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REPORT FOR 1882.

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BOARDING OUT DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

REPORT for 1882.

Charitable Grants Department, 5th May, 1883.

SIR,

THE Central Committee for boarding out Destitute Children have the honor to submit the following Report for the year 1882.

On the first of January of that year the total number of children maintained under the Boarding-out System was 148,—boys, 73, girls, 75,—viz., in—

	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Hobart and Suburbs	53	55	108
Launceston	3	2	5
Municipalities, &c.....	15	20	35
	71	77	148

During the year the duty of providing for 18 additional children devolved upon the Committee, and they were enabled to relieve the Government of the cost of maintaining 31,—leaving, on the 31st December, a total of 135, distributed as follows:—

	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Hobart and Suburbs	47	52	99
Launceston.....	3	1	4
Municipalities, &c.....	15	17	32
	65	70	135

13 less than the number with which the year commenced.

Appended is a nominal return of the children who were a charge upon the Government during the year, with such other particulars as to dates of birth, religion, foster-parents, weekly payments, and period maintained, as the Committee are in a position to give.

The reasons which led to the additional children becoming a burthen on the public, and the manner in which those who ceased to be so were disposed of, are also set forth, and may be summarised as follows:—

<i>Added.</i> —Returned apprentices	3
New cases	15
Total	18
<i>Removed.</i> —Returned apprentices for whom fresh places of service were found.....	
Sent out to service.....	3
Taken by relatives.....	16
Admitted to Industrial School.....	9
Admitted to Industrial School.....	1
Adopted by their foster-parents	2
Total.....	31

Of the total number of children, 165, included in the return, 117 were maintained during the whole of the year, and the remainder, 48, for various periods between 8 and 351 days. Average number of days, 309.

The expenditure for the year, including £165, the salary of the Inspecting Officer, and £21 1s. 5d., the cost of clothing supplied to the children (less £73 received as repayments) amounted to £1912 19s., leaving an unexpended balance of £452 1s. Average cost per head per annum, £11 11s. 10d.

On the 7th of June the Committee commenced their annual inspection of the children boarded out in the City, at New Town, and Sandy Bay, and completed it on the 30th. The foster-parents had no intimation given to them of the visitation, consequently the homes of the children were seen, as the Committee desired, in their every-day aspect. As usual, the dinner hour was selected for the inspection; and the Committee had, with one exception only, every reason to be satisfied with the provision made for the children by their foster-parents. The food appeared to be good and wholesome, and was served with no niggardly hand; the children were decently and warmly clad, and their replies to the questions put to them were given in such a manner as to justify the belief that they had happy homes and were well and kindly treated: in fact, they looked and behaved as if they really belonged to the people with whom they were living.

The Committee visited the children again during the month of November, and were much pleased with their general demeanour, their tidy and healthy appearance, and the affectionate care bestowed upon them by their foster-parents. Some of the houses were very decently furnished, and in not a few instances the children were in possession of comforts not enjoyed by many of their class around them who were residing under the roofs of their own parents.

It was not considered necessary on either occasion to examine the bedding and clothing very minutely, that duty being regularly discharged by the ladies belonging to the Visiting Committees, but the sleeping apartments of the children were inspected, and found to be well ventilated and cleanly kept.

As stated in the Report for 1881, the character, disposition, and general fitness of foster-parents are fully enquired into before children are placed under their charge; and the Committee are also careful to select persons who reside in localities in which there is the least possible danger of the children being exposed to the influence of evil example.

In the exceptional case referred to there were three children, and the Committee found them but scantily provided with food. There were also in the house a man and woman of whom the Committee had no previous knowledge; and as two out of the three children looked wan and ill-nourished, special enquiries were immediately instituted, and visitations made for a few days at meal hours by the Inspecting Officer. Upon receipt of that Officer's report that the husband of the woman under whose charge the children were had recently returned, after a separation of many years, without means and evidently a burthen upon her; that the female was her daughter, in bad health and unable to support herself, and that the quantity of food supplied to the children was only about half enough, the Committee felt convinced that, the woman having to provide for her husband and daughter, the children did not receive the benefit of the allowance given for their maintenance, and caused them to be transferred to other homes without delay.

Changes in four other homes, in which there were altogether twelve children, were made during the course of the year, but in one case only on the ground of misconduct. The following are the reasons which led thereto:—

1. Child relinquished by the foster-parent, who married.
2. Two children also relinquished, the foster-parent having given up housekeeping, and gone to reside with one of her daughters.
3. Five children removed on the death of their foster-parent, a highly respectable woman, and one of the best guardians the Committee had.
4. Four children were transferred in consequence of the intemperate habits of the foster-parents.

The regular attendance of the children old enough to go to school was ensured by the foster-parents being required to produce to the Inspecting Officer weekly certificates to that effect from the masters of the schools to which it was alleged they were sent; and as it is an old established rule that inability to supply such certificates entails the loss to the foster-parents of the allowance, and the risk of the withdrawal of the children from their care, very little difficulty was experienced in securing to the children a fair opportunity of receiving an education suitable to their position in life.

Reports have been obtained from the conductors of the different schools attended by the children, and are hereto appended.

Early in the year the attention of the Committee was directed by the Chairman of the Visiting Committee for the southern division of the city to the "great hardship that foster-parents labour under by having to purchase school-books out of the small amount allowed by Government for the

support of destitute children ;" and upon the matter being brought under the notice of the Board of Education, it was decided by the Board "to make special issues of lesson-books to the boarded-out children on the requisition of the teachers." It would however appear, from the reports of the masters of two of the public schools, that the children attending them are still without books possessed by other pupils, and which are as necessary to them as their more fortunate school-fellows.

The attendance also of the children at Sunday-school was not disregarded, as will be seen from the accompanying reports of the Inspecting Officer and Sub-Inspector Ruddoch.

The Committee are glad to be able to state that there were no deaths amongst the children during the year, and that, with the exception of an attack of scarlatina, from which some of the children boarded out at New Town suffered in November, and the illness of a lad from an affection of the lungs, whose foster-parent provided him with medical attendance at her own expense, refusing to allow him to enter the Hospital "because she feared the removal would kill him," no sickness of a serious nature was reported.

The admission, however, of five children to hospital was rendered necessary; viz.—

A girl who suffered from a cleft palate, which caused a continuous and most offensive discharge, and which the foster-parent said she could not bear with any longer, was sent to the Launceston Hospital on the 6th March, and remained there until the 29th August, when she returned to her home at Fingal, and is now much better. On the 14th March a boy was admitted to the General Hospital, Hobart, with a broken leg,—a street accident,—and discharged on the 5th of the following month; another, suffering from a cicatrix from burn, entered on the 18th May, and remained until the 22nd June; a third was sent in on the 2nd May for treatment for incontinence of urine, and remained a month, when he was discharged cured, but soon relapsed; and a fourth, suffering from ophthalmia, was under treatment from the 13th June to the 20th July, when he was discharged as incurable. It will be necessary, when this boy is a little older, to procure his admission to the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, for training and instruction. He is almost totally blind, with no hope of improvement; and his brother, 3½ years his senior, who, it is believed, was born blind, was sent to the above-named Institution on the 22nd January last. A girl, who is of weak intellect, and will never, it is feared, be able to earn her own living, was under treatment as an out-door patient for an affection of the knee-joint for about a month, from which she derived considerable benefit.

It affords the Committee much pleasure to acknowledge the indefatigable exertions of the Visiting Committees for the well-being of the children in their respective districts. To their generous and charitable labours, their solicitude for the comfort and happiness of the children, their frequent visits, and the lively interest taken by them in the domestic concerns of the foster-parents, may be attributed, to a large extent, the ability of the Committee to present so favourable a report for the past year.

The reports furnished from time to time by the Committees are transmitted herewith.

In addition to the supervision exercised by the Visiting Committees, the children were frequently visited by Mr. Judge, the Inspecting Officer. The foster-parents residing in the city were also seen by him once a week, when they attended to receive payment, and questioned as to the health and behaviour of the children and their attendance at school.

The Committee think it but fair to Mr. Judge to state that he discharged his duties in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner, and that they regard him as a most upright and reliable officer.

At New Town and Sandy Bay, the weekly payments to the foster-parents were made through the resident Sub-Inspectors of Police, who afforded the Committee every assistance in their power in looking after the welfare of the children.

