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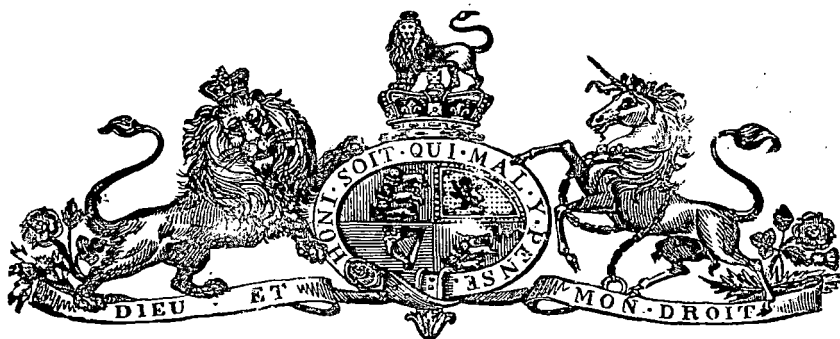
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN :**

**REPORT (WITH APPENDICES) BY THE ADMINISTRATOR  
OF CHARITABLE GRANTS.**

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
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*Office Administrator Charitable Grants, 24th November, 1879.*

SIR,

I HAVE now the honor to present to you my report on the working and progress of the Boarding-out System, and the state of the children maintained under it, for the year 1879.

The boys and girls from the Queen's Asylum having been very nearly all absorbed by the Boys' Home and the Catholic and Protestant Female Industrial Schools, the closing of that Institution caused no extra strain on the Boarding-out arrangements; and the demand for additional homes having thus been confined to such fresh cases as presented themselves during the course of the year, has been easily met and suitable guardians found without difficulty.

The numbers of children now boarded out are 89 boys, 87 girls=176, as compared with 65 boys, 77 girls=142, in 1878.

Depending upon a variety of circumstances which cannot be foreseen, the numbers to be annually provided for will of necessity fluctuate; but, as henceforward some will every year be drafted off into service, I do not think that any further material increase need be apprehended.

A full return showing the names, ages, sexes, and religion of the children, together with the different districts in which they are placed, and the names and residences of their guardians, will be found appended.

The amount actually expended on the maintenance of these children from the 1st January to 30th September, 9 months, has been £1541 19s. 11d.

In computing the annual cost of each child indicated by these figures, considerable allowance must of course be made on account of those who have only been boarded out for short portions of the current year; but the yearly charge for maintenance and clothing certainly does not at present exceed £14 per head,—a rate which is considerably less than the cost of the inmates of the late Queen's Asylum, or of similar Institutions in the neighbouring Colonies.

In dealing with an important social problem involving the future lives of so many, the question of expense should undoubtedly be subordinated to higher considerations; but where cheapness can be combined, as I believe it is under the Boarding-out System, with the healthy promotion of the best interests of the children, it becomes both a strong recommendation and a legitimate subject for congratulation.

During the course of the past two months I have visited and personally examined at their homes the whole of the children placed out in Hobart Town. In the performance of this duty I have had the advantage and the pleasure of the company on different occasions of my colleagues on the Central Committee, General Irvine and Mr. Grant. It will be gratifying to you to learn that the state of the homes met with our unanimous approval, and that the result of our inspection was thoroughly satisfactory.

#### *Physical Appearance.*

With the exception of a few instances where constitutional weakness was apparent, the children presented the appearance of healthy robust boys and girls. No serious cases of illness have occurred, nor have any of the common epidemics of childhood been prevalent amongst them. Their chubby faces and evidently well-nourished condition afforded ample proof of their obtaining a sufficiency of wholesome food, and indeed, when questioned on this point, they one and all unhesitatingly acknowledged that they had plenty to eat.

*Clothes and Bedding.*

The clothing supplied by the guardians seems to be good in quality and sufficient in quantity. In every case a neat Sunday suit had been provided, and a good stock of under-clothing supplied. The purchase of these and boots weighs, however, heavily upon the limited amount received by the guardians; and in most instances I have found it necessary, when a child is first handed over to the guardian, to grant some assistance in providing an outfit of clothing.

