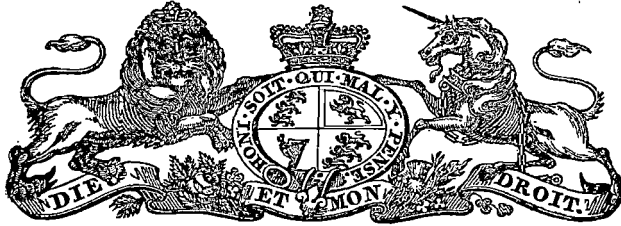


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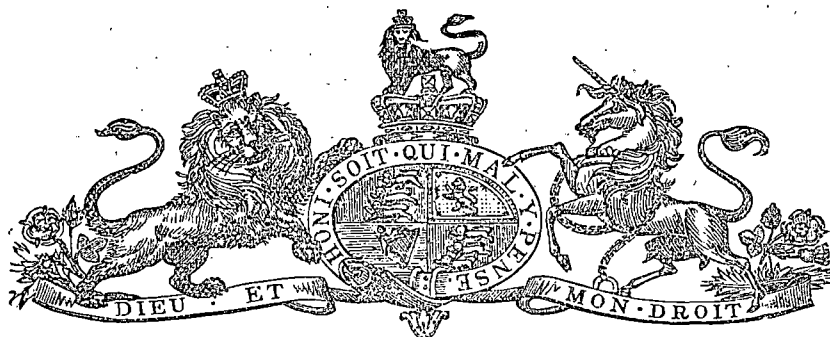
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

BOYS' TRAINING SCHOOL, CASCADES :

REPORT FOR 1894.

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REPORT of the Managers of the Boys' TRAINING SCHOOL, CASCADES, for the Year 1894.

THE Managers have the honor to submit the Superintendent's Report of the working of this Institution for the Year 1894.

The working of the School continues satisfactory, and the behaviour of the boys has been good on the whole.

The net cost per head for the maintenance and training of the boys has been £21 5s. 9d., a reduction of £3 8s. 7d. per head against the year 1893.

The numerical strength is 68.

Some difficulty is experienced in finding suitable situations for those lads eligible to be licensed out, but it is satisfactory to note that a very small percentage of the boys who have passed through the Institution fail to do well in after life.

In addition to the ordinary monthly meetings, the Managers have in the intervals made very frequent visits at irregular times, and desire to express their satisfaction at the manner in which the staff have carried out their work.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Chairman.*
J. W. SIMMONS,
THEOPHILUS CANE, } *Managers.*
E. MAHER,
S. BUCKNELL,
F. BELSTEAD, *Hon. Sec.*

2nd February, 1895.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR 1894.

I have the honor of submitting my Annual Report on the Boys' Training School for the year ending 31st December, 1894.

The work of the Institution has during this period been carried on in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, but with considerable success. The boys have performed their various duties cheerfully and contentedly.

The year commenced with 54 boys on the roll. During the year 25 boys were admitted sent by Magistrates, and 2 temporarily at the request of the Administrator of Charitable Grants. Thirteen boys have been licensed to situations or friends, which left in the Institution on the 31st December, 1894, 68 inmates. The daily average attendance for the year is slightly over 60, or 10 more than the previous year.

Admissions.

The boys admitted comprise 7 from Hobart, 4 from Launceston, 4 from Campbell Town, 4 from Zeehan, 2 from Brighton, 2 from Wynyard, 1 from New Norfolk, and 1 from Longford.

Ages.

1 was 8 years old, 3 aged 10, 5 aged 11, 3 aged 12, 8 aged 13, 3 aged 14, 1 aged 15, and 1 aged 16.

Periods sent.

17 were sent for 3 years, 3 for 4 years, and 5 for 5 years.

Family Circumstances.

2 were orphans, 5 were fatherless, and 18 had both parents alive.

Religions of Boys admitted.

13 were Protestants, and 12 Roman Catholics.

Offences for which the Boys were sent.

For theft, serious and otherwise, 19; idle and disorderly, 3; false pretences, 2; and housebreaking, 1. Several of the boys sent this year have had previous imprisonment inflicted, in one case a month being the sentence. It cannot be too strongly pointed out that this is absolutely unnecessary, and does no good. All authorities unite in saying that no man who has been imprisoned in a common gaol, even as a boy, is ever likely to forget the fact, or to feel himself quite on an equality with those who have not. Nothing should be done to create any obstacle to the growth of self-respect in after-life.

Discharges.

At the close of the year 135 boys had left the Institution, and are now engaged earning their own living. It is pleasing to report that the great bulk, some 90 per cent., are doing well. There are a few who have lapsed temporarily into crime, but this is quite exceptional. Evil-doing on the part of "old boys" is sure to come to the surface and be marked against the Institution; on the other hand, the many who are doing well, and whose duties are performed quietly and satisfactorily, are apt to be forgotten. Visits and letters from "old boys" from all parts of the Colony and elsewhere are frequent and interesting.

Educational Condition.

The educational condition of the boys received from year to year shows little improvement. On a whole the 25 boys admitted this year are much the same from an educational standpoint as those previously received. They may be classified as follows:—9 quite ignorant, 14 could read and write a little, and 2 could read and write well.

