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THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BRITISH FREE SCHOOL,

LISBON.

FOR THE

BOARD, CLOTHING, & EDUCATION

OF THE

CHILDREN OF DISTRESSED

RESIDENT BRITISH SUBJECTS,

FROM THE AGE OF

FIVE TO FOURTEEN YEARS.

WITH A

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
PROV. XXII, 6.

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is."

JER. XVII, 5.

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NOTE.

Until the completion of the new School house, adjoining the British Chapel and Chaplain's residence, the School is situated at n.º 5 Rua Direita de Buenos Ayres, where it can be visited at any time by subscribers and by strangers introduced by them.

Written applications for the admission of children can be given to the School master; and the Secretary may be personally applied to in respect to such admissions and upon the general business of the Institution, at his residence, n.º 26 Rua Nova de S. Francisco de Paula, or at his office, n.º 9 Rua do Largo do Corpo Santo.

Subscriptions and Donations will be thankfully received at the Treasurer's residence, n.º 454 Rua dos Fanqueiros, or by any member of the Committees.

Patron.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S ENVOY AT THE COURT OF LISBON.

Henry Francis Howard, Esq. re

Vice-Patron and President. HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S CONSUL, LISBON.

Medical Attendant.

Ch. Joseph Edmonds, Esq. re

Ladies Committee.

M.rs Knowles.

M.rs Wynn.

M.rs Roberts.

M. rs Howorth.

Managing Committee.

W.^m Smith, Esq.^{re}, H. M. Consul, President. Rev.^d G. S. Prior, British Chaplain, Francis Roughton, Esq.^{re}, Chairman. D. W. Wright, Esq.^{re}, Vice-Chairman. Tho.^s Creswell, Esq.^{re}, Treasurer. John Wilby, Esq.^{re}
Rich.^d Reeves, Esq.^{re}
Fred. A. Davidson, Esq.^{re}
Richard Knowles, Secretary.

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GENERAL RULES

OF THE

BRITISH FREE SCHOOL,

LISBON.

NAME.

1. That this Institution be designated, "THE BRITISH FREE SCHOOL."

DESIGN.

2. That the design of this Institution be to educate children of both sexes, being British subjects; to train them in habits of industry and frugality; to instil into their youthful minds the principles of the Christian religion; to qualify them by education to fill useful stations in life; and, when practicable, to place them in situations where they will be at a distance from temptation, and have the means of gaining an honest livelihood.

GOVERNMENT.

3. That this Institution be under the management of a President, the resident British Chaplain, and a Committee of seven subscribers, whose services shall be gratuitous; and the British Envoy for the time being at the Court of Lisbon be requested to be Patron; and her Britannic Majesty's Consul be Vice-Patron and President.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

- 4. That the General Meeting of the Subscribers be held yearly in March.
- 5. That it be the duty of the Secretary to convene a Special General Meeting, on receiving a requisition to do so, signed by at least five Subscribers,—or by three Subscribers, one of whom must be a member of the Committee.
- That no General Meeting be held of which the Subscribers have not had a week's notice.
- 7. That no rule or regulation of this Institution be altered or revoked except at a General Meeting.

- 8. That no business be transacted at any Special General Meeting, except that for which it has been convened, and that such business be specified in the notices convening the same.
- 9. That the Committee be annually elected from and by the Subscribers at the General Meeting in March; two of the Senior Members of the Committee retiring annually, but open to re-election.
- 10. That a report of the proceedings of the preceding year, and a statement of the finances of the Institution be laid before the Committee at their meeting in March, for approval, previous to being presented to the General Meeting.
- 11. That all questions at General Meetings be decided by a majority of Subscribers present; and that in cases of equality of votes, the President have a casting vote.

COMMITTEE, OFFICERS, &C.

12. That the Committee appoint their own Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and have power to make up any deficiency in their number that may occur between the days of annual election. That they also be empowered to appoint a Committee of four Ladies to superintend the domestic arrangements of the School, &c.

- 13. That the Committee meet monthly, or oftener when necessary, for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Institution, and that three be a quorum.
- 14. That every member of the Committee who has not attended the Meetings for twelve successive months be considered as resigned.
- 15. That the Committee have the appointment and removal of the Treasurer, Secretary, Medical Attendant, the other Officers, and all the Servants of the Institution.
- 16. That the Treasurer receive all monies belonging to the Institution, and dispose of the same as the Committee may direct.
- 17. That the Secretary take minutes of the proceedings of all General and Committee Meetings; that he summon the Committee, and attend to the general business of the Institution.

