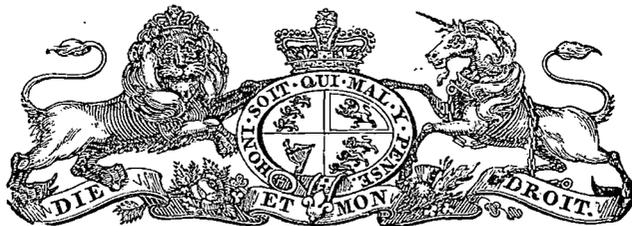


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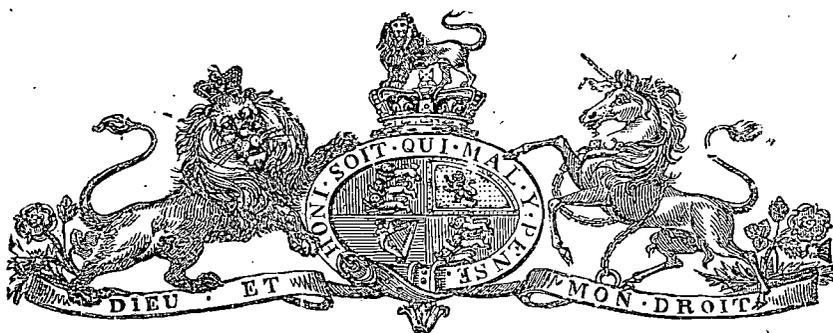
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

DEPARTMENT FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN:

REPORT FOR 1898.

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

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*Department for Neglected Children,
New Town, 31st December, 1898.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Department for Neglected Children for the year 1898.

Committals.

During the year 86 children were committed under the provisions of "The Neglected Children Act," and were disposed of as follows:—

Committed to Boys' Training School	23
Ditto Girls' Industrial School, Hobart	1
Ditto Girls' Training School, Hobart.....	5
Ditto to care of Department.....	57
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	86
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The 57 children committed to the care of the Department were disposed of in the following manner:—

Transferred to Boys' Home.....	6
Ditto Girls' Industrial School, Hobart.....	1
Ditto St. Joseph's Orphanage	1
Ditto Boys' Training School	3
Ditto New Norfolk Asylum.....	2
Placed out in service.....	4
Boarded out	40
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	57
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Full particulars regarding the ages, &c., of the children will be found in Return A.

Expenditure.

The amount expended during the year for the service of the Neglected Children Department was £32 0s. 6d., being £117 19s. 6d. less than the amount provided in the estimate.

Return B. shows the expenditure of the various Industrial and Training Schools, and of the children maintained under the Boarding-out System. From this Return it will be seen that the number of children maintained on 31st December, 1898, was 316, an increase of 35 compared with 31st December, 1897, and that the net cost per head was £13 0s. 3d., as against £14 1s. 5d. in 1897.

Reports.

Attached will be found the following Reports:—

- Appendix A.—The Boys' Home.
- " B.—The Industrial School for Girls, Hobart.
- " C.—The St. Joseph's Orphanage, Hobart.
- " D.—The Industrial School for Girls, Launceston.
- " E.—The Girls' Training School, Hobart.
- " F.—The Boys' Training School, New Town.
- " G.—The Boarding-out System.

Staff.

On the 21st January, 1898, Mr. George Judge, Collector of Imposts for the Southern Division of the Colony, died, and Mr. J. Connolly, Clerk at the New Town Charitable Institution, was appointed to succeed him.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON,

The Honourable the Chief Secretary.

Secretary Department for Neglected Children.

A.

RETURN of Committals under the provisions of the Neglected Children Act for the Year 1898.

