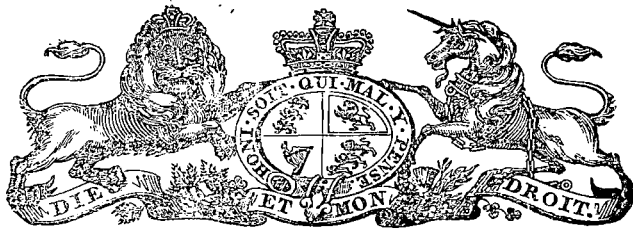


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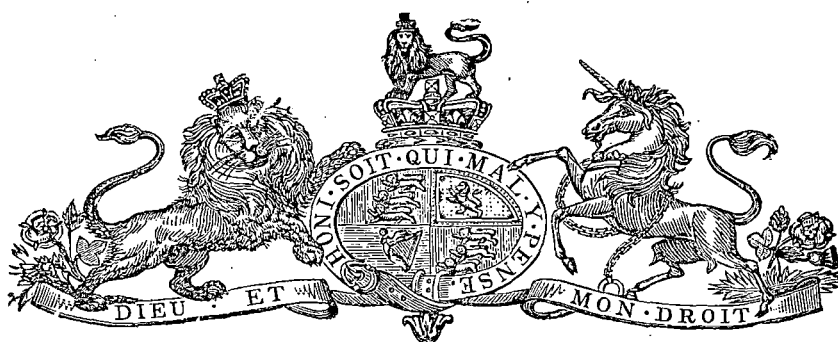
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REPORT FOR 1899.

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REPORT FOR 1899.

New Town, 18th June, 1900.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Charitable Grants Department for the year 1899.

Out-door Relief, &c.

Return A shows the expenditure under items 1 to 7, inclusive of Section 16 of the Estimates, from which it will be seen that the expenditure was £56 2s. 7d. less than the amount voted. The expenditure under Item 6, "Maintenance of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, &c.," exceeded, by the sum of £7 3s. 9d., the amount provided on the Estimates, and this excess had to be provided upon a Supplementary Estimate.

During the year the sums of 5s. for out-door relief, &c., and £10 16s. for transport and funeral expenses of paupers, on account of the year 1898, were paid. These amounts were provided for by Supplementary Estimates, the Votes for that year having lapsed.

The repayments for the year were £53 13s. 5d. from the collectors, and £8 19s. 4d. from the Imperial Government, leaving a net cost of £32 11s. 4d., or £166 7s. 10d. less than in 1898.

Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.

Return B shows the number of deaf, dumb, and blind persons who have been maintained during the year at the expense of the Government.

During the year two girls, who were being maintained in the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, were returned to the Colony. Another girl, who was for some years past an inmate of a blind institute in Sydney, was returned to the Colony, and was admitted to the Tasmanian Institute for the Blind. A blind boy, who was discharged from the local blind institution in 1897 for misconduct, was re-admitted during the year, and soon after again discharged; and a blind boy, who was returned from Victoria in 1898, was discharged during the year for misconduct.

There are now two persons being maintained in institutions in New South Wales, and five in the local institution.

The expenditure for the year under this head was £306 5s. 3d., or £68 19s. 5d. less than in 1898.

Appended are extracts from reports relative to the pupils in New South Wales.

Out-door Relief (including the two Cities).

Return C shows the comparative expenditure for the past 10 years, and shows a decrease, compared with 1898, of £567 11s. 3d., though it is but fair to add that the expenditure in 1898 was swollen by the sums paid to the Hobart Benevolent Society for increased price of bread, and to Launceston Benevolent Society for amount expended on the unemployed. Allowing for this, there was a decrease in 1899 of £18 1s. 5d.

Charitable Institutions.

Return D shows the daily average number of inmates maintained in the New Town Charitable Institution and the Launceston Benevolent Asylum during the last 10 years, by which it will be seen that the number of paupers are yearly decreasing.

Out-door Relief in Country Districts.

Return E shows the actual money expended on out-door relief, medical attendance on paupers in country districts, and temporary provision for tramps. It will be observed that the cost per head, based on the estimated population for 1898, was $5\frac{1}{2}d.$ in municipal, and $2\frac{1}{4}d.$ in police districts, or an average cost of $3\frac{3}{4}d.$ per head. This is something less than the cost in 1898.

I wish to thank the Commissioner of Police for the great assistance rendered by the Police Department in conducting inquiries into applications for relief in country districts, which has been performed with much care and despatch.

