the boys continue to make good progress, as the annual examination made by the Education Department proves.

The Receipts and Expenditure for the year duly audited and annexed show :—

	£	s.	d.
Receipts for the year .....	691	15	10
Expenditure.....	637	2	5
<i>Credit</i> for the year.....	£54	13	5
The credit balance brought forward from last year .....	33	3	6
<i>Total credit</i> .....	£87	16	11

The estimated outstanding liabilities are £75.

Thanks are due to all who have assisted the Home in various ways, and their continued assistance and liberality are asked for.

The Home is open for inspection on Wednesday afternoons, and a cordial invitation is extended to all who take an interest in the Home.

G. W. SHOBRIDGE, *Chairman.*

*The Sec., Neglected Children Department, Hobart.*

## APPENDIX B.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR FEMALES, HOBART.

SIR,

THE work of the school during the past year has been carried on with a fair measure of success. The Matron and Sub-matron have continued to discharge their duties faithfully to the satisfaction of the Committee. There has been a little trouble as regards the teaching, but the Committee trust that the new teachers just appointed will prove efficient.

Mrs. Hardy, our President, is still in England, but Mrs. Montgomery kindly consents to act during her absence.

The Committee desire to place on record the loss they have sustained in the death of a former President, Mrs. W. L. Crowther, who to the last entertained a kindly interest in the school, both in writing to the Matron, and also by her yearly subscription.

The amount earned by the girls for the year is £242 0s. 3d., but only £194 5s. 2d. appears in the Report, as the accounts for the last year were made up to 28th February, 1900, instead of December, 1899.

The sum for furniture and repairs seems large, but that includes a new stove for the kitchen, ironing stove for laundry, a wringer and brush lathe. All these have added considerably to the comfort of the school. Stationery and printing includes a number of school books, maps, &c., costing the sum of £11 3s., and the sum for provisions is also larger, owing principally to a more liberal scale of diet, which the Committee deemed necessary, and also for the purchase of milk, as the school was for many months without a cow.

To the Rev. Dean Kite and the Rev. G. W. Sharp, who give, regularly, religious instruction, and the young ladies who attend on Sunday afternoons, the Committee again desire to tender their sincere thanks; also to generous donors of fruit, Christmas cards, cake, and silver coin to the children, which, needless to say, gave great pleasure.

The Committee trust that the steps they have taken for the more efficient working of the school in all its departments may meet with the approbation of those who take an interest in the institution, and trust that God's blessing may rest on their efforts in helping them to train the children committed to their care, and they appeal, with confidence, to all benevolent persons for a continuance of their sympathy and support in the future.

During the year eight have been admitted—four sent by the Government, and four who are paid for by relations, who were glad to have the children cared for and trained in the school. The health of the children has been good throughout the year. One of the children, a deaf and dumb girl, was, shortly after being admitted, sent to an aunt, who wished to adopt her.

No. of Girls 1st January, 1900.....	33
Admitted.....	8
	—
	41
	—
Left for service .....	3
To friends.....	1
Remaining 31st December, 1900 ....	37
	—
	41
	—

F. J. SALIER, *Hon. Secretary.*

*The Secretary, Neglected Children Department, Hobart.*

#### APPENDIX C.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, HOBART.

SIR,

THE Governors of St. Joseph's Orphanage have much pleasure in presenting their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1900, being the Twenty-second Annual Report of the institute.

The number of children in the Orphanage 1st January, 1900, was fifty-one. Four were admitted during the year, eight were discharged, one died; leaving forty-six in the institute 31st December, 1900.

The work of the institute during the past year has been carried on satisfactorily. The receipts for needlework and washing are lower, owing to the greater number of children being very young.

As usual, through the kindness of Mr. Back, General Manager of Railways, the children enjoyed a trip to the Salmon Ponds, and Mr. O'May kindly allowed them several trips to Beltana.

As in former years, the Hon. E. Mulcahy, the Hon. G. H. Butler, Mr. Rodway, and many other friends, continue their kindly interest in the welfare of the institute. The thanks of the Governors are tendered to all who have so generously assisted in the good work.

We have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

PHILIP HENNEBRY,  
MARY EMILIAN O'CONNOR, } *Governors.*

*The Secretary Neglected Children Department.*

15. 2. 1901.