DISTRICT.	Number committed.	AGES.																RELIGION.				CAUSE OF COMMITTAL.									
		1 year.	2 years.	3 years.	4 years.	5 years.	6 years.	7 years.	8 years.	9 years.	10 years.	11 years.	12 years.	13 years.	14 years.	15 years.	16 years.	Total.	Church of England.	Roman Catholic.	Wesleyan.	Total.	Neglected child.	Larceny.	Surrendered by parents.	Lighting fires on land.	Breaking bottles.	False pretences.	Damaging property.	Total.	
Hobart.....	39	..	2	3	2	2	5	4	5	2	3	1	3	1	2	2	39	24	11	4	39	26	9	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	39
Launceston...	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Richmond.....	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Burnie.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Deloraine.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
New Norfolk...	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	5	2	3	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Sorell.....	7	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	1	..	7	7	..	..	..	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Westbury.....	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	4	4	..	3	1	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Waratah.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bothwell.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Latrobe.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Oatlands.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hamilton.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lefroy.....	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	4	1	..	..	4	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Queenstown...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Devonport...	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	1	..	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Longford.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Derby.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Carnarvon...	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Franklin.....	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4
TOTALS.....	86	1	4	4	5	3	6	8	6	3	9	2	12	6	5	10	2	86	57	24	5	86	57	21	1	1	3	2	1	86	

B.

RETURN showing the Number of Children maintained at the Expense of the State in Training and Industrial Schools and under the Boarding-out System on the 1st January, 1898, the Number admitted and discharged during the Year, the Number remaining on the 31st December, 1898, and the Net Cost of same.

INSTITUTION.	Remaining 31 Dec., 1897.		Admitted during year.		Discharged during year.		Remaining 31 Dec., 1898.		Average daily number.	Cost of Maintenance.	Repayments.		Net Cost.	Net Cost per Head.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.			Maintenance.	Other Sources.		
Boys' Home Industrial School.....	29	...	6	...	3	...	32	...	29.68	£ s. d. 385 17 9	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 385 17 9	£ s. d. 13 0 0
Industrial School for Females, Hobart .....	...	20	...	4	...	2	...	22	21.09	274 2 10	3 0 0	...	271 2 10	12 17 1
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Hobart .....	...	36	...	2	...	4	...	34	34.50	421 5 2	3 0 0	...	418 5 2	12 2 5
Industrial School for Females, Launceston.....	...	19	...	...	...	5	...	14	15.65	203 4 6	4 4 0	...	199 0 6	12 14 4
Girls' Training School, Hobart .....	...	8	...	5	...	1	...	12	12.09	150 9 3	...	...	150 9 3	12 9 0
Boys' Training School, New Town	55	...	51	...	46	...	60	...	58.00	889 16 5	45 7 4	249 7 7	595 1 6	10 5 2
	84	83	57	11	49	12	92	82	171.00	2324 15 11	55 11 4	249 7 7	2019 17 0	11 16 3
Boarding-out system	67	47	32	27	20	11	79	63	126.22	1932 11 8	87 3 3	...	1845 8 5	14 12 6
TOTAL	151	130	89	38	69	23	171	145	297.08	4257 7 7	142 14 7	249 7 7	3865 5 5	13 0 3

APPENDIX A.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
LANSDOWNE CRESCENT.

Hobart, May 6th, 1899.

SIR,

The Governors of this Institution beg to submit to you their Report for the 12 months ending 31st March, 1899.

State of the Institution.

The number of boys in the Home at the commencement of last year was 28. There have been admitted during the year, 5; apprenticed and surrendered, 4; leaving 29 inmates at the present date. One boy is also being maintained in the Home whose time has expired, which makes 30 in all being provided for.

The health of the boys has on the whole been very good, with a few exceptions. Some of them, owing to their hereditary weakly disposition, have shown a tendency to illness, and have been in the General Hospital at intervals, where they were kindly and skilfully treated, for which the Governors are thankful to the authorities. All are now convalescent and in good health.

The boys do all the household work, and cultivate and keep in order the garden and grounds, the state of which reflects credit upon all concerned. Arrangements are being made for the regular drilling of the boys, and for teaching them to play the Fife and Drum Band which has recently been purchased.

The education of the Boys is still attended to by Mrs. Spratt (a certificated teacher). The Report of Mr. S. O. Lovell, Inspector of Schools, will show their progress and proficiency.

REPORT OF ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

THE Examination was held on 1st December. There were present 31 Boys, in Classes ranging from the Lower First to the Fifth.

Lower First Class.—Number examined, 3—all new scholars since previous examination. Average age, 8 years 9 months. All were found to be merely beginners.

Upper First Class.—Number examined, 4. Average age, 11 years 9 months. In a lower class at date of last examination, 2; new scholars, 2. Reading: 4 passed, 2 with credit; fair on the whole. Writing: 4 passed, 3 with credit; good on the whole. Arithmetic: 4 passed, all with credit; very good on the whole. In all three subjects 4 passed; 2 with credit, 2 being up to the full standard.

