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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

REPORT FOR 1873.

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FIFTH REPORT of the BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, 1873-4.

THE Governors of the Boys' Home, in presenting to their friends and supporters the Fifth Annual Report, desire to record with thankfulness the continued success of the Institution.

In each succeeding year since its establishment in 1869, the Home, which it has thus provided during that time in more than forty cases for children of the neglected and destitute class, has given fresh evidence of its usefulness in reclaiming and sending forth, after several years of industrial training, united with moral and religious instruction, a few useful lads, and for whom there is a constant demand in the country districts.

During the last three years seventeen boys have been placed out in service; and with the exception of two cases of misconduct mentioned in last year's Report, no complaints have been received from any of their masters, but on the contrary, in most cases the boys are giving satisfaction, and in several instances application has been made for a second boy from the same person.

On the 31st March, 1873, there were twenty-six boys in the Home; four have been admitted during the past year; and five have gone out to service. More applications have been made than could be granted, all who were eligible having left.

The number of visitors to the Home during the past year has been in excess of any previous one, and many of the remarks made by them in the Visitors' Book are well worthy of attention.

In closing the Report, the Governors desire again to acknowledge the continuous faithful services of the Master and Matron, to whom they feel indebted for much of the success attending the working of the Institution.

Average number of boys during the past year, twenty-seven and three quarters; and the cost per head, £17 0s. 10½d.

May, 1874.

Audited and found correct,
J. M'BROWNE.

ALFRED KENNERLEY, *Treasurer.*
Hobart Town, 6th May, 1874.

* The contract for repairs was £62, of which £30 have been paid, as shown above.

COPIES of some of the Testimonials entered in the Visitors' Book during the Past Year :—

Rev. C. P. Greene.

"After a long absence from Hobart Town, am glad to find the Boys' Home as thoroughly well managed as in its earlier days. Much pleased with the fresh cleanly appearance of the boys."—13th May, 1873.

William Tarleton, Esq.

"Visited the Home this day. Much pleased with the bright and cheerful appearance of the boys, and also with their progress in school. Everything very neat and clean."—19th May, 1873

John Swan, Esq., M.H.A.

"I have visited the Home to-day; I have been much impressed by the good order exhibited throughout the establishment, and notice with great pleasure the cheerful, healthy, and contented appearance of the boys."—
29th May, 1873.

Mr. Andrew W. Birchall, of Launceston.

"I visited the School this afternoon, and went through the Home. My feelings are those of thankfulness to Almighty God for raising up those who consider the "poor and needy," and putting it into their hearts to found a home for boys."—1st June, 1873.

Samuel Smith Travers, Esq., J.P.

"Visited the School and much delighted with it."—25th June, 1873.

Messrs. Adye Douglas, William Moore, and John Millar, M.H.A's.

"Having visited the Home this day, we have to express our general satisfaction; the boys are cheerful and intelligent, and seem to feel a pleasure in the instruction imparted to them."—17th July, 1873.

Messrs. John Thomson and Edward Weston, M.L.C.

"Consider the institution admirably conducted, and calculated to be of the greatest benefit to the boys."—*24th July, 1873.*

Henry Dowling, Esq., of Launceston.

"On making a second visit to this highly interesting institution, I desire to repeat the commendation expressed in October, 1869, adding, however, that the continued attention to their duties of the Master and Matron seems to me most exemplary and praiseworthy."—*17th September, 1873.*

Rev. James Scott.

"A capital institution; very much gratified."—*20th November, 1873.*

Rev. John Robertson, Geelong, Victoria.

"This is a home, indeed; a more home-like institution I never visited. There is a sweetness in the air of the place, from parlour to kitchen, from dormitory to playground, which is remarkable. The Governors are to be congratulated upon their choice of Superintendent and Matron. I trust that the institution will never be increased in size, or the inmates in number."—*25th November, 1873.*

Miss Rosamond Hill, from London.

"Very much pleased with this institution. The small number of its inmates enables it to restore in great measure the good home influence, the lack of which, to the children who are sent here, has necessitated its establishment."—*6th January, 1874.*

Sir George F. Bowen, G.C.M.G., Governor of Victoria.

"I am very much pleased with all that I have seen in this institution."—*14th January, 1874.*

The Lord Bishop of Adelaide.

"My visit to this institution has afforded me real pleasure in witnessing the health and apparent happiness of the boys, as well as their attainments in writing from dictation, and mental arithmetic. They shewed intelligence and readiness in their answers. The contrast between their present condition and the wretchedness and evil from which they have been rescued, must afford a constant theme of thankfulness to Almighty God to the friends of this institution for the blessings which He has been pleased to grant to its management and efforts."—*27th January, 1874.*
