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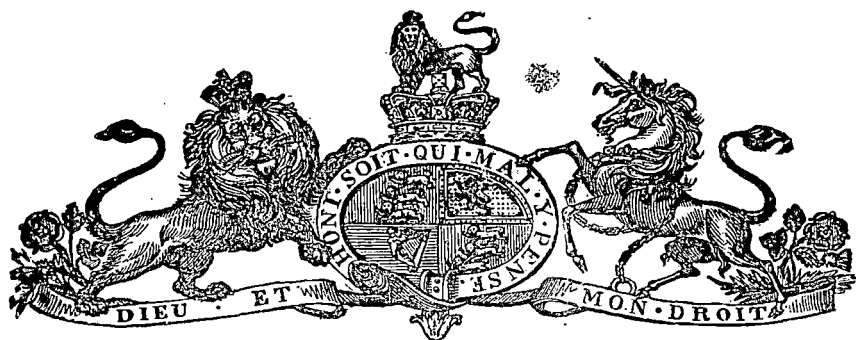
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REPORT of the BOYS' HOME INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, 1881-82.

THE year ended on 31st March last was the thirteenth since the Boys' Home was established.

During that year seven boys were admitted, eight were apprenticed out, three were returned to their parents, and 24 remained in the Institution on the 31st March, 1882, the number remaining on the same date in the previous year being 28. The average number during the whole year was 25.

In regard to its funds, the Home commenced the year under review with a balance from the preceding year of £12 14s. 4d. The amount derived from private subscriptions was £147 0s. 6d.; from Government, £341 13s. 8d.; and from other sources, £179 17s. 6d.; making a total of £681 6s. Of this amount the expenditure absorbed £573 11s. 1d., leaving a balance of £107 14s. 11d. carried forward to the current year, out of which £100 is due to the Endowment Fund.

The amount of the subscriptions was £54 12s. 6d. more than in 1880-1. A collector was recently appointed, whose efforts have been attended with satisfactory results. The Governors desire gratefully to acknowledge the generous response made to their appeal for increased assistance.

They have also the gratification of recording the receipt during the year of two legacies, one of £100, left by the late Mr. P. T. Smith; the other of £5, by the late Mrs. Harries.

The health of the inmates was excellent, the only exception being that of a slight epidemic of measles in April, and of a boy affected with chronic heart disease.

The Governors have no difficulty in placing out boys from the Home, for whom more applications are received than can be complied with. Since the opening of the Institution 121 boys have been received, and 73 apprenticed, the great majority of whom have done well, and many of their employers have spoken in the highest terms of them. When it is considered that these boys have been rescued from ignorance and vice, and placed in a position to earn their own living and to become respectable and useful colonists, it is evident that the Home has been doing good work, and that the benevolent purpose of its founder is being accomplished. As the Report for 1874-5 states, the efforts of the Governors, "year by year, to rescue and reclaim some portion of the many destitute and neglected children from vice and misery have been attended with very satisfactory results. The system of education pursued from the first includes industrial training, as well as schooling. The boys are taught to work in the garden, to milk, to assist in cooking, and in other kinds of domestic employment; in short, the desire has been to enable them to earn their own living by manual labour, while, at the same time, their mental improvement has been by no means neglected."

The number of inmates in the Home for some time past has been fewer than usual.

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