With respect to the 36 children boarded out in Launceston and the other parts of the Colony, the Committee received periodical reports from the Police Magistrates and Wardens of a nature to satisfy them that the children were kindly treated by their foster-parents, and well looked after by the local authorities. Their attendance at school was also as a rule favourably reported upon, and whenever any laxity existed it was immediately noticed and promptly remedied.

On the 31st December there were 62 children under the Boarding-out system either at service or living with persons by whom they had been adopted, and the deposits in the Savings' Bank to the credit of those in whose names accounts had been opened amounted to £88 11s. 7d; payments for the last quarter of the year, amounting to £27 14s. 9d., were subsequently received and paid into the Bank, making the total deposits £116 6s. 4d., distributed amongst 51 accounts.

Up to the end of the year 1882, 91 children had been sent out. Of that number 29 have completed their indentures; and are no longer under the immediate supervision of the Committee.

The names of the children who were at service, &c. in the year 1882, the names and residences of their employers, and remarks upon their conduct, are given in a return which will be found attached hereto.

A few of the apprentices were exceedingly troublesome and difficult to deal with ; but the majority behaved well, and gave every satisfaction to their masters. The Inspecting Officer's report, respecting those in and about Hobart, is annexed.

Before closing their report, the Committee desire to bring prominently under notice a question which, it appears to them, must exercise a material influence on the future successful working of the Boarding-out system in this Colony,—viz., the remuneration given to those to whom the care, education, and training of the children brought up under it, may be confided. Notwithstanding the satisfaction experienced by the Committee when visiting the homes of the children, and the favourable impressions they carried away with them, they have for some time past been strongly of opinion that the allowance of five shillings per week granted for the maintenance of each child is altogether inadequate and should be substantially increased. When the high price of provisions, boots, and clothes, and the rent that must now be paid for the occupancy of suitable dwellings, are considered, it must be admitted that the duty devolving upon the foster-parents of providing for the children in a proper manner, is by no means easy, of accomplishment. Up to the present time the foster-parents as a body have no doubt fulfilled their obligations in this respect in a manner highly creditable to them ; but it is due to them to state that they have frequently called attention to the insufficiency of the allowance, and petitioned for additional means to enable them, as they urged, to do full justice to the children, many of whom, from early neglect and semi-starvation, require extra nourishment and most tender care. There have also been instances in which desirable homes have been lost to the Committee, solely on account of the smallness of the allowance, and there is very little doubt that, but for the affection entertained for the children, many of the foster-parents would relinquish their charge, and devote themselves to avocations from which they would derive some remuneration for their labours, a result which it is simply impossible for them to attain under existing circumstances. The Committee, while fully alive to the fact that any proposal to add to the burthens already borne by the public in connection with Charitable institutions is not likely to meet with very general approval, are so deeply impressed with the conviction that more ample provision should be made for the maintenance and schooling of the boarded-out children, that they feel it incumbent upon them to ask for authority to increase the allowance they are at present authorised to pay. After mature deliberation the Committee have arrived at the conclusion that at the very least an addition at the rate of one shilling and threepence per week for each child should be made, and they recommend accordingly. Calculated on the basis of last year's operations, the sum of £2391 4s. 3d., or an increased expenditure of £478 5s. 3d., would be required to afford that additional assistance ; but as it would appear that the children needing the protection of the Government are annually decreasing in number, the present vote, £2365, would, it is believed, be amply sufficient for all purposes.

In the view entertained by the Committee as to the inadequacy of the sum now paid they have the entire concurrence of the four Visiting Committees, whose opinions will be found in the reports annexed. The ladies and gentlemen composing these Committees have now had eighteen months' experience of the system, and should be well qualified to judge of how far there is need for an increased allowance. A report on the subject from the Inspecting Officer is also appended. The Committee trust their recommendation will be acceded to ; and they venture to express the belief that it will be far more economical in the end to place within the reach of foster-parents the means wherewith to build up sound and healthy constitutions in the children, and fit them, in due time, to go into the world and provide for their own wants, than to withhold those means at a most important period in the lives of the children, and suffer them to grow up physically and mentally incapable of helping themselves, a perpetual charge on the benevolence of the public, and a reflection upon a mode of training which, judiciously and liberally administered, is so well calculated to confer lasting benefits upon them, and make them good and useful members of society.

Major-General Irvine, being about to leave the Colony, resigned on the 26th ultimo, and it afforded the Committee much gratification to learn that on his retirement he received the "thanks of the Government for the interest he had always evinced in the welfare of the children, and the services rendered by him in connection with the Boarding-out system."

We have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

J. O'BOYLE, *Chairman.*
JAMES GRANT.
W. TARLETON.
A. P. GARNETT, Lt.-Col.
R. A. MATHER.
A. RIDDOCH.

Hobart, 27th April, 1882.

I HAVE the honor to report that Mrs. Salier, Mrs. Miller, and myself visited, last Saturday, all the boarding-out children in the northern quarter of the city, and we found everything most satisfactory, the children clean and comfortable, and their clothing and boots all in a satisfactory condition. All were attending school regularly, and also Sunday-school.

No visitation was made in the month of March, on account of the absence of Mrs. G. Salier from town.

I have, &c.

R. ANDREW MATHER.

J. O'BOYLE, Esq., Administrator of Charitable Grants.

De Witt-street, 15th May, 1882.

DEAR SIR,

YOUR New Town Committee have nothing special to report for the March quarter. They noted, with satisfaction, the removal of the four boys from Mrs. Hines. The children are all well, and in every way satisfactory. The complaint against Mrs. Carns is quite unfounded.

Yours, &c.

R. J. ELLIS, Chairman New Town Committee.

J. O'BOYLE, Esq., Chairman Central Committee,
Charitable Grants Office.

Fitzroy Place, 9th May, 1882.

DEAR SIR,

MR. GRAHAM being absent from home, and probably not returning for a month, the lady visitors think it right to inform you, in reply to your request for a report from him, that the children boarded out in their division of the city have been well visited by them, and everything appears to be very satisfactorily conducted.

I would beg to remind the Committee of the application of Mrs. M. Sadler, Napoleon-street, for the charge of two more children when opportunity offers.

I am, &c.

SARAH NUTT.

Hobart, 6th July, 1882.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that Mrs. Salier, Mrs. Miller, and myself, the Boarding-out Visiting Committee for North Hobart, paid a visit to all the guardians on the 24th ult., and found all the children at home, being Saturday. The bedding and clothing were inspected, and enquiries made respecting their attendance at day-school and Sunday-school, which, in every instance, was regular and satisfactory. I may also mention that at intervals in the month the ladies visit the guardians when there is no expectation of their coming.

I have, &c.

R. ANDREW MATHER.

Mr. J. O'BOYLE.

Hobart, 15th July, 1882.

SIR,

I BEG to report, on behalf of the Visiting Committee for Boarded-out Children for Central Hobart, that they have visited the various homes, and all the children seemed well and happy, and comfortably clothed. They attend church and school regularly.

The foster-parents report generally that they are satisfied with the children's conduct.

I am, &c.

HENRY HUNTER, Chairman.

The Administrator of Charitable Grants.

Elboden Place, Hobart, 7th September, 1882.

SIR,

YOUR Visiting Committee for South City and Suburbs beg to lay before you the following report:—

That the children under their charge are all in a satisfactory condition, and well cared for. The infant, 3013, reported before as being in a bad state of health, is now perfectly recovered, and her foster-parent has removed to a better house. Mary Smith's children, are all well and attend school regularly. The children with Hannah Mackay, 1821, and Eliza Saville, 2166, and 11 B. S., are all doing satisfactorily, well clothed, and look clean and tidy. Mary Sadler reports having received a memo. from Mr. Judge desiring her to send George Franklin and Ellen Pilsbury, 2188, to Battery Point School, and had replied that in the case of the latter she would have to give up the charge of her, as she would be uncontrollable. We are at a loss how to advise in this matter. Miss Sadler has always told us that the girl was of such a disposition that she could not allow her out of her sight, and that her intellect was weak. Still we do not see why a trial of her going to school should not be made for a short period.

The five boys with Mrs. Easy, whose official numbers we have not got, are doing well. One of them, A Newton, had been on trial to a situation at Glenorchy, but was found too weak for service, and returned.

I have, &c.

W. H. GRAHAM.

The Chairman Central Committee Boarding-out Destitute Children, Hobart.

