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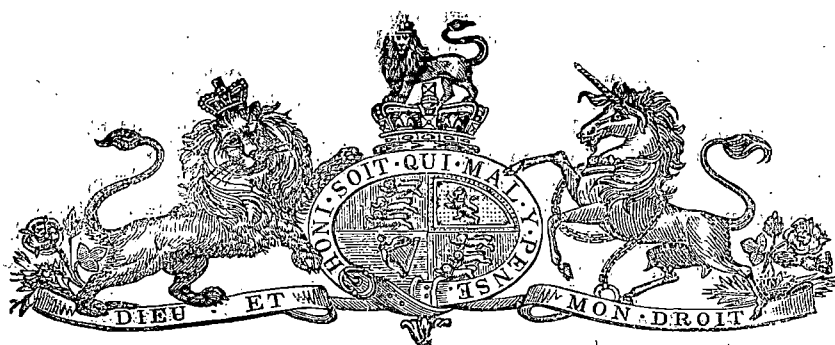
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CHARITABLE GRANTS DEPARTMENT:

REPORT FOR 1896.

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Charitable Grants Department, New Town, 30th April, 1897.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report of this Department for the year 1896.

Following up the system initiated in 1895, the Administration of Out-door Relief, &c., in Hobart and Launceston was left to the Benevolent Societies of these Cities, and in the Country Districts to the Wardens and Stipendiary Magistrates.

Appended are Returns showing the Expenditure under the different headings for the year.

Out-door Relief, &c.

Appendix "A" shows the expenditure under Items 1 to 7 inclusive of Section XVII. of the Estimates, from which it will be seen that the amount expended is £481 9s. less than the amount provided by Parliament. The repayments for the year were £40 10s. 11d. from Collectors, and £15 15s. 10d. from the Imperial Government, leaving a net expenditure of £2932 4s. 3d., or £537 15s. 9d. less than the estimate. In addition to this amount the sum of £9, was paid on account of 1895, and £50 forfeited sureties.

Industrial and Training Schools.

From Return "B" it will be observed that there were in the Industrial and Training Schools on the 31st December, 1895:—Boys, 83; girls, 83. Admitted during the year:—Boys, 37; girls, 19. Discharged:—Boys, 49; girls, 25. Remaining on 31st December, 1896:—Boys, 74; girls, 77. The total cost to the State was £2339 11s. 6d. The sum of £67 10s. 10d. was received as repayments by relatives.

Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.

Return "C" shows the number of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind who have been maintained in Institutions in the other Colonies at the expense of this Government during the year 1896. From the Return it will be noted that there were in the different Institutions on 31st December, 1895, 8 males and 5 females; 1 male and 1 female were admitted, and 4 males and 2 females discharged during the year, leaving 5 males and 4 females in the Institutions on 31st December, 1896. Of those discharged, 3 remained in Sydney, and 3 returned to Tasmania. The cost to the Government for the maintenance and education of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind for the year was £395 2s. 3d. £5 were received as repayment by relatives.

During the year one blind girl—Pearl McLean, aged 14—was sent to the N.S.W. Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution, and one boy—Albert Blong, aged 11—was sent to the Roman Catholic Institution for Blind at the Convent of the Maternal Heart of Mary, Lewisham, Sydney.

Thomas Mansfield, a blind lad who was sent to the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind in July, 1893, returned to Tasmania at the end of the year, having voluntarily left the Institute. He subsequently married and gained his living as a street musician. Another—George Smith—who was sent to Sydney in January, 1883, and on whom the Government had spent over £400, was required to return to the Colony. Having declined to do so, the Government grant was withdrawn from 30th June. The period of maintenance of Ellen Johnson and Blanch Hawkes, at the Institute for the Blind, Strathfield, N.S.W., ceased on the 31st December, 1895. As far as last advices show, they remain at that institution as working inmates.

William Herbert and James Sainty returned to their friends at the end of the year. Of the progress of the former and that of George Peters and Pearl M'Lean, the authorities of the N.S.W. Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, say—"I gladly write a brief memo. *re* the Tasmanian pupils (3) who have been with us under tuition here,—viz., William Herbert, George Peters, and Pearl M'Lean—about each of whom I can speak in the highest terms. The first named lad, William Herbert, who came in February, 1892, is deaf and dumb, and his sight is far from good. It will be readily understood that in such a case education or mental development of any kind has been an uphill task, and that his progress has suffered in consequence. In spite, however, of these disabilities, he has done fairly well, being now able to understand and answer easy questions in grammar, geography, scripture, English history; whilst his conduct has always been excellent—indeed, a more good-natured and obliging lad it would be difficult to find, and in view of his great disadvantages his progress in school has been on the whole very satisfactory. He left school last week, having the good wishes of everyone here, and I feel sure he will do his best at whatever his parents put him to.

"Of George Peters I am glad to be able to speak both hopefully and confidently. His progress in all lessons, embracing grammar, geography, scripture, arithmetic, history, and the rudiments of physiology, French, and Latin, is *most satisfactory*, whilst his conduct is in every way exemplary.

