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## SIXTH REPORT of the BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, 1874-5.

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THE Governors of the Boys' Home, in presenting to their subscribers and friends the Sixth Annual Report, are truly thankful, in reviewing the past, to be able to state that their continued efforts year by year to rescue and reclaim some portion of the many destitute and neglected children in this community from the vice and misery of their daily life, and to introduce them into a higher and purer atmosphere or state of existence, both morally and physically, have been attended with very satisfactory results.

The system of education pursued in this Institution from the first has been one including industrial training, as well as schooling, in the daily programme. The boys have been taught to work in the garden, to milk, to assist in cooking, and in other kinds of domestic employment: in short, the desire has been to enable them to earn their own living by manual labour, while at the same time their mental improvement has been by no means neglected.

An hour or two in the evening is spent very pleasantly by the children in singing and reading, or having read to them and explained by Mr. or Mrs. Reilly, books of an instructive, moral, and religious character; and the family system is in every way adopted as far as practicable.

On the 31st March, 1874, there were twenty-seven boys in the Home; seven have been admitted during the past year, and ten have gone into service in various country districts, and are reported as doing well. But we regret to say that three boys, for repeated insubordination and absconding, were, in accordance with the 17th Section of *The Industrial Schools Act*, sent by the Magistrates to the Cascade "Training School," to be there detained until the expiration of the period assigned for their original detention. Two of these boys were received with bad characters, and exercised such a baneful influence over the others that it was necessary that they should be sent away.

Since the establishment of the Home in 1869, fifty-three children have been received, and thirty-two have left, leaving twenty-one in the Home at the present time.

In a large majority of cases those who have gone into service have given satisfaction; and some who were apprenticed in 1872, and have now nearly completed their term of service, have conducted themselves so well that their masters are desirous of retaining them in their employ. The number of applications—five in one week—for boys far exceeds the supply; but it has become necessary to exercise great care and circumspection in placing them out, for in some instances the masters have not done their duty, but have expected too much from lads of their age, and cared but little for their moral and religious welfare.

The management and control of this Institution is vested in seven Governors or Managers, who hold office for three years, and must then retire and submit themselves for re-election by the donors and subscribers.

Since the last public meeting in 1872 a vacancy occurred by the Very Reverend Dean Cox leaving the Colony, which was filled up by the election of Mr. Charles Crosby, who from the first has taken a great interest in the "Boys' Home," and by his connection with the Ragged Schools been enabled to recommend fit objects for admission to the Institution.

The second term of three years having expired, the Governors now resign the trust that was committed to them in 1872, expressing their earnest hope that the "Boys' Home" may continue to maintain its character as one among the various useful and necessary Institutions in this City deserving the support of the Government and the public generally.

During the past year the number of visitors has not been as many as in former years, but the entries made by them in the Visitors' Book, though few, are very satisfactory.

The Governors, in concluding their Report, desire once more to bear testimony to the faithful performance of their duties by the Master and Mistress of the Institution.

Average number of boys during the past year, twenty-four; cost per head, £17 19s. 10½d.

May, 1875.

*STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st March, 1875.*

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
To Balance on 31st March, 1874		189	19	4	By paid Salaries and Wages		—	—	152 0 0
					Meat Accounts	57	15	7	
				189 19 4	Bread and Flour	45	17	8	
Amount of Subscriptions		—		114 15 0	Tea, Sugar, Rice, &c.	35	19	1	
Government Capitation Allowance		—		311 17 0					139 12 4
Butter sold		17	19	9	Coals and Wood		—	—	17 5 0
Fruit		6	9	6	Hay, Straw, Potatoes, and Bran	33	14	5	
				24 9 3	Grazing Cows	4	17	3	
Interest on £100 Debenture, one year		—		6 0 0					38 11 8
					Clothing and Bedding	24	18	8	
					Boots and Repairs	17	5	9	
									42 4 5
					Insurance of Premises to 1st May, 1875	—	—	—	4 2 6
					Printing and Advertising	—	—	—	2 5 0
					Milk Cows	—	—	—	8 0 0
					Manure and Trees	—	—	—	3 12 0
					Painting and Repairs to Premises	—	—	—	36 1 6
					Rielly's Petty Cash	11	11	0	
					Postage Stamps, Cheques, and Stationery	1	0	4	
									12 11 4
					Balance	—	—	—	190 14 10
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March 31.—To Balance at Credit of the Institution				£190 14 10					

Audited and found correct,  
J. M'C. BROWNE.

E. & O. E.  
ALFRED KENNERLEY, *Treasurer.*  
Hobart Town, 10th May, 1875.

*COPIES of some of the Testimonials entered in the Visitors' Book during the Past Year:—*

M. Fearnley, Esq., B.A.

"None of the Institutions that I have visited, either in England or elsewhere, can compare with this for the perfectness of its arrangements."—16th January, 1874.

Philip T. Smith, Esq.

"Much struck with the number of visitors to this Institution compared with any other that I know of, school or otherwise, in or about Hobart Town. Ventilation improved since last visit, but I would suggest the upper sash of the small dormitory window being made to let down, and both that and the window in another room being made to be always open at the top for about six inches. The appearance of everything excellent."—21st January, 1874.

Reverend A. Davenport, M.A.

"I have been much pleased with all I have seen at the Boys' Home. The boys answered many questions which I put to them, especially those on Sacred History, with remarkable intelligence, and their behaviour was very good."—22nd July, 1874.

D. Murray, Esq., M.H.A.

"Having visited the Boys' Home, it is my opinion that what I have seen reflects the highest praise upon the promoters of such an excellent Institution."—*10th August, 1874.*

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The Hon. Arthur Blyth, Chief Secretary, Adelaide, S.A.

"I have inspected the Boys' Home this 25th November, 1874. I have been greatly pleased with all that I have seen; the management appears to me to be excellent, and everything reflects credit on the promoters of the Institution."

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Lady Charlotte Bacon, from Adelaide.

"Lady Charlotte has been over this Institution, and must express her entire concurrence in the system pursued with respect to the boys; the establishment reflects the highest credit on the originators, and the time will come when the Boys' Home will be a model for all other similar establishments."—*February 18th, 1875.*

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His Excellency Fred. A. Weld, Esq.

"I have received the utmost gratification from my visit to this Institution: the appearance of the boys, the evident progress they are making, and the comfortable and cleanly aspect of the whole Institution, reflects the highest praise upon all concerned in the management."—*April 29th, 1875.*

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