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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 30 August, 1860.



*Colonial Secretary's Office, 22nd August, 1860:*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to enclose a Memorandum of the Board of Management of the Queen's Orphan Schools, containing a list of additions and alterations required for that Establishment; and I have to request that the same may be forwarded to the Board of Works for an estimate of the cost; and that you will submit an application to the Parliament to make provision for the necessary means for carrying out the works.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

WILLIAM HENTY.

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*

REFERRED to Director of Public Works.

F. M. INNES.

23rd August, 1860.

30th August, 1860.

THE probable cost of additions and alterations required to be carried out by the Board of Management of the Queen's Orphan Schools at that Establishment is estimated at £12,000; and that amount has been inserted in the statement of moneys proposed to be submitted to the consideration of Parliament for provision by Loans Bill, and which statement is now in the hands of the Treasurer.

W. R. FALCONER, *Director of Public Works.*

*The Honorable the Treasurer.*

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*Queen's Orphan Schools, New Town, 14th August, 1860.*

SIR,

THE Board of Management of the Queen's Orphan School desire to submit to the Government the absolute necessity for increased accommodation, to meet the requirements of the Institution and of other economical and sanatorial improvements.

The subject was reported upon by the Commission appointed by His Excellency, in 1859, to enquire into the Orphan Schools; and the Board beg to represent that the insufficiency of accommodation pointed out by the Commission has been increasing since the commencement of the year, the number of children being now 468, as compared with 440 on the 1st of January.

The Board would first draw attention to the overcrowded state of the Dormitories.

In the Boys' division each child has only 282 cubic feet of air; in the Girls' the allowance is 332 feet, and in the Infants' 369 feet. (N. B.—The cubic measurement is calculated to the height of the wall plate, and excludes the roof.) This space is so far below the lowest standard requisite for the preservation of health, that the Board feel assured no stronger reasons can be adduced for their urging upon the Government the erection of additional buildings than the facts above stated.

In order to meet this pressing demand, the Board recommend the erection of a new Dining Hall, for the joint use of the Boys and Girls, and another building to be erected for the accommodation of the Infants.

This would enable the present Dining Halls, and the whole of the Infant School, to be made available as Dormitories.

The Hospital accommodation, although consisting of Three separate Establishments, is also totally inadequate; and the Board suggest that one new Building be erected, affording the requisite quarters for the Attendants, (now very defective), as well as Wards for the Sick, Boys, Girls, and Infants, constituting a General Hospital for the Establishment.

This further relief will afford the means of reducing the number of Attendants, and will enable the present Hospitals, (with certain alterations), to be appropriated to other purposes connected with the Industrial training of the Children.

Contiguous to these new buildings, the Board recommend (in lieu of the three imperfect kitchens now in use), the construction of two kitchens, one for the Boys and Girls' Divisions, and the other for the joint use of the Hospital and Infant School, which will both improve and economise the arrangements.

In further connection with Industrial training of the Children, the Board suggest the erection of a Carpenter's shop, a new Laundry and Wash-house, the present accommodation precluding the Superintendent from employing as many Children in this useful occupation as the Board would desire.

The present Store-room is too limited, and precludes the proper division of the Provision Department from that of the General Stores.

Should, however, the foregoing suggestions of the Board be carried out, accommodation might be made to meet this want.

The Agricultural arrangements are now of much consequence from the large expenditure incurred for Milk; and it is intended to make the best use of the grounds for a home supply. The buildings are, at present, very deficient; and a new yard and appurtenances are required, comprising a Byre, Stables, Barn, and Servants' quarters, and a separate building for a Dairy.

In conclusion, the Board would beg to call attention to the necessity of carrying out, with as little delay as possible, alterations of a more detailed character, which have already been adopted by them, and forwarded for the information of the Government.

We have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

WM. HENTY.  
W. NAIRN.  
E. S. P. BEDFORD.  
W. ROUT.  
JOHN FORSTER.  
RICHD. SHOBRIDGE.  
W. L. CROWTHER.  
J. J. STUTZER.  
HENRY HOPKINS.  
H. HUNTER.  
S. SHEEHY.

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*