Second Class.—Number examined, 4. Average age, 10 years 5 months. In a lower class at date of last examination, 1; in a lower class, 1; new scholars, 2. Reading: 4 passed, 2 with credit; good on the whole. Writing: 4 passed, 2 with credit; very fair on the whole. Arithmetic: 4 passed, 3 with credit; good on the whole. In all three subjects 4 passed; with credit, 1.

Third Class.—Number examined, 4. Average age, 12 years 6 months. In a lower class at date of last examination, all. Reading: 4 passed, all with credit; very good generally. Writing: 4 passed, 3 with credit; good generally. Arithmetic: 4 passed, all with credit; very good generally. In all three subjects 4 passed, 3 with credit.

Fourth Class.—Number examined, 5. Average age, 13 years. In a lower class at date of last examination, all. Reading: 5 passed, 4 with credit; very good. Writing: 4 passed, none with credit; the penmanship being very good, but the spelling only moderate. Arithmetic: 3 passed, none with credit; the work being weak on the whole. In all three subjects 2 passed, none with credit.

Fifth Class.—Number examined, 11. Average age, 14 years 5 months. In a lower class at date of last examination, all. Reading: 11 passed, 7 with credit; general quality very good, with satisfactory intelligence. Writing: 9 passed, 5 with credit; penmanship very good, spelling very fair. Arithmetic: 3 passed, none with credit; the work being weak generally. In all three subjects 3 passed, none with credit.

General.

This being my first examination of the School, I was not in a position to trace the progress of the scholars. The behaviour of the boys in School was found very satisfactory. I am pleased to report that, in my opinion, the arrangements and general order of the Institution reflect very great credit on the Management.

S. O. LOVELL, Inspector of Schools.

Finance.

The Accounts for the year have been audited, and show —

	£	s.	d.
The Receipts for the 12 months.....	680	10	7
The Expenditure	678	13	7
Showing a surplus for the year	1	17	0
The present debit balance at the bank being, as per account, at this date	33	3	4

The Governors are pleased to report they have received from the Trustees of the Guesdon Bequest £37 10s., being six months' interest on £2500. There is, it is understood, a further sum to be invested for this Institution, but the Trustees are not yet in a position to state the exact amount available.

General.

The Boys apprenticed on the whole are doing very well in their situations. A good percentage of those who have finished their apprenticeship are occupying positions of trust and respectability.

The Triennial Meeting was held in the Town Hall on June 20 last year, and passed off very successfully. The Governors elected at that meeting were: Rev. Canon Shoobridge, Messrs. John Mitchell, John Macfarlane, T. B. Mather, and Bernard Shaw; Messrs. F. Stops and Geo. Steward having been appointed by the Government.

The satisfactory state of the Home and its surroundings, the good behaviour and general deportment of the Boys in the Home and elsewhere; reflect much credit upon the Matron (Mrs. Shipley) and her assistants.

The thanks of the Governors are again tendered to all who have so willingly assisted in various ways towards the success of this Institution.

Signed on behalf of the Governors,

G. W. SHOBRIDGE, *Chairman.*

To the Secretary of the Department for Neglected Children.

APPENDIX B.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR FEMALES,
HOBART.

SIR,

THE Committee of the Hobart Girls' Industrial School have much pleasure in presenting their Thirtieth Annual Report for the year 1898. The year has been an uneventful one of sustained effort and much quiet work, which, however, leaves little to chronicle. The children on the whole have been well and happy, and have made satisfactory progress in all respects. It is pleasing to note that the officers of the School try to keep in touch with the girls who have left, and encourage them still to regard the School as "home." Two of the old girls have lately stayed at the School when seeking fresh situations, and good reports have been received from many of those in service.

The chief cause of anxiety to the management is the dwindling amount of annual subscriptions, and the Committee desire to take this opportunity of urging increased exertion on the part of the collectors. They and the public are requested to notice that no part of the Guesdon Bequest has as yet been received. Funds are needed for the support of those girls who do not receive any Government grant, but who, for various reasons, are still absolutely dependent on the care and training which the Industrial School alone can supply. This undertaking has been so blessed in the past that the Committee feel confident it is only necessary to mention their need to call forth practical and liberal expressions of sympathy, so that the good work may be increased rather than risk curtailment.