A large stock which remained on hand when the Queen's Asylum was broken up is, however, available for this purpose, and will be sufficient to meet all requirements for a considerable time. The bedding was good, sufficient in quantity, and in clean order; and the sleeping accommodation, although in a few instances somewhat crowded, appeared on the whole clean and well ventilated. In short, so far as physical treatment and comfort are concerned, there is nothing whatever to find fault with; and in these respects I believe these children to be better off than those of most labourers or mechanics.

When viewed in its influence over the happiness and the moral and mental training of the children, the system appears to work with equal success. The bright and cheerful expression of the children's countenances, and their open unconstrained manner, afford satisfactory proof that their young lives are not devoid of all pleasure, and give a pleasant assurance that whilst in well-ordered homes their natural affections have healthy room to develop, they are not subject to the mechanical discipline and the moral isolation which in large Institutions produce their inevitable crop of selfish hypocrisy and unintelligent apathy.

All those who are of sufficient age attend school regularly, and from the annexed reports from the masters of the different schools they go to, it will be seen that they are making fair progress, and compare favourably with other children. To what extent it is desirable to educate children in their position is a vexed question which it is not necessary now to enter upon. It will be enough to say that, in my opinion, they will have had the opportunity of acquiring before they go out to service quite sufficient education to enable them to fulfil with intelligence the duties of persons in their state of life.

They are also sent regularly to the Sunday Schools of their different denominations; and it is to be hoped that both there and at home they receive religious training which will exert a beneficial influence on their future lives.

During the course of the year 3 boys and 2 girls have gone out to service in respectable places. The total numbers now sent out are 15 boys and 12 girls, and of these satisfactory reports have generally been received. Upon this point the return given in the Appendix will afford information.

From the Police Magistrates and Wardens I have received favourable reports as to the welfare and kind treatment of the children boarded out in their respective districts; and also from Mr. C.D.C. Quodling, who, accompanied by General Irvine, visited the New Town children. I have a very satisfactory account of the state he found them in.

The Visiting Committee for Hobart Town has not yet been appointed, and the frequent inspection which is so essential to the success of the Boarding-out mode of training destitute children has not been carried out so thoroughly as might have been desired; but the Inquiring Officers of the Department have been zealous and vigilant, and the result of my own examination has satisfied me that no evils have as yet arisen from any laxity of supervision.

In conclusion, I can conscientiously say that I believe the system on the whole to be working well both for the interests of the children and the Government.

Rescued from dirty, squalid homes, from rags and misery, from cold and semi-starvation, from vicious, dissolute parents, and from evil associations of the worst character, these children are transplanted into clean, well-conducted homes, presided over by kindly women of temperate habits and good character. Provided with all needful physical comforts, and surrounded with good moral influences, they have a fair chance presented to them of making a good start in life. It is possible, nay it is unhappily certain that some will go astray; that the seeds of evil implanted in them in their earlier years will again spring up and bear their bitter fruits of vice and immorality, sin and shame; but the State will at all events have done its duty towards them, and if they fail to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them, the blame cannot justly be attributed either to the system under which they have been brought up or to those by whom it has been administered.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. TARLETON, *Administrator Charitable Grants.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

*Elboden Place, 26th November, 1879.*

MY DEAR SIR,

IN reply to your letter of this day's date, I have thought it would be well for new members of the Board to state their opinion of the condition and treatment of the Boarded-out children, in addition to any report you may make.

I have much pleasure in furnishing you with the impression made upon me by our late inspection. I was much struck with the natural manner, and happy contented expression of the children; and it appeared to me that great care and discrimination had been used in the selection of the guardians, who showed as a rule, much kindly interest in their charges; and, as our visits were made without notice, and at times when they could scarcely be prepared for inspection, we had fair opportunities of judging of their home life.

I have come to the conclusion that the children are, on the whole, as well treated and as well looked after as the generality of artisan families, and was agreeably surprised, considering the small weekly remuneration allowed the guardians for each child, to find them so comfortable.

So far as my observation extends, I regard the experiment as a success, reflecting credit on those concerned in the initiation and administration of the system.

I am, my dear Sir,  
Yours truly,

JAMES GRANT.

WM. TARLETON, *Esquire*.

*Waratah, New Town, 27th November, 1879.*

MY DEAR SIR,

IN compliance with your request that I would give you the impression made on me by the inspection of the Boarded-out children:—In company with you I went one day's round of the children in Hobart Town, and also visited all the children boarded out New Town, and was most favourably impressed by their general appearance, contented happy look, showing they were well fed and cared for; and the general good character given by those with whom the children were boarded. The accommodation and clothing of the children were ample.