## APPENDIX D.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GIRLS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, LAUNCESTON.

SIR,

THE Governors and Committee, in presenting the Annual Report, are pleased to state that the work of the past year presents many features of a most encouraging character, and we consider that this is, in a large measure, due to the careful oversight and efficient training carried on by the Matron and her assistants.

The health of the children has been exceedingly good ; not one case of serious illness has occurred.

The girls are carefully instructed in all kinds of house work, laundry work, and cooking, in addition to which the customary school instruction is given. As compared with eight years since, the numbers in the school have been gradually diminishing, for there has not always been a disposition on the part of those in authority to send us as many children as we can accommodate, but this is likely to be remedied in the future. The girls have earned by washing, &c., the very creditable sum of £96 3s. 10d.

Most of those at service are giving great satisfaction, and, consequently, reflecting credit on their training in the home. Many of the former inmates look upon the school as home ; and we are always glad to offer well-conducted girls hospitality when recovering from illness, and, occasionally, when changing situations.

The Statement of Accounts shows a balance to debit on the year's work. This arises in consequence of an extra expenditure on repairs to buildings, &c., of nearly £100. We expect that an additional £50 expended during the current year will do what is necessary, and by which the home will be much more complete. We could not possibly have undertaken this extra work out of ordinary income, but the interest on the Guesdon Bequest has enabled us to do this.

Mrs. Edgell and Miss Gurr have reluctantly retired from the Ladies' Committee after many years of service, and it is with feelings of extreme regret that their resignations have been accepted ; the more so that both these ladies have been active workers, and have always manifested much interest in the school and its inmates.

Owing to the kindness and liberality of friends, the girls have not only had Christmas extras, but occasionally have been taken for a trip into the country or down the river by steamer, and they have greatly enjoyed and benefited by these excursions.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Parker for his professional services, also to Mr. Hall, Dentist, and the many other friends who manifest an abiding interest in the school.

We enter upon another year's endeavour greatly heartened and encouraged by the good work which has been accomplished during the twenty-four years of the school's existence. We cannot expect that all who pass through the institution will become in their after life all we could desire ; but the history of the school proves conclusively that a very large percentage of those who pass away from under our care do become respected and useful members of society. Many of them have been placed at great disadvantage as the result of their early environment, and we claim that it is the bounden duty, both of society and the Government, to hold out the helping hand to those amongst us who may be classed as belonging to the less favoured members of the community.

We trust that the Divine blessing—without which nothing is wise, or good, or strong—may continue to rest upon our combined efforts.

Number of girls in the school, 1st January, 1900	...	...	...	22
Admitted during the year	...	...	...	4
				—
				26
Died	...	...	...	Nil
Left for service during same period	...	...	...	4
Remaining at the end of year, 31st December, 1900...	...	...	...	22
				—
				26
				—
Average daily number	...	...	...	20

F. STANFIELD.  
28 June, 1901.

*The Secretary, Neglected Children Department, Hobart.*

## APPENDIX E.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL REFORMATORY.

Hobart, 8th February, 1901.

SIR,

THE Ladies' Committee of Reformatory, in presenting their Twentieth Report, are pleased to say that the work of the institution has gone on quietly and steadily throughout the year.

At the beginning of the year there were fourteen girls; five girls left, nine remaining at the end of the year. The conduct of the girls was not so good this year.

Service is held on Sunday mornings by Mr. Lake, also classes for bible instruction on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

The girls are employed in washing, housework, cooking, and needlework, and receive instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

The amount received for washing was £170 16s. 8d.; amount remaining in bank, £72 11s. 11d.

The Committee again record their appreciation of the work of the Matrons, which helps so much towards the success of the institution.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

M. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. G.T.S.R.*

*The Secretary Neglected Children Department, Hobart.*

## APPENDIX F.

## BOYS' TRAINING SCHOOL, NEW TOWN.

## MANAGERS' REPORT for 1900.

New Town, 22nd May, 1901.

SIR,

THE Managers of the Boys' Training School, New Town, in submitting their Report for the year 1900, have much pleasure in recording the continued improvement noted in last years' Report in the conduct and usefulness of the boys. The evidence of this improvement is found in the fact that during the year the majority of the boys have at one time or another been permitted to go alone to various events, either in their own homes or of a public character, as a reward for good conduct, and in only one instance has this liberty been abused.

