

The Chief Inspector

Hempstead Hall Remand Home
Visited 17th August, 1950

The Church Army who own and control this remand home have now reported that all boys have been removed from the remand home and that the staff have dispersed.

At my request at the last committee meeting at the remand home in July the Church Army have prepared a report on the conduct of the remand home since it opened in 1941.

Since that time 1,887 boys have passed through the home and the Superintendent has written up a report on the conduct of the home since he took over in 1947. Prior to that the Superintendent was Captain Sanderson and he has now left the Church Army so that a report by him is not available.

This remand home was opened to meet the pressure which was occurring during the war years on existing local authority controlled remand home accommodation.

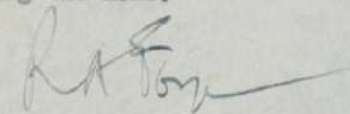
It will be seen from the report of the Superintendent Captain Culshaw that the remand home has carried out a vast amount of useful work on behalf of boys committed to the home and that the home has retained a volume of good will amongst the local residents in the district.

With regard to the staff I was able to arrange for the employment of a Supervision Officer and his wife at another remand home in Lancashire. The Deputy Superintendent was helped to obtain another appointment as Deputy Superintendent at the Boys' Remand Home in Oxfordshire, the Superintendent himself, Mr. Culshaw has been recommended and has obtained a post as Probation Officer in London and the teacher Mr. Chadman was invited to apply for a post of teacher at the Enfield Remand Home but has not done so. It will be seen therefore that from the angle of the Home Office every effort has been made to arrange for employment of the staff which had become redundant.

I paid a visit today to the Remand Home to say good bye to the Superintendent and Matron as they are leaving on the 19th August and after that date there will be no one in residence at all.

The Church Army have arranged for the sale of the Hall and the farm to be advertised and there will be an auction sale sometime early in October of the furniture and effects.

I think that a final official letter might be sent to the Church Army thanking them for the part they have played in providing remand home accommodation during a period of pressure and for the way in which the remand home at Hempstead Hall has been managed and developed during the 9 years of its existence. I assume that there is no question of obtaining a refund of expenditure incurred in providing equipment. The cost of the remand home was covered by the Church Army levying a charge of £3. 3s. 0d. a week on the using authorities for each boy committed there. This charge has remained constant since the remand home opened. No contribution other than the usual 50% contribution made to the local authority has been made by the Home Office towards the cost of equipping and maintaining the home.


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