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BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN :

**REPORT (WITH APPENDICES) BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
OF CHARITABLE GRANTS.**

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Office Administrator Charitable Grants, 24th November, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE now the honor to present to you my report on the working and progress of the Boarding-out System, and the state of the children maintained under it, for the year 1879.

The boys and girls from the Queen's Asylum having been very nearly all absorbed by the Boys' Home and the Catholic and Protestant Female Industrial Schools, the closing of that Institution caused no extra strain on the Boarding-out arrangements; and the demand for additional homes having thus been confined to such fresh cases as presented themselves during the course of the year, has been easily met and suitable guardians found without difficulty.

The numbers of children now boarded out are 89 boys, 87 girls=176, as compared with 65 boys, 77 girls=142, in 1878.

Depending upon a variety of circumstances which cannot be foreseen, the numbers to be annually provided for will of necessity fluctuate; but, as henceforward some will every year be drafted off into service, I do not think that any further material increase need be apprehended.

A full return showing the names, ages, sexes, and religion of the children, together with the different districts in which they are placed, and the names and residences of their guardians, will be found appended.

The amount actually expended on the maintenance of these children from the 1st January to 30th September, 9 months, has been £1541 19s. 11d.

In computing the annual cost of each child indicated by these figures, considerable allowance must of course be made on account of those who have only been boarded out for short portions of the current year; but the yearly charge for maintenance and clothing certainly does not at present exceed £14 per head,—a rate which is considerably less than the cost of the inmates of the late Queen's Asylum, or of similar Institutions in the neighbouring Colonies.

In dealing with an important social problem involving the future lives of so many, the question of expense should undoubtedly be subordinated to higher considerations; but where cheapness can be combined, as I believe it is under the Boarding-out System, with the healthy promotion of the best interests of the children, it becomes both a strong recommendation and a legitimate subject for congratulation.

During the course of the past two months I have visited and personally examined at their homes the whole of the children placed out in Hobart Town. In the performance of this duty I have had the advantage and the pleasure of the company on different occasions of my colleagues on the Central Committee, General Irvine and Mr. Grant. It will be gratifying to you to learn that the state of the homes met with our unanimous approval, and that the result of our inspection was thoroughly satisfactory.

Physical Appearance.

With the exception of a few instances where constitutional weakness was apparent, the children presented the appearance of healthy robust boys and girls. No serious cases of illness have occurred, nor have any of the common epidemics of childhood been prevalent amongst them. Their chubby faces and evidently well-nourished condition afforded ample proof of their obtaining a sufficiency of wholesome food, and indeed, when questioned on this point, they one and all unhesitatingly acknowledged that they had plenty to eat.

Clothes and Bedding.

The clothing supplied by the guardians seems to be good in quality and sufficient in quantity. In every case a neat Sunday suit had been provided, and a good stock of under-clothing supplied. The purchase of these and boots weighs, however, heavily upon the limited amount received by the guardians ; and in most instances I have found it necessary, when a child is first handed over to the guardian, to grant some assistance in providing an outfit of clothing.

A large stock which remained on hand when the Queen's Asylum was broken up is, however, available for this purpose, and will be sufficient to meet all requirements for a considerable time. The bedding was good, sufficient in quantity, and in clean order ; and the sleeping accommodation, although in a few instances somewhat crowded, appeared on the whole clean and well ventilated. In short, so far as physical treatment and comfort are concerned, there is nothing whatever to find fault with ; and in these respects I believe these children to be better off than those of most labourers or mechanics.

When viewed in its influence over the happiness and the moral and mental training of the children, the system appears to work with equal success. The bright and cheerful expression of the children's countenances, and their open unconstrained manner, afford satisfactory proof that their young lives are not devoid of all pleasure, and give a pleasant assurance that whilst in well-ordered homes their natural affections have healthy room to develop, they are not subject to the mechanical discipline and the moral isolation which in large Institutions produce their inevitable crop of selfish hypocrisy and unintelligent apathy.

All those who are of sufficient age attend school regularly, and from the annexed reports from the masters of the different schools they go to, it will be seen that they are making fair progress, and compare favourably with other children. To what extent it is desirable to educate children in their position is a vexed question which it is not necessary now to enter upon. It will be enough to say that, in my opinion, they will have had the opportunity of acquiring before they go out to service quite sufficient education to enable them to fulfil with intelligence the duties of persons in their state of life.

They are also sent regularly to the Sunday Schools of their different denominations ; and it is to be hoped that both there and at home they receive religious training which will exert a beneficial influence on their future lives.

