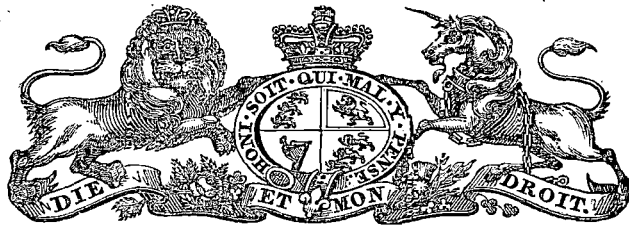


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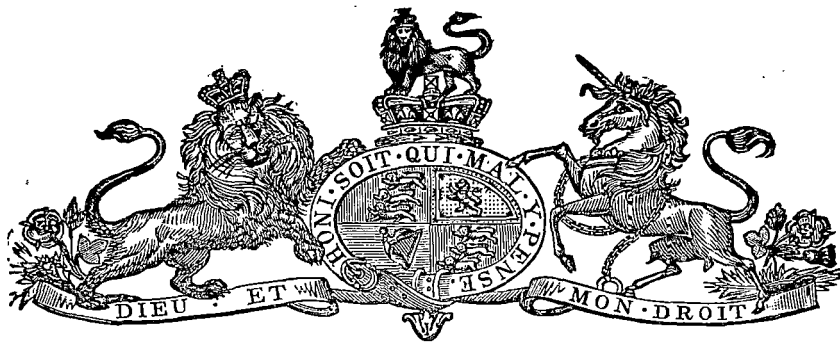
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HOBART RAGGED SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION :

REPORT FOR 1889.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



## RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

*Bible Depot, Hobart, 5th June, 1890.*

THE Committee of the Ragged School Association respectfully beg to send in, for the information of the Hon. the Minister and Members of the Parliament of Tasmania, their Annual Report for 1889.

During the year, after much deliberation, the children whose parents it was believed could afford to pay for their education at State Schools were dismissed. This was chiefly the case at the Cascade Road School. Here also the Misses Mitchell, for many years efficient servants of the Committee, resigned. Miss Hunt, who came from the Central State School with high testimonials, was made head teacher, and Misses Proctor and M. Williams assistants at this School. At Watchorn street, Miss Hedberg entered upon her duties as head teacher at the beginning of the year, the other teachers being the same. At Lower Collins-street, Miss Moor remained in charge, with Misses Ryan and Clark as assistants. At all the three Schools good and efficient work has been maintained; the discipline, according to reports of visitors, has been satisfactory.

The Annual Meeting, at which the Hon. W. H. Burgess, M.H.A., presided, was held on the 21st of August. Strong evidence was then adduced in the Report and speeches of the gentlemen of the necessity for the existence of the Ragged Schools.

After some years of useful work, the Rev. S. B. Fookes resigned his position of Secretary from ill-health, and the Rev. L. T. Tarleton was appointed in his place.

Enclosed will be found accounts duly audited to 31st December, 1889. These show a debit balance of £14 18s. 4d. A numerical list of boys and girls on the rolls, &c. is also sent. Mr. Inspector Rule's reports of the annual examinations held at the three Schools are enclosed herewith. The reports of the Lady Superintendents are also included.

In conclusion, the Committee beg to express their gratification at the continuance of the annual grant-in-aid, inasmuch as they are more than ever convinced of the great need there is that the Schools under their charge should be maintained in a thorough state of efficiency.

JAMES SCOTT, *Chairman.*

L. T. TARLETON, *Hon. Secretary.*

### *AVERAGE Number and Average Daily Attendance, 1889.*

SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN.					
	Average Number on the Rolls.			Average Daily Attendance.		
	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.
RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION—						
Watchorn-street School .....	70	58	128	40	31	71
Collins-street School .....	67	80	147	41	54	95
Cascade Road School .....	125	102	227	53	42	95

*Watchorn-street School.*

THIS School is being conducted very satisfactorily; the working, order, and tone good. The Infant-room is quite full.

Mrs. Hardy has resigned her position as Lady Superintendent. Some of the Members have left the Colony or retired, while fresh ladies have stepped in and filled the vacant places.

The Sewing classes have not been held quite regularly owing to these changes and the Hon. Secretary's absence for a few weeks in Melbourne.

In July the Winter distribution of clothing took place, when 111 garments were given away; this includes 18 pairs of socks, material made up and supplied by Lady Wilson and other contributors. The children helped to make the clothes in school.

At the Christmas Examination prizes were given to about nineteen of the elder children for reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, good conduct, and cleanliness respectively. The work inspected showed that thorough work had been done. Buns and sweets were given to the children, Mr. John Macfarlane supplying the former and Miss Bilton the latter. We find the Ragged School a great boon to some families, *e.g.*—one case, where there are eight or nine children, the father earns 18s. per week and pays 6s. of that for rent. The mother is most grateful, too, for the garments given to her children. Other cases might be deduced did space permit.

M. FAGG, *Lady Superintendent.*

*Lower Collins-street School.*

December 22nd, 1889.

The School is in very good order; the teachers, Miss Moor and Miss Ryan, are thoroughly efficient, and the work done has been good.

As usual, there was a distribution of clothing in Winter.

On the 12th of July, 150 garments were distributed to 133 children. About 70 of these garments were made in the school by the children. The material was contributed by Mrs. A. G. Webster, Mrs. B. Smith, by Lady Wilson, and Miss Nutt, and the buns and fruit by Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Miller, Miss Nutt, &c.