The numbers at present in the School are—

In School, 1897.....	35
Admitted	5
	40
	—
Left for Service	4
Hospital.....	1
Remaining Christmas, 1898	35
	—
	40
	—

FRED. J. SALIER *for* MRS. GEO. SALIER, *Hon. Secretary.*

To the Secretary of the Department for Neglected Children.

APPENDIX C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
HOBART.

SIR,

THE Governors of St. Joseph's Orphanage have much pleasure in presenting their Report for the year ending 31st December, 1898, being the Twentieth Annual Report of the institute.

The number of children in the Orphanage on 1st January, 1898, was fifty-one.

Five were admitted during the year; seven were discharged; leaving forty-nine in the institute, 31st December, 1898.

Of the five children admitted only two were sent by the Government. This is much to be regretted; but the Governors hope that the Department may not lose sight altogether of the superior advantages of St. Joseph's Orphanage as an industrial training school for girls.

Mr. Lovell, Inspector, held his annual examination of the School on 29th November, and expressed satisfaction with the answering of the children.

The thanks of the Governors are specially due to those kind benefactors and friends who continue from year to year to render valuable service to the institute. Messrs. T. Sheehy and E. Mulcahy still continue kind patronage as in former years. Dr. Butler, as Medical Adviser, and Mr. Rodway, Dentist, deserve special thanks for their valuable professional services.

Additional accommodation is urgently needed for the Sisters and children. The expenditure during the year has been purposely curtailed with a view to raising a sum of money for the purpose of providing the necessary accommodation.

It will be seen that the first step in this direction has actually been taken, by paying off a portion of the debt of £1000, which has been owing for so many years on the Orphanage building, and for which an annual interest has been paid.

The Governors desire to thank the many supporters of the institute, and request that the same help and patronage may be shown during 1899 as during the past year.

We have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THOS. KELSH.

M. E. O'CONNOR.

To the Secretary, Department for Neglected Children.

APPENDIX D.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, LAUNCESTON.

SIR,

The Governors and Committee, in submitting the Annual Report, are pleased to state that the work of the past year has, on the whole, been very satisfactory.

The health of the children has been remarkably good, no case of serious illness having occurred.

The educational work has been carried on much as usual, and with fairly average results; but we are still of opinion that it would be of immense advantage to our girls if the way was open for them to attend the State School, as with the element of competition mingling in their work with other scholars, they would probably make much greater progress, and their association with other children could not fail to be productive of much good in many ways.

Steady attention is still given to religious instruction by ministers and others, who are unwearied in this good work, which must be of great and, we trust, permanent benefit.

Several girls have been placed at service, and we are pleased to report that all are giving satisfaction. In two or three instances the mistresses speak most highly of their conduct and efficiency.

The Matron, who for some time has suffered from impaired health, was granted nine months' leave of absence, and this has necessitated some increase in the expenditure on account of salaries. Miss Beard has been a School officer for many years past, and we therefore felt quite justified in dealing with her as

liberally as we could. We are glad to report that she has returned to her duties greatly benefited by the rest and change.

Our cordial thanks are given to Dr. Parker, Mr. Hall, and very many other friends for the interest they have manifested and the practical help afforded.

The credit balance shown for many years past is gradually disappearing, and this year it is reduced to £21 13s. 3d. This diminishing of the funds arises in part from the fact that several children have been maintained at the School for two or three years past, and for whom we get no payment either from their parents or the Government.

We shall for the year 1899 begin to participate in the Guesdon Charities Bequest to the extent of about £75 per annum, but as the School premises require thoroughly renovating (but little having been spent in this direction for many years), probably more than the whole of the income from this source for the first year will be absorbed. We therefore appeal to our friends to help us to the best of their ability, so that we may at least keep free of debt.

In concluding this Report we can but repeat in substance what has so often been said before: The work in which we are engaged is one of prevention rather than cure, and by the laying hold of neglected and orphan children and giving them a training in our School, where the moral and religious training is regarded as of first importance, we are giving them a chance of developing into respectable and useful members of the community; and the results of the past twenty-two years of our work in this direction more than justifies the perpetuation of this institution as a most valuable agency along the line of social reform.