- 18. That the Medical Attendant be requested to attend the children professionally in the Institution as often as needful, and to report the state of the children's health in a book kept for the purpose.
- 19. That the Committee, at their first meeting in April, nominate two Auditors of accounts, one to be chosen from the Committee, and one from the Subscribers.
- 20. That the children eligible for gratuitous admission into the School be British subjects; but parents of children, whose means will admit of it, will be expected to contribute monthly such sums as the Committee consider they can afford, to the support of the Establishment.
- 21. That the Committee have power to admit children of foreign parents, on receipt of a monthly or annual payment from the parents or friends of such children; the amount to be left to the decision of the Committee.
- 22. That the Committee have power to dismiss from the Institution any child whose society they consider will be injurious to the other children.

- 23. That all children admitted into the Institution shall attend Divine Service every Sabbath when practicable, at the British Protestant Church; and the religious instruction shall be in conformity with the precepts and doctrines of the Church of England.
- 24. That the twenty-third rule be made known by the Secretary to the parents or friends of every child previous to admission into the School.
- 25. That the resident British Chaplain for the time being, be requested to render his assistance in forwarding the religious instruction of the children, to be Visitor to the Institution, and ex-officio Member of the Committee.
- 26. That the School Master or Governess do not relinquish their situations in the School without giving at least six month's notice, or without forfeiting six months' salary.
- 27. That all questions at meetings of the Committee be decided by a majority of members present, and that in cases of equality of votes, the Chairman have a casting vote.
 - 28. That the number of children to be received

into this Institution be determined by the Committee, and that application for the admission of children be made at the Monthly Meeting.

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN.

29. That no child be admitted into the School under the age of five years, nor exceeding that of nine for Boys, and ten for Girls, and that each candidate for admission be provided with a certificate of baptism, and a declaration made whether such child has had small-pox, hooping-cough, measles, and been vaccinated; with a certificate of having undergone examination by the Medical Attendant of the Institution; — in extraordinary cases the Committee have power to depart from the strict observance of this rule.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

- 30. That each day be commenced and concluded with prayer.
- 31. That the Sabbath be made as much as possible a day of devotion and rest, and that the intervals not engaged in public worship be devoted to the reading and explanation of the Scriptures.

- 32. That the school hours, books, and lessons, be such as the Master or Governess, with the sanction of the visiting Clergyman and Committee may appoint; the system of education followed in the School being that of a plain English one, embracing reading, writing, arithmetic, and plain needlework; and that no books be received by any child that have not been previously examined by one or more Members of the Committee.
- 33. That suitable Rewards be distributed at Christmas and Midsummer, according as their conduct may deserve.
- 34. That the visiting Chaplain be requested to catechise the children upon the lessons they learn, as often as he may judge requisite.
- 35. That the School Master or Governess report monthly to the Committee the conduct of the children in the School, and their progress in education.
- 36. That no child having visited its friends in case of their illness, be permitted to return to the School, until it is ascertained if it can do so without danger of infection.

- 37. That upon serious illness appearing in the School the Master or Governess immediately give notice of such to the Secretary.
- 38. That the Library of useful and entertaining books be for the use of the children; which their friends also out of the School may have the privilege of reading, on application to the Mistress at the School-house.

DISMISSION OF CHILDREN.

- 39. That Children having arrived at the age of fourteen years, be considered as having completed the term of their education, and be subject to dismission, six months' notice having been given to the parents or friends; in extraordinary cases, the Committee have power to depart from the strict observance of this rule.
- 40. That no child be dismissed from this Institution until it has been examined by the Committee, and if its general conduct has been good, and its progress in learning satisfactory, it shall receive a certificate in its favour, signed by the Chairman—such certificate to be entered in a book to be called the Register of Character.

41. That the dismission of every child take place at the meeting of the Committee, when it shall receive a Bible, a Prayer Book, and a serious exhortation to good conduct; and in case the child have received a certificate of character, the Committee may make a further present of such books as they deem suitable.

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OF THE

BRITISH FREE SCHOOL,

AND THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

AT THE

GENERAL MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS,

HELD AT LISBON ON THE 3181 MARCH 1356.

The books and papers of the Institution were laid before the meeting, with the Treasurer's accounts for 1855, and the following report from the Committee.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Although the preceding Report of the British Free School was only published last November, the Committee have now, in compliance with the 10th rule, to lay before the Subscribers an

account of the finances embracing the general annual receipts and expenditure for 1855, and showing a balance of R. 214\$308 in the hands of the Treasurer at the commencement of this year.