During the course of the year 3 boys and 2 girls have gone out to service in respectable places. The total numbers now sent out are 15 boys and 12 girls, and of these satisfactory reports have generally been received. Upon this point the return given in the Appendix will afford information.

From the Police Magistrates and Wardens I have received favourable reports as to the welfare and kind treatment of the children boarded out in their respective districts ; and also from Mr. C.D.C. Quodling, who, accompanied by General Irvine, visited the New Town children. I have a very satisfactory account of the state he found them in.

The Visiting Committee for Hobart Town has not yet been appointed, and the frequent inspection which is so essential to the success of the Boarding-out mode of training destitute children has not been carried out so thoroughly as might have been desired ; but the Inquiring Officers of the Department have been zealous and vigilant, and the result of my own examination has satisfied me that no evils have as yet arisen from any laxity of supervision.

In conclusion, I can conscientiously say that I believe the system on the whole to be working well both for the interests of the children and the Government.

Rescued from dirty, squalid homes, from rags and misery, from cold and semi-starvation, from vicious, dissolute parents, and from evil associations of the worst character, these children are transplanted into clean, well-conducted homes, presided over by kindly women of temperate habits and good character. Provided with all needful physical comforts, and surrounded with good moral influences, they have a fair chance presented to them of making a good start in life. It is possible, nay it is unhappily certain that some will go astray ; that the seeds of evil implanted in them in their earlier years will again spring up and bear their bitter fruits of vice and immorality, sin and shame ; but the State will at all events have done its duty towards them, and if they fail to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them, the blame cannot justly be attributed either to the system under which they have been brought up or to those by whom it has been administered.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. TARLETON, *Administrator Charitable Grants.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Elboden Place, 26th November, 1879.

MY DEAR SIR,

IN reply to your letter of this day's date, I have thought it would be well for new members of the Board to state their opinion of the condition and treatment of the Boarded-out children, in addition to any report you may make.

I have much pleasure in furnishing you with the impression made upon me by our late inspection. I was much struck with the natural manner, and happy contented expression of the children; and it appeared to me that great care and discrimination had been used in the selection of the guardians, who showed as a rule, much kindly interest in their charges; and, as our visits were made without notice, and at times when they could scarcely be prepared for inspection, we had fair opportunities of judging of their home life.

I have come to the conclusion that the children are, on the whole, as well treated and as well looked after as the generality of artisan families, and was agreeably surprised, considering the small weekly remuneration allowed the guardians for each child, to find them so comfortable.

So far as my observation extends, I regard the experiment as a success, reflecting credit on those concerned in the initiation and administration of the system.

I am, my dear Sir,
Yours truly,

JAMES GRANT.

WM. TARLETON, *Esquire*.

Waratah, New Town, 27th November, 1879.

MY DEAR SIR,

IN compliance with your request that I would give you the impression made on me by the inspection of the Boarded-out children:—In company with you I went one day's round of the children in Hobart Town, and also visited all the children boarded out New Town, and was most favourably impressed by their general appearance, contented happy look, showing they were well fed and cared for; and the general good character given by those with whom the children were boarded. The accommodation and clothing of the children were ample.

Yours truly,

ALEX. IRVINE.

W. TARLETON, *Esquire*.

RETURN of Boarded-out Children, showing their Names, Ages, Religion, the Amount paid per week in each case, and Names and Residences of their Foster Parents.