Yours truly,

ALEX. IRVINE.

W. TARLETON, *Esquire*.

*RETURN of Boarded-out Children, showing their Names, Ages, Religion, the Amount paid per week in each case, and Names and Residences of their Foster Parents.*

No. of Case.	Name of Child.	Age.		Religion.	Amount per Week.	Name of Foster Parents.	Residence.
		yrs.	mths.		s. d.		
	<i>Hobart—131.</i>						
2815	Blake, Elizabeth	19	0	Protestant	5 0	Mary Hillier	Williamson-street near Argyle-st.
1833	Bromley, Augustus M.	8	0	ditto	5 0	Margaret Hopkins	Elizabeth-street, back James'
2519	Booth, Peter	9	2	ditto	5 0	Wilhelmina Hanson	Liverpool-street [Brewery.
	Booth, Mary Ann	6	3	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto
530	Beck, George	13	8	ditto	4 0	George Smith	Murray-street
669	Bennett, Johanna	15	8	ditto	7 0	Ann Bates	Roope-street, New Town
971	Bates, John	8	4	Roman Catholic	5 0	Jane Haggerty	New Town.
2850	Byland, Mary Ann	22	6	Protestant	5 0	Rev. A. N. Mason	ditto.
1040	Burchett, Mary Ann	8	7	ditto	5 0	Mary Walker	ditto.
2605	Cussack, James	13	6	Roman Catholic	5 0	Mary Grant	Goulbourn-street, near Barrack-st.
	Cussack, Elizabeth	10	3	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2096	Cooper, William	10	9	Protestant	5 0	Mary Hillier	Williamson-street, near Argyle-st.
1464	Colley, Mary	11	9	Roman Catholic	5 0	Catherine Handley	Bathurst-street, corner Molle-street.
1159	Cooper, William	12	8	ditto	5 0	Bridget M'Farlane	High-street, Veteran's Row.
2384	Clark, Charles	6	8	Protestant	5 0	Margaret Maggs	Argyle-street, Upper.
	Clark, Isaac	5	2	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2704	Cooper, Edith	7	3	ditto	5 0	Ann Bates	Roope-street, New Town:
	Cooper, Henry	5	1	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
815	Cohen, William	12	2	ditto	5 0	Margaret Carns	New Town.
	Cohen, Julia	12	2	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2220	Campbell, Marion	11	4	ditto	5 0	Mortimer Plane	ditto.
2193	Curtain, William	11	2	Roman Catholic	5 0	Honorah Ivors	Melville-street, near Harrington-st.
	Curtain, Timothy	8	8	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1890	Davis, Fanny	15	5	ditto	7 6	Eliza Jeffrey	Melville-street.
1821	Dwyer, William	12	0	ditto	5 0	Catherine Kemp	Harrington-st., near Liverpool-st.
	Dwyer, Ellen	10	10	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Dwyer, John	6	5	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Dwyer, Hannah	8	5	ditto	5 0	Catherine M'Kay	Battery Point, near Ship Yards.
	Dwyer, Mary Ann	3	7	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2455	Dickers, Ellen	2	5	Protestant	5 0	Margaret Carns	New Town.
1919	Egan, John	9	8	Roman Catholic	5 0	Honora Ivors	Melville-street, near Harrington-st.
2250	Elbert, Agnes	5	5	Protestant	5 0	Margaret Maggs	Argyle-street, Upper.
2308	Evans, Zachariah	5	2	ditto	5 0	Ann Rogerson	Military Barracks.
2808	Franklin, Maria A.	9	0	ditto	5 0	Mary Sadler	Union-street, Sandy Bay.
	Franklin, George	8	2	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Franklin, Malvina	6	1	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Franklin, Edward William	4	2	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2209	Griggs, Benjamin	10	10	ditto	5 0	Mary Hobbs	Burnett-street.