"Pearl M'Lean, who has been only three months at school, can already read and write the Braille embossed type fairly well. Had she come earlier her education might have been almost over now. At any rate she promises to be a nice sensible girl, and is likely to acquit herself creditably, both as regards her studies and conduct.—SAMUEL WATSON."

Progress reports on Eliza M'George, Frances E. A. Maher, Herbert J. Dossiter, Darcey Smith, and Robert Smith, pupils of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, did not come to hand for the year.

Out-door Relief.

The expenditure under the head of Out-door Relief for the past ten years is exhibited in Return "D."

The figures show an increase in the total expenditure for 1896, as compared with 1895, of £123 14s. 1d., but this apparent increase is caused by the amount expended on "medical attendance on paupers and temporary provision for tramps," which in 1895 was £260 19s. 10d., having been charged against another vote for that year. In 1896 the whole of these items were included in one vote, so that there was actually a decrease, as compared with 1895, of £137 5s. 9d.

Out-door Relief in Country Districts.

Return "E" shows in full the actual expenditure of Out-door Relief, Medical attendance on Paupers in Country Districts, and "Temporary provision for Tramps," from which it will be seen that the cost per head of population, based on the Census of 1891, was 6½d. in the Municipal, and 3¼d. in the Police Districts. The amount granted by the Government to the Hobart Benevolent Society for 1896 for Out-door Relief totalled £740, and to the Launceston Benevolent Society, £380, in addition to the £1 for £1 rate, which amounted to £240 16s. 8d. in Hobart and £250 in Launceston.

Imperial Claims.

The total claims upon the Imperial Government for repayment of the cost of Imperial Paupers maintained in various Institutions, and in receipt of Out-door Relief during the year, amounted to £1064 10s. 4d.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Administrator of
Charitable Grants.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

A.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF, &c.

RETURN showing the Expenditure under Items 1 to 7, Section XVI. of the Estimates for 1896.

Item.	Heads of Service.	Amount.	Total.
1 to 4.	Salaries	£ s. d. 90 0 0	£ s. d. 90 0 0
5.	Out-door relief, Medical attendance on Paupers in Country Districts, and temporary provision for Tramps	1862 7 11	1862 7 11
6.	Maintenance of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind	395 2 8	
	Maintenance of Paupers in Country Hospitals.....	125 0 0	
	Maintenance of Destitute persons not otherwise provided for	84 9 6	
	Examination of Insane.....	42 9 0	
	Stationery and Stores	3 7 4	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	19 8 1	
			669 16 7
7.	Transport and Funeral Expenses.....	366 6 6	366 6 6
			2988 11 0
	Per Estimate .....	...	3470 0 0
	Expenditure .....	...	2988 11 0
	Under Estimate .....	...	481 9 0

B.

TRAINING AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

RETURN showing the Number of Children maintained in Training and Industrial Schools on the 1st January, 1896, the Number admitted and discharged during the year, the Number remaining on the 31st December, 1896, and the Cost of same.

	Remaining 31st Dec. 1895.		Admitted during year.		Discharged during year.		Remaining 31st Dec. 1896.		Cost of Maintenance.	Repayments by Relatives.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.		
Boys' Home, Hobart.....	27	...	8	...	11	...	24	...	£ s. d. 341 15 1	£ s. d. 17 0 0
Industrial School for Females, Hobart.....	...	23	...	2	...	8	...	17	254 4 10	...
St. Joseph's Orphanage, Hobart	...	31	...	10	...	8	...	33	407 17 6	16 11 11
Industrial School for Females, Launceston .....	...	22	...	3	...	6	...	19	241 3 0	3 14 5
Training School for Girls, Hobart.	...	7	...	4	...	3	...	8	104 12 1	0 7 6
Ditto Boys, ditto	56	...	29	...	38	...	47	...	989 19 0	29 17 0
TOTAL	83	83	37	19	49	25	71	77	£2339 11 6	£67 10 10

DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND.

RETURN of Deaf, Dumb, and Blind persons who have been maintained and educated at the expense of the Government of Tasmania in the under-mentioned Institutions during the year 1896.

	Remaining 31st Dec. 1895.				Admitted during year.				Discharged during year.				Remaining 31st Dec. 1896.				Cost to Government.
	Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		Deaf and Dumb.		Blind.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind.....	...	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	3	£ s. d. 270 13 9
Institute for the Blind, Sydney .....	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Industrial Blind Institution, Sydney .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14 7 7
New South Wales Institu- tion for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	79 18 1
Convent of Maternal Heart, Lewisham, Sydney.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	30 3 3
TOTAL	1	...	7	5	...	...	1	1	...	...	4	2	1	...	4	4	£395 2 8

D.

DECENNIAL RETURN of Expenditure for Out-door Relief in Tasmania during the Years from 1887 to 1896, inclusive.

