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COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COVERNOR

TO CONSIDER THE

# CAPITATION GRANT FOR ORPHANAGES.

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His Excellency the Governor having been pleased to appoint the undersigned to be members of for Executive.

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The Committee, being desirous of obtaining the most reliable information on the question pubulited to them, invited the attendance of the certified managers of the several Orphanages submittee grants-in-aid from public funds, namely, the Very Revd. Dean Gogg, Manager of which Protestant Orphanage; the Very Revd. M. Gibney, Vicar General, Manager of Gible Protestant Orphanage; at Subject Gible, Vicar General, Manager of Gible, Vicar General, Manager of porth Utter the Comment of the Review of the Roman view Brown, Manager of the Boys Protestant Orphanage in Perth; the Archdencon Brown, Manager of the Boys Protestant Orphanage at the Middle Swan.

From the Minutes of the proceedings herewith forwarded for His Excellency's information, it will be seen that the minimum daily cost per head of the orphans taken generally in the four Orphanages above referred to is 114d., the maximum cost 1s. 2d.

It appears that the cost of the Orphanages, beyond the Government grant of 8d. per besd, has been principally met by contributions from bazaars and small sums from private sources, with the exception of the Roman Catholic Orphanages, where, after payment of actual necessary expenses from Government allowance and local contributions, there remained deficits averaging £336 for the years 1881, 1882, and 1883; and the Manager states that were it not for special funds raised by extraordinary efforts outside the Colony, from which he was enabled to meet these deficits, the Institution must before this have been closed.

We would specially bring under notice that the Managers are unable, in the absence of more liberal aid, to provide for the inmates of these institutions absolute necessaries, such as increased accommodation, more nutritious diet, lavatories, &c.,—wants which, if supplied, would materially add to the cleanliness, comfort, and health of the children. The Managers of the Bors Orphanages have brought prominently forward the advantages which would follow from the introduction of a system of industrial training, which at present is found to be impossible from the want of sufficient funds. We have come to the conclusion, with the foregoing facts before us, that it is required on financial, and desirable on philanthropic grounds, to increase from public funds the present grant to the Orphanages of 8d. per head to 1s., an amount which will only be equal to the allowance granted annually to the inmates of Native Missions.

In concluding our Report, we think it right to bring under Your Excellency's special notice a statement made by Archdeacon Brown, with reference to industrial training in the Orphanages, namely: "No regular system of outdoor training is carried out, chiefly because of "the restrictions that seem to me to be imposed under 'The Elementary Education Act,' as "applied to industrial training." It appears that under the provisions of the Act an attendance of a certain number of hours daily is required before a grant can be made; this does not leave sufficient time for the industrial training, which we consider of primary importance towards enabling the orphans to obtain their future livelihood. It therefore appears to us worthy of careful consideration, whether it would not be advisable to relax the provisions of the Act, or amend it, so as to allow more time for industrial training without a forfeiture of the Educational Grant.

A. O'GRADY LEFROY, W. E. MARMION, G. RANDELL.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF FRUCEDITATE make an inquiry as to a Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to make an anguiry as to the desirability or otherwise of increasing the amount paid per head as a Grant to

the Orphanages from Public Funds.

The Honorable A. O'Grady Lefrey, C.M.G., W. E. Marinion, Esquire, M.L.C.,

George Randell, Esquire, M.L.C.

The Committee met, and, after consideration, agreed that it was advisable to write and request the Tex Committee met, and, after consideration, agreed that it was networked to wrote some request the respective managers of the several orphanoges to attend and supply information with reforement to the third and the several orphanoges to attend and the whould be informed that the same respective managers of the several orphanges to attend and supply information with reference to the question submitted; also, that in writing to the managers, they should be informed that the following were among some of the points on which the Committee would be glad to receive information.

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mannerance or the organizage univer your sounds.

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rdy.—If the payment per head was increased by the government, as you think it tend to lessen the flow of private charity towards the support of the orphanages? tenu to sessen the now or privace emercy.