	Griggs, Martha	9	6	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1786	Givan, William	10	6	ditto	5 0	Matilda Kelly	Military Barracks.
1911	Gibbons, Mary Ann	6	5	ditto	5 0	Margaret Carns	New Town.
2082	Green, Emily	9	4	ditto	7 0	Mary Ann Rosignol	ditto.
1051	Hewson, Ann	12	6	Roman Catholic	5 0	Sarah Foy	Bathurst-st., corner Molle-street.
1534	Hannelly, Johanna	10	8	ditto	5 0	Sarah Lewis	Adelaide-street.
2287	Hurd, George Charles	8	8	ditto	5 0	Bridget Macfarlane	High-street, Veteran's Row.
2390	Hand, John	8	6	Protestant	5 0	Mary Williams	Queen-street.
	Hand, Mary	6	6	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Hand, William	4	6	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Hand, Joseph	3	6	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1580	Ivory, Mary Ann	11	9	Roman Catholic	5 0	Sarah Foy	Bathurst-street, near Molle-street.
2490	Jackson, Henry	4	5	Protestant	5 0	Sarah Ann Blowfield	Upper Bathurst-street.
2370	Jackson, Ethel	9	0	ditto	5 0	Elizabeth Hopkins	Warwick-st., above Harrington-st.
776	Jones, Mary	10	0	ditto	5 0	Mary Smith	Macquarie-street.
2174	Jones, Eliza	7	2	ditto	5 0	Margaret Wright	Warwick-street, near Campbell-st.
1881	Kellegher, Peter	9	0	Roman Catholic	5 0	Patrick O'Keefe	Liverpool-street.
1469	Kilcline, John	10	9	Protestant	5 0	Ann Smith	Juno Cottage, Williamson-street.
2766	Longwood, Charles C.	10	0	ditto	2 6	Sarah Doran	Harrington-street, near Woodpecker
	Longwood, William R.	5	3	ditto	2 6	ditto	[Inn.
2466	Lake, Catherine	11	4	Roman Catholic	5 0	Catherine Handley	Bathurst-street, near Molle-street.
2379	Lawrence, Louisa	9	8	Protestant	5 0	Mary Hobbs	Burnett-street.
1805	Lloyd, Sarah Ann	8	11	ditto	5 0	Elizabeth Holmes	Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms.
2501	Lincoln, Louisa	2	3	ditto	5 0	Elizabeth Jackson	Melville-street.
2166	Lumsden, James	6	0	ditto	5 0	Matilda Kelly	Military Barracks.
	Lumsden, Maria	4	9	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
362½	Lourie, Florence	13	8	ditto	4 0	Mary Watkins	Top of Patrick-street.
1854	Leabon, Job	9	2	ditto	5 0	William Pellett	Sandy Bay.
1267	Musslewhite, Elizabeth	12	0	ditto	5 0	Catherine Colatz	Ware-street.
	Musslewhite, Matilda	9	0	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1905	Mason, Rubena	12	9	ditto	5 0	Mary Hobbs	Burnett-street.
	Mason, Nancy	11	3	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Mason, E. Matilda	7	4	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1951	M'Coy, Arthur	6	8	ditto	5 0	Elizabeth Holmes	Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms.
2354	Mitchell, Ellen	5	1	ditto	5 0	Martha Hilton	Forest Road, near St. John's.
	Mitchell, Elizabeth	3	4	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2510	M'Coy, John	2	11	ditto	5 0	Wilhelmina Hanson	Liverpool-street.
2720	M'Intyre, Michael	7	3	Roman Catholic	5 0	Honora Ivors	Melville-street.
1861	Marshall, Nancy	9	5	Protestant	5 0	Margaret Maggs	Upper Argyle-street.
2654	Myatt, Herbert	4	2	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Myatt, Ernest	2	6	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2280	Matthews, Emily	3	5	ditto	5 0	Ann Rogerson	Military Barracks.
1760	Miller, William Henry	9	2	ditto	5 0	Mary Smith	Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms.

