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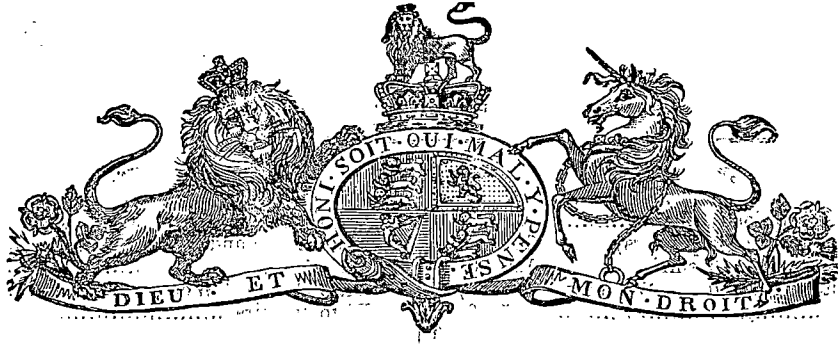
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REPORT of the BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, 1880-81.

In submitting the Annual Report for the year ended on the 31st March, 1881, being the twelfth year of the existence of the Boys' Home, the Governors have to state that, whilst to some extent their operations have been crippled for want of more generous support from the public, they have still had the means of carrying on their good cause with earnestness and corresponding success.

Seven boys have been admitted during the year, whilst eight have left the Home under Indentures of Apprenticeship to employers who appear well satisfied with them; each boy on leaving being supplied with a Bible and Prayer Book.

Thirty boys remained in the Home on the 31st March last, the eldest being 14 years and 9 months, and the youngest 9 years and 5 months of age.

Sixty-five boys have been apprenticed, and 11 returned to their friends, since the formation of the Home in the year 1869.

The health of the boys has been excellent, and there has been no necessity for the visits of a Doctor.

The boys are instructed in spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, gardening, and to be useful in the house. A large quantity of vegetables and fruit are raised for use in the Home, whilst the surplus fruit realised £5 16s. 6d., and the sale of butter amounted to £7 15s. 2d. during the year under review.

The Master, Mistress, and Female Assistant continue assiduous in the performance of their duties; and their treatment of the boys commands their respect, not only whilst under their care, but after leaving, as many communications from ex-boys testify. These letters, whilst far from being marvels of orthography, are evidently written from the heart, and satisfy us of the sincerity of the writers in the high estimate they place upon the advantages which have accrued to them from the moral and religious training they receive in the Home, as against an otherwise predisposition to vice and crime,—advantages such boys might, possibly, but for the Home, never have obtained; and thus, by the fostering care bestowed upon them, a cause of increased taxation to the community has been averted, whilst the boys have been prepared for becoming respectable members of society.

The Governors desire to record their grateful acknowledgments to Mr. Ehrenfried for his munificent donation of £100, which has enabled them to make their annual contribution of £50 to the Endowment Fund for 1879-80, which now amounts to £653 9s. 6d., and has otherwise materially assisted them in the maintenance of the charity generally. They are still indebted to this Fund £50 for the year 1880-81.

No remarks have been made in the Visitors' Book by visitors during the past year. His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of Tasmania (Sir J. H. Lefroy), who visited the Home on the 18th November last, verbally expressed his satisfaction with the appearance of the children and the general management.

The control of the Institution is vested in seven Governors, who hold office for three years. The fourth term of three years has now expired, and the time has arrived for the subscribers and donors to elect seven Governors for the ensuing three years.

JAMES M. HAMMETT, *Secretary.*
