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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL:

REPORT FOR 1886.

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



BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Hobart, 30th April, 1887.

SIR,

WE have the honor to submit the Report on this Institution for the year ending the 31st ultimo, being the eighteenth year of its existence.

During the past year eleven boys have been admitted into the Home, two have been apprenticed to farmers, and the number remaining is 28; the average number maintained during the year being 23.

Since the commencement of the Home 161 boys have been maintained, educated to the standard suitable to their condition in after life, clothed and cared for in a manner which has proved highly advantageous to them, and satisfactory to those having the care and management of the Home; out of these 110 have been apprenticed, and, with but few exceptions, we have received satisfactory reports which are annually called for from the authorities in the districts where they reside.

We have been unable to satisfy the demand upon us for boys to be apprenticed during the last few months, chiefly on account of those in the Institution being either too young or not sufficiently advanced for placing out; the age of the eldest boy being 15 and the youngest 8½ years.

The health of the boys has been remarkably good, and notwithstanding the prevalent sickness this season in the island, no doctor has been required.

The boys attend Holy Trinity Church and Sunday School regularly every Sunday, and they receive religious instruction from a clergyman every Thursday.

The Master and Matron (Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman) continue in the management of the Home; and we readily testify that they have given us satisfaction, displaying, as they do, a keen interest in the welfare of the boys, and leaving nothing undone which is within our means and their power to advance the boys' comfort and progress—a state of things recognised and appreciated by the boys themselves, who, though in most cases have been rescued from a life of degradation, acknowledge by their good conduct and industry that they are not insensible to, but grateful for the benefits they derive from such kindly treatment, by which they are eventually made useful to society. Boys under nine or over twelve years of age are not admitted except under special circumstances. The lads are taught to knit their own socks, to milk, to assist in cooking, and to cultivate the ground, from which is produced nearly all the fruit and vegetables required in the Institution; whilst the shirts, jackets, and trousers are made and repaired by the Matron, who is occasionally assisted by the boys.

The statement of accounts annexed show the receipts as £552 0s. 11d., and the expenditure for the year £497 9s. 6d., leaving a credit for the year of £54 11s. 5d., from which has to be deducted £23 0s. 11d. balance at debit last year, showing £31 10s. 6d. as the balance at credit of the Institution. Since the accounts were made up the sum of Fifty Pounds has been paid as an instalment to the Endowment Fund.

We have, &c.,

F. W. MITCHELL,
JOHN MACFARLANE,
W. CROSBY,
ALFRED DOBSON,
THOS. B. MATHER,
E. C. NOWELL.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

<p>1887.</p> <p>March 31. To Interest on Debentures.....</p> <p>Subscriptions, per list</p> <p>Ditto, St. David's Church parade, per Mr. Lumsden</p> <p>Contribution from Government</p> <p>Rent (arrears).....</p> <p>Ditto to 28th Feb., 1887 ...</p> <p>Subscriptions for flagstaff</p> <p>Proceeds Floral Concert.....</p> <p>Proceeds sales old mattresses, &c.....</p>	<p>RECEIPTS.</p> <p>£ s. d.</p> <p>31 0 0</p> <p>166 8 0</p> <p>3 7 8</p> <p>276 14 3</p> <p>21 14 0</p> <p>30 0 0</p> <p>10 8 6</p> <p>5 0 0</p> <p>7 8 6</p>
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<p>1886.</p> <p>March 31. By Balance due Bank</p> <p>1887.</p> <p>March 31. By Provisions</p> <p>Food for cows</p> <p>Fuel</p> <p>Boots and repairs</p> <p>Clothing</p> <p>Manure</p> <p>Sundries, furniture, house necessaries, &c.</p> <p>Flagstaff</p> <p>Insurance</p> <p>Repairs to premises</p> <p>Master and Matron</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Advertising, printing, &c.</p> <p>Interest and Cheque-book, Commercial Bank.....</p>	<p>EXPENDITURE.</p> <p>£ s. d.</p> <p>23 0 11</p> <p>149 6 9</p> <p>25 18 5</p> <p>34 7 0</p> <p>15 3 9</p> <p>22 15 3</p> <p>1 10 0</p> <p>15 15 10</p> <p>14 18 9</p> <p>2 14 9</p> <p>53 18 10</p> <p>130 0 0</p> <p>20 0 0</p> <p>6 6 0</p> <p>4 14 2</p>
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H. L. GARRETT.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Honorary Treasurer.*
E. HAWSON, *Secretary.*
Hobart, 30th April, 1886.