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2885	Morley, John	8 0	Protestant	5 0	Margaret Wright	Warwick-street.
	Morley, Mary	5 0	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1180	M'Donald, Walter	11 2	Roman Catholic	5 0	Michael Aherne	New Town.
1886	Noble, Emily M.	11 6	Protestant	5 0	Emily Newey	High-street.
2732	Nelson, John	2 6	Roman Catholic	5 0	Honora Ivors	Melville-st., near Harrington-st.
2412	Newton, Albert Henry	9 7	Protestant	5 0	Catherine Lugrue	ditto, near Murray-street.
	Newton, Francis H.	6 3	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1934	Nossiter, Henry	6 2	ditto	5 0	Ann Rogerson	Military Barracks.
2830	Nelson, Elizabeth	17 0	Roman Catholic	5 0	Ann Aherne	New Town.
2773	Palmer, Barbara	1 10	ditto	5 0	Ellen Corkery	Liverpool-st., near corner Barrack-st.
2544	Painter, Elizabeth	7 0	Protestant	5 0	Mary Hillier	Williamson-st., near Argyle-st.
	Painter, Mary Ann	5 6	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto
	Painter, William Henry T.	0 12	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto
2237	Pearce, George	6 4	Roman Catholic	5 0	Catherine Handley	Bathurst-street near Molle-street.
2700	Pearce, Theresa	5 3	ditto	5 0	Patrick O'Keefe	Liverpool-street.
2477	Priest, C. Edith	8 2	Protestant	5 0	Mary Smith	Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms.
	Priest, William Tasman	5 7	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Priest, Sarah Ann	2 7	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1584	Perrott, Richard	10 2	ditto	5 0	Mary Sadler	Union-street, Sandy Bay.
	Perrott, John	8 2	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2188	Pilsbury, Ellen	8 3	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1065	Povey, Isaac	11 1	ditto	5 0	Margaret Carns	New Town.
1574	Ringrose, Mary Ann	12 0	ditto	5 0	Lydia Chatley	Warwick-street, near Elizabeth-st.
	Ringrose, Charles	10 0	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto
1030	Reid, Mary	9 3	Roman Catholic	5 0	Sarah Foy	Bathurst-street, corner Molle-street.
2326	Saville, Alice	11 11	Protestant	5 0	Mary Ann Edwards	Elizabeth-street.
	Saville, Frederick James	7 4	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Saville, Maria G.	5 7	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2180	Smith, Ada	6 4	Roman Catholic	5 0	John Green	Harrington-atreet.
1716	Saunders, George	10 8	Protestant	5 0	George Hancox	Upper Warwick-street.
1388	Strachan, Eliza	8 5	ditto	5 0	Margaret Jack	Adelaide-street.
2378	Synnott, Arthur William	4 2	ditto	5 0	Ann Smith	Goulbourne-street.
1715	Shield, Margaret	9 0	ditto	5 0	Margaret Carns	New Town.
2344	Smith, William Alfred	11 8	Roman Catholic	5 0	Bridget Freeman	ditto
	Smith, Albert E.	9 10	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto
	Smith, William Henry	7 8	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto
1658	Sullivan, John	11 0	ditto	5 0	John Murray	ditto
1941	Thomas, David	13 9	Protestant	5 0	Elizabeth Holmes	Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms.
	Thomas Richard	10 2	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2561	Thompson, Rebecca	9 13	ditto	5 0	Ann Rogerson	Military Barracks.
2514	White, Eliza Ethel	10 6	ditto	5 0	Catherine Colatz	Ware-street.
2753	Williams, A. Ernest	12 0	ditto	5 0	Lydia Chatley	Warwick-street.
	Williams, Fred. Hubert	9 0	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
2225	Watts, Alfred	10 10	ditto	5 0	Mary Ann Goldie	Off Forest Road.
	Watts, Mary Ann	8 2	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
	Watts, Emma	5 6	ditto	7 0	ditto	ditto.
1625	Williams, Richard Henry	10 6	ditto	5 0	Mary Hillier	Williamson-street, near Argyle-st.
852	Whittaker, John	11 0	ditto	5 0	ditto	ditto.
1958	Woodruffe, James	11 4	ditto	5 0	Elizabeth Holmes	Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms.
2117	Webster, M. Rose	6 10	ditto	5 0	Henrietta Ibbotson	Melville-street, near Harrington-st.
<i>Bothwell—3.</i>						
2387	Lloyd, Harriet	6 0	ditto	5 0	Rachael Smith	
2510	Woods, Annie	7 0	Roman Catholic	5 0	Julia Craig	
	Sullivan, John	4 9	ditto	5 0	ditto	
<i>Brighton—2.</i>						
1620	Sheedy, John	10 6	ditto	5 0	Mrs. Campbell	
1049	Harper, James	11 0	ditto	5 0	Ellen Aylward	
<i>Clarence—1.</i>						
997	Harrington, Alfred	10 9	Protestant	4 0	Ellen Wheeler (aunt)	
<i>Deloraine—4.</i>						
2518	M'Loughlin, James	9 0	Roman Catholic	6 0	Bridget M'Loughlin,	
	M'Loughlin, Mary	7 0	ditto		ditto (grandmother)	
	M'Loughlin, Richard	5 0	ditto		ditto	
	M'Loughlin, Bridget	2 0	ditto		ditto	
<i>Evandale—2.</i>						
2763	Bean, William	11 0	Protestant	3 0	George Bean	
	Bean, Florence	9 0	ditto	3 0	John Bean	
<i>Fingal—4.</i>						
2386	Bennett, Mary Ann	8 6	Roman Catholic	5 0	Thomas Oliver	
	Bennett, Samuel	11 0	ditto	5 0	Thomas Horman	
	Bennett, Isabella	6 6	ditto	5 0	Samuel E. Ironside	
2591	Beckett, John	4 0	Protestant	2 6	Jane Franks	
<i>Franklin—3.</i>						
784	Pilkington, Elizabeth F.	6 0	Roman Catholic	2 0	Christina Redding	
1418	Enwright, Angelina	10 0	ditto	3 6	Honora Benson	
2206	Bailey, James H.	6 0	Protestant	5 0	William James	
<i>Glenorchy—2.</i>						
1826	Cowdrey, Ellen	9 0	ditto	5 0	Ann Parker	
	Cowdrey, Alice	6 6	ditto	5 0	ditto	