Number of girls in the School, January 1st, 1898.....	23
Admitted during 1898	nil
	—
	23
	—
Left for service during same period	6
Remaining in the School, December 31st, 1898.....	17
	—
	23
	—

For Governors and Committee,

F. STANFIELD.

To the Secretary, Department for Neglected Children.

APPENDIX E

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GIRLS' TRAINING SCHOOL REFORMATORY.

Hobart, 27th February, 1899.

SIR,

THE Ladies' Committee of Reformatory, in presenting their Eighteenth Annual Report, are thankful to say the work of the institution has gone on quietly and steadily throughout the year.

At the beginning of the year there were twelve girls: five received, one left, sixteen remaining at the end of the year. Their conduct on the whole has been good.

In December all the inside of the building was papered and painted, the walls scraped and whitewashed.

Service is still held on Sunday morning by Mr. Lake; also a Bible class on Wednesday evening. Classes are held by ladies for Bible instruction on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

The girls are employed in washing, housework, cooking, and needlework, receive instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Again the Committee record their appreciation of the work of the Matrons, which helps so much towards the success of the institution.

The amount received for washing was £224 4s. 4d. Money remaining in Bank, £36 8s. 6d.

I am, &c.,

M. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec. G.T.S.R.

To the Secretary Department for Neglected Children.

APPENDIX F.

BOYS' TRAINING SCHOOL, NEW TOWN.

MANAGERS' REPORT for 1898.

April, 1899.

SIR,

THE Managers have the honour to submit their 15th Annual Report of the Boys' Training School.

The number of boys on December 31st, 1898, was 60 ; but during the year there had been 114 on the books.

Three boys contracted typhoid fever, and several others suffered from an attack of measles, but all recovered ; and the health of the School, with the above exceptions, has been very good.

The Report on the Annual Examination of the School, by the Inspector under the Board of Education, was highly satisfactory.

Instruction has been given, with great success, in practical work intended to fit the boys for useful trades and farm work.

The conduct of the boys has been good.

Full details of work done during the year are given in the Superintendent's Report attached.

The cost per head for the year has been £10 5s. 2d., or £2 12s. 5d. less than previous year.

The Superintendent and officials have carried out their duties to the entire satisfaction of the Managers.

We have, &c.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Chairman.*
 THEO. CANE.
 ARTHUR CASS.
 M. W. GILLERAN.
 W. PERRY HART.
 J. O'BOYLE.
 GEO. RICHARDSON.
 FRED. T. WHITINGTON, LL.B.

The Secretary the Neglected Children Department.

SUPERINTENDENT'S Report for 1898.

New Town, 28th March, 1899.

GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Boys' Training School, New Town, for the year 1898.

Strength.

The number of boys on the books during the year was 114, and the number remaining on the 31st December 60.

The highest number of boys in the School was 69, and the lowest 49.

The average daily number was 58, an increase of 9 as compared with 1897.

Admissions.

The number admitted during the year was 51, viz. :—

Committed to Training School.....	24
Committed to care of Department for Neglected Children, and transferred to Training School.....	4
Transferred from Boarding-out System	6
Returned to School, licence revoked by Managers	9
Committed to Neglected Children Department, and admitted, pending other arrangements.....	7
Transferred from Boys' Home	1
	51
	51

Discharges.

The number discharged during the year was as follows:—

Licensed to Masters.....	32
Ditto to Parents	3
Absconded	1
Discharged (time expired)	1
Transferred to New Town Charitable Institution ...	2
Ditto Boarding-out System	4
Ditto Boys' Home	3
	46
	46

Religious and Secular Instruction.

The boys have regularly attended their respective Churches, Sunday Schools, and Religious Instruction Classes during the year. Mr. Lovell, Inspector of Schools, visited on the 8th day of December and examined the boys. Annexed is a copy of his Report.

Recreation.

On the 26th April the boys, through the kindness of Mr. Back, General Manager of the Railway Department, had a trip to the River Plenty. On the 29th December the annual cake and fruit treat was held.

The boys were allowed to attend several concerts which were given in the New Town Charitable Institution; and they also, by invitation of the manager, attended the Circus. On regatta day most of the boys were allowed out, and on several occasions they were permitted to attend the Show Ground and witness football and cricket matches.

Industrial Department.