Imperial Claims.

The amount charged to the Imperial Government for repayment of the cost of maintenance of paupers in the various institutions, and in receipt of out-door relief during the year, was £738 19s. 2d.

Staff.

On the 1st January, 1899, I had the honour of being appointed Administrator of Charitable Grants. All other appointments remain as hitherto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. R. SEAGER,

Administrator of Charitable Grants.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary.

A.

RETURN showing the Expenditure of the Charitable Grants Department for the Year 1899, and the Receipts for the same period.

EXPENDITURE.	Total.		RECEIPTS.	Total.	
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Salaries .....	...	180 0 0	Re-payments on account of Out-door Relief.....	6 0 10	
Out-door relief, medical atten- dance on Paupers in Country Districts, and temporary provision for Tramps .....	...	1954 11 5	Ditto on account of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, &c.	23 18 6	
Maintenance of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind	306 5 3		Ditto of Transport and Funeral expenses	23 14 1	53 13 5
Maintenance of Paupers in Country Hospitals	152 13 0		Refund by Imperial Govern- ment.....	...	8 19 4
Maintenance of Destitute per- sons not otherwise provided for	192 12 1	757 3 9	Balance, being net cost to the State.....	...	3211 4 8
Examination of Insane	74 12 6				
Stationery and Stores	3 2 1				
Miscellaneous expenses	27 18 10				
Transport and Funeral ex- penses .....	...	382 2 3			
TOTAL .....	...	£3273 17 5	TOTAL .....	...	3273 17 5

	£	s.	d.
Per Estimate	3330	0	0
Expenditure	3273	17	5
Under Estimate	£56	2	7

B.

DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND.

RETURN of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind persons who have been maintained and educated at the expense of the Government of Tasmania in the undermentioned Institutions during the Year 1899.

	Remaining 31st Dec., 1898.				Admitted during year.				Discharged during year.				Remaining 31st Dec., 1899.				Cost to Government.		
	Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	£	s.	d.
Deaf and Dumb Institute, Newcastle .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	15	2	2
New South Wales Institution for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	105	10	7	
Tasmanian Society for the Blind .....	...	...	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	2	3	185	12	6
Total	1	2	3	4	...	...	1	1	...	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	306	5	3

C.

DECENNIAL Return of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years from 1890 to 1899 inclusive.

Year.	Expenditure.			Repayments to be deducted.	Total Expenditure.
	Hobart and Suburbs.	Launceston Municipal and Police Districts.	Municipalities and Police Districts.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1890	817 7 6	2369 2 6	...	39 3 7	3147 6 5
1891	734 17 9	2385 19 6	...	59 7 2	3061 10 1
1892	787 16 3	2448 15 2	...	56 5 10	3180 5 7
1893	740 16 1	2202 11 10	...	53 1 7	2890 6 4
1894	702 8 6	2091 17 4	...	24 13 2	2769 12 8
1895	740 0 0	2131 5 9	...	35 8 3	2835 17 6
1896	740 0 0	† 380 0 0	1862 7 11	22 16 4	* 2959 11 7
1897	740 0 0	† 380 0 0	1898 6 2	32 0 8	2986 5 6
1898	889 8 10	† 780 0 0	1942 15 4	23 6 10	3612 3 4
1899	740 0 0	† 380 0 0	1954 11 5	29 19 4	3044 12 1

* This amount includes expenditure for medical attendance on paupers in country districts and temporary provision for tramps, which in former years was included in a separate vote on the Estimates

† Launceston and Suburbs.

DECENNIAL RETURN of the Daily Average Number of the several Invalid Depôts during the Years 1890 to 1899 inclusive.

Years.	New Town.	Launceston.	TOTAL.
1890	592	210	802
1891	545	215	760
1892	535	224	759
1893	541	214	755
1894	549	204	753
1895	545	200	745
1896	530	188	718
1897	499	197	696
1898	470	188	658
1899	406	173	579

RETURN showing the Expenditure of Out-door Relief, Medical Attendance on Paupers and temporary provision for Tramps, in the various Municipal and Police Districts during the Year 1899, and the Expenditure per head of Population.