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<i>Launceston—6.</i>						
1372	Gibbs, Alfred E.	10 0	Protestant	2 6	Sarah Brown, (grand-	
1700	Hanley, Percy E.	8 0	Roman Catholic	5 0	Elizabeth Breeze [mother]	
2673	Betts, Maude	10 0	Protestant	5 0	Mary Beacroft	
	Betts, Charles	7 6	ditto	5 0	ditto	
	Betts, Ada	5 6	ditto	5 0	ditto	
2831	Williams, Victoria	16 6	Roman Catholic	5 0	Mrs. Saunders	
<i>Longford—3.</i>						
2054	Williams, Elizabeth	11 0	Protestant	3 0	John Roach, (grandfather)	
2763	Bean, James	7 0	ditto	3 0	Robert Bean	
	Bean, John	3 0	ditto	3 0	Henry Bean	
<i>New Norfolk—8.</i>						
1743	Brown, Ellen	9 0	ditto	5 0	Margaret Belcher	
2743	Brand, John D.	6 6	ditto	5 0	Matilda Cockerill	
2795	Woodruff, — (Female)	1 0	ditto	5 0	Ruth Womersly	
784	Pilkington, Joseph	0 7	Roman Catholic	5 0	ditto	
2886	Bacon, Mary Isabella	6 0	ditto	3 6	Mary Davis	
2886	Johnson, John	9 0	Protestant	4 0	Eliza Beazley	
	Johnson, William	7 0	ditto	4 0	ditto	
	Bacon, Mary Jane	4 0	Roman Catholic	4 0	ditto	
<i>Oatlands—2.</i>						
1658	Martin, Arber	6 6	ditto	5 0	Mary Ann Howard	
1705	Hill, George W.	11 6	Protestant	5 0	ditto	
<i>Richmond—1.</i>						
2829	Stokes, James	10 0	Roman Catholic	5 0	Thomas Roberts	
<i>Russell—1.</i>						
1828	Kennedy, Mary M.	9 6	ditto	5 0	John Howard	
<i>Torquay—1.</i>						
1996	Smith, William H.	7 0	ditto	5 0	Patrick Leo	
<i>Wynyard—2.</i>						
2492	Brittain, Janet M.	8 0	Protestant	5 0	Elizabeth Eastwood	
	Brittain, Anna Maria	6 0	ditto	5 0	ditto	