Fourthly.—If the payment per head is increased, and private contributions continued equal to what they are at present, in what manner would you propose to spend the increased

Fifthy. Are many children supported by their parents or friends in any degree. If so, how many, and to what extent?

7th May, 1884.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

The Honorable A. O'Crady Lefroy, C.M.G.,

W. E. Marmion, Esquire, M.L.C.,

George Randell, Esquire, M.L.C.

The Very Revd. Dean Gegg. Manager of the Perth Girls Orphanage, attended, and replied as follows, to the several questions submitted to him by the Committee :-

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2.-About one-fourth of present cost per head is derived from various private sources, such as barnars, concerts, &c.

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4. In providing additional accumulation towards securing the health of the girls, in conformity with the providing additional accompanion of the second second second or the gard, or the gard, or opinion expressed by the vitting Medical Officer that such is much required, and also in supplying a more northines alto for the innerse of the institution, which step I have already taken upon my own respectability, considering it to be absolutely necessary for the houlth of the children.

5.—The amount received in three years has been #15 in support of nine children.

The Very Revd. M. Gibney, Vicar General, Manager of the Roman Catholic Boys Orphanage at Subjaco and the Girls Orphanage in Perth, gave the foll tted to him :-

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raised by entracorancy sources around the valency, the institutions must before this have been closed. The persions answers show that an internaced you would be expended in reducing the annual deficit, but seem supposing that this could be met free the source. I can still see how to consider the desirable of the source, I can still see how to complete the community, any extra grant in aid the community, any extra grant in aid the community and the source of a system of institution; notably, in the evaluations of a system of most of the source of the system of the syste

The amount contributed towards the partial support of children by their parents and friends was, in-

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The Venerable Archdeacon Brown, Manager of the Middle Swan Boys Protestant Orphanage, stated, in reply to questions referred to him, as follows :-

1.—The cost per head for each orphan is as follows :-

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2—This question cannot easily be answered, as the orphanages draw from a common fund, and few subscriptions are given to the separate institutions. The Swan Orphanage draw, in the last year referred to, in round numbers, £410 as its share of the Government subsidy, including the Grant for an Assisted School. It received from private sources :-

From General Fund £172 0 0 Special Subscriptions ... 10 10 0 Towards private maintenance 17 10 0

3.-- I do not think that increased payment would tend to lessen the flow of private charity; there is not the least danger of this. The deficiency made up by subscriptions, donations, and the biominal barars never covers the actual wants of the institution, but leaves it deficient in many things that, though not necessary to its existence, are very essential to its success.

I believe there are no institutions in the Colony so readily contributed to as the orphanages. May I respectfully add, there is on many minds a strong feeling that in contributing covards the maintaine of pasper children somewhat less than two-thirds of their coart of maintaines, and so wakening the general capabilities of the funds, the Government is hardly meeting its fair obligations.

3.-The erection of a verandah is greatly needed for the comfort, if not the health, of the children and of the sull immates of the institution. A good markety in not the meant, of the enumeration of the institution. A good markety is required, and may well take precedent of the versadah. All the clothes washing is done on the premises, and as spensio and commenced out variable agreety meeded. A plagroom for the boys in very hot had in set weather is much coupled. As institution of the same nature in England would be replets with conveniences that we have never had funds to provide.

5 -Parents or friends of children contribute searcely anything towards their maintenance; the law gives no real aid, it can imprison a dranken parent, but this is no relief to the funds.

#### Archicacon Brown was further asked :-

(a.)—Whether any regular system of industrial training is pursued at the Swan Orphanage?

Reply.-No regular system of outdoor training is carried out, chiefly because of the restrictions that went to me to be imposed under "The Elementary Education Act," as applied to industrial training; the children are, however, all employed at work in and out of doces.

(A) Do you consider that it would be to the interests of the children and the community, that a system of industrial training should obtain in such institutions?

Reply.-I consider that it would be in every respect beneficial.