Hobart, 4th October, 1882.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report to the Central Committee that on two occasions we have visited all the boarded-out children in the North Division of the City—viz., Mrs. G. Salier, Mrs. H. Miller, and myself. All that are of an age to go to school attend regularly, and also Sunday-school. Their clothing is also in a very satisfactory condition, and their bedding clean and comfortable; in fact the children are most satisfactorily treated by all the guardians.

On Saturday last it was so wet that I could not ask the ladies to go out, so that we shall have to send in a supplementary report next week.

I have, &c.

Mr. J. O'BOYLE.

R. ANDREW MATHER.

Hobart, 10th October, 1882.

SIR,

ON behalf of the Visiting Committee for Central Hobart, I have to report that the boarded-out children, who have been periodically visited, continue to give evidence of being well cared for. On the whole there is reason to express satisfaction, both with the conduct of the children and the treatment they receive from their foster-parents.

I have, &c.

J. O'BOYLE, Esq., Administrator of Charitable Grants.

HENRY HUNTER, Chairman.

Hobart, 17th October, 1882.

MY DEAR SIR,

MRS. G. Salier and I visited all the children in the North District, and we found that all was very satisfactory, the clothing, bedding, and all attending day-school and Sunday-school who are of an age to go. There is a child with Mrs. Jackson, of Melville-street, who seems to be of weak intellect, and Mrs. J. is afraid to send her to school as she thinks some harm may come to her; she would have to take her and fetch her herself. On the whole, all the guardians are very attentive to their charges, and seem particularly attached to them; in fact they seem to love them as their own.

I have, &c.

Mr. J. O'BOYLE.

R. ANDREW MATHER.

P.S.—I should have mentioned that Mrs. H. Miller was unable to be with us.—R. A. M.

Hobart, 31st January, 1883.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that during the past quarter Mrs. Salier, Mrs. Miller, and I have each month visited the boarded-out children, and have also inspected the clothing, and have also questioned all the guardians as to their attendance at school and also Sunday-school, which we found was regularly attended. We found everything very satisfactory, and all the clothing in good order. All was as well as anyone could desire.

You should have had this report before this, but I have been very busy since the year began.

I have, &c.

Mr. J. O'BOYLE.

R. ANDREW MATHER.

Hobart, 2nd April, 1883.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE the honor to reply to your question relative to the amount paid to foster-parents, that the Visiting Committee for North Hobart have been convinced for a long time that the amount paid—viz. 5s. per week—is not at all adequate to their expenses. In our visitation last week we found that Mrs. Hagerty had paid 8s. for a pair of boots for one of the children; and Mrs. Colatz, in Ware-street, had paid 6s. for one of the boarded-out children, evidencing that more than one week's pay goes out for boots whenever they are required. The Visiting Committee therefore, recommend that the sum of 6s. 6d. be substituted for the 5s. that has been hitherto paid.

I have, &c.

Mr. J. O'BOYLE.

R. ANDREW MATHER.

Elboden Place, Hobart, 3rd April, 1883.

SIR,

YOUR Visiting Committee for South City and Suburbs, in laying before you their report for the quarter ending 31st March, beg to state that the children under their charge are all doing very fairly, attend school regularly, those that are old enough, and seem happy and contented. Several changes have taken place since our last report, but as you have been advised of them we need not specify them now. One foster-parent, E. Alums, wishes to give up her charge of an infant, 4026, R. Smith, and we would recommend her request to be acceded to.

In answer to your letter of 29th ultimo, asking for an expression of our opinion as to the working of the system generally, and the sufficiency or otherwise of the weekly grant, we would state that as far as our district is concerned the system seems to work admirably, the children are well cared for, the foster-parents in many cases becoming much attached to them, and evidently taking a pride in their well-being. The children also become more domesticated and learn household duties much more readily than if they were concentrated in a large establishment.

As to the sufficiency of the weekly grant, we are decidedly of opinion that it is inadequate to the proper support of the children, taking into consideration that many necessaries are dearer now than when the grant was first made; that a certain amount of animal food daily is required for a growing child; and that the price of milk is high, a good supply of which is required for the infants and younger children. We would therefore beg to suggest that an increase of at least 3d. per diem should be made, which would tend materially to the better rearing-up of the children, and to the relief of the foster-parents from a hard struggle to maintain the children at the present rate.

I have, &c.

The Chairman Central Committee Boarding-out Destitute Children.

W. H. GRAHAM.

Macquarie-street, 4th April, 1883.

SIR,
THE Visiting Committee for Central Hobart beg to submit the following report for the year ending 31st December, 1882:—

The children on the whole appear to be well cared for and happy, and there has been no deficiency of food or clothing.

They have attended church and school regularly, and the reports generally are that their conduct has been fairly good.

The Committee desire to express their opinion that the grant made to foster-parents for the support and care of the children is inadequate and insufficient for the trouble, expense, and responsibilities incurred.

I have, &c.

HENRY HUNTER.

The Chairman of Central Committee for Boarding-out Destitute Children.

Argyle-street, 2nd May, 1883.

SIR,
HAVING been requested by you to give my opinion as to whether I think the allowance at present granted is sufficient for the maintenance of the boarded-out children, I beg to state that for a considerable time the foster-parents have been complaining that 5s. per week is too little; and for my part I have, on many occasions, been obliged to overlook shortcomings which, if the allowance were a more liberal one, I would have brought under the notice of the Central Committee.

It has frequently occurred that when I have found it necessary to complain of the quality of the clothing, I have been met with the reply—"What more can I do with 5s. per week?" If the amount could be increased the probability is that a better class of foster-parents than some of the present ones would be obtained, and a stricter enforcement of the rules could then be carried out.

I have, &c.

GEORGE JUDGE, *Inspecting Officer.*

JOHN O'BOYLE, *Esq.*

New Town, 20th April, 1883.

DEAR SIR,

YOUR Visiting Committee for New Town have to report that the boarded-out children in that district continue to be properly cared for and attended to by their foster-parents.

We would wish to state, however, it is our opinion that the case of Emily Green is not a fit one for this system, and we cannot imagine that the true spirit of finding a *parent* for such a case could ever be successfully carried out. We may perhaps further add that the weekly payment in some cases is quite inadequate, and would submit for your consideration whether it would not be better, if possible, to make a scale of payment according to age and sex, boys being admittedly more destructive than girls about a home and in their clothes.

I have, &c.

R. J. ELLIS, *Chairman.*

To the Administrator of Charitable Grants.

Battery Point Public School, 21st April, 1883.

SIR,

IN reply to your communication of the 18th instant, directing me to furnish a report on the conduct, appearance, and progress of the children maintained under the boarding-out system attending this school during the year 1882, I have the honour to inform you that, as regards conduct and appearance, there is nothing to distinguish these children from the mass of the school. They are, without exception, clean and decently clad. Their attendance is regular, and their progress in reading, writing, and arithmetic, up to and including Standard III., is quite equal to the average. In the highest standards these children labour under the disadvantage of not being so well supplied with books as their class-mates generally.

I have, &c.

M. MCPHEE.

The Chairman Board of Education, Hobart.

Lower Collins-street Ragged School, 24th April, 1883.

DEAR SIR,

WE have three "boarded-out children" attending this school—Elizabeth Jones, Roderick Evans, and Annie Willis—they being under the care of Mrs. Wright, Patrick-street. The children attend regularly, are clean in person, well clothed, well nourished, and, being of fair ability, make satisfactory progress.

I have, &c.

JOHN PIERCE.

Presentation Convent, 25th April, 1883.

George Pierce:—*Conduct*—Improved. *Appearance*—Healthy and neat. *Progress*—Satisfactory. Henry Lanigan:—*Conduct*—Improved. *Appearance*—Healthy and neat. *Progress*—Satisfactory. Barbara Palmer:—*Conduct*—Good. *Appearance*—Healthy and neat. *Progress*—Satisfactory.

M. R. MURPHY.

St. Joseph's School, Hobart, 24th April, 1883.

DEAR SIR,

I BEG to state for your information the following:—Michael McIntyre attends regularly, is well conducted in school, cleanly in appearance, and progressing slowly.

The Sisters of Charity request me to state that the girls Mary Anne Booth and Theresa Pierce attend regularly, are well conducted, have a cleanly appearance, and are making fair progress.

I have, &c.

J. MITCHELL.

JOHN O'BOYLE, *Esq.*

THE two children, Hannah and Mary Ann Dwyer, attend school regularly, are clean in appearance, and are progressing fairly.

