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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

HOBART TOWN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR
GIRLS.

REPORT FOR 1876.

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ANNUAL REPORT, 1876.

THE work of the Industrial School has during the past year been carried on satisfactorily. The amount of good accomplished by such an Institution cannot be stated in a Report. Any attempt to do this would have to take into consideration the nature of the influences from which many of the girls have been removed, and the power which these influences had already exercised upon their dispositions. Taking these facts into account, and other difficulties necessarily connected with the work, your Committee are of opinion that the results of the past afford encouragement to more earnest effort.

The Institution is no less a home than a school. All the arrangements are made with the view of producing this impression in the minds of the girls; and so thoroughly do they understand and appreciate the intention of the Committee, that when they leave their situations they generally return to the Institution until others can be procured for them. Several have done so during the past year. Our Matron also corresponds with the girls who have left, and encourages them to write to each other.

In order to induce the girls voluntarily to cultivate habits of industry, they have during the latter part of their stay a weekly sum allowed them. The amount thus obtained they find useful when they go out to service. The sum paid on this account last year is £3 10s. The balance sheet shows the earnings of the girls during the year to have been £113 4s. 10d.; to this must be added about £20, which has not yet been paid in.

The number of inmates January 1st, 1876.....	32
Admitted	10
Left for domestic service.....	8
Inmates December 31st.....	34

The Committee would invite special attention to the capital account, which shows an increase by interest of £156 14s. 10d.; the total at present being £1590 19s. 10d. The Committee are anxious to raise this amount to say £2500, which will enable them to build or purchase suitable premises. Believing that the Institution is doing a good and very necessary work, the Committee commend it to the consideration of their friends, and trust that increased efforts will be made in behalf of its funds.