This favorable financial state may be considered a clear demonstration that the increasing demands of the Institution are duly responded to, when extra expenses in clothing, &c., for the Children and the high price of provisions have been met so liberally as to leave a balance at the end of last year greater than upon previous occasions—and with God's blessing upon their exertions, the supporters of this Institution may confidently trust it will continue to prosper, and to promote the temporal and eternal welfare of the Children of their poorer country-men residing in Portugal.

Since November two girls from Oporto and two boys from Lisbon have been admitted into the School, and the total number of Children now upon the books of this Institution is 30, of which 12 girls and 7 boys are boarders, 6 girls and 5 boys are day-scholars.

The Committee have, to the best of their abi-

lity, continued to superintend the erection of the new School house, and in this important duty they have received much valuable assistance from Mr Valentine's kindly profered professional knowledge, and feel confident the builder is carrying out the construction with due regard to solidity and the stipulations of the Contract. - In consequence of the unusual prevalence of heavy rains during the winter, it was held advisable not to insist upon the completion of the building at the Contract period, Midsummer, but the Committee have no doubt it will be perfectly ready for occupation by the Autumn.-The subscriptions for defraying the expenses of this new School house have been progressing satisfactorily, and although the general report of the collections in Portugal is delayed until the Treasurer has completed the list, it is gratifying to state that the liberal example set by some of the more wealthy British residents in this country, who headed the list with donations of 500 mil réis each, has been followed by a like amount from the London firm of Mess. rs Knowles & Foster, to whom thanks are more particularly due, as they have never resided in Portugal, although they are much interested in its commerce.

At the last general meeting it was resolved to

record upon a stone tablet, placed in the wall of the School room, the fact that the British Free School was originally established in 1837, principally through the exertions of Mess. Edward Potter, John Cassels, and George Ashworth; but M. Potter having written to the Secretary an urgent request that precedence might be given in that record to Mess. Cassels and Ashworth, whom he considered to have, before him, promoted the formation of the Institution, the Committee recommend that M. Potter's wishes be complied with, although the record, as originally proposed, was taken in the precise form of the vote of thanks entered upon the minutes of the first regular meeting of subscribers on the 28th May, 1837.

The Committee are gratified to learn that efforts are being made to form at Oporto an establishment analagous to this School, which has always been open for the admission of British Children from that city, and will continue to be so as long as required.

The Committee had intimated its intention to submit to this general meeting such alterations in the rules and regulations of the School, as experience and changed circumstances demand; but finding those alterations may be more practically appreciated upon the instalment of the School in the new house, they consider it prudent to delay them until that time. - Directions having been given for the formation of a synopsis of the different Committee resolutions, by which the School has been conducted under the authority granted by the general rules, the present Secretary has, since he took that office, been unable to complete that synopsis, because the resolutions in general were not fully entered upon the minutes, but embodied in reports and recommendations from the Ladies' and other sub-Committees, Medical attendant, &c .- Many of the reports belonging to the Secretary's archive had been handed over to the late Ladies' Committee with authority to carry them out; but through information, kindly furnished by M.rs Roughton, as Secretary of that Committee, the principal difficulties have been overcome and the Committee will now find its task comparatively easy.

Whilst none of us can fail cordially to acknowledge the great exertions of the late Ladies' Committee, and particularly those of M. rs Roughton, in the direction and management of the School, the Gentlemen composing your present Committee do not decline the blame, which may pertain to them, as well as their predecessors, for having allowed so disproportionate a burthen to fall upon the Ladies, as to invert the natural order of things.

Doubtless the Ladies can render most essential services in the general inspection of the School. and in the suggestion of alterations and amendments; but the Gentlemen, who subscribe for its support, are bound to consider the details of those alterations, and to see that they are properly adopted, recorded in the minutes, and fully carried out until revoked. - It appears very necessary, for the permanency of a better and uniform management of the School, that the principal regulations established by Committees should be printed periodically, as well as the general rules for the information of subscribers, in order that all may fully understand the system, and thereby be induced to take a greater personal interest in the management of the Institution. - The Committee cannot, for the reason already mentioned, lay before the general meeting this month, the Committee or subregulations referred to in an organised form; but they present for publication with this report, if approved, the general rules compiled with the

alterations and additions made in them by General Meetings since last printed.

The Committee for 1856 will have much additional business to attend to in connection with the finishing and furnishing of the new School house, the removal of the School, modifications and improvement in the system of education consequent upon the instalment of a School master instead of a School mistress, &c.; it is therefore suggested that, in addition to the Ladies' Committee, authorised by the general meeting on the 15th April 1851. the Gentlemen's Committee should have power to avail themselves of the services of such other subscribers or their families, either Ladies or Gentlemen, and of such Clergymen temporarily residing in Lisbon, as they may find willing and best calculated to assist them, in the capacity of sub-Committees, visitors, &c., for the better inspection and management of the School. In suggesting the concession of ample powers in this respect, it should be understood that the Committee will lay the result of its proceedings before the general meeting next year, or earlier, if possible, in such a form as may facilitate its decision upon all the General and Committee rules it may suggest as necessary permanently to secure the best and

most uniform system in every department of the School.