The Chief Inspector of Schools (Mr. Rule) paid his visit of inspection on 20th November, and reports as follows:—

"The examination was held on the 20th of November. The number of boys present at the examination was 67.

<i>Lower First Class.</i> —In the same class last year	1	} 11 total.
New scholars.....	10	
Their work was found promising.		
<i>Upper First Class.</i> —In the same class class last year	2	} 10 total.
New scholars	8	
Their work generally was found satisfactory.		
<i>Second Class.</i> —In the same class last year.....	3	} 28 total.
In a lower class last year	17	
New scholars	8	
Their work on the whole was very fair.		
<i>Third Class.</i> —In the same class last year	2	} 10 total.
In a lower class last year	5	
New scholars	3	
Work generally good. All passed in three subjects—nine with credit in Reading, six in Writing and Arithmetic.		

<i>Fourth Class.</i> —In the same class last year.....	3	} 8 total.
In a lower class last year	4	
New scholar.....	1	

In Reading all passed, 7 with credit; in Writing all passed, 2 with credit; in Arithmetic 5 passed below credit standard.

The progress of 36 was found traceable. That of 10 was good; that of 8 fair; that of 10 moderate; that of 8 slow. The progress on the whole was creditable.

J. RULE, *Senior Inspector of Schools.*
13th December, 1894.

The Honorable the Minister of Education."

Religious Instruction.

The religious instruction of the inmates, apart from that taught by the officials, has been controlled by the Revs. S. Bucknell and F. Copeland for the Protestant boys; the Roman Catholics, by the Revs. Father Gilleran and O'Reilly and the Sisters of Charity, all of whom have paid frequent visits, and taken great interest in the religious welfare of the lads.

Recreation.

The amusement of the boys, an important feature, has not been forgotten. Various kind friends have given magic lantern and other entertainments during the winter months, and the boys have played several football matches with other clubs. The annual entertainment by the boys was presided over by the Hon. Henry Dobson and was very successful.

Industrial Departments.

During the year a good deal of industrial work has been performed by the boys. The old dormitory in the adjoining yard has been made suitable, and this provides accommodation for about thirty additional boys. A new lavatory has also been constructed and a passage-way opened up into the swimming-bath yard. All the painting, glazing, fencing, and general repairs have also been effected by the boys, and, as can be seen, the work is fairly well performed. The class of work is suitable for boys who are meant to follow a country life, and this is the life they are encouraged to pursue, it being one of our features to give town boys a taste for country life. The garden and farm boys have been kept busily employed at their various occupations. It will be seen from the annexed financial return that the income from the sale of milk, vegetables, &c. is considerably in excess of the expenditure. The sale of milk is slightly less than last year, owing to the removal of the insane from the Gaol to New Norfolk.

Finance.

The Financial Report for the year is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Reimbursement by parents of boys....	15	19 4	Provisions (boys)	324	12 3
Net profit on working farm.....	95	3 3	Ditto (workmasters)	70	0 0
Balance net cost of establishment.....	1277	8 6	Clothing and bedding	195	18 8
			Fuel and light (boys)	79	18 4
			Ditto (workmasters).....	20	0 0
			Stores and washing	8	6 11
			Alterations and repairs	88	7 0
			Furniture and material.....	23	8 2
			Excursion and petty expenses	8	13 6
			Stationery and school books.....	8	17 10
			Medicine (principally for measles)		
			outbreak 1893	8	8 0
			Salaries and wages.....	552	0 0
	<u>£1388</u>	<u>11 1</u>		<u>£1388</u>	<u>11 1</u>

FARM ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sale of Milk	125	3 11	Hay (supplied from New				
Potatoes and Vegetables.....	24	10 6	Town Charitable Institu-				
Stock	5	0 9	tion).....	31	17 0		
Value of Fruit and Vegetables			Straw, Hay, Seed, Potatoes,				
supplied the boys.....	50	0 0	from Contractors.....	34	6 3		
			Tools, &c.	13	16 6		
			Bran	24	11 8		
			Shoeing horses	3	0 0		
			Repairs to harness.....	2	0 6		
						109	11 11
			Balance, being profit.....	...	95	3 3	
	<u>£204</u>	<u>15 2</u>			<u>£204</u>	<u>15 2</u>	

Notwithstanding the larger number of inmates, the net Expenditure is £29 7s. 8d. less than last year, and the cost per head has been reduced from £24 14s. 4d. to £21 5s. 9d., which, on comparing with a similar Institution in another Colony, is £6 3s. 0d. per head less.

General Remarks.

The necessity of having some arrangements for repairing and to some extent making clothes is becoming more and more apparent, especially as the boys increase in number. There are several boys unsuitable for out-door labour, and it would be a good training for them. The expense, which would really mean an actual saving in the long run, could be met from our clothing vote without entailing extra expenditure.

During the winter months Miss Yeates, from Melbourne, carried on very successfully a "busy bee" class among the boys, and Miss Young and Mr. Meredith have assisted in their musical tuition.

Various friends have supplied books to the library; these are always acceptable, illustrated papers especially so.

There is some difficulty at present in finding suitable situations for boys on leaving.

January, 1895.

JAMES LONGMORE, *Superintendent.*