Farming work has been carried on at Government Farm and Derwent Park. The usual trades, as well as domestic work and gardening work, have been carried on.

Conduct of the Boys.

The conduct of the boys as a whole has been good, though some boys who were admitted during the year caused a little trouble by their attempts to abscond: one of the boys succeeded in getting away, and is still at large.

The reports from the masters of the boys who are licensed to them are, in nearly every instance, very satisfactory.

Finance.

Return A shows that the Expenditure for the year was £889 16s. 5d.; the receipts from all sources amounted to £294 14s. 11d., leaving a net Expenditure of £595 1s. 6d.

The cost per head on the net Expenditure was £10 5s. 2d., or £2 12s. 5d. less than in 1897.

If the value of milk and potatoes supplied to the New Town Charitable Institution, *vide* Return B, was taken credit for, the net cost per head would be £6 12s. 2d.

Farm.

Return B shows the operations of the Farm for the year. But for the dry season and the low prices ruling for wheat, &c., the result would have been more satisfactory.

Library.

Mrs. J. Walker, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Gant, of New Town, very kindly sent a supply of books for the library, and Mr. W. H. Burgess continued to send the *Boys' Own Paper*.

Visitors.

Many visits have been paid by persons interested in the School. The friends and relatives of the boys have freely taken advantage of the facilities for visiting.

Health.

The health of the boys has been good. Three of the boys contracted typhoid fever and were removed to the General Hospital, Hobart. They all recovered and were returned to the School. Several of the boys were temporarily laid up with an epidemic of measles.

Rewards.

The classification system continues to work well, and the liberty granted to the boys is greatly appreciated.

Personal.

During the last few weeks of the year I was incapacitated by illness from attending to the work of the School, and Mr. F. R. Seager acted as my *locum tenens*.

On my transfer to another branch of the Government Service at the end of the year, Mr. Seager was appointed to succeed me as Superintendent, and I am convinced that the Managers are to be congratulated on the selection made by the Government.

I would like to place on record an expression of my thanks to those officers who have been associated with me in the work of this School, and especially to Mr. W. Read, the overseer, whose untiring zeal and attention to duties have done so much to maintain the successful character of the School, and whose kindly influence, instruction, and example have had such a beneficial effect upon the character of the boys.

I have &c.

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Superintendent.*

RETURN showing the Expenditure at the Boys' Training School during the Year 1898, the Receipts for the same period, and the Net Cost per head.

EXPENDITURE.		RECEIPTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Salaries.....	295 0 0	Fees for maintenance of inmates.....	45 7 4
Provisions	337 1 11	Sale of milk	53 11 2
Clothing, bedding, stores, and stationery	111 12 4	Sale of stock	74 10 4
Fuel and light.....	39 17 11	Sale of grain	82 19 8
Repairs to buildings	9 17 3	Services of beasts	5 5 0
Miscellaneous expenses.....	21 13 9	Ploughing, &c., done at Cornelian Bay	
Farm expenses	74 13 3	Cemetery	9 10 9
		Milk supplied to H.M. Gaol	23 10 8
		Balance, being Net Cost of Establish-	
		ment.....	595 1 6
	<u>£889 16 5</u>		<u>£889 16 5</u>

Average daily strength for the year, 58.
Net Cost per head, £10 5s. 2d.

RETURN showing the Operations of the Farm in connection with the Boys' Training School, New Town, for the year 1898.

EXPENDITURE.		RECEIPTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Purchase of seed	15 1 6	By Cash received for sale of milk.....	53 11 2
Ditto bran	7 7 7	Ditto stock	74 10 4
Ditto bone-dust	5 12 6	Ditto grain	82 19 8
Ditto steel wire	1 16 4	Ditto services of beasts	5 5 0
Ditto binders' twine.....	4 13 4	Ditto ploughing, &c., at Cornelian	
Ditto plough wheels, chaffcutting		Bay Cemetery	9 10 9
knives, mould boards, &c.	3 11 0	Milk supplied to H.M. Gaol	23 10 8
Ditto harness	5 10 0	Ditto N.T.C.I., 29,625½ pints, at 3d.	
Ditto Ayrshire Bull.....	10 10 0	per quart	185 3 2
Grinding peas, beans, &c.	2 11 4	Potatoes supplied to N.T.C.I.	26 14 4
Insurance of hay.....	2 0 0		
Threshing grain	9 18 0		
Shoeing horses and blacksmith's work.....	6 1 8		
Balance credit	386 11 10		
	<u>£461 5 1</u>		<u>£461 5 1</u>

REPORT of Annual Examination.

