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NEW ZEALAND

EDUCATION: THE COSTLEY TRAINING INSTITUTION

(REPORT OF).

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency

THE annual meeting of the friends of the Costley Training Institution was held at the institution, Surrey Hills, on the evening of Friday the 26th January, 1894. Captain William C. Daldy occupied the chair. With him were his co-trustees, the Hon. Colonel Haultain and Mr William Thorne. There was a large attendance. The proceedings commenced with a hymn, after which the following report and balance-sheet were read:—

REPORT.

The trustees are happy to meet you this evening, and thank you for your sympathy in the good work they are engaged upon, and for the interest you show in the cause of the institution, which was founded, as you are aware, by the benevolence of Mr E. Costley for the benefit of orphans and neglected and destitute children, who, on arriving at a suitable age, are here maintained and apprenticed to various trades, or, in addition to the ordinary school education, are trained and prepared as future settlers on the land. The trustees are able to make a very favourable report of the conduct of both boys and girls during the last year. There has been no recurrence of the restlessness and insubordination which showed itself on Mr Ramsay's first appointment. He has, by his tact and firmness, and with the kindly and efficient aid of Mrs. Ramsay, restored the discipline, and promoted a good and hearty feeling amongst all the inmates, and the favourable monthly reports which are received from employers are proofs of their careful and excellent management. There are now twenty-one lads in the institution itself, besides seven who have been sent at their own request into the country, and one who has gone to sea. Ten girls are still under the guardianship of the manager of whom two only being too young, have not yet been placed out to service or other employment. Of the boys, eleven are not old enough to be apprenticed, and they attend the public schools at Ponsonby, being instructed in the evenings in the carpenter's and blacksmith's workshops, so as to be accustomed to the use of tools, which will be an advantage to them in whatever occupation they may ultimately be engaged. There is accommodation in the buildings for some nine or ten more inmates, but, in consequence of the breaking-up of the Kohimarama School, the supply of suitable boys has become limited, and the trustees are considering whether some arrangement could not be made by which destitute children may be brought before the Resident Magistrate and committed direct to the institution. The health of the inmates has been generally good. The epidemics of influenza and measles have run their course through them in a mild form and have not left any after ill-consequences. Dr Knight, who is the honorary medical attendant, has been most attentive whenever his services were required, and the hearty thanks of the trustees are due to him. One lad who was for some time in the hospital with a severe attack of rheumatism has been discharged cured and the boy R. Sherrin, suffering from rheumatic swelling of the joints, who was sent up last year to Rotorua at the joint expense of the Charitable Aid Board and the trustees, has been sent to friends in England, who provided his passage-money. All the boys attend divine service at one of the neighbouring churches in the forenoons, and some of the bigger ones go also in the evenings. There are family prayers and Bible reading every evening, with singing of various hymns on Saturdays and Sundays. A Band of Hope entertainment was conducted by Mr Downie, and on various occasions addresses have been kindly given by Mr Shalders. The boys had their usual outings on Boxing and New Year's Days. The annual balance-sheet which is attached to this report shows that the institution is in a good financial position. £10,100 is invested on good security and the interest received during the year was £624 10s., whilst the contributions to maintenance from the boys' earnings were £214 7s. Besides the £3,000 which the trustees were authorised by statute to expend out of the capital on land and buildings, a further sum of £990 from the revenue has been invested on these and furniture accounts, and including this sum there stands to the credit of Revenue Account £1,433 11s. 7d. The average cost of each boy

has been as follows. Food, £13 8s., clothing, £3 5s., superintendence and wages, £7 1s., fuel, light, &c., £3 8s. total, £27 2s. The boys' earnings during the year have been £312 8s. 3d., of which £119 14s. has been deposited in the savings-bank to their respective credits. The total amount now in the savings-bank to the credit of boys is £308 7s. 1d. The trustees hope that the Auckland public will be satisfied with the measure of success that has followed the working of this institution, always bearing in mind that it is God who giveth the increase.

W. C. DALDY, Chairman.

BALANCE-SHEET AT THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1893.

Capital Account.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Costley bequest	12,150	0	0				Land and buildings	996	6	6
Less expended on buildings (authorised by statute)	3,000	0	0				Mortgages	9	600	0
				9,150	0	0	Fixed deposit	500	0	0
Rebecca Hodge bequest					672	3	9	Balance in cash	159	8
Accrued interest invested					1,433	11	7			
				£11,255	15	4		£11,255	15	4

Revenue Account.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Commission Account	15	0	0				By Balance from 1892	1,380	4	11
General expenses	26	1	0				Interest received	599	10	0
Maintenance	793	14	10				Interest on fixed deposit	25	0	0
Boys' allowance	12	9	0				Earnings Account	313	5	8
Repairs and improvements	6	17	0				Interest on Savings bank Account	11	18	1
Sundry creditors (interest unpaid)	186	15	0				Accrued interest unpaid	186	15	0
Earnings Account	108	8	5				Savings-bank Account	66	3	2
Balance unexpended				1,149	5	3		1,202	11	11
				£2,582	16	10		£2,582	16	10

I certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Costley Training Institute, and compared them with the balance-sheet and receipts and expenditure, and find them to be correct, and that the above statements exhibit a true and correct statement of the affairs of the Institute, and I further certify that I have personally examined the mortgage deeds, and find that the sum of £9,600 is secured thereby

Auckland, 12th January, 1894.

A. H. GOSSET, Auditor

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