In consequence of Sir Richard Pakenham's retirement from the Court of Lisbon, it appears to the Committee desirable, that Henry Francis Howard, Esquire, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for the time being, be requested to fill the Office of Patron of the Institution, in conformity with the 3.rd Rule.

In conclusion your Committee have to state that Mess. ** Francis Roughton and Richard Knowles now retire from the Committee, in accordance with the 9.th Rule.

The Meeting having examined and discussed the above Report as well as other matters connected with it and with the general interests of the School, unanimously adopted the following resolutions.

1. That the said report be approved, and that the Committee be authorised to act according to the indications contained in it.

- 2.nd That the thanks of the Meeting be given to John S. Valentine, Esquire, C. E., for his valuable services in preparing the plans for the new School-house, and inspecting the building of the same.
- 3.rd That this Meeting cordially concurs in that part of the report which records the thanks so justly due to Mess.rs Knowles and Foster, as non-residents in Portugal, for their liberal donation towards the expense of erecting the new School house.
- 4.th That this Meeting also cordially concurs in that part of the report, which records the thanks so justly due for the great services rendered to the School by M. s Roughton and the other Ladies who have acted with her upon Committee.
- 5.th That Francis Henry Howard, Esquire, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Lisbon, be requested to fill the Office of Patron of the Institution.
- 6.th That Francis Roughton, Esquire, and Richard Knowles, Esquire, be re-elected members of the Committee.

- 7.th That the annual Sermon for the benefit of the School be preached on Sunday, the 27.th April.
- 8.th That these resolutions be printed and distributed with the Report, Treasurer's Accounts, and General Rules for the information of Subscribers.
- 9.th That the thanks of this Meeting be given to William Smith, Esquire, for his courteous conduct in the chair.

R. Knowles, Secretary. W." Smith,
President.

EXTRACT

FROM THE

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

FOR 1855.

	INCOME.	
1855		Réis
Jan. 1	By Balance in hand	1918433
Dec. 31	By Board of Children received	
	from Parents able to pay	135\$950
	By Collection after a Sermon	-
	preached by the Rev. G. S.	
	Prior on 22nd April	945480
	DONATIONS RECEIVED IN LISBON.	
	Réis 108\$570, viz:	
	Collection by the Rev. A. G.	
	Berry, Chaplain of H.M. Ship	
	«St. George» from the Cap-	
	tain & Ward room Officers	
*	Réis 22\$000; and from the	
	Gun room Officers 5\$540	
	Réis	27\$540
	Chataway, Rev. James	4\$500
	Chataway, M.rs	2\$250
	Cowell, Miss H. M	4\$500
	Hancock, G. A. charges on	. 45000
	1252 letters by Steamers at	
	40 Réis	50\$080
	Holland, Miss, per M." Wynn	2\$250
	Oliveira, M. 18 B. per Mr.	-41-00
	Knowles	_ 4\$500
	Carried forward	517\$483

1855 Amount brought forward Paton, James Rawstron, Lawrence Swift, Joseph Trotter, M. rs	517\$483 2\$250 5\$000 4\$500 1\$200
FROM SUBSCRIBERS TO CLOTHING FUND.	
Collected by M.rs Roughton, balance 1854	50\$935
Collected by M.rs Roughton,	PO#200
1855	58\$300
FROM SUBSCRIBERS IN LISBON.	
Réis 595\$120, viz:	
Adam, William	4\$800
Adams, A. K	4\$500
Black, Alexander	4\$500
Brandt, Thomas Rich	4\$500
Buchanan, James	2\$250
Burnley, J. Hume	4\$500
Burnett, The Misses, for 1854	0,000
§ 1855	9\$000
Cairns, Edward	4\$500
Cairns, Miss Jane	1\$200
Carpenter, The Misses	3\$000 48\$000
Carruthers, William	2\$250
Clay Coorge	2\$250
Claife John	95000
Creswell Thomas	13\$000
Creswell, Thomas Custance, Thomas	145400
Dagge, A. P.	2\$250
Dagge, A. 1	
Carried forward	773\$568