The examination was held on 6th and 8th December. There were present 56 boys, in classes ranging from the lower first to the fifth.

Lower First Class.—Number examined, 5; all new scholars since previous examination. The class was doing satisfactory work, and one pupil was found up to the full standard.

Upper First Class.—Number examined, 5; in a lower class at date of last examination, 1; in the same class, 1; new scholars, 3. Reading:—5 passed, 1 with credit, the general quality being moderate. Writing:—5 passed, 4 with credit, the work generally being good. Arithmetic.—5 passed, all with credit. In all three subjects 5 passed, 1 with credit and up to the full standard.

Second Class.—Number examined, 23; in a lower class at date of last examination, 8; in a lower class, 2; new scholars, 13. Reading:—22 passed, 12 with credit, good on the whole, with creditable intelligence shown. Writing:—20 passed, 9 with credit, the general character of the work being fair. Arithmetic:—23 passed, 21 with credit, the work being very good generally. In all three subjects 20 passed, 8 with credit, and up to the full standard.

Third Class.—Number examined, 7; average age, 12 years. Reading:—7 passed, 6 with credit, the reading being generally good. Writing:—6 passed, 4 with credit, the work being good on the whole. Arithmetic:—7 passed, 3 with credit, the work being fair on the whole. In all three subjects 6 passed, 2 with credit.

Fourth Class. Number examined, 7; average age, 16 years. Reading:—7 passed, all with credit, the reading generally being very good. Writing:—7 passed, all with credit, the work being excellent on the whole. Arithmetic:—7 passed, none with credit, the work being only moderate throughout. In all three subjects 7 passed, none with credit.

General.—The ages supplied in the class lists were given in years only.

This being my first examination of the School, I was not in a position to trace the progress of the scholars.

The arrangement and general order of the institution appear to me to reflect much credit on the management.

S. O. LOVELL, *Inspector of Schools.*

APPENDIX G.

BOARDING-OUT DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

REPORT for 1898.

The number of children maintained under the Boarding-out System on 1st January was 114—boys, 67; girls, 47.

The number admitted during the year was 59—32 boys and 27 girls; and 31—20 boys and 11 girls—were struck off the list; leaving 142—79 boys and 63 girls—on the roll at the end of the year. Of this number there were located in—

	Boys.	Girls.
Hobart and Suburbs	58	43
Launceston and Suburbs	9	7
Municipal and Police Districts.....	12	13
	79	63
	79	63

Expenditure.

The expenditure for the year, including salaries of Secretary to Central Committee and the Inspecting Officers, Hobart and Launceston, was £1932 11s. 8d., or £682 11s. 8d. more than the amount voted by Parliament. This excess, which was caused by the increased number of children maintained, was provided for upon a Supplementary Estimate.

The sum of £87 3s. 3d. was received as repayments by relatives, being £48 14s. 3d. more than in 1897, and the net cost for the year was £1845 8s. 5d.

The daily average number of children maintained during the year was 126.22, as against 103.13 in 1897, and the net cost per head £14 12s. 6d., a decrease of £1 9s. 11d. as compared with 1897.

This decrease is caused by the amended scale of payment which has since the first of the year been paid to foster parents, and to the system, where practicable, of boarding-out children to their relatives at half rates.

Fox's Bequest.

The sum of £6 7s. 3d. was received from the Honourable the Chief Secretary on account of this bequest for the year 1898, and was distributed amongst the boarded-out children throughout the Colony at the rate of 10½d. each.

Apprentices.

The amount to credit in the Hobart Savings Bank, and standing in the name of the Chairman of the late Central Committee, of apprentices under the Boarding-out System, on the 31st December, 1898, was £148 4s. 7d.

Inspection.

The reports of the Visiting Committees and Inspecting Officers received during the year were all of a satisfactory nature.

In order that the same system of inspection of the homes and payment of foster parents might prevail in Launceston as at Hobart, Sergeant-Major Welsh was appointed Inspecting Officer at the former place, and the system has worked very satisfactorily.

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*
Department for Neglected Children.