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REPORT

OF THE

CONDITION, MANAGEMENT, AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AT THE CONVENT,  
GEELONG;

WITH STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

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PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS OFFICE,  
King street, 13th December, 1866.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that, in compliance with your instructions, I visited the Industrial Schools at the Convent, Geelong, on the 12th of October, and again on the 30th of November last. I found in the institution fifteen Industrial School children, who were healthy and cheerful, and apparently well cared for, so far as their food, clothing, and lodging were concerned; but their education appears to me to have been somewhat neglected. With the exception of four of the children, they had all been in the school from December, 1865, up to the time of my visit, and yet I did not find one among them who could read intelligently. The Rev. Mother, who afforded me every facility for ascertaining the condition of the children, and who has certainly paid every attention to their bodily requirements, will no doubt in future see that their mental improvement is also attended to. On my next visit of inspection, which I propose making early next year, I have no doubt an improvement in the educational state of the children will be perceptible. Between my first and second visits to the schools the children had all been attacked with measles; but they had been so well cared for, that, at my last visit, I found they had all completely recovered.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)                      GEO. O. DUNCAN,  
Inspector.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, GEELONG.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1865-1866.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Collected for Building ... ..	290	8	2	Erection of wooden Building ...	248	3	0
Collected in aid of Maintenance ...	81	12	0	Additions and Repairs of Building	119	16	11
Loan ... ..	239	17	10½	Tank ... ..	5	2	6
				Books, &c. ... ..	3	0	0
				Provisions ... ..	122	2	5½
				Cost of Clothing ... ..	62	18	0
				Bedding and other Maintenance ...	45	15	2
				Mattresses (1865) ... ..	5	0	0
	£	611	18 0½		£	611	18 0½

The children in the Industrial School rise at 5.30 a.m., and are employed in domestic duties until breakfast at 7, and afterwards until 10 o'clock, when they assemble for school for two hours. Dinner at half-past 12 o'clock, the cooking being done by the children, who take it in turn. The remainder of the day (from 1 o'clock), the children are employed in laundry or needle work. They have supper at 6 o'clock p.m., and recreation from after supper until 20 m. to 9 o'clock; part of this time is usually given to needle work, whilst the religious who has charge of them reads a useful or entertaining book to them. They retire to rest at 20 m. to 9 o'clock. At present there are 14 girls in the school. At the beginning of this month we provided a situation as children's maid for Mary Stockdale, whose time had expired.

(Signed) M. M. H. MAGUIRE.