The Managers are entirely in accord with the Superintendent of the institution in trusting boys out upon their honour, and so training them to maintain a spirit of manliness and self-reliance.

The system of classification and giving of small monetary rewards has proved of great advantage in training the boys to habits of obedience and general good conduct.

The health of the boys during the year has been good. One boy, who was attacked with a serious ailment, was removed to the General Hospital, Hobart, where he died a few days after.

The report of the late teacher, Mr. M'Gregor, as to the progress of the boys during the year, is satisfactory, and the Managers desire to express their appreciation of the valuable aid which Mr. M'Gregor has rendered, not only in the teaching of the boys, but also in the kind interest he took in the conduct and welfare of the boys.

While reporting on the present conduct of the boys in the institution, the Managers feel justified in recording the favourable reports which continue to reach them of boys who, having passed through the institution, are now licensed or apprenticed to masters outside. The Superintendents of Police in the various districts wherein boys are apprenticed have been asked to visit each boy, and report to the

Managers regarding his conduct and general well-being; the reports give the following particulars:—64 boys have been reported on; of these 59 have been "very favourable," and only five "unsatisfactory."

The Managers, in concluding their report, desire to thank the Superintendent and his officers for the very efficient and satisfactory manner in which they have carried out their respective duties.

We have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THEOPHILUS CANE, *Chairman.*  
ARTHUR CASS.  
M. W. GILLERAN.  
W. PERRY HART.  
JOHN MACFARLANE.  
J. O'BOYLE.  
GEO. RICHARDSON.  
F. R. SEAGER.  
FRED. T. WHITINGTON, LL.B.

*The Secretary, Department for Neglected Children, New Town.*

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT for 1900.

*Boys' Training School New Town, 25th May, 1901.*

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Boys' Training School, New Town, for the year 1900.

#### *Strength.*

The number of boys on the books during the year was 107, and the number remaining on 31st December, 51.

The highest number of boys in the school at any one time was 56, and the lowest, 48.

The average daily number was 52: as compared with 1899, this shows a decrease of two.

#### *Admissions.*

The number admitted during the year was 42, viz. :—

Committed to Training School .....	7
"    care of Department for Neglected Children.....	13
Returned from service, or transferred to other service .....	15
Returned to School; licence revoked.....	3
From absconding .....	1
Transferred from Boys' Home .....	2
"    Boarding-out System.....	1
	42

#### *Discharges.*

The number discharged during the year was as follows :—

Licensed to Masters .....	22
"    Parents .....	5
Transferred to Boys' Home .....	1
"    General Hospital .....	1
"    New Norfolk Asylum .....	1
Adopted .....	2
Discharged by order of Governor in Council.....	2
"    time expired .....	5
	39

#### *Farm Work.*

During the year all boys have been actively engaged at miscellaneous farm work. In all ordinary labour on the farm they have actively assisted, and several of them are now useful farm hands, able to attend to horses, cows, ploughing, &c., and should give a good account of themselves when they leave the school. On the 29th January, the steam threshing machine threshed the crop, which resulted in an average yield of 25 bushels to the acre. The Government Agricultural Expert tried an experiment upon the charlock at the farm, spraying it with a two-per-cent. solution of sulphate of copper, with very successful results.

Return B, shows the earnings of the farm to have been £417 13s. 8d.

*Ploughman and Stock.*

The ploughman attached to the school competed at the Cambridge ploughing match, and secured second prize for ploughing, and for the best team on the ground was awarded first prize: the horses are the property of the school.

At the Southern Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Society's show, the following exhibits from the farm gained prizes, viz.:—first and second prizes for Ayrshire cows, third prize for dairy cow, and second prize for a fat calf. A herd of Ayrshire cows was also entered for exhibition, and they were much admired by the public.

*Improvements at Derwent Park.*

Many improvements continue to be made at this farm. New gates and fences have been erected, briars cut out, fences straightened, large double doors put up to the reaper and binder machine rooms and the granary, men's huts repaired and coloured, and a large barn erected, with chaffcutter and horse works complete.