Year.	Expenditure.			Repayments to be deducted.	Total Expenditure.
	Hobart and Suburbs.	Launceston Municipal and Police Districts.	Municipalities and Police Districts.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1887.....	1296 15 9	3026 6 11	...	51 19 4	4271 3 4
1888.....	946 6 11	2996 17 5	...	39 19 5	3903 4 11
1889.....	900 14 6	2628 8 3	...	45 15 0	3483 7 9
1890.....	817 7 6	2369 2 6	...	39 13 7	3147 6 5
1891.....	734 17 9	2385 19 6	...	59 7 2	3061 10 1
1892.....	787 16 3	2448 15 2	...	56 5 10	3180 5 7
1893.....	740 16 1	2202 11 10	...	53 1 7	2890 6 4
1894.....	702 8 6	2091 17 4	...	24 13 2	2769 12 8
1895.....	740 0 0	2131 5 9	...	35 8 3	2835 17 6
1896.....	740 0 0	380 0 0†	1862 7 11	22 16 4	2959 11 7*

* This amount includes Expenditure for medical attendance on Paupers in Country Districts and temporary provision for Tramps, which in former years was included in a separate vote on the Estimates.

† Launceston and Suburbs.

E.

DECENNIAL RETURN of the Daily Average Number of Inmates of the several Invalid Depôts during the years 1887 to 1896 inclusive.

Years.	New Town.	Launceston.	Total.
1887.....	661	148	809
1888.....	624	188	812
1889.....	589	217	806
1890.....	592	210	802
1891.....	545	215	760
1892.....	535	224	759
1893.....	541	214	755
1894.....	549	204	753
1895.....	545	200	745
1896.....	530	188	718

F.

RETURN showing the Expenditure of Out-door Relief, Medical Attendance on Paupers, and temporary provision for Tramps, in various Municipal and Police Districts during the Year 1896, and the Expenditure per head of Population.

District.	Municipal or Police.	Popula- tion as per Census of 1891.	Balance in hand of Districts on 1-1-96.	Amount paid from Trea- sury during year.	Expended during year.	Balance in hand of Districts on 31-12-96.	Expendi- ture per head of Population.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
Brighton	M.	2111	2 5 3	54 9 9	55 12 5	1 2 7	0 6-32
Bothwell	M.	1253	1 3 3	10 16 9	12 0 0	...	0 2-30
Campbell Town	M.	1876	17 9 5	257 8 9	268 19 3	5 18 11	2 10-41
Carnarvon	P.	748	...	25 0 0	25 0 0	...	0 8-02
Clarence	M.	1730	...	26 0 0	25 10 10	0 9 2	0 3-54
Deloraine	M.	5073	1 5 4	113 14 8	108 1 11	6 18 1	0 5-11
Devon, East	P.	14,776	22 17 2	163 0 0	175 18 4	9 18 10	0 5-45
" West	P.		30 6 4	145 0 0	159 16 10	15 9 6	
Evandale	M.	2070	4 0 3	77 19 9	82 0 0	...	0 9-50
Emu Bay	P.	5597	10 1 6	9 11 9	19 13 3	...	0 0-84
Fingal	M.	3419	1 4 7	66 15 5	68 0 0	...	0 4-77
Franklin	P.	5978	6 0 4	118 0 0	113 8 3	10 12 1	0 4-51
Glamorgan	M.	1003	0 17 5	67 3 4	17 10 1	0 9 1	1 4-17
" nursing .....	...	typhoid	...	patients	50 0 9		
Glenorchy	M.	1962	0 11 7	12 10 10	11 13 2	1 9 3	0 1-43
Green Ponds	M.	1303	7 0 0	25 0 0	29 1 1	2 18 11	0 5-35
George Town	P.	3607	0 5 6	36 6 0	35 14 8	0 16 10	0 2-38
Hamilton	M.	1747	11 7 9	26 5 0	34 12 8	3 0 1	0 4-76
Kingborough	P.	2437	9 2 5	54 0 0	61 6 8	1 15 9	0 6-04
Longford	M.	4389	2 9 4	169 10 8	168 16 5	3 3 7	0 9-23
Macquarie	P.	4000	...	2 12 6	2 12 6	...	0 0-11
New Norfolk	M.	4253	5 2 2	78 10 8	83 12 10	...	0 4-72
Oatlands	M.	3330	1 18 3	76 6 4	71 7 3	6 17 4	0 5-14
Portland	P.	1597	24 17 6	2 10 0	22 9 0	4 18 6	0 3-37
Ross	M.	817	4 12 6	31 7 6	31 8 8	4 11 4	0 9-23
Richmond	M.	2179	10 0 7	16 15 8	26 16 3	...	0 2-95
Russell	P.	1787	...	1 13 6	1 13 6	...	0 0-23
Ringarooma	P.	4801	7 12 1	8 4 2	14 6 3	1 10 0	0 0-79
Spring Bay ..	M.	918	0 0 6	14 19 6	12 17 0		
Sorell	M.	2087	9 12 7	29 2 5	34 17 5	3 17 7	0 4-01
Westbury	M.	5269	0 2 0	141 13 0	138 0 3	3 14 9	0 6-29
TOTAL .....	...	92,117	192 5 1	1862 7 11	1964 8 4	90 4 8	0 5-12
Municipal Districts .....	...	46,789	...	...	1330 19 1	...	0 6-83
Police Districts .....	...	45,328	...	...	633 9 3	...	0 3-35