*RETURN of Boarded-out Children who have been apprenticed.*

No. of Case.	Name of Child.	To whom apprenticed.	Date.	Remarks.
1041	Burchett, Herbert	Wm. H. Radford, New Town	15 October, 1879	Since adopted by Mr. Radford.
1464	Colley, Harriot	Mr. James Marsden, Collins-street	24 March, 1875	Time expired. Gave every satisfaction. Is still in Mr. Marsden's service.
860	Cohen, Frances Ellen	Mrs. Fleming, Brisbane-street	1 September, 1876	Conduct good.
860	Cohen, Henry John	James Street, New Town	1 July, 1877	ditto.
1826	Cowdrey, Elizabeth	Andrew M'Cambridge, Liverpool-street	17 August, 1877	Conduct not good : very stubborn.
1464	Colley, Michael W.	Philip Denehy, the Snug	10 February, 1878	This lad is now giving satisfaction. He is not a very bright boy.
1159	Cooper, Mary Ann	Last service, Mr. W. Tolson, the Corners	1 August, 1878	Indentures cancelled. A bad girl.
1813	Fisher, Hannah	Mr. G. Richardson, and afterwards to Mrs. Stump, Bridgewater	1 January, 1878	Very stubborn, and not inclined to work. Since admitted to Industrial School.
534	Farrell, Charles	John Mills, Sandy Bay	29 September, 1879	Conduct good.
1434	Hassett, Pierce	Mr. Galloway, New Town	19 January, 1878	Conduct now good.
1434	Hassett, James	Mr. Spurling, Macquarie-street	16 June, 1878	Conduct good.
282	Knight, George T.	Mr. Clayton, Piper's Lagoon, Bridgenorth	13 May, 1879	This boy was inclined to give trouble, but latterly has behaved better.
1854	Leabon, George	Mr. Pellett, Sandy Bay	23 February, 1877	Conduct good. Now useful on a farm or garden.
1854	Leabon, Nicholas W.	Hon. James Lord, Hobartville	19 August, 1877	Conduct good.
1915	Malono, James T.	Mr. J. Coffey, Liverpool-street	28 July, 1877	Indentures cancelled : handed over to relatives.
1766	M'Neil, Sarah	Mr. John O'Boyle	24 August, 1878	A very good girl ; going on well.
1861	Marshall, Jane	Mr. W. Waller, New Town	1 October, 1879	Since adopted by Mr. Waller.
1886	Noble, Louisa	Mrs. Babbington, Hobart Town	9 August, 1876	Time expired. Mrs. Babbington speaks highly of this girl, in whose service she (L. Noble) still remains.
1584	Perrott, Charles	Mr. John Southwood, near Green Ponds	10 August, 1878.	Conduct good.
1065	Povey, Letitia	Mr. S. Bendall, New Town	1 October, 1878.	ditto.
236	Seward, Edward	Andrew A. Hunt, New Town	2 October, 1876.	Conduct pretty good.
	Seward, Abraham	Thomas Flowers, New Town	1 July, 1877.	Has given great trouble, and is very stubborn. Has absconded once or twice, but returned (being admonished by police).
1716	Saunders, Sarah	Mr. C. Morrisby, Sandy Bay	1 October, 1878.	Conduct good.
1388	Strachan, Charlotte	Mr. E. A. Nicholls, Liverpool-street	13 May, 1879.	Conduct pretty good.
1167	Williams, Agnes J.	John Morgan, Fingal	18 January, 1877.	Conduct good.
852	Whittaker, William	Alfred Murrell, New Town	10 July, 1878.	ditto.
2569	Young, Arthur	Mr. Benham, Sandy Bay	25 February, 1878.	ditto.

*RETURN of Boarded-out Children eligible for Service.*

<i>No of Case.</i>	<i>Name of Child.</i>	<i>Name of Guardian.</i>	<i>Age of Child.</i>	
			yrs.	mths.
2105	Cussack, James	Mary Grant (aunt)	13	6
1464	Colley, Mary	Catherine Handley	11	7
1159	Cooper, William	Bridget M'Farlane	12	6
815	Cohen, William } Twins	Margaret Carns	12	0
	Cohen, Julia }			
1821	Dwyer, William	Catherine Kemp (aunt)	11	10
1051	Hewson, Ann	Sarah Foy	12	0
1580	Ivory, Mary Ann	ditto	11	9
362½	Lowrey, Florence	Mary Watkins (aunt)	14	0
1267	Musslewhite, Elizabeth	Catherine Colatz	12	0
1905	Mason, Rubina	Mary Hobbs	12	6
2753	Williams, A. Ernest	Lydia Chatley	11	11

*Murray-street Free Public School, 8th November, 1879.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that 16 boys and 16 girls under the Boarding-out Scheme have been attending the Murray-street school during the last 12 months ; other 2 boys and 2 girls have been only a few weeks present.

The attendance daily of these children, with only one exception, has been always good. A very few are not quick at learning, and some are very young, but their school work is regular, and all have made fair progress. It would stimulate them very much if they were aware that some one was watching their progress.