*New Cow-sheds and Stables.*

I am glad to be able to report that tenders have been called for the erection of cow-sheds and stables, and that, in a few months, the cattle will be housed in more suitable buildings than now exist.

*Sanitary condition.*

Consequent upon the uneasy feeling, in March, with regard to the bubonic plague, the Overseer was instructed to make a minute inspection of the buildings and surroundings of the school and Derwent Park farm: his report was most satisfactory.

*School Buildings.*

The school building has been thoroughly renovated during the year, and is now in first-class order.

*Conduct of Boys.*

The boys have certainly improved very much in their conduct, and I am glad to say that the majority of them are so well conducted that they have been permitted to leave the school alone to visit and take part in any special events, such as Regatta day, Reception of Troops, &c., that have taken place in Hobart, to spend their birthdays at home, or have a day on leave with their friends or relatives, &c. This special liberty, gained by good conduct, has had a marked influence upon the boys, and I feel confident that after they have gone through their course of training in the school, to trust boys out upon their honour is a step in the right direction, and gives the boys a manly and self-reliant feeling. I have tried it during the past twelve months, and in only one case has my confidence been misplaced.

*Religious and Secular.*

The boys have regularly attended their respective churches. The Venerable Archdeacon Whittington has imparted religious instruction on each Saturday afternoon, when in town. Mrs. Whittington, Mrs. Harrison, and Miss Smith have conducted the Church of England Sunday school each Sunday, and the Sisters of Charity have held Sunday school for the Roman Catholic boys.

The night school was closed for the Easter, Midwinter, and Christmas vacations. The School was not examined by the Education Department this year; I, however, attach a report upon the work of the boys by their schoolmaster, Mr. M'Gregor; and as Mr. M'Gregor has, through his transference to another school, severed his connection with the Training School, I wish to record my appreciation of his valuable services; his work has been most earnest in the training of the boys, and the kindly interest he has always taken in their welfare has been most commendable.

*Physical Drill.*

Physical drill, which the boys enjoy very much, continues to receive strict attention.

*Visitors.*

There have been numerous visitors to the school during the year, including the Hon. the Chief Secretary; Messrs. D. Burke and F. Shaw, M.S.A.; Mr. Wise, Secretary to the Law Department; Mr. Tabart, Secretary to the Council of Agriculture; Rev. Father Prendergast; Rev. H. Bride Barber; Mr. J. Longmore, Director of Charities, Western Australia, &c., &c., and many favourable comments have been entered in the Visitors' Book.

*Managers, Medical Officer, and Honorary Dentist.*

The Managers held meetings monthly for the despatch of business. The Medical Officer visited twice weekly, and the Honorary Dentist visited when necessary.

*Health of the Boys.*

One of the boys who was seized with a serious illness was removed to the General Hospital, Hobart, where he died a few days after admission. With this one exception the health of the boys has been good.

*Presents.*

During the year the following donations were received:—Mr. Sawyer, Glenorchy, oranges; Mafeking Demonstration Committee, lollies; Mr. J. Paterson, Hobart, apples; Military Sports Committee, cakes,

buns, &c.; Hon. W. H. Burgess, monthly copies of Boys' Own Paper; Hon. F. W. Piessé, M.L.C., parcels of interesting papers.

#### Amusements and Recreation.

This important item in the boys' interests has been very actively attended to by many kind friends, so that each month work and pleasure have combined. I wish, on behalf of the boys, to thank the following ladies and gentlemen and companies for the interest they have taken in promoting amusement and recreation for the boys:—Proprietor of Steam Roundabout; Fitzgerald's Circus; Wirth's Circus; Valdare's Circus; Newbury Spada Co.; Mafeking Demonstration Committee; United Choirs; H.M.S. *Royal Arthur* Minstrel Troupe; Mrs. Orchard; Messrs. H. Shirley, Dollery, Eltham, Duggan, W. H. Ikin, and A. Morton.

The boys also had a picnic at Bellerive, and frequently ascended Mount Wellington; attended the Regatta; witnessed the departure of Troops for South Africa; were present at Bushmen's Fête; witnessed the return of Major Cameron and his men from South Africa; attended Sports of Tasmanian Imperial Contingent; visited the Antarctic ship *Southern Cross*; took part in the procession on the occasion of the relief of Mafeking; were present at the Town Hall and participated in the treat given to children by the Mafeking Demonstration Committee; were present at the Review on Queen's Birthday, and in the evening had a bon-fire and a liberal supply of fireworks.