| No. of Case. | Name of Child. | Age. | | Religion. | Amount per Week. | Name of Foster Parents. | Residence. |
|--------------|--------------------------|------|-------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | yrs. | mths. | | s. d. | | |
| | <i>Hobart—131.</i> | | | | | | |
| 2815 | Blake, Elizabeth | 19 | 0 | Protestant | 5 0 | Mary Hillier | Williamson-street near Argyle-st. |
| 1833 | Bromley, Augustus M. | 8 | 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Margaret Hopkins | Elizabeth-street, back James' |
| 2519 | Booth, Peter | 9 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | Wilhelmina Hanson | Liverpool-street [Brewery. |
| | Booth, Mary Ann | 6 | 3 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto |
| 530 | Beck, George | 13 | 8 | ditto | 4 0 | George Smith | Murray-street |
| 669 | Bennett, Johanna | 15 | 8 | ditto | 7 0 | Ann Bates | Roope-street, New Town |
| 971 | Bates, John | 8 | 4 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Jane Haggerty | New Town. |
| 2850 | Byland, Mary Ann | 22 | 6 | Protestant | 5 0 | Rev. A. N. Mason | ditto. |
| 1040 | Burchett, Mary Ann | 8 | 7 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Walker | ditto. |
| 2605 | Cussack, James | 13 | 6 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Mary Grant | Goulbourn-street, near Barrack-st. |
| | Cussack, Elizabeth | 10 | 3 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2096 | Cooper, William | 10 | 9 | Protestant | 5 0 | Mary Hillier | Williamson-street, near Argyle-st. |
| 1464 | Colley, Mary | 11 | 9 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Catherine Handley | Bathurst-street, corner Molle-street. |
| 1159 | Cooper, William | 12 | 8 | ditto | 5 0 | Bridget M'Farlane | High-street, Veteran's Row. |
| 2384 | Clark, Charles | 6 | 8 | Protestant | 5 0 | Margaret Maggs | Argyle-street, Upper. |
| | Clark, Isaac | 5 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2704 | Cooper, Edith | 7 | 3 | ditto | 5 0 | Ann Bates | Roope-street, New Town. |
| | Cooper, Henry | 5 | 1 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 815 | Cohen, William | 12 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | Margaret Carns | New Town. |
| | Cohen, Julia | 12 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2220 | Campbell, Marion | 11 | 4 | ditto | 5 0 | Mortimer Plane | ditto. |
| 2193 | Curtain, William | 11 | 2 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Honorah Ivors | Melville-street, near Harrington-st. |
| | Curtain, Timothy | 8 | 8 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1890 | Davis, Fanny | 15 | 5 | ditto | 7 6 | Eliza Jeffrey | Melville-street. |
| 1821 | Dwyer, William | 12 | 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Catherine Kemp | Harrington-st., near Liverpool-st. |
| | Dwyer, Ellen | 10 | 10 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Dwyer, John | 6 | 5 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Dwyer, Hannah | 8 | 5 | ditto | 5 0 | Catherine M'Kay | Battery Point, near Ship Yards. |
| | Dwyer, Mary Ann | 3 | 7 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2455 | Dickers, Ellen | 2 | 5 | Protestant | 5 0 | Margaret Carns | New Town. |
| 1919 | Egan, John | 9 | 8 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Honora Ivors | Melville-street, near Harrington-st. |
| 2250 | Elbert, Agnes | 5 | 5 | Protestant | 5 0 | Margaret Maggs | Argyle-street, Upper. |
| 2308 | Evans, Zachariah | 5 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | Ann Rogerson | Military Barracks. |
| 2808 | Franklin, Maria A. | 9 | 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Sadler | Union-street, Sandy Bay. |
| | Franklin, George | 8 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Franklin, Malvina | 6 | 1 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Franklin, Edward William | 4 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2209 | Griggs, Benjamin | 10 | 10 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Hobbs | Burnett-street. |
| | Griggs, Martha | 9 | 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1786 | Givan, William | 10 | 6 | ditto | 5 0 | Matilda Kelly | Military Barracks. |
