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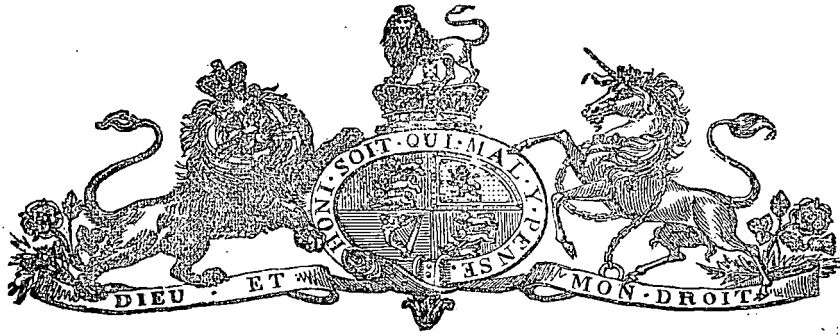
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

**BOYS' HOME, LANSDOWNE CRESCENT,
HOBART :**

REPORT FOR 1885.

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



*SEVENTEENTH Annual Report of the Boys' Home Industrial School,
ending 31st March, 1886.*

Hobart, 28th June, 1886.

THE Governors of the Boys' Home Industrial School have the honor to submit their 17th Annual Report.

During the past year nine boys have been admitted into the Home, five have been apprenticed, and the number now in the Home is 19, with an average of 17 for the year. There are several applications for apprentices, but none are available at present.

The Annual Reports kindly supplied by the Superintendents of Police, and those received from other sources, are upon the whole satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman have continued the management as Master and Matron during the past 12 months, and have performed their duties in such a manner that the present condition of the Home will, in all respects, compare favourably with any previous time since its establishment.

The statement of the funds and an account of the receipts and expenditure are attached. The subscriptions for the year from the public amounted to £85 14s. 6d. as against £99 1s. for the previous year, showing a decrease of £13 6s. 6d. The balance now at the debit of the institution on current account is £23 0s. 11d. The Governors regret the falling off in subscriptions as compared with previous years, and a special effort will be made to remedy this in future; they trust that, when appealed to, the public will respond in a generous manner to help forward the objects of this much-needed and useful Home.

This is the only institution of the kind in the Colony, and it has done good service. The constitution by its founder, the Honorable Alfred Kennerley, is of such a character that its continuance is assured so long as the public assist to a fair and reasonable extent; under such circumstances it claims substantial support. Necessary repairs and improvements are delayed for want of funds. The flagstaff, which was an ornament to the Home, and at one time afforded much amusement and exercise for the boys, has, through decay, been removed, but the Governors hope with the assistance of friends to be able soon to erect another in its place. A drum-and-fife band has been suggested, and the present seems an opportune time for its introduction, as Mr. Wiseman is willing to teach the boys to perform on these instruments.

No proof is necessary that such a Home is required in our midst; and it should be a matter for congratulation that the boys now in it are being well looked after and cared for in every respect, instead of being allowed to roam the streets totally uncared for, thereby graduating in every form of vice, it being admitted that the nearest way to the gaol is the "public streets." The Home is still wanted, and will be wanted until the sources of misery, pauperism, and crime are dried up.

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THOS. B. MATHER,
JOHN MACFARLANE,
W. CROSBY, } *Governors.*

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.