SISTERS OF CHARITY.

Public School, New Town, 24th April, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to furnish the following particulars in accordance with your request respecting the boarded-out destitute children attending this school:—There are 10 such children in attendance, four boys and six girls. Conduct—On the whole, fair. Appearance—Clean and healthy looking. Progress—Generally as good as that of the other children in their respective classes.

I have, &c.

The Chairman Board of Education, Hobart.

S. HUGHES.

Murray-street Free Public School, 26th April, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that the number of boarded-out children in attendance was about the same as the previous year. Their conduct good, in no way differing from the other children. Their appearance, cleanliness, and dress—They come well washed, with suitable dress. Their progress—Satisfactory. All the girls who sent in exhibits to the Juvenile Exhibition of sewing and knitting have got either first or second order of merit. All are supplied with copy-books, provided by the Board. Six grammars, and the same number of Collins' First Geography would be of use to some in the 4th class, would last a long time, and keep the children from being dependent on their neighbours.

I have, &c.

The Chairman.

CHARLES HALL.

Cascade Free School, 5th May, 1883.

SIR,

IN reply to your note of 20th April last, I have to report that there are four boarded-out children attending this school. Their names are as follows:—Edith Priest, Arthur M'Coy, Tasman Priest, Rebecca Priest. The children are well clad and neat in appearance, showing that they are well cared for by those with whom they live. Their attendance, progress, and conduct in school is very satisfactory, and I can report most favourably of all the children.

I have, &c.

JOHN O'BOYLE, *Esq.*

E. MITCHELL, *Conductress*

Argyle-street, 7th May, 1883.

SIR,

HAVING been requested by you to furnish a report as to the attendance at Sunday-school, for the year 1882, of such of the boarded-out children as were old enough to attend, I beg to state that from information supplied by clergymen and Sunday-school teachers, I am in a position to say that it has been very regular; indeed, in one case, that of Elizabeth Painter, the child has been absent only seven times in three years and a half.

I have, &c.

JOHN O'BOYLE, *Esq., Chairman.*

GEORGE JUDGE, *Inspecting Officer.*

New Town Police Station, 1st May, 1883.

I CERTIFY that all the boarded-out children at New Town, with the exceptions of Green and Bennett, who are of weak intellect, attended Sunday-school regularly during the year 1882.

W. RUDDOCK.

Argyle-street, 2nd April, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that, in accordance with your instructions, when making the quarterly collections of wages to be lodged in the Savings Bank for the benefit of the apprentices from the Boarding-out System, I have made it my business to confer with the different apprentices as to the treatment they receive, and with their masters or mistresses as to their general conduct during the time they have been in service. From what I have heard, I feel pleasure in being able to state that in general the conduct of the apprentices is very good, and the treatment they receive at the hands of their employers is all that can be desired.

There are, however, two girls whose behaviour is not at all to be compared to the others. Those I allude to are No. 1580 and No. 1766. Of the former, her mistress complains that she is pert and impertinent, and her conduct to the other servants is such that she is thinking of asking the Central Committee to remove her. Of the latter, the same complaints as of old are made; she is stubborn, sulky, and will do only what she likes, and her mistress, in order to get some work out of her, was obliged to increase her wages. She will be eighteen years of age on the 28th instant, after which the Central Committee will have no further control over her.

As regards the boys, it is satisfactory to be able to say that not one complaint has been made by either master or apprentice; and as a proof of how well the lads conduct themselves, I beg to remind you of the anxiety displayed by their employers to re-engage them when they have served their apprenticeship.

I have, &c.

JOHN O'BOYLE, *Esq.*

GEORGE JUDGE, *Inspecting Officer.*

RETURN of Children provided for under the Boarding-out System during the Year 1882, showing their Names, Dates of Birth, Religion, Date first Boarded-out, the Names of their Foster Parents, the Districts in which they resided, the Amount paid per week in each case, the Number of days maintained, and the Total Number in each District.

No. of case.	Name of Child.	Date of Birth.	Religion.	Date first Boarded-out.	Name of Foster Parent.	District.	Amount paid per week.	No. of days maintained.	Total No. in each District.	REMARKS:
22	Blackmore, Sarah Ann	12 September, 1874	Prot.	11 October, 1880	Isabella Robertson	Hobart	s. d. 2 6	365		
669	Bennett, Johanna	31 October, 1863	ditto	24 September, 1875	Jane Bates	ditto	7 0	365	...	Physically unfit for service. Deformed, and of weak intellect.
971	Bates, John	July, 1871	R. C.	30 September, 1878	Jane Hagerty	ditto	5 0	365		
1040	Burchett, Mary Ann	30 April, 1871	Prot.	14 November, 1873	Mary Ann Walker	ditto	5 0	365		
1833	Bromley, Augustus M.	4 October, 1871	ditto	15 April, 1874	Margaret Hopkins	ditto	5 0	365		
2274	Booth, John P.	7 May, 1874	R. C.	1 April, 1880	Jane Hagerty	ditto	5 0	365		
2519	Booth, Lavinia Louisa	13 August, 1876	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Booth, Peter	13 September, 1870	ditto	4 July, 1879	Margaret Demanse	ditto	5 0	351	...	Apprenticed.
2850	Booth, Mary Ann	16 August, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Byland, Mary Ann	May, 1857	Prot.	1 August, 1879	Rev. A. N. Mason	ditto	5 0	365	...	A cripple, unfit for service. Taken by the Rev. Mr. Mason, on breaking up of Queen's Asylum, at girl's urgent request.
2193	Curtain, Timothy	30 April, 1871	R. C.	2 March, 1876	Jane Hagerty	ditto	5 0	365		
2384	Clark, Charles	8 March, 1874	Prot.	21 March, 1877	Margaret Maggs	ditto	5 0	365		
	Clark, Isaac	18 June, 1875	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
2669	Chapman, James	2 April, 1868	ditto	7 April, 1880	Ann Upton	ditto	5 0	92	...	Apprenticed.
	Chapman, John	12 April, 1870	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	138	...	Adopted by foster-parent.
2704	Cooper, Elizabeth	20 August, 1872	ditto	1 November, 1878	Cora Tucker	ditto	5 0	365		
	Cooper, Henry	7 October, 1874	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
3038	Cuttriss, Edgar	13 August, 1872	R. C.	14 September, 1881	Mary Burke	ditto	5 0	66	...	Returned to care of mother on her recovery and departure from the Colony.
	Cuttriss, Harold	24 May, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	66	...	
1821	Dwyer, Ellen	20 February, 1870	ditto	15 February, 1877	Catherine Kent	ditto	5 0	80	...	Apprenticed.
	Dwyer, John	4 June, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Dwyer, Hannah	31 May, 1871	ditto	ditto	Hannah M'Kay	ditto	5 0	365		
1890	Dwyer, Mary Ann	15 April, 1876	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Davis, Fanny	5 June, 1864	Prot.	3 July, 1874	Eliza Jeffrey	ditto	7 6	93	...	Surrendered to sister, who undertook and had means to provide for her.
2455	Dickers, Ellen	11 June, 1877	ditto	10 October, 1878	Margaret Carns	ditto	5 0	365		
3004	Durgess, Edward J.	19 December, 1872	R. C.	30 April, 1881	Margaret Demanse	ditto	5 0	365		
1919	Egan, John	22 April, 1870	ditto	17 August, 1874	Jane Hagerty	ditto	5 0	25	...	Apprenticed.
2250	Elbert, Agnes L.	8 June, 1874	Prot.	17 June, 1876	Margaret Maggs	ditto	5 0	365		
2308	Evans, Zachariah	28 July, 1874	ditto	18 September, 1876	Margaret Wright	ditto	5 0	365		
4009	Elwell, Samuel	16 December, 1877	ditto	26 August, 1882	Catherine Colatz	ditto	5 0	128	...	Father dead. Mother not in a position to support him. Was running about the streets wild.
2308	Franklin, Maria	11 November, 1869	ditto	29 April, 1879	Mary Sadler	ditto	5 0	11	...	Apprenticed.
	Franklin, George	25 September, 1871	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Franklin, Malvina	18 October, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Franklin, Edwd. H.	25 September, 1875	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	329	...	Was in Hospital 36 days.
3090	Finnerty, George	November, 1878	ditto	4 July, 1882	ditto	ditto	5 0	181	...	Illegitimate. Mother removed from Gaol to Invalid Depôt, and certified by Dr. Turnley to be of very weak intellect, unfitted to earn a living, and scarcely fit to take proper care of herself. No proof of paternity.