| 1911 | Gibbons, Mary Ann | 6 | 5 | ditto | 5 0 | Margaret Carns | New Town. |
| 2082 | Green, Emily | 9 | 4 | ditto | 7 0 | Mary Ann Rosignol | ditto. |
| 1051 | Hewson, Ann | 12 | 6 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Sarah Foy | Bathurst-st., corner Molle-street. |
| 1534 | Hannelly, Johanna | 10 | 8 | ditto | 5 0 | Sarah Lewis | Adelaide-street. |
| 2287 | Hurd, George Charles | 8 | 8 | ditto | 5 0 | Bridget Macfarlane | High-street, Veteran's Row. |
| 2390 | Hand, John | 8 | 6 | Protestant | 5 0 | Mary Williams | Queen-street. |
| | Hand, Mary | 6 | 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Hand, William | 4 | 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Hand, Joseph | 3 | 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1580 | Ivory, Mary Ann | 11 | 9 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Sarah Foy | Bathurst-street, near Molle-street. |
| 2490 | Jackson, Henry | 4 | 5 | Protestant | 5 0 | Sarah Ann Blowfield | Upper Bathurst-street. |
| 2370 | Jackson, Ethel | 9 | 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Elizabeth Hopkins | Warwick-st., above Harrington-st. |
| 776 | Jones, Mary | 10 | 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Smith | Macquarie-street. |
| 2174 | Jones, Eliza | 7 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | Margaret Wright | Warwick-street, near Campbell-st. |
| 1881 | Kellegher, Peter | 9 | 0 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Patrick O'Keefe | Liverpool-street. |
| 1469 | Kilcline, John | 10 | 9 | Protestant | 5 0 | Ann Smith | Juno Cottage, Williamson-street. |
| 2766 | Longwood, Charles C. | 10 | 0 | ditto | 2 6 | Sarah Doran | Harrington-street, near Woodpecker |
| | Longwood, William R. | 5 | 3 | ditto | 2 6 | ditto | ditto. [Inn. |
| 2466 | Lake, Catherine | 11 | 4 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Catherine Handley | Bathurst-street, near Molle-street. |
| 2379 | Lawrence, Louisa | 9 | 8 | Protestant | 5 0 | Mary Hobbs | Burnett-street. |
| 1805 | Lloyd, Sarah Ann | 8 | 11 | ditto | 5 0 | Elizabeth Holmes | Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms. |
| 2501 | Lincoln, Louisa | 2 | 3 | ditto | 5 0 | Elizabeth Jackson | Melville-street. |
| 2166 | Lumsden, James | 6 | 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Matilda Kelly | Military Barracks. |
| | Lumsden, Maria | 4 | 9 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 362½ | Lourie, Florence | 13 | 8 | ditto | 4 0 | Mary Watkins | Top of Patrick-street. |
| 1854 | Leabon, Job | 9 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | William Pellett | Sandy Bay. |
| 1267 | Musslewhite, Elizabeth | 12 | 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Catherine Colatz | Ware-street. |
| | Musslewhite, Matilda | 9 | 0 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1905 | Mason, Rubena | 12 | 9 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Hobbs | Burnett-street. |
| | Mason, Nancy | 11 | 3 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Mason, E. Matilda | 7 | 4 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1951 | M'Coy, Arthur | 6 | 8 | ditto | 5 0 | Elizabeth Holmes | Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms. |
| 2354 | Mitchell, Ellen | 5 | 1 | ditto | 5 0 | Martha Hilton | Forest Road, near St. John's. |
| | Mitchell, Elizabeth | 3 | 4 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2510 | M'Coy, John | 2 | 11 | ditto | 5 0 | Wilhelmina Hanson | Liverpool-street. |
| 2720 | M'Intyre, Michael | 7 | 3 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Honora Ivors | Melville-street. |
| 1861 | Marshall, Nancy | 9 | 5 | Protestant | 5 0 | Margaret Maggs | Upper Argyle-street. |
| 2654 | Myatt, Herbert | 4 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Myatt, Ernest | 2 | 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2280 | Matthews, Emily | 3 | 5 | ditto | 5 0 | Ann Rogerson | Military Barracks. |
| 1760 | Miller, William Henry | 9 | 2 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Smith | Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms. |

