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ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE AND INDUSTRIAL
SCHOOL :

REPORT FOR 1890.

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



ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Harrington-street, 10th February, 1891.

SIR,

WE have again the pleasure of submitting the Annual Report of St. Joseph's Orphanage and Industrial School.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the conduct of the girls in the Institution has been good.

From the previous year forty-seven girls remained. During this year fourteen have been admitted, seven discharged, and one died. Number remaining on 31st December, 1890, fifty-three.

Of the seven who were discharged, five have been apprenticed, the other two returned to their parents.

Those who were apprenticed are, we are happy to state, giving general satisfaction.

Our expenditure at present is in excess of receipts, owing mainly to the fact that several persons who placed their children here have been remiss in payments.

Mr. Rule examined the children at the end of the year, and expressed himself well satisfied with their progress and conduct.

In May last one of the girls, who had been lingering for eighteen months from an internal complaint, died.

In September the Orphanage sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. O'Farrell, who was appointed Rectress of the Institution at its foundation in March, 1879. Of her zealous and self-sacrificing labours the Orphanage will ever be a standing monument.

Our cordial thanks are tendered to Dr. G. H. Butler for his kind and gratuitous attendance whenever medical advice was required by the inmates; to Mr. E. Mulcahy for his energetic efforts to secure the s.s. *Flora* for an excursion trip on the 26th December, by which the sum of £45 was realised, as also for his many other acts of kindness to the orphans; to Mr. Maloney, of Black Brush, for allowing free pasturage to the cows; and to the many other kind friends who have manifested their practical sympathy by forwarding donations of vegetables, fruit, &c.

The children had their annual treat, the expenses of which were defrayed by money kindly forwarded by Government from a fund left by the late Mr. Fox for that purpose.

To Captain Wise and Mr. O'May we also return our sincere thanks for gratuitously giving the orphans trips to New Norfolk and Bellerive.

We have the honor to remain,
Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

CHAS. WOODS.

ELIZA WILLIAMS.

CHARLOTTE KEARNEY.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.