No. of case.	Name of Child.	Date of Birth.	Religion.	Date first Boarded-out.	Name of Foster Parent.	District.	Amount paid per week.	No. of days maintained.	Total No. in each District.	REMARKS.
1786	Givan, Catherine R.	22 August, 1870	Prot.	11 July, 1874	Mary Hobbs	Hobart.	s. d. 5 0	342	..	Gone to service on trial.
	Givan, Theresa	30 December, 1874	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Givan, Emily C.	January, 1877	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
1911	Gibbons, Mary Ann	June, 1873	ditto	3 August, 1874	Margaret Carns	ditto	5 0	365	..	Blind and imbecile.
2082	Green, Emily	28 August, 1870	ditto	6 September, 1878	Mary A. Rosignal	ditto	7 0	365		
2390	Hand, John	April, 1870	ditto	28 May, 1878	Margaret Mair	ditto	5 0	365	..	
	Hand, Mary	7 November, 1871	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Hand, William	11 November, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
2174	Hand, Joseph	30 October, 1875	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	..	Adopted by foster-parent.
2255	Jones, Eliza	10 November, 1872	ditto	15 January, 1876	Margaret Wright	ditto	5 0	365		
2255	Johnson, Jane	16 June, 1871	ditto	3 August, 1880	Margaret Carns	ditto	5 0	365	..	
	Johnson, Stephen	25 October, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
2370	Jackson, Ethel	18 November, 1870	ditto	1 February, 1877	Elizabeth Hopkins	ditto	5 0	334	..	
2490	Jackson, Henry	8 June, 1875	ditto	1 September, 1877	Sarah Ann Blowfield	ditto	5 0	365		
2905	Jones, William	14 March, 1879	ditto	31 December, 1879	Hannah Brown	ditto	5 0	365	..	
2998	Johnson, James	25 April, 1872	ditto	30 March, 1881	Phoebe Easy	ditto	5 0	365		
2255	Johnson, Richd. Hy.	5 April, 1875	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Johnson, George	1879	ditto	1 August, 1882	Margaret Carns	ditto	5 0	21	..	Child supported by Government, it being believed that his mother deserted him. She however claimed him after a lapse of three weeks, and repaid the Government the cost of his maintenance.
4020	Keefe, Florence Ada	7 October, 1881	ditto	23 November, 1882	ditto	ditto	5 0	39	..	Illegitimate. No proof of paternity. The mother, who is in service, contributes 1s. 6d. per week, all she is able to afford.
9	Lewis, Robert	29 June, 1869	ditto	29 July, 1880	ditto	ditto	5 0	25	..	Apprenticed.
1805	Lloyd, Sarah Ann	11 February, 1871	ditto	10 July, 1874	Margaret Mair	ditto	5 0	365	..	Apprenticed.
1854	Leabon, John	21 January, 1870	ditto	1 May, 1874	William Pellett	ditto	5 0	255		
2501	Lincoln, Louisa	11 August, 1877	ditto	1 September, 1879	Elizabeth Jackson	ditto	5 0	365	..	
2166	Lumsden, James	7 November, 1872	ditto	21 December, 1875	Eliza Saville	ditto	5 0	365		
	Lumsden, Marion	2 February, 1874	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
2819	Lanaghan, Horace W.	29 April, 1876	R. C.	4 December, 1879	Catherine Handley	ditto	5 0	365	..	
	Lanaghan, Henrietta	17 August, 1878	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
2901	Lynkey, Ellen Louisa	29 September, 1878	ditto	1 December, 1879	Ellen Harris	ditto	5 0	365	..	Apprenticed.
1267	Musslewhite, Matilda	March, 1870	Prot.	2 May, 1874	Catherine Colatz	ditto	5 0	174		
1760	Miller, William Hy.	17 September 1870	ditto	11 November, 1873	Mary Smith	ditto	5 0	338	..	Sent to service.
1861	Marshall, Nancy	1869	ditto	26 June, 1877	Margaret Maggs	ditto	5 0	179		
1905	Mason, Emmeline M.	10 March, 1872	ditto	29 July, 1874	Mary Hobbs	ditto	5 0	365	..	This girl was sent to several places of service but was found unfit, and it was necessary to return her to the Boarding-out System.
1951	M'Coy, Arthur	15 November, 1872	ditto	24 September, 1875	Mary Smith	ditto	5 0	365		
2720	M'Intyre, Michael	1873	R. C.	18 September, 1878	Harriet Holloway	ditto	5 0	365	..	In Hospital 21 days with broken leg.
2654	Myatt, Herbert	24 September, 1875	Prot.	19 September, 1878	Margaret Maggs	ditto	5 0	344		
	Myatt, Ernest	3 May, 1877	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
2885	Morley, Mary	1874	ditto	25 September, 1879	Margaret Wright	ditto	5 0	83	..	Taken by mother, who was in a position to support her.
1267	Musslewhite, Elizabeth ..	June, 1867	ditto	2 May, 1874	Catherine Colatz	ditto	5 0	12	..	Returned to Boarding-out System from service, indentures having been cancelled. Cost of maintenance repaid to Treasury out of money belonging to her in Savings' Bank. Found to be suffering from abdominal tumor and sent to Hospital, where she remained for some time.

3017	Murphy, Miriam M.	27 June, 1874	ditto	25 June, 1881	Elizabeth Mair	ditto	5 0	365	
1934	Nossiter, Henry	October, 1873	ditto	1 September, 1874	Mary Hobbs	ditto	5 0	365	
	Nossiter, William	September, 1878	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
2412	Newton, Albert H.	22 May, 1869	ditto	12 May, 1877	Phoebe Easy	ditto	5 0	309	... To service on trial.
	Newton, Francis H.	9 August, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
2732	Nelson, Amy Louisa	15 July, 1880	R.C.	7 March, 1882	Margaret Demanse	ditto	5 0	300	... Illegitimate. No proof of paternity. Mother unable to support it.
2830	Nelson, Elizabeth	2 February, 1856	ditto	5 June, 1879	Ann Ahearne	ditto	2 6	365	... Is of weak intellect and cannot be trusted alone.
2957	Nolan, Sarah Ann	23 April, 1877	ditto	5 August, 1882	Jane Hagerty	ditto	5 0	149	... The father of this girl was in receipt of outdoor relief, suffers from chronic ophthalmia, and is only able to do light work. Has three other children (boys) to support. Widower. Was unable to bring the girl up properly.
1584	Perrott, Rachael	27 July, 1869	Prot.	29 August, 1876	Mary Wright	ditto	5 0	87	... Apprenticed.
	Perrott, John	29 November, 1871	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
2188	Pilsbury, Ellen	— August, 1871	ditto	24 March, 1879	Mary Sadler	ditto	5 0	365	
2237	Pearce, George	21 July, 1873	R.C.	3 June, 1876	Catherine Handley	ditto	5 0	334	... In Hospital 31 days.
2477	Priest, Edith C.	21 September, 1871	Prot.	21 January, 1878	Mary Smith	ditto	5 0	365	
	Priest, William T.	3 April, 1874	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
	Priest, Sarah Ann	19 May, 1876	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
2544	Painter, Elizabeth	24 December, 1872	ditto	1 August, 1878	Mary Hillier	ditto	5 0	365	
	Painter, Mary Ann	29 April, 1874	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
	Painter, Jane Ellen	1 September, 1876	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
2700	Pearce, Theresa	August, 1874	R.C.	17 July, 1878	Jane O'Keefe	ditto	5 0	365	
25	Payne, Annie	15 January, 1876	Prot.	19 October, 1880	Henrietta Ibbotson	ditto	5 0	365	
2773	Palma, Barbara	4 February, 1878	R.C.	1 June, 1879	Ellen Corkery	ditto	5 0	365	
2917	Pearce, Thomas	1870	ditto	30 January, 1880	Jane O'Keefe	ditto	5 0	15	... Returned apprentice. Frequently absconded, and no good could be got of him. Was sent to his father 29th December. Cost of maintenance repaid out of money to his credit in Savings' Bank.
2544	Painter, Wm. H. F.	23 December, 1878	Prot.	20 August, 1881	Mary Hillier	ditto	5 0	365	
3089	Plummer, Emily	28 July, 1880	ditto	3 July, 1882	Ann Axtell	ditto	5 0	182	.. Illegitimate. No proof of paternity. The mother was in service and only earned 6s. per week. Undertook to contribute 2s. 6d. per week towards its support.
1030	Reid, Mary	25 February, 1871	R.C.	1 September, 1875	Harriet Holloway	Hobart	5 0	365	
18	Simmonds, Ada M.	21 May, 1877	Prot.	6 September, 1880	Harriet Hartley	ditto	2s. 6d. to 31 Aug. 5s. from 1 Sept.	365	
1	Smith or Sheehy, Ernest...	4 March, 1875	ditto	15 February, 1880	William Maum	ditto	5 0	365	
	Smith or Sheehy, Stephen	19 July, 1878	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
1715	Shields, Margaret Louisa	22 November, 1870	ditto	26 August, 1873	Margaret Carns	ditto	5 0	365	... Apprenticed from 1st January, 1883.
2326	Saville, Frederick	1 July, 1872	ditto	24 October, 1876	Mary Hillier	ditto	5 0	365	
	Saville, Maria	17 April, 1874	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	
2378	Synnot, Arthur W.	21 September, 1875	R.C.	1 March, 1877	Ann Smith	ditto	5 0	365	
2384	Stewart, Florence V.	18 August, 1877	Prot.	14 February, 1881	Mary Brittain	ditto	5 0	365	
3013	Stewart, Mary Ann	9 April, 1881	R.C.	27 May, 1881	Alice M'Partland	ditto	5 0	365	
15	Smith, Rose	25 September, 1867	Prot.	8 September, 1880	Rebecca M. Williams	ditto	5 0	8	... Returned apprentice. Cost of maintenance repaid out of money in Savings' Bank.

