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LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:

REPORT FOR 1880.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 19, 1881.



REPORT of the LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for the Year 1880.

THE Board of Management of the Launceston Benevolent Society, in bringing up their Report for the year 1880, feel it a very great source of pleasure and satisfaction that after another year's working the Treasurer's account shows a credit balance.

The past year has been a most prosperous one financially. This is very encouraging to the Board—a proof of the confidence which the public have in their administration.

The liberality with which the necessary funds have been contributed has enabled the members to relieve all deserving cases brought under their notice, both of a permanent and temporary character, and they believe that not a really deserving case either in Launceston or its suburbs has gone unrelieved.

During the past year 45 meetings have been held, with an average attendance of nine members (out of 13). This will show with what care and attention the Society has been worked.

The Board find now, as ever, great vigilance is required to prevent imposition. They think this report of their work will bear favourable comparison with that of similar societies.

Death has been amongst us during the past year and removed from us John Drysdale, a very active and valued member; also the much respected and lamented friend of the poor, Henry Reed, one of the most liberal supporters of the Society. The place of Mr. Drysdale has been filled by Captain James Tulloch.

We have again to thank the press for reporting the weekly meetings during the past year.

Your Society has relieved during the year 1880—44 men, 82 women, and 111 children. 115 applications were received, of which 80 were relieved, and 35 not entertained; eleven families, the parent or parents of such being in gaol; six families whose parent or parents are away.

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY in account with Treasurer, 1880.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Meat	176 4 5	Balance from 1879	197 9 5
Bread	159 11 1	Parliamentary conditional Grant, 1879-80	250 0 0
Groceries	127 9 7	Government Grant for farming out chil-	
Secretary's salary	75 0 0	dren, 1879-1880	250 0 0
Blankets	21 9 0	Private contributions	415 3 9
Stationery and printing	12 4 8		
Lodgings	11 18 6		
Commission and stamps	13 18 4		
Firewood	3 7 0		
Midwifery	1 15 0		
Launceston Building & Equitable Society	300 0 0		
Balance in Bank of V. D. Land	209 15 7		
	<u>£1112 13 2</u>		<u>£1112 13 2</u>
		Balance	£209 15 7

G. BABINGTON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Correct—

T. GLADMAN, *Auditor.*

Launceston, 1st January, 1881.