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P E T I T I O N, No. 5.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

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Presented by Mr. Sherwin, and ordered by the House to be printed, 10 July, 1863.



*To the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Launceston and its Suburbs.

SHOWETH :

That they view with alarm the very many young persons in Launceston who are neglected by their natural Guardians, and consequently are acquiring habits likely to result in ruin to themselves and danger to the Community.

That they desire to see some means adopted either by an "Industrial School," or otherwise, by which such young persons may be separated from bad associations, and trained to habits of virtue and usefulness.

That your Petitioners feel convinced that private benevolence, without the aid of legal provisions adapted to the exigencies of the case, would be found inefficient.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to adopt or enact such measures as may be deemed expedient, whereby such young persons may be maintained, controlled, and educated, and their Parents or natural Guardians be compelled by Law to defray a portion at least of the cost of their maintenance.

And, as in duty bound, your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

*[Here follow 146 Signatures.]*