No. of case.	Name of Child.	Date of Birth.	Religion.	Date first Boarded-out.	Name of Foster Parent.	District.	Amount paid per week.	No. of days maintained.	Total No. in each District.	REMARKS.
3068	Smith, George.....	11 May, 1874	R.C.	10 February, 1882	Margaret Demanse	Hobart	s. d. 5 0	325	...	Totally blind. } Illegitimate. The mother Partially blind. } has two other children (also illegitimate) to support, and lived in a hut in the bush at Green Ponds in a miserable state, and was unable to support them. Paternity unknown. D'Arcy was in Hospital 38 days.
	Smith, D'Arcy.....	19 December, 1877	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	287	...	
4002	Smith, Harriet Mercy.....	20 September, 1881	Prot.	24 July, 1882	Frances Smith	ditto	5 0	161	...	Illegitimate. Mother a depraved woman, unfit to have the care of the child.
1958	Woodruff, James	4 July, 1868	ditto	7 October, 1874	Phoebe Easy	ditto	5 0	341	...	Sent to service on trial.
2225	Watts, Mary Ann.....	18 September, 1871	ditto	15 June, 1878	Mary Ann Goldie	ditto	5 0	365	...	
2514	White, James E. H.....	26 April, 1876	ditto	8 October, 1877	Catherine Colatz	ditto	5 0	365	...	
	White, Nellie Margaret ...	17 September, 1880	ditto	6 April, 1881	Mary Brittain	ditto	5 0	365	...	
3010	Webber, William.....	20 May, 1874	ditto	23 May, 1881	Jane Bates	ditto	5 0	365	...	
3057	Woods, James.....	13 June, 1873	ditto	2 December, 1881	Sarah Lancaster	ditto	5 0	365	...	
	Woods, Daniel Joseph.....	14 May, 1875	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	...	
3073	Woods, Frank	21 July, 1877	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	...	
	Willis, Ann Jane.....	15 November, 1874	ditto	17 March, 1882	Margaret Wright	ditto	5 0	290	...	
3082	Wheeler, Mary Ann.....	February, 1874	ditto	23 May, 1882	Mary Sadler	ditto	5 0	223	...	Mother a depraved drunken woman unfit to have the care of the child. Father a sailor whereabouts unknown.
11	Young, Clara	5 September, 1871	ditto	24 July, 1880	Henrietta Ibbotson	ditto	5 0	365	123	
	Young, George.....	19 April, 1875	ditto	23 July, 1881	Eliza Saville	ditto	5 0	365		
2387	Lloyd, Harriet.....	21 October, 1873	ditto	25 March, 1877	Rachael Smith	Bothwell	5 0	365	...	
2510	Woods, Annie.....	7 November, 1872	R.C.	11 September, 1877	Julia Craig	ditto	5 0	365	...	
	Sullivan, John	1 March, 1875	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	3	Apprenticed 1st January, 1882. Not in- cluded in number on which rate per head has been calculated, no sum having been paid for him on account of 1882.
1049	Harper, James	22 July, 1868	ditto	11 June, 1879	Ellen Aylward	Brighton	5 0	...	1	
2287	Hurd, George Charles	16 April, 1871	ditto	1 March, 1878	William Darke, jun.	CampbellTown	5 0	365	...	Apprenticed.
2344	Hammond, Albert E. ...	January, 1870	ditto	22 August, 1878	Richard Collier	ditto	5 0	212	...	
	Hammond, Walter H.....	17 April, 1872	ditto	ditto	John Holloway	ditto	5 0	365	...	
2942	Stephenson, Ada E.....	10 December, 1871	Presb.	2 September, 1881	James Haslem	ditto	5 0	365	...	
	Stephenson, Adelaide M....	6 October, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	...	
4003	Stephenson, Jane Florence	22 January, 1876	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	...	
	Stephenson, Henry.....	20 March, 1879	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	...	
4016	Heaton, Catherine.....	1875	Prot.	29 July, 1882	Susan Cocker	ditto	5 0	156	...	The mother, who was a prostitute, deserted child. Father dead.
4016	Smith, Edward.....	17 July, 1879	ditto	8 November, 1882	James Haslem	ditto	5 0	54	9	Mother a depraved woman frequently under sentence. Whereabouts of father of child unknown. The Benevolent Society main- tained this child some time before taken by Government. Was removed to Camp- bell Town to be out of reach of mother.
2986	Bennett, Mary Ann.....	17 June, 1871	ditto	1 April, 1877	Thomas Oliver	Fingal	5 0	189	...	Was in Hospital 176 days suffering from cleft palate.

2591	Beckett, John	23 September, 1875	ditto	11 March, 1878	Jane Franks	ditto	3 6	365	2	
2206	Bailey, James H.....	29 October, 1873	ditto	1 April, 1870	William James	Franklin	5 0	365		
2916	Cupit, Martina.....	23 November, 1870	R.C.	1 February, 1880	Margaret Hinds	ditto	5 0	220	2	Admitted St. Joseph's Orphanage.
3043	Stagg, Charles.....	1874	Prot.	1 October, 1881	Mary Ann Rutley	George Town	5 0	365	1	
1826	Cowdrey, Ellen	26 August, 1868	ditto	27 March, 1874	Ann Parker	Glenorchy	5 0	365	2	
1676	Cowdrey, Alice.....	5 April, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	2	
	Knight, Maud	5 December, 1873	ditto	1 July, 1880	Anna M. Whitton	Gordon	2 6	181	1	Taken by mother, whose health had improved and who was able to support her.
1700	Hanley, Percy E.....	23 September, 1871	ditto	1 August, 1873	Elizabeth Breeze	Launceston	5 0	365		
	Betts, Maude.....	26 August, 1869	ditto	10 July, 1878	Mary Beacroft	ditto	5 0	151	...	Taken by uncle.
2673	Betts, Charles	April, 1872	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
	Betts, Ada.....	14 May, 1874	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365		
2956	Poulter, William.....	26 October, 1871	R.C.	1 August, 1880	John Sullivan	ditto	5 0	365		
3081	Chilcott, Ann Janet.....	28 April, 1882	Prot.	1 May, 1882	Nancy Harris	ditto	7 6	18	6	Illegitimate. Mother died a week after birth of child. Paternity unknown. Taken by grandmother, who repaid cost of maintenance.
2821	Doody, Thomas	April, 1872	ditto	1 January, 1879	Anthony Ward	Longford	5 0	365	1	
2743	Brand, John D.....	29 April, 1873	ditto	1 October, 1878	Matilda Cockerill	New Norfolk	5 0	365		
2795	Woodruff, Rosina.....	25 December, 1878	ditto	15 April, 1879	Ruth Womersley	ditto	5 0	365		
2886	Bacon, Mary Isabella.....	14 December, 1873	R.C.	14 August, 1879	Mary Pinfold	ditto	5 0	365		
2940	Cordwell, George David...	January, 1875	ditto	12 May, 1880	Eliza Beazley	ditto	2 6	365		
	Cordwell, Rachael H.	December, 1875	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	2 6	365		
3047	Payne, Ethel May.....	1 July, 1881	Prot.	15 October, 1881	Ruth Womersley	ditto	5 0	365	6	
1658	Martin, Arber	26 April, 1873	Weslyn.	1 May, 1873	Mary Ann Howard	Oatlands	5 0	365		
3029	Knight, Albert	21 November, 1874	ditto	8 August, 1881	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	2	
2829	Stokes, James	August, 1869	R.C.	11 June, 1879	John Curley	Richmond	5 0	110	1	Apprenticed.
1828	Kennedy, Mary Margaret	2 May, 1870	ditto	1 May, 1874	John Howard	Russell	5 0	304	1	Taken by brother-in-law.
2335	Felmingham, Jessie.....	3 April, 1872	Prot.	1 August, 1878	Mary Franklin	Spring Bay	5 0	365		
	Felmingham, Alice Jane	25 February, 1874	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	2	
1996	Smith, William H.....	3 January, 1873	R.C.	1 January, 1875	Patrick Leo	Torquay	5 0	365	1	
2492	Brittain, Janet M.....	14 July, 1871	Prot.	1 September, 1877	Elizabeth Eastwood	Wynyard	5 0	365		
	Brittain, Anna Maria	4 October, 1873	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0	365	2	