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| 2885 | Morley, John | 8 0 | Protestant | 5 0 | Margaret Wright | Warwick-street. |
| | Morley, Mary | 5 0 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1180 | M'Donald, Walter | 11 2 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Michael Aherne | New Town. |
| 1883 | Noble, Emily M. | 11 6 | Protestant | 5 0 | Emily Newey | High-street. |
| 2732 | Nelson, John | 2 6 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Honora Ivors | Melville-st., near Harrington-st. |
| 2412 | Newton, Albert Henry | 9 7 | Protestant | 5 0 | Catherine Lugrue | ditto, near Murray-street. |
| | Newton, Francis H. | 6 3 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1934 | Nossiter, Henry | 6 2 | ditto | 5 0 | Ann Rogerson | Military Barracks. |
| 2830 | Nelson, Elizabeth | 17 0 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Ann Aherne | New Town. |
| 2773 | Palmer, Barbara | 1 10 | ditto | 5 0 | Ellen Corkery | Liverpool-st., near corner Barrack-st. |
| 2544 | Painter, Elizabeth | 7 0 | Protestant | 5 0 | Mary Hillier | Williamson-st., near Argyle-st. |
| | Painter, Mary Ann | 5 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto |
| | Painter, William Henry T. | 0 12 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto |
| 2237 | Pearce, George | 6 4 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Catherine Handley | Bathurst-street near Molle-street. |
| 2700 | Pearce, Theresa | 5 3 | ditto | 5 0 | Patrick O'Keefe | Liverpool-street. |
| 2477 | Priest, C. Edith | 8 2 | Protestant | 5 0 | Mary Smith | Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms. |
| | Priest, William Tasman | 5 7 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Priest, Sarah Ann | 2 7 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1584 | Perrott, Richard | 10 2 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Sadler | Union-street, Sandy Bay. |
| | Perrott, John | 8 2 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2188 | Pilsbury, Ellen | 8 3 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1065 | Povey, Isaac | 11 1 | ditto | 5 0 | Margaret Carns | New Town. |
| 1574 | Ringrose, Mary Ann | 12 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Lydia Chatley | Warwick-street, near Elizabeth-st. |
| | Ringrose, Charles | 10 0 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto |
| 1030 | Reid, Mary | 9 3 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Sarah Foy | Bathurst-street, corner Molle-street. |
| 2326 | Saville, Alice | 11 11 | Protestant | 5 0 | Mary Ann Edwards | Elizabeth-street. |
| | Saville, Frederick James | 7 4 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Saville, Maria G. | 5 7 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2180 | Smith, Ada | 6 4 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | John Green | Harrington-atreet. |
| 1716 | Saunders, George | 10 8 | Protestant | 5 0 | George Hancox | Upper Warwick-street. |
| 1388 | Strachan, Eliza | 8 5 | ditto | 5 0 | Margaret Jack | Adelaide-street. |
| 2378 | Synnot, Arthur William | 4 2 | ditto | 5 0 | Ann Smith | Goulbourne-street. |
| 1715 | Shield, Margaret | 9 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Margaret Carns | New Town. |
| 2344 | Smith, William Alfred | 11 8 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Bridget Freeman | ditto |
| | Smith, Albert E. | 9 10 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto |
| | Smith, William Henry | 7 8 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto |
| 1658 | Sullivan, John | 11 0 | ditto | 5 0 | John Murray | ditto |
| 1941 | Thomas, David | 13 3 | Protestant | 5 0 | Elizabeth Holmes | Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms. |
| | Thomas Richard | 10 2 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2561 | Thompson, Rebecca | 9 13 | ditto | 5 0 | Ann Rogerson | Military Barracks. |
| 2514 | White, Eliza Ethel | 10 6 | ditto | 5 0 | Catherine Colatz | Ware-street. |
| 2753 | Williams, A. Ernest | 12 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Lydia Chatley | Warwick-street. |
| | Williams, Fred. Hubert | 9 0 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 2225 | Watts, Alfred | 10 10 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Ann Goldie | Off Forest Road. |
| | Watts, Mary Ann | 8 2 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| | Watts, Emma | 5 6 | ditto | 7 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1625 | Williams, Richard Henry | 10 6 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Hillier | Williamson-street, near Argyle-st. |
| 852 | Whittaker, John | 11 0 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | ditto. |
| 1958 | Woodruffe, James | 11 4 | ditto | 5 0 | Elizabeth Holmes | Macquarie-st., near Joiner's Arms. |
| 2117 | Webster, M. Rose | 6 10 | ditto. | 5 0 | Henrietta Ibbotson | Melville-street, near Harrington-st. |
| Bothwell—3. | | | | | | |
| 2387 | Lloyd, Harriet | 6 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Rachael Smith | |
| 2510 | Woods, Annie | 7 0 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Julia Craig | |
| | Sullivan, John | 4 9 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | |
| Brighton—2. | | | | | | |
| 1620 | Sheedy, John | 10 6 | ditto | 5 0 | Mrs. Campbell | |
| 1049 | Harper, James | 11 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Ellen Aylward | |
| Clarence—1. | | | | | | |
| 997 | Harrington, Alfred | 10 9 | Protestant | 4 0 | Ellen Wheeler (aunt) | |
| Deloraine—4. | | | | | | |
| 2518 | M'Loughlin, James | 9 0 | Roman Catholic | 6 0 | Bridget M'Loughlin, | |
| | M'Loughlin, Mary | 7 0 | ditto | | ditto (grandmother) | |
| | M'Loughlin, Richard | 5 0 | ditto | | ditto | |
| | M'Loughlin, Bridget | 2 0 | ditto | | ditto | |
| Evandale—2. | | | | | | |
| 2763 | Bean, William | 11 0 | Protestant | 3 0 | George Bean | |
| | Bean, Florence | 9 0 | ditto | 3 0 | John Bean | |
| Fingal—4. | | | | | | |
| 2386 | Bennett, Mary Ann | 8 6 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Thomas Oliver | |
| | Bennett, Samuel | 11 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Thomas Horman | |
| | Bennett, Isabella | 6 6 | ditto | 5 0 | Samuel E. Ironside | |
| 2591 | Beckett, John | 4 0 | Protestant | 2 6 | Jane Franks | |
| Franklin—3. | | | | | | |
| 784 | Pilkington, Elizabeth F. | 6 0 | Roman Catholic | 2 0 | Christina Redding | |
| 1418 | Enwright, Angelina | 10 0 | ditto | 3 6 | Honora Benson | |
| 2206 | Bailey, James H. | 6 0 | Protestant | 5 0 | William James | |
| Glenorchy—2. | | | | | | |
| 1826 | Cowdrey, Ellen | 9 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Ann Parker | |
| | Cowdrey, Alice | 6 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | |

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| <i>Launceston—6.</i> | | | | | | |
| 1372 | Gibbs, Alfred E. | 10 0 | Protestant | 2 6 | Sarah Brown, (grand- | |
| 1700 | Hanley, Percy E. | 8 0 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Elizabeth Breeze [mother] | |
| 2673 | Betts, Maude | 10 0 | Protestant | 5 0 | Mary Beacroft | |
| | Betts, Charles | 7 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | |
| | Betts, Ada | 5 6 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | |
| 2831 | Williams, Victoria | 16 6 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Mrs. Saunders | |
| <i>Longford—3.</i> | | | | | | |
| 2054 | Williams, Elizabeth | 11 0 | Protestant | 3 0 | John Roach, (grandfather) | |
| 2763 | Bean, James | 7 0 | ditto | 3 0 | Robert Bean | |
| | Bean, John | 3 0 | ditto | 3 0 | Henry Bean | |
| <i>New Norfolk—8.</i> | | | | | | |
| 1743 | Brown, Ellen | 9 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Margaret Belcher | |
| 2743 | Brand, John D. | 6 6 | ditto | 5 0 | Matilda Cockerill | |
| 2795 | Woodruff, — (Female) | 1 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Ruth Womersly | |
| 784 | Pilkington, Joseph | 0 7 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | ditto | |
| 2886 | Bacon, Mary Isabella | 6 0 | ditto | 3 6 | Mary Davis | |
| 2886 | Johnson, John | 9 0 | Protestant | 4 0 | Eliza Beazley | |
| | Johnson, William | 7 0 | ditto | 4 0 | ditto | |
| | Bacon, Mary Jane | 4 0 | Roman Catholic | 4 0 | ditto | |
| <i>Oatlands—2.</i> | | | | | | |
| 1658 | Martin, Arber | 6 6 | ditto | 5 0 | Mary Ann Howard | |
| 1705 | Hill, George W. | 11 6 | Protestant | 5 0 | ditto | |
| <i>Richmond—1.</i> | | | | | | |
| 2829 | Stokes, James | 10 0 | Roman Catholic. | 5 0 | Thomas Roberts | |
| <i>Russell—1.</i> | | | | | | |
| 1828 | Kennedy, Mary M. | 9 6 | ditto | 5 0 | John Howard | |
| <i>Torquay—1.</i> | | | | | | |
| 1996 | Smith, William H. | 7 0 | ditto | 5 0 | Patrick Leo | |
| <i>Wynyard—2.</i> | | | | | | |
| 2492 | Brittain, Janet M. | 8 0 | Protestant | 5 0 | Elizabeth Eastwood | |
| | Brittain, Anna Maria | 6 0 | ditto | 5 0 | ditto | |