I had occasion a few months back to send one almost daily to wash himself ; since then he has been more favourably situated, and with the others now he always comes clean and tidy.

Their conduct and demeanour both in and out of school will, I think, compare favourably with any class of boys and girls. Gentleness and kindness to one another, as well as to the lower animals, is a daily lesson with us.

I have, &c.

W. TARLETON, *Esquire.*

CHARLES HALL.

*Presentation Convent, Hobart Town, 19th November, 1879.*

THERE are seven "Boarded-out" children attending the free school taught by the Nuns of the Presentation Convent. They are regular in attendance, kept tidy, and their conduct is good, comparing favourably with that of the other children in the same school.

M. X. MURPHY, *Superioress.*

*Public School, New Town, 25th November, 1879.*

SIR,

THE officer in charge of the police here informed me last evening that you desired I would send this morning a "Report on the general appearance and attendance of Boarded-out children attending this school."

As no "Form of Return" was left nor asked for, I can only furnish information on the two points above mentioned.

Irrespective of children whose names are on the free list who reside with their parents, and in respect of which aid is afforded by the Government, but which I was informed I need not take into account, there are fifteen "Boarded-out" children attending the school under my charge, respecting which I beg to report on the two heads named : first,—

*General Appearance.*

As regards attention to their personal cleanliness and neatness of apparel,—excellent, with but three exceptions. Indeed a visitor coming into the school would, if he judged from their appearance, take them to be the children of middle class parents. Second,—

*Attendance.*

Of the whole—fairly good ; of the majority—very good.

I have, &c.

S. HUGHES, *Conductor.*

*The Administrator of Charitable Grants, Hobart Town.*



*St. Joseph's Schools, Hobart Town, 25th November, 1879.*

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of enquiry, November 13th, I have the following observations to make :—I have had the management of the St. Joseph's Schools for the past five months. During that time the general attendance of the "Boarded-out" children was very good. When in school the appearance of their clothing was neat and comfortable. Their conduct and general behaviour were good.

I have, &c.

M. J. O'REGAN.

W. TARLETON, *Esquire*.

*Cascade Free School, 26th November, 1879.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that there are fifteen "Boarded-out" children attending the Cascade Free School.

Their general attendance at school is very regular, the only exceptions being in wet weather or cases of sickness.

With regard to their conduct, it is all that can be desired.

The clothing of the whole of these children is very neat, warm, and comfortable ; and their general appearance will compare most favourably with the other children attending this school.

I have, &c.

E. MITCHELL.

W. TARLETON, *Esq.*

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### *NAMES of Children to be added to Return.*

<i>No. of Case.</i>	<i>Name of Child.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Religion.</i>	<i>Amount per Week.</i>	<i>Name of Foster Parents.</i>
		<i>years. months.</i>		<i>s. d.</i>	
2821	<i>Longford.</i> Doody, Thomas	7      6	Roman Catholic	5   0	Anthony Ward.
2335	<i>Spring Bay.</i> Felmingham, Jessie Felmingham, Alice Jane	7      6 5     10	Protestant Ditto	5   0 5   0	Mary Franklin. Ditto.

### *PARTICULARS as to Children over 15 years of age whose names appear in the above Return.*

#### HOBART.

No. 2815. *Blake, Elizabeth.*—This girl was apprenticed from the Queen's Asylum, but being unable to perform the work of a servant owing to paralysis of one side, and being unfit to be trusted alone with children, her master asked to be relieved of her.

No. 669. *Bennett, Johanna.*—Imbecile, and of very dirty habits. Received a severe injury to her head. Not likely ever to be able to earn her own living.

No. 2850. *Byland, Mary Ann.*—Can only move about with difficulty owing to a severe accident when young. Is quite useless except for such work as she can do standing or sitting at a table. She could not even remove a young child from danger or mischief, being unable to lift anything.

No. 1890. *Davis, Fanny.*—Deformed. Cannot walk or stand. Requires great care and attention.

No. 2830. *Nelson, Elizabeth.*—Boarded out when Queen's Asylum was closed. Is of weak intellect.

#### LAUNCESTON.

No. 2831. *Williams, Victoria.*—With sister Mrs. Saunders. No payment has been asked for or made on her account. Name removed from Boarded-out List.