#### Entertainments and Sports Meeting.

Several concerts have been given by the boys to the male and female inmates of the Dépôt, and during the month of August they gave an entertainment under the patronage of the Hon. the Chief Secretary, Col. Legge (Commandant of the Defence Force), and the Managers; and, on the following Saturday afternoon they repeated the performance, when the children from the Girls' Industrial, St. Joseph's Orphanage, and Boys' Home, as well as many of the Boarded-out children, and some of Mr. Mitchell's school, were present. On the 9th November the boys held a Sports Meeting in the Show Ground, at which 22 events were contested.

#### Apprentices.

There are now 64 boys apprenticed, or licensed, throughout the State. On the 31st December I despatched circulars to the Superintendent of Police, wherever a boy is located, making inquiries as to the boy's welfare, conduct, &c., with the following result, viz., 53 reported good, 2 fair, 1 indifferent, 2 unsatisfactory, and 1 bad. Each boy apprenticed has his banking account, and the sum of £96 12s. 4d. is now held by me in trust for them.

#### Finance.

Return A shows the expenditure to have been £953 18s. 6d., and the receipts, £294 11s. 7d. The net expenditure was £659 6s. 11d., and the net cost per head, £12 13s. 7d.

I have, &c.,

F. R. SEAGER, *Superintendent.*

*The Managers Boys' Training School, New Town.*

(1.)

*RETURN showing the Expenditure at the Boys' Training School during the Year 1900, the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.*

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Salaries .....	392	10	0	Fees for maintenance of inmates .....	16	15	0		
Provisions .....	311	11	2	Sale of milk .....	81	15	3		
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery..	133	17	5	Sale of stock .....	46	9	11		
Fuel and light.....	38	0	7	Sale of grain .....	39	14	10		
Repairs to buildings .....	6	18	4	Sale of fodder .....	10	0	0		
Miscellaneous expenses .....	19	12	0	Sale of fodder, &c., to Tasmanian Imperial					
Farm Expenses.....	51	9	0	Contingent .....	40	8	10		
				Sale of Potatoes .....	26	12	6		
				Sale of cowhides .....	1	2	9		
				Ploughing and sowing land at Cemetery..	8	12	6		
				Cutting grain at Cemetery .....	1	16	0		
				Services of beast .....	4	0	0		
				Refund of subscription to <i>Stockbreeders'</i>					
				<i>Journal</i> .....	0	12	9		
				Milk supplied to H.M. Gaol.....	14	10	9		
				Keep of Jersey stock .....	2	0	6		
				Balance, being Net Cost of Establishment	659	6	11		
	<u>£953</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£953</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>		

Average daily strength for the year, 52.  
Net Cost per head, £12 13s. 7d.

*RETURN showing the operations of the Farm in connection with the Boys' Training School, New Town, during the Year 1900.*

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.
Purchase of seed.....	8 18 10	Cash received for sale of milk .....	81 15 3
Ditto bone-dust.....	11 0 0	Ditto stock.....	46 9 11
Ditto bran .....	0 6 5	Ditto grain.....	39 14 10
Ditto peas .....	0 6 3	Ditto fodder.....	10 0 0
Ditto plough-wheels, &c.....	6 4 8	Ditto fodder, &c., to Tasmanian Imperial Contingent .....	40 8 10
Ditto bluestone .....	0 12 0	Ditto Potatoes.....	26 12 6
Ditto manure salt .....	1 5 0	Ditto cowhides .....	1 2 9
Insurance of hay.....	1 15 0	Services of beasts.....	4 0 0
Grinding wheat .....	0 14 10	Ploughing and sowing land at Cemetery..	8 12 6
Threshing grain .....	4 7 6	Cutting grain at Cemetery .....	1 16 0
Shoeing horses and blacksmith's work.....	15 18 6	Keep of Jersey stock .....	2 0 6
		Milk supplied H.M. Gaol.....	14 10 9
		Ditto N.T.C. Institution .....	182 6 7
		Potatoes supplied ditto .....	8 5 4
		Meat supplied ditto .....	1 6 11
Balance Credit .....	417 13 8		
	<u>£469 2 8</u>		<u>£469 2 8</u>

*REPORT on Annual Examination, 1900.*

*Training School, New Town, 19th December, 1900.*

SIR,

HEREWITH is a short Report on the work and progress of the boys during the past year, to facilitate allotment of the prizes you intend distributing.