RETURN of Boarded-out Children who have been apprenticed.

| No. of Case. | Name of Child. | To whom apprenticed. | Date. | Remarks. |
|--------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| 1041 | Burchett, Herbert | Wm. H. Radford, New Town | 15 October, 1879 | Since adopted by Mr. Radford. |
| 1464 | Colley, Harriet | Mr. James Marsden, Collins-street | 24 March, 1875 | Time expired. Gave every satisfaction. Is still in Mr. Marsden's service. |
| 860 | Cohen, Frances Ellen | Mrs. Fleming, Brisbane-street | 1 September, 1876 | Conduct good. |
| 860 | Cohen, Henry John | James Street, New Town | 1 July, 1877 | ditto. |
| 1826 | Cowdrey, Elizabeth | Andrew M'Cambridge, Liverpool-street | 17 August, 1877 | Conduct not good : very stubborn. |
| 1464 | Colley, Michael W. | Philip Denehy, the Snug | 10 February, 1878 | This lad is now giving satisfaction. He is not a very bright boy. |
| 1159 | Cooper, Mary Ann | Last service, Mr. W. Tolson, the Corners | 1 August, 1878 | Indentures cancelled. A bad girl. |
| 1813 | Fisher, Hannah | Mr. G. Richardson, and afterwards to Mrs. Stump, Bridgewater | 1 January, 1878 | Very stubborn, and not inclined to work. Since admitted to Industrial School. |
| 534 | Farrell, Charles | John Mills, Sandy Bay | 29 September, 1879 | Conduct good. |
| 1434 | Hassett, Pierce | Mr. Galloway, New Town | 19 January, 1878 | Conduct now good. |
| 1434 | Hassett, James | Mr. Spurling, Macquarie-street | 16 June, 1878 | Conduct good. |
| 282 | Knight, George T. | Mr. Clayton, Piper's Lagoon, Bridgenorth | 13 May, 1879 | This boy was inclined to give trouble, but latterly has behaved better. |
| 1854 | Leabon, George | Mr. Pellett, Sandy Bay | 23 February, 1877 | Conduct good. Now useful on a farm or garden. |
| 1854 | Leabon, Nicholas W. | Hon. James Lord, Hobartville | 19 August, 1877 | Conduct good. |
| 1915 | Malone, James T. | Mr. J. Coffey, Liverpool-street | 28 July, 1877 | Indentures cancelled : handed over to relatives. |
| 1766 | M'Neil, Sarah | Mr. John O'Boyle | 24 August, 1878 | A very good girl ; going on well. |
| 1861 | Marshall, Jane | Mr. W. Waller, New Town | 1 October, 1879 | Since adopted by Mr. Waller. |
| 1886 | Noble, Louisa | Mrs. Babbington, Hobart Town | 9 August, 1876 | Time expired. Mrs. Babbington speaks highly of this girl, in whose service she (L. Noble) still remains. |
| 1584 | Perrott, Charles | Mr. John Southwood, near Green Ponds | 10 August, 1878. | Conduct good. |
| 1065 | Povey, Letitia | Mr. S. Bendall, New Town | 1 October, 1878. | ditto. |
| 236 | Seward, Edward | Andrew A. Hunt, New Town | 2 October, 1876. | Conduct pretty good. |
| | Seward, Abraham | Thomas Flowers, New Town | 1 July, 1877. | Has given great trouble, and is very stubborn. Has absconded once or twice, but returned (being admonished by police). |
| 1716 | Saunders, Sarah | Mr. C. Morrisby, Sandy Bay | 1 October, 1878. | Conduct good. |
| 1388 | Strachan, Charlotte | Mr. E. A. Nicholls, Liverpool-street | 13 May, 1879. | Conduct pretty good. |
| 1167 | Williams, Agnes J. | John Morgan, Fingal | 18 January, 1877. | Conduct good. |
| 852 | Whittaker, William | Alfred Murrell, New Town | 10 July, 1878. | ditto. |
| 2569 | Young, Arthur | Mr. Benham, Sandy Bay | 25 February, 1878. | ditto. |

RETURN of Boarded-out Children eligible for Service.

| <i>No of Case.</i> | <i>Name of Child.</i> | <i>Name of Guardian.</i> | <i>Age of Child.</i> | |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | | | yrs. | mths. |
| 2105 | Cussack, James | Mary Grant (aunt) | 13 | 6 |
| 1464 | Colley, Mary | Catherine Handley | 11 | 7 |
| 1159 | Cooper, William | Bridget M'Farlane | 12 | 6 |
| 815 | Cohen, William } Twins | Margaret Carns | 12 | 0 |
| | Cohen, Julia } | | | |
| 1821 | Dwyer, William | Catherine Kemp (aunt) | 11 | 10 |
| 1051 | Hewson, Ann | Sarah Foy | 12 | 0 |
| 1580 | Ivory, Mary Ann | ditto | 11 | 9 |
| 362½ | Lowrey, Florence | Mary Watkins (aunt) | 14 | 0 |
| 1267 | Musslewhite, Elizabeth | Catherine Colatz | 12 | 0 |
| 1905 | Mason, Rubina | Mary Hobbs | 12 | 6 |
| 2753 | Williams, A. Ernest | Lydia Chatley | 11 | 11 |

Murray-street Free Public School, 8th November, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that 16 boys and 16 girls under the Boarding-out Scheme have been attending the Murray-street school during the last 12 months ; other 2 boys and 2 girls have been only a few weeks present.

