

every praise for their zealous and valuable services. On Sundays the boys landed and marched to their respective churches.

15. The ship has been largely visited during the year by young men formerly apprentices from the vessel. They all seemed respectable, respectful in their manner, and occupying fair positions. Eight hundred and twenty letters were received by me from former inmates of the ship. Every Wednesday a selection from these is read to the inmates who attend the library on that evening, and I anticipate good results from this practice.

16. The officers remain as at last report, and no changes have taken place. They continue to perform their duties in a cheerful and intelligent manner. A few changes have taken place amongst the lower officials.

17. The usual tables are appended.

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FREDK. W. NEITENSTEIN,

Commander and Superintendent.

SUMMARY.

A.—Work in connection with the "Vernon" for the Year ended 30th June, 1888.

Total admissions	...	...	...	204
Total discharges	...	...	...	206
Average daily number on board under control	...	...	...	218
Average daily number of apprentices under control	...	...	...	420
Total average daily number under control	...	...	...	638
Cost yearly for average number on board	...	...	...	£24 6s. 5d.
Cost yearly for all under control	...	...	...	£8 13s. 11d.
Percentage of those known to be doing well of boys under control who have left during last six years...	...	...	...	93 per cent.
Highest rate per week of wages to be earned by apprentices	...	...	...	10s.
Lowest rate	...	...	...	6d.
Wages and value of board, clothing, lodging, medical attendance, to be earned by boys now serving apprenticeship	...	...	...	£45,878
Number of visits made to ship by young men now out of apprenticeship and quite free from control, some having been upwards of ten years away	...	...	...	194
Deaths on board during year	...	...	...	None.
School per diem of boys on board, each boy	...	...	...	3 hours.
Value of industrial labour performed on board (no deduction made for this in estimating cost)	...	...	...	£2,100
Average age of boys apprenticed	...	...	...	14.4
Average stay on board of those leaving the ship	...	...	...	Under 14 months.
Average period of apprenticeship	...	...	...	3.8
Letters received from former inmates	...	...	...	820
Information received from former apprentices	...	...	...	330

B.—Admissions and Discharges during the Year.

Particulars.	No.	Total.	Particulars. ...	No.	Total.
Admissions—			Discharges—		
Committals	...	180	Apprenticed to various occupations	...	120
Returned, having been removed from unsuitable places	2	...	Boys under eleven removed by the State Children's Relief Department	...	42
Returned ill	3	...	Discharged on petition and otherwise	...	41
Returned, indentures cancelled for misconduct, absconding, &c.	15	...	Absconded, not captured	...	1
Returned, employers giving up business	3	...	Aborigines Protection Board	...	1
Returned, medical department	1	24	Medical department	...	1
Total admissions	...	204	Total discharges	...	206

C.—Comparative Working, &c., Ten Years Ago and Now, showing Growth of Institution.

		For Year ending 30th June.		
		1877.	1887.	1888.
Admissions	...	63	189	204
Discharges	...	78	192	206
Cost per head (net), inmates only	...	£36 18s. 3d.	£26 13s. 8d.	£24 6s. 5d.
Average daily number	...	99	214	218
Total number on board through year	...	174	404	416