It may cause a little surprise in some cases that certain boys are bracketed together as equally deserving, but a boy's work must not be judged so much by the amount of ground he covers as by the amount of energy and labour he has expended during the year, for what may be an easy task to one boy is to another almost impossible, on account of difference in brain-power, and predisposition to or against learning, as well as other hereditary influences. Most of this can only be noted after observation of the boys extending over some time, and not by a passing acquaintance. As a rule the lads have worked well during the year, in a good many instances, showing great eagerness to forge ahead in spite of being handicapped by past want of opportunities and present short hours of instruction. In regard to their instruction, I would like to point out that the greater number of the boys are promoted to a higher class year by year. This is considered satisfactory in a day-school, though even there the promotion does not take place in every case. How much more it means in this school may be imagined, when it is remembered that, in point of time, the lads require to be here 3 years 4 months to receive as much instruction as a state school scholar gets in one year. It is easy to criticise and remark on the attainments of the lads, but the matter wears a different complexion when the above fact is digested.

In respect of good work and progress, the following have been most conspicuous:—E---e, E---t, G---d, K---y, K---p, H---n, S---n, C---e, R---r, and S---h.

Next in order are:—L---s, P---r, H---s, C---r, T---n, W---e, S---n, S---r, and C---r. Two of the boys (unfortunately not very bright) have tried their best to improve, and no one can do more. I refer to L. and G. B---s. Then come those who have only shown moderate attention or wish to improve:—L---r, P---e, S---r, R---n, S---e, L---e, M'H---o, W---s, B---e, W---y, W---y, L---y, W---t, H---s, P---g, V---t, J---r.

Lastly are the lazy ones:—W---r, D. T---n, B---d, W---f, M---t, W---s, G---n.

I should be sorry to see these latter getting any reward at all, as a prize loses its value unless earned, and if given to good and bad alike has a marked influence for evil, encouraging the lazy ones to be still lazy, and disappointing the energetic, who see no substantial benefit gained over and above the others by their exertions. I hope the idea of giving prizes, however slight, may urge the industrious to work still harder, and I shall be glad to see the lazy ones so disappointed at getting nothing, that they may determine to work next year, and remember that through their future life, as now, the prizes usually go to those who work for them.

If it could be managed, I should be glad to see recognition of good work made oftener than once a year, as a boy who works hard for nine or ten months may go out before the end of the year, and so lose the prize he has virtually earned. It would also conduce to "continuous" steadiness of work.

Whether it can be done or not, the fact of being able to earn a prize, as in any other school, must have a good effect on most of the boys, and is a really splendid idea. I hope the boys will show their appreciation of it in the best possible way, that is, try to earn a prize, if not for ability and cleverness, at any rate for what is perhaps better still—"trying."

I am, &c.,

E. M'GREGOR.

*Mr. SEAGER, Superintendent, Boys' Training School.*

APPENDIX G.  
BOARDING-OUT SYSTEM.

*REPORT for 1900.*

The number of children maintained under the Boarding-Out System on the 1st January, 1900 was 161—boys, 84; girls, 77.

The number admitted during the year was 59—30 boys and 29 girls; and 43—23 boys and 20 girls, were struck off the list: leaving 177—91 boys and 86 girls—remaining on the roll at the end of the year. These children were located as follow—

	Boys.	Girls.
Hobart and Suburbs.....	66	58
Launceston and Suburbs.....	13	11
Municipal and Police Districts.....	12	17
Total.....	91	86

*Expenditure.*

The Expenditure for the year was £2192 0s. 5d., £71 17s. 3d. was received as repayments by relatives, leaving a net expenditure of £2120 3s. 2d., or £118 8s. 10d. more than that of 1899.

The daily average number of children maintained was 163, as against 149 in 1899, and the net cost per head £13 0s. 2d. as against £13 8s. 8d. in 1899; this is for maintenance only, but if the cost of administration were added the net cost for 1900 would be £14 2s. 6d. as against £14 1s. 2d. for 1899.