District.	Municipal or Police.	Estimated Population, 31 Dec., 1898.	Balance in hands of Districts on 1 Jan., 1899.	Amount paid from Treasury during year.	Expended during year.	Balance in hands of Districts on 31 Dec., 1899.	Expenditure per head of Population.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
Brighton	M	2313	2 13 3	53 19 0	54 4 0	2 8 3	0 5·62
Bothwell	M	1370	0 1 11	26 0 3	25 19 3	0 2 11	0 4·54
Campbell Town	M	2056	2 16 9	200 0 0	197 7 6	5 9 3	1 11·04
Carnarvon	P	819	...	96 3 6	96 3 6	...	0 10·60
Clarence	M	1896	0 0 7	28 2 0	28 2 7	...	0 3·56
Deloraine	M	5559	2 9 1†	128 12 0	126 2 11	...	0 5·44
Devon East	P	16,195 }	2 5 1	165 0 0	162 13 9	4 11 4	} 0 4·60
Devon West	P		...	148 3 0	148 3 0	...	
Evandale	M	2269	0 10 3	67 0 0	65 0 7	2 9 8	0 6·88
Emu Bay	P	6134	...	31 11 5	31 11 5	...	0 1·23
Fingul	M	3747	...	80 0 0	80 0 0	...	0 5·12
Franklin	P	6551	4 1 7	115 0 0	116 18 1	2 3 6	0 4·28
Glamorgan	M	1099	0 0 1	43 17 6	43 17 7	...	0 9·58
Glenorchy	M	2150	...	23 12 0	23 4 9	0 7 3	0 2·60
Green Ponds	M	1428	1 7 6	25 8 6	26 16 0	...	0 4·50
George Town	P	3953	3 18 4	43 7 7	47 1 0	0 4 11	0 2·86
Hamilton	M	1915	3 11 7	18 0 0	19 9 10	2 1 9	0 2·44
Kingborough	P	2671	3 17 6	57 0 0	58 1 11	2 15 7	0 5·97
Longford	M	4809	...	155 0 0	155 1 5	0 1 5†	0 7·74
Macquarie	P	21,000	...	3 14 0	3 14 0	...	0 0·04
New Norfolk	M	4660	...	97 3 11	97 3 11	...	0 5·00
Oatlands	M	3649	9 4 4	66 0 0	74 17 2	0 7 2	0 4·92
Portland	P	1750	0 8 6	46 0 0	43 10 6	2 18 0	0 5·97
Ross	M	895	2 2 9	26 0 0	26 19 3	1 3 6	0 7·23
Richmond	M	2388	...	39 9 5	39 9 5	...	0 3·96
Russell	P	1958	...	...	...	...	...
Ringarooma	P	5261	2 3 9	38 0 5	37 17 0	2 7 2	0 1·73
Spring Bay	M	1006	1 11 0	5 10 0	4 18 0	2 3 0	0 1·17
Sorell	M	2287	3 15 7	23 18 6	27 0 10	0 13 3	0 2·84
Selby	P	6485	...	8 14 4	8 14 4	...	0 0·32
Westbury	M	5774	...	154 4 1	154 4 1	...	0 6·41
TOTAL .....	...	127,047	42 1 3	1954 11 5	1964 7 7	32 5 1*	0 3·80
Municipal Districts .....	...	54·270	...	...	1269 19 1	...	0 5·61
Police Districts .....	...	72·777	...	...	694 8 6	...	0 2·29

† Balance due to Districts.

* Balance in hands of Districts .. £ s. d.
 Balance due to Districts..... 0 1 5

£32 5 1

APPENDIX.

*New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind,
New Town Road, Sydney, 22nd November, 1899.*

SIR,

IT has been decided by the Board that two of the pupils from your Colony, Pearl M'Lean and Florence Cullen, shall leave the Institution at the end of the present term. The former, who is blind, is 17 years of age, and is a bright, intelligent girl. She has made good progress in school, and her conduct has been excellent. I understand she has been expecting to leave. She will be sent home to her parents at Evandale.

The report, with regard to Florence Cullen, is not so good; she is rather rough and troublesome, and not very intelligent.

The other pupil from your Colony, George Peters (blind), will go home to his parents for the holidays as usual. He is very anxious to return to school, and we shall be glad to have him back again for another term. He is a smart, intelligent, well-behaved lad, and is making excellent progress with his lessons.

I have, &c.,

ELLIS ROBINSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

*Deaf and Dumb Institution,
Waratah, 22nd January, 1900.*

DEAR SIR,

I AM happy to state that Jane Riley is well, happy, and doing very fairly at school. Considering that she was 14 years of age when she came here, and then had to begin with her alphabet, she has found lessons and study very uphill work.

I remain, &c.,

S. M. COLUMBA DWYER.