J. O'BOYLE, Administrator of Charitable Grants.

RETURN of Boarded-out Children who were under Indenture during the Year 1882.

No. of Case.	Name of Child.	Date of Birth.	Religion.	To whom apprenticed.	Residence.	TERM.		WAGES PER WEEK.					Amount in addition to be paid to Savings Bank for Apprentice.	Remarks.
						From	To	1st Year.	2nd Year.	3rd Year.	4th Year.	5th Year.		
2386	Bennett, Samuel	Dec., '68	Prot.	Mr. Roger Marshall	Bicheno	1 October, '81	1 Oct. '86	s. d. 0 6	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 6	6d. per wk.	Reported favourably of by master, who states "he bids fair to become a strong, useful man. Is in perfect health."
2673	Betts, Maude	26 August, '69	ditto	Mr. W. H. Prowse	Mount Bischoff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Adopted by uncle, Mr. W. H. Prowse, Mt. Bischoff, on 1st June, 1882.
2519	Booth, Peter.....	13 Sept., '70	R.C.	Lt.-Colonel Garnett	New Town	18 Dec., '82	13 Sept., '88	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	6d. per wk.	Doing well.
1159	Cooper, William.....	'67	ditto	Mr. James Dalton	Lansdowne Crest.	17 March, '80	17 Mar., '83	1 0	2 0	3 0	...	...	Nil.	Bears an excellent character.
1464	Colley, Mary	23 Jan., '68	ditto	Mr. G. G. Becker	St. Mary's	23 Sept., '80	23 Sept., '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	6d. per wk.	Not doing as well as could be wished. Stated by master to be a dirty, idle girl.
815	Cohen, Julia.....	24 Sept., '67	Prot.	Mr. R. C. Goodwin	Campania	28 Nov., '80	28 Nov., '84	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	...	ditto	Conduct very good; girl likes her place, and states her master is kind to her.
2193	Curtain, William.....	30 Nov., '68	R.C.	Mr. Charles Grueber	Bagdad	5 Dec., '81	5 Dec., '82	0 6	...	...	...	...	ditto	Stated by master to be almost useless to him. Very small and not able to do much work. Is still with Mr. Grueber.
2096	Cooper, William.....	Nov., '68	Prot.	Mr. H. Marshall	Bicheno	26 Dec., '80	26 Dec., '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Still conducting himself well.
815	Cohen, William	24 Sept., '67	ditto	Mr. A. Winter	Hobart	21 May, '81	21 May, '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Still conducting himself to his master's satisfaction.
2669	Chapman, James.....	2 April, '68	ditto	Mr. Joseph Bidencope	Murray-street	18 May, '82	18 May, '87	2 6	2 6	7 6	10 0	20 0	Nil.	Apprenticed to trade of tailor, and making good progress.
2669	Chapman, John	15 April, '70	ditto	Mr. G. H. Upton	Harrington-st.	19 May, '82	15 April, '88	...	...	...	...	...	6d. per wk.	Adopted by foster-parent, who is much attached to him.
1821	Dwyer, William.....	10 Dec., '67	R.C.	Mr. James Keating	ditto	23 Sept., '80	22 Sept., '85	2 6	5 0	8 0	12 0	15 0	Nil.	Doing remarkably well at trade of French polisher.
1821	Dwyer, Ellen	20 Feb., '70	ditto	Mrs. Catherine Kent	ditto	22 March, '82	22 March, '85	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	Apprenticed to aunt, who supports and instructs her in the business of dressmaker.
1919	Egan, John	22 April, '70	ditto	Mr. Abrm. Sharland	Sandy Bay	8 Feb., '82	22 April, '88	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	6d. per wk.	Favourably reported upon.
2808	Franklin, Maria	11 Nov., '69	Prot.	Mr. J.A.M. Babington	Augusta Road, New Town	27 Jan., '82	27 Jan., '87	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Conduct good.
2209	Griggs, Benjamin ...	31 Jan., '69	ditto	Miss Amos	Bicheno	12 April, '80	12 April, '86	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	Adopted by Miss Amos. Has a good home.
2209	Griggs, Martha	24 March, '67	ditto	Mr. D. Stanfield	Clarence Plains	7 July, '81	7 July, '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	...	6d. per wk.	Master reports very favourably of her.
1786	Givan, Catherine R.	22 Aug., '70	ditto	Mrs. O'Boyle	Liverpool street	9 Dec., '82	22 August, '88	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Going on well.
1705	Hill, George Wm. ...	April, '68	ditto	Mr. John Cleary	Bream Creek	19 August, '80	19 August, '83	0 6	1 6	2 6	...	...	ditto	Master gives him the highest character in every respect.
1534	Hannelly, Johanna...	13 March, '69	R.C.	Mrs. C. Butters	Macquarie-street	1 May, '81	1 May, '86	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	Learning trade of dressmaker and doing well. Adopted by Mrs. Butters.
1051	Hewson, Ann	8 Jan., '66	ditto	Mrs. M. A. Reynolds	Broadmarsh	5 June, '81	5 June, '84	0 6	1 6	2 6	...	...	6d. per wk.	Mistress not altogether satisfied with her.
1049	Harper, James.....	22 July, '68	ditto	Mrs. Ellen Aylward	Brighton	1 Jan., '82	23 July, '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	...	ditto	Conduct good.
2344	Hammond, Albert E.	Jan., '70	ditto	Mr. Richard Collier	Campbell Town	1 Aug., '82	1 August, '87	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Highly spoken of.