The attendance daily of these children, with only one exception, has been always good. A very few are not quick at learning, and some are very young, but their school work is regular, and all have made fair progress. It would stimulate them very much if they were aware that some one was watching their progress.

I had occasion a few months back to send one almost daily to wash himself ; since then he has been more favourably situated, and with the others now he always comes clean and tidy.

Their conduct and demeanour both in and out of school will, I think, compare favourably with any class of boys and girls. Gentleness and kindness to one another, as well as to the lower animals, is a daily lesson with us.

I have, &c.

W. TARLETON, *Esquire.*

CHARLES HALL.

Presentation Convent, Hobart Town, 19th November, 1879.

THERE are seven "Boarded-out" children attending the free school taught by the Nuns of the Presentation Convent. They are regular in attendance, kept tidy, and their conduct is good, comparing favourably with that of the other children in the same school.

M. X. MURPHY, *Superioress.*

Public School, New Town, 25th November, 1879.

SIR,

THE officer in charge of the police here informed me last evening that you desired I would send this morning a "Report on the general appearance and attendance of Boarded-out children attending this school."

As no "Form of Return" was left nor asked for, I can only furnish information on the two points above mentioned.

Irrespective of children whose names are on the free list who reside with their parents, and in respect of which aid is afforded by the Government, but which I was informed I need not take into account, there are fifteen "Boarded-out" children attending the school under my charge, respecting which I beg to report on the two heads named : first,—

General Appearance.

As regards attention to their personal cleanliness and neatness of apparel,—excellent, with but three exceptions. Indeed a visitor coming into the school would, if he judged from their appearance, take them to be the children of middle class parents. Second,—

Attendance.

Of the whole—fairly good ; of the majority—very good.

I have, &c.

S. HUGHES, *Conductor.*

The Administrator of Charitable Grants, Hobart Town.

St. Joseph's Schools, Hobart Town, 25th November, 1879.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of enquiry, November 13th, I have the following observations to make :—I have had the management of the St. Joseph's Schools for the past five months. During that time the general attendance of the "Boarded-out" children was very good. When in school the appearance of their clothing was neat and comfortable. Their conduct and general behaviour were good.

I have, &c.

M. J. O'REGAN.

W. TARLETON, *Esquire.*

Cascade Free School, 26th November, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that there are fifteen "Boarded-out" children attending the Cascade Free School.

Their general attendance at school is very regular, the only exceptions being in wet weather or cases of sickness.

With regard to their conduct, it is all that can be desired.

The clothing of the whole of these children is very neat, warm, and comfortable ; and their general appearance will compare most favourably with the other children attending this school.

I have, &c.

E. MITCHELL.

W. TARLETON, *Esq.*

ADDENDUM.

NAMES of Children to be added to Return.

| <i>No. of Case.</i> | <i>Name of Child.</i> | <i>Age.</i> | <i>Religion.</i> | <i>Amount per Week.</i> | <i>Name of Foster Parents.</i> |
|---------------------|--|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | years. months. | | <i>s. d.</i> | |
| 2821 | <i>Longford.</i> Doody, Thomas | 7 6 | Roman Catholic | 5 0 | Anthony Ward. |
| 2835 | <i>Spring Bay.</i> Felmingham, Jessie Felmingham, Alice Jane | 7 6 5 10 | Protestant Ditto | 5 0 5 0 | Mary Franklin. Ditto. |

PARTICULARS as to Children over 15 years of age whose names appear in the above Return.

HOBART.

No. 2815. *Blake, Elizabeth*.—This girl was apprenticed from the Queen's Asylum, but being unable to perform the work of a servant owing to paralysis of one side, and being unfit to be trusted alone with children, her master asked to be relieved of her.

No. 669. *Bennett, Johanna*.—Imbecile, and of very dirty habits. Received a severe injury to her head. Not likely ever to be able to earn her own living.

No. 2850. *Byland, Mary Ann*.—Can only move about with difficulty owing to a severe accident when young. Is quite useless except for such work as she can do standing or sitting at a table. She could not even remove a young child from danger or mischief, being unable to lift anything.

No. 1890. *Davis, Fanny*.—Deformed. Cannot walk or stand. Requires great care and attention.

No. 2830. *Nelson, Elizabeth*.—Boarded out when Queen's Asylum was closed. Is of weak intellect.

LAUNCESTON.

No. 2831. *Williams, Victoria*.—With sister Mrs. Saunders. No payment has been asked for or made on her account. Name removed from Boarded-out List.