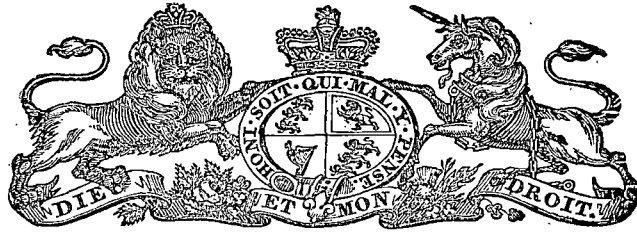


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**ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE, HOBART:**

**REPORT FOR 1882.**

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## ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

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SIR,

WE have the honor to forward to you the Annual Report of St. Joseph's Orphanage and Industrial School for the year ending 31st December, 1882.

It is gratifying to us to state that during the year everything has proceeded satisfactorily. As the girls increase in age they seem to understand more fully the advantage it will be to them to make good use of the opportunities now afforded them of acquiring habits of virtue and industry, which will enable them hereafter to become respectable members of society.

In May the terms of seven girls expired, five of whom were provided with excellent situations. Three of them during their three years' apprenticeship were to receive wages at the rate of five shillings per week the first year, six the second, and seven the third year. The other two began with four shillings and will end with six shillings per week. This we consider good for girls of fifteen. Their employers seem very well satisfied with them. The time of the two remaining girls was extended by Government, one, Emma Birch, on account of defective sight, the other, Julia Harper, through ill-health. The latter had rheumatic fever previous to leaving the Queen's Asylum: this left a tendency to heart disease, which finally caused her death on September 15th. Every possible attention was rendered by the Sisters of Charity who have charge of the Institution. The two Drs. Butler were unremitting in their kind and gratuitous attendance on her and any of the inmates who required medical attendance. The time of Susannah Steains expired in October, but as she is affected with hip disease application was made to the Government to have her apprenticed for two years in the Institution to learn dressmaking: this was granted, and the usual allowance of five shillings per week allotted for her maintenance.

During the year the laundry has been much more remunerative than in 1881, which proves the increasing proficiency of the girls in that useful department. The dairy returns would have been greater but for the high price of hay. Mrs. Triffett, Green Hills, River Ouse, had the goodness to present a cow to the Institution, and Arthur O'Connor, Esq., Lake River, sent means to purchase another, so that the children were provided with plenty of milk and butter, besides learning to milk and make butter, which is so desirable for a servant. Friends in the Huon district sent over three hundredweight of fruit to make jam for the children. Mr. D. Sexton generously continued his donations of fuel.

The girls had their usual trip to Brown's River, to which those who were apprenticed were also invited. His Lordship the Bishop of Hobart and several of the clergy had the kindness to accompany them. Several friends of the Institution gave the children feasts during the year.

The Time-table is as follows:—The girls rise at half-past five o'clock; household, laundry, and dairy work until breakfast at half-past seven; return to work until dinner at half-past twelve; play from one to two; work resumed until a quarter to four; then lunch; school duties from four until a quarter to seven; then supper; play until eight o'clock; needlework from eight to nine; in bed by half-past nine.

<i>Admitted in 1882.</i>		<i>No. left in 1882.</i>	
From Government.....	4	Apprenticed .....	5
Relatives or friends.....	3	Returned to parents by order of Government	1
Free .....	1	Paid for by mother and taken home .....	1
	—	Died .....	1
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>8</b>		—
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Largest number present at one time, 33. Number in Institution 31st December, 28.

We have the honor to remain,  
Your obedient Servants,

CHAS. WOODS.  
ELIZA WILLIAMS.  
CATHERINE O'FARRELL.

To the Hon. the Chief Secretary.

*RECEIPTS and Expenditure for 1882.*

<b>Receipts.</b>		<b>Expenditure.</b>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Received from Government .....	250 8 2	Provisions .....	237 10 2½
„ from relations .....	40 8 0	Clothing .....	89 2 9½
Church collections.....	84 9 6	Dairy, including purchase of two cows...	61 0 2
Donations .....	32 19 9	Laundry .....	21 1 8½
Annual subscriptions .....	20 9 0	Fuel .....	26 16 0
Laundry .....	125 6 10	Medicine and funeral expenses .....	7 17 6
Dairy .....	73 17 1	Insurance .....	5 15 11
From Government towards funeral ex-		Gas .....	7 17 0
penses of Julia Harper.....	3 0 0	Interest on £600, at 6 per cent.....	36 0 0
Balance last year .....	3 9 5½	Furniture .....	19 2 10
		Stationery, postage, &c.....	10 7 6
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>	<b>£634 7 9½</b>	Repairs and building outhouse .....	24 16 0
<b>Total Expenditure.....</b>	<b>631 17 1½</b>	Paid off building debt .....	84 9 6
<b>To Balance.....</b>	<b>£2 10 8</b>		<b>£631 17 1½</b>

Examined and found correct.

HENRY HUNTER.  
Hobart, 20th March, 1883.