1580	Ivory, Mary Ann ...	May, '68	R.C.	Mrs. Margaret Reidy	Byron-street	19 Dec. '81	29 July, '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	6d.per week	Report very unfavourable. Is said to be "pert and impertinent."
776	Jones, Mary	20 May, '69	Prot.	Mr. T. Heathorn	Liverpool-street	29 Sept., '82	23 June, '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Transferred from Mr. Counsel as she was not behaving well. Is now doing better.
2370	Jackson, Ethel.....	18 Nov., '70	ditto	Mrs. Eliz. Hopkins	Warwick-street	1 Dec., '82	18 Nov., '88	...	...	...	...	...	ditto	Adopted by foster parent who is very fond of her.
282	Knight, Geo. Thos....	10 Dec., '66	R.C.	Mr. Clayton	Bridgenorth, [West Tamar	14 May, '82	10 Dec., '84	2 6	3 6	4 6	...	...	ditto	This boy served 3 years with Mr. Clayton, and was re-apprenticed at his request, the lad being willing to stay. Mr. Clayton reports: "the boy is well and gives satisfaction."
1469	Kilcline, John.....	4 Feb., '69	Prot.	Mr. H. J. Walter	[Huon Wattle Grove,	19 April, '81	19 April, '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Master does not give him a very good character.
1828	Kennedy, Mary Mgt.	2 May, '70	R.C.	Mr. Ambrose Alford	Waratah	1 Nov., '82	2 May, '88	...	...	...	...	...	ditto	Taken by sister's husband.
2406	Lake, Catherine	'67	ditto	Mrs. M. R. Murphy	Presentation Con- [vent, Hobart	6 Sept., '80	6 Sept., '84	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Bears good character.
2379	Lawrence, Louisa ...	Oct., '71	Prot.	Mr. John Bleach	Battery Point	6 April, 81	6 April, '86	...	...	...	...	...	ditto	Adopted by Mr. Bleach, who is bringing her up as he would his own daughter.
9	Lewis, Robert	26 Jan., '69	ditto	Mr. John King	Hamilton	1 Mar., '82	1 Mar., '87	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Mr. King reports boy has hitherto conducted himself in a satisfactory manner.
1854	Leabon, John	21 Jan., '70	ditto	Capt. H. J. Stanley	Sandy Bay	13 Sept., '82	13 Sept., '87	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Master much pleased with him.
1766	M'Neil, Sarah.....	28 April, '65	R.C.	Mrs. Bealey	Collins-street	1 Mar., '82	28 April, '83	4 6	...	...	...	...	ditto	This girl had five different places of service. She is strong and healthy, but very ill-tempered, impatient of control, and most difficult to manage. She will be 18 years of age on the 28th April, 1883, when the authority of the Committee over her will cease.
1905	Mason, Rubina	17 Nov., '66	Prot.	Mr. D. Monson	Penguin Creek	1 Sept., '82	17 Nov., '84	0 6	1 6	2 6	...	...	ditto	This is the third place of service this girl has had. Was very ill-tempered and saucy, but her present master says she is doing very well, and has gained more control over herself.
1267	Musselwhite, Elizth.	June, '67	ditto	Mr. Cuthbertson	Battery Point	17 Feb., '82	13 June, '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	...	ditto	Transferred from Mr. Miller, who could not keep her any longer. Was doing very well in new place, but had to be sent to Hospital for treatment for abdominal tumour, where she now is.
1905	Mason, Nancy	19 April, '68	ditto	Mr. James Sargeant	Hobart	6 Nov., 80	6 Nov., '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Bears a good character.
1180	M'Donald Walter ...	28 Sept., '68	R.C.	Mr. William Purvis	Port Esperance	21 May, '81	21 May, '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Can work well, but requires looking after. Not truthful.
1267	Musselwhite, Matilda	Mar., '70	Prot.	Mr. Joseph Bidencope	Murray-street	23 June, '82	23 June, '87	0 6	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	ditto	Is doing well.

No. of Case.	Name of Child.	Date of Birth.	Religion.	To whom apprenticed.	Residence. ¹	TERM.		WAGES PER WEEK.					Amount in addition to be paid to Savings' Bank for Apprentice.	Remarks.
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1760	Miller, Wm. Henry...	17 Sept., '70	Prot.	Mr. R. H. Chalmers	Brighton	4 Dec., '82	17 Sept., '88	s. d. 0 6	s. d. 1 6	s. d. 2 6	s. d. 3 6	s. d. 4 6	6d. per wk.	A nice lad, and giving satisfaction
1886	Noble, Emma N.....	'67	ditto	Mr. Wm. Salter	Elizabeth-street	1 Oct., '80	1 Oct., '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Giving every satisfaction.
2958	Oliver, Elizabeth.....	8 July, '71	ditto	Mrs. Rebecca Sharpe	Battery Point	22 Oct., '81	8 July, '89	...	...	...	...	...	ditto	Adopted by Mrs. Sharpe, and doing well.
1065	Povey, Letitia.....	22 Sept., '66	ditto	Mr. S. Bendall	New Town	1 Oct., '81	1 Oct., '84	2 6	3 6	4 6	...	...	ditto	Well conducted, and giving satisfaction.
1065	Povey, Isaac	17 Oct., '68	ditto	Mr. Wm. Page	Victoria, Huon	29 Dec., '82	17 Oct., '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	...	ditto	This boy was convicted of larceny while in the service of Mr. Giffin, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. A place having been found for him with Mr. Page, the Governor directed his discharge from gaol, and he was sent to service again. He is a most troublesome boy, and the worst amongst the Boarded-out children.
2917	Pearce, Thomas	14 April, '68	R.C.	Mr. Patrick Gorham	Ridgeway	23 Mar., '81	23 Mar., '86	Nil.	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 6	ditto	Absconded several times from service, and could not be controlled. Handed over to care of father, a charcoal burner, Huon Road, 29.12.82.
1584	Porrot, Rachael	27 July, '69	Prot.	Miss Mary Wright	Patrick-street	8 April, '82	8 April, '85	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	Government agreed to pay quarterly for the first two years at the rate of £13 per annum for maintenance and instruction as dressmaker. Is making no progress, and will have to be sent to Industrial School. Not fit for domestic service.
1574	Ringrose, Mary Ann	7 Feb., '68	ditto	Mr. G. F. Ware	Clarence Plains	8 July, '82	7 Feb., '86	2 6	3 6	4 6	...	...	6d. per wk.	Surrendered by Mrs. Mansfield, who could not manage her. Is now doing very well.
1716	Saunders, Sarah	30 Jan., '66	Presb.	Mrs. Marg. Chaplain	Black Brush	10 Dec., '82	30 Jan., '84	4 0	the whole period			...	ditto	This girl was exceedingly troublesome and had to be sent out of town. On the 16th January, 1883, she was married, with the consent of the Central Committee, to James Parsons, residing at Black Brush.
2344	Smith, or Hammond, William.....	12 March, '68	R.C.	Capt. H. Fitzgerald	Avoca	5 October, '80	5 October, '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Still conducting himself well.
1568	Sullivan, John	'68	ditto	Mr. John Gleeson	Battery Point	2 July, '81	2 July, '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Bears good character.

15	Smith, Rose	25 Sept., '67	Prot.	Mrs. Anderson	Long Bay	25 March, '82	On trial. This girl would not remain in service. She had three places, in each of which she conducted herself badly. On the 22nd April, 1882, she was sent to her grandmother at Franklin, who undertook to maintain her.
1716	Saunders, George	22 Feb., '69	ditto	Mr. V. R. Elliston	Brighton	7 Jan., '81	7 Jan., '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Going on well.	
1620	Sheedy, John	18 May, '69	R.C.	Mr. D. Cosgrove	ditto	5 August, '81	5 Aug., '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Master does not give him a good character. Very saucy, gives a great deal of trouble, but is progressing very well in farming business.	
2829	Stokes, James	August, '69	ditto	Mrs. Margt. Chaplain	Black Brush	21 April, '82	31 August, '87	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Mistress states he is a very good boy, very obedient, getting on well in every way, and in another year will be very useful.	
1941	Thomas, David	5 Jan., '67	Prot.	Mr. Walter Smith	Argyle-street	6 Nov., '80	6 Nov., '83	...	...	...	...	...	Government pay a premium of £20 per annum.	Learning trade of shoemaker. Conduct good, and making fair progress. Is deformed.
1941	Thomas, Richard	13 Dec., '68	ditto	Mr. Gustave Klug	New Town	1 October, '81	1 October, '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	6d. per wk.	A very well-conducted lad.	
2753	Williams, Albert E. ...	10 Nov., '67	ditto	Mr. John Smith	Upper Huon	25 Sept., '80	25 Sept., '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Master gives him a very good character.	
852	Whittaker, John	3 Dec., '68	ditto	Mr. G. Sherwin	Victoria, Huon	6 Nov., '80	6 Nov., '84	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	His master gives him anything but a good character. His manner is most offensive and insulting, and general bearing defiant.	
1635	Williams, Richard H.	15 May, '69	ditto	Mr. R. Marshall	Biche ^{no}	24 Dec., '80	24 Dec., '85	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Mr. Marshall reports favourably of him, and says he bids fair to become a useful man.	
2514	White, Ethel E.	9 May, '68	ditto	Mr. S. H. Johnstone	Upper Murray-st.	25 Feb., '81	25 Feb., '86	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	A well-conducted girl.	
3010	Webber, Alice	15 April, '69	ditto	Mr. W. Ruddock	New Town	1 Jan., '82	1 Jan., '87	0 6	1 6	2 6	3 6	4 6	ditto	Ditto.	
1958	Woodruffe, James	4 July, '68	ditto	Mr. G. Klug	ditto	9 Dec., '82	On trial. Is small and weakly. There is little hope that this boy will ever be able to support himself.	

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