1855	Amount brought forward	773\$568
Dec. 31	Dangibau, William	9\$600
	Davidson, Frederick A	4\$500
	Dean, James	2\$250
	Dickinson, Daniel	2\$250
	Dobson, Thomas	4\$500
	Donnet, A. T.	12\$000
	Garland James	55000
	Garland, Watts John	5\$000
	Gibson, John	25250
	Goodair, W. H	2\$250
	Graham, Junior, John	9\$600
	Grimsdick, Thomas	45500
	Gruis, William	4\$500
	Guimarães, M.rs.	\$960
(10712	Hancock, George A	4\$500
	Handsword, H. W	2\$250
	Hislop, Hardy	48800
	Howorth, John Stott	5\$000
187	Howorth, William John	5\$000
	Hutchens, Charles	4\$500
	Ivens, Arthur H	4\$500
	Jauncey, Charles	7\$200
	Johnstone, J. C. Hope	2\$250
	Jones, Wilson	2\$250
	Kafle, M.rs	1\$200
	Kendall, Samuel	4\$800
	Kendall, William	4\$800
	Kerr, Archibald	43500
	Knowles, Richard	93000
	Laidley, Henry	5\$000
	Leslie, Captain Lawrence	28250
HE RAIN	Lucas, M.rs	7\$200
	Martin, John Eccles	4\$500
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Carried forward. . . 928\$228

1855	Amount brought forward	928\$228
Dec. 31	Martin, Joseph T	2\$250
	M.º Nicoll, Nicol	9\$600
	Medlicott, Edward	14\$400
	Mitchell, William	4\$500
	Norton, J	2\$430
	O' Sullivan, Hon: J. L	4\$500
	Pakenham, Sir Richard	25\$000
	Payant, Charles Andrew	63000
	Price, Edward, for 1853,	
	1854, 1855	14\$400
	Pring, James	25250
	Prior, Rev. George Sayle	14\$400
	Pollet, Dona Rita G	4\$650
	Potter, Edward, of Liverpool	148400
	Reeves, Richard	4\$500
	Roberts, Henry James	4\$500
	Roughton, Francis	14\$400
	Russell, John	2\$250
	Russell, Junior, John	2\$250
	Sartorius, Sir George	14\$400
	Schmettau, Madame	4\$500
	Shaw, William	4\$500
	Shore, Francis Frederick	14\$400
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	sul	20\$000
	Smith, James, of Gibraltar.	14\$400
1000	Soper, John	4\$500
	Street, M. rs	4\$500
	Thomson, Joseph	3\$780
	Turner, Archibald	14\$400
- 11	Valentine, John S	5\$400
	Ward, W. R	24\$000
	Wheelhouse, George A	9\$000

Carried forward. . 1:212\$688

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1854 Dec. 31	Amount brought forward Wilby, John	9\$600
	Wright, Denny W	8\$000 4\$500
	DONATIONS RECEIVED IN OPORTO. Réis 37\$800, viz:	
	Cassels, John Dagge, R. P. Harris, J. D. Roughton, W. G Wright, W. J.	12\$450 9\$000 4\$500 9\$600 2\$250
	FROM SUBSCRIBERS IN OPORTO. Réis 82\$200, viz:	
	Cassels, John	9\$600 4\$500
	Graham, Robert Johnston, E. J	4\$500 4\$500
	M.c Nicoll, D	4\$500 4\$500
	Noble, R. H	4\$500 4\$500 4\$500
	Roope, Gabel	4\$500 9\$600
	Smithes, John	4\$500 4\$500
	Whistler, George Wigham, Thomas Wilton, C. F	4\$500 4\$500 4\$500
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Carried forward. . 1:354\$788

	EXPENDITURE.	
1855		Réis
Dec. 31	House expences this year	656\$765
	Rent & Taxes	134 \$ 025
	M.rs Head's Salary to 15th	7
	November, Réis 98\$440,	* -
	and Board Wages from	
	28th July to 15th Novem-	
	ber, Réis 32\$400	130\$840
7	Clothing, etc For pur-	20042000
	chases by M.rs Roughton	
	from January to Septem-	
	ber Réis 81\$200, and sub-	
	sequently by the present	- 4
	Ladies Committee 52\\$100	
	Réis	133\$300
	Books & Stationary - M. rs	13343300
	Roughton's purchases in	
	1854 and 1855, 42\$185	
	Réis, & J. Salt & Co's ac-	014000
	count Réis 22\$795	64\$980
	Miscellaneous expenses, in-	224442
	cluding printing etc	20\$570
Pini,	Balance in hand	214\$308
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Lisbon, 31 Dec., 1855.—T. Creswell, Treasurer. Examined —D. W. Wright —J. S. Howorth, Auditors.