*Fox's Bequest.*

The sum of £6 7s. 3d. was received through the Honourable the Chief Secretary on account of this bequest, for the year 1900, and was distributed amongst the boarded-out children throughout the Colony.

*Apprentices.*

The amount to credit of the Chairman of the late Central Committee in the Hobart Savings Bank on the 31st December, 1900; was £103 11s. 7d.

*Inspection.*

The reports of the visiting Committees and Inspecting Officers are appended hereto, and I again wish to record my thanks for the able manner in which the ladies and gentlemen of the Committees, and the Inspecting Officers have carried on their duties for the past year.

F. R. SEAGER,  
*Secretary, Neglected Children Department.*

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE, CENTRAL AND SOUTH HOBART.

*Frederick-street, Hobart, June 1901.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the ladies of the Visiting Committee during the past twelve months have visited the various homes in which the Neglected Children have been boarded out, and that they are very pleased to report that they found all the arrangements very satisfactory.

I am, &c.

ALBERT REID, *Chairman.*

*Visiting Committee, Central and South Hobart.*

*The Secretary Neglected Children Department.*

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE, LAUNCESTON.

*Prince's Square, Launceston, 25th May, 1901.*

DEAR SIR,

IN reply to yours of the 21st, I beg to state that during the past year we visited, as usual, the homes of the children once a month, and the schools once a quarter; besides an occasional visit by myself, when in their locality; and, on the whole, we have every reason to be satisfied with the care bestowed upon them, especially with so small remuneration.

Early in the year we found that one woman had punished a little boy very severely, and we at once removed them all from her.

Two boys have been apprenticed, and, we understand, are doing well. They sometimes write to their foster parents, and one has written to me.

Seven children have been handed over to their parents, and two have been adopted, leaving 24 in our care, up to date.

Faithfully Yours,

L. STANFIELD, *Secretary Visiting Committee.*

*The Secretary Neglected Children Department.*

#### REPORT OF INSPECTING OFFICER, HOBART.

83, *Argyle-street, 25th May, 1901.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit the following Report for your information :—

During the whole of last year the attendance at day and Sunday schools was very good of all children boarded out in Hobart and suburbs. Their conduct, on the whole, was pretty good. As to their health, I have nothing of any serious nature to report; a few cases only, with slight colds and such like ailments, which were attended to by the Government Medical Officer or the House Surgeon at the General Hospital. I visit the children regularly, and find that the foster parents are attentive to their duties, and the children are well provided for, and they appear to be happy and comfortable. When there is anything in the homes that attracts my attention—that I think might be improved on for the benefit and comfort of the children, it is pointed out to the foster parent, who I always find willing to act upon for the benefit of the children. The ladies visiting under the boarding-out system are very good and kind to the children, and pay them frequent visits during the year. The children are particularly pleased to see them at Christmas time, when they are supplied with a parcel of fruit, sweets, and a silver coin to spend.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JAS. PEARCE, *Inspecting Officer.*

*The Secretary Neglected Children Department, &c., &c., &c.*

#### REPORT OF INSPECTING OFFICER, LAUNCESTON.

*Launceston, 16th May, 1901.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit for your information my Report for year ending 31st December, 1900.

Children boarded-out in Launceston on the 31st December, 1899 .....	18
Committed from Country and boarded-out in Launceston, 14; City, 2 (during 1900).....	16
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>34</b>
Deduct, apprenticed, 2; handed over to parents, 4; Industrial School, 2 .....	8
<b>Remaining 31st December, 1900, total .....</b>	<b>26</b>

I have visited the foster mothers, and found all correct.

The health of the children has been good; they have been regular in their attendance at day-school, and are making steady progress.

Their general conduct has been good, and they are bright, intelligent, and well cared for.

They attend church and Sunday-school, except three, who are too young.

In consequence of the death of foster mother Mrs. Mary Hughes, Clara Neal was transferred to foster mother Mrs. Eliza Smith, on the 18th December, 1900.

I may add that the boarding-out system works very satisfactorily in the Launceston District.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. WELSH, *Inspecting Officer*

*The Secretary, Neglected Children Department.*