CATHERINE GARRETT, *Superintendent.*

*Cascade Road School.*

The work at this School has been very praiseworthy. After many years of hard and efficient labour the Misses Mitchell retired from the school. Miss Hunt (from Central State School) and Miss Proctor were appointed in their places, and Miss M'Williams took charge of the Infant Room.

The Winter distribution of clothing took place in July, when a large number of useful garments were given away.

At the prize-giving at Christmas, Lady Hamilton expressed herself very pleased with the recitations, and invited all present to take tea with her on the Government House Lawn on some future occasion.

The singing has been kept up.

I. T. T.,

*pro Mrs. E. Perkins, Lady Superintendent.*

## ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

*Collins-street Ragged School.*

THE numbers present at the examination were 40 boys, 62 girls; total, 102.

The classification, in accordance with that of the State Schools, was:—

Class I. (Lower, including infants.)	35.	Average age,	4 years 8 months.
Class I. (Upper) .....	17.	"	6 " 4 "
Class II. ....	15.	"	7 " 9 "
Class III. ....	30.	"	9 " 3 "
Class IV. ....	5.	"	10 " 8 "

These statements of average age are hardly trustworthy. The class lists supplied to me this year and last year contain many very discrepant statements of age for the same children.

The Lower First Class were found all in the Infant Room. None were up to the full standard, most having been admitted during the present year.

In the Upper First (17), all passed in Reading, two to the full standard; 14 passed in Writing, 2 to the full standard; 14 passed in Arithmetic, 3 to the full standard; 12 passed in three subjects, one to the full standard. Most of this class had been promoted a short time before the examination. They are taught with Class II. in the upstairs class-room.

In Class II. (15), eleven passed in Reading and Writing, 10 in Arithmetic, none to the full standards. The premature promotions account for the failures.

In Class III. (30), the passes were—21 in Reading, with 5 to the full standard; 19 in Writing, with 4 to the full standard; 10 in Arithmetic, bare passes. Most of the children in this class also had been recently promoted.

In Class IV. (5), all passed in Reading, 4 to the full standard; all in Writing, 2 to the full standard, and 4 in Arithmetic, below the full standard.

The poetry was found very satisfactory. The answering in Scripture History was good, in Geography moderate, in Mental Arithmetic very fair.

The progress of 43 children was found traceable :—That of 11 was found good, that of 10 fair, that of 16 moderate, that of 6 slow.

J. RULE, *Senior Inspector of Schools.*  
31st December, 1889.

*The Hon. the Minister of Education.*

#### *Watchorn-street Ragged School.*

THE numbers present at the Examination were—40 boys, 37 girls. Total 77.

The classification, in accordance with that of the State Schools, was :—

Class I. (Lower, (including infants) 49.	Average age, 6 years 7 months
Class I. (Upper)..... 6.	8 " 9 "
Class II. .... 8.	9 " 6 "
Class III. .... 7.	9 " 1 month
Class IV. .... 7.	11 " 1 "

It is probable that the average age as given is only approximate. Many striking discrepancies are noticeable in the ages stated on the class lists furnished for the examination this year and last year.

Most of the Lower First Class (41) were found in the Infant Room, managed by one teacher. The rest (8) were taught with the Upper First in the larger Class-room by the second teacher. In this room also were found the Second, Third, and Fourth Classes, under the immediate control of the Head Teacher.

The attainments of the Lower First range from nothing to the full standards for promotion to the higher division—the Upper First. Eight were found up to this standard.

In the Upper First all were passable in Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, three reaching the full standards.

In Class II. all were found passable, but none yet up to the full standards.

In Class III. (7), all passed in Reading, 2 to the full standard, all in Writing, none to the full standard, and two passed in Arithmetic—below the full standard.

In Class IV. (7) six passed in Reading, to the full standard; four passed in Writing, one reaching the full standard; none were found passable in Arithmetic.

The poetry and singing were very satisfactory; and good answers were given in Scripture History and Geography.

The progress of 29 children is found traceable :—That of 8 has been good, that of 6 fair, that of 7 moderate, and that of 8 slow.

J. RULE, *Senior Inspector of Schools.*  
31st December, 1889.

*The Honorable the Minister of Education.*

#### *Cascade Road School.*

THE numbers present at the examination were—52 boys, 46 girls; total 98.

The Classification, in accordance with that of the State Schools, was :—

Class I. (Lower, including infants) 50.	Average age, 5 years 6 months.
Class I. (Upper) ..... 5.	7 " 10 "
Class II. .... 26.	8 " 9 "
Class III. .... 9.	10 " 4 "
Class IV. .... 8.	11 " 3 "

These statements of age must only be taken as approximate. Many discrepancies are noticeable in the ages given for the same children last year and this year.

In the Lower First Class none were found up to the full standards—most had been recently admitted.

In the Upper First all (5) passed, below the full standards.

In Class II. (26) all passed in three subjects, 4 to the full standard in Reading, 2 in Writing, none in Arithmetic.

In Class III. (9) all passed in three subjects, 7 to the full standards in Reading, 6 in Writing, 4 in Arithmetic.

In Class IV. (8) all passed in three subjects, 7 to the full standard in Reading, 3 in Writing, 3 in Arithmetic, and 2 in all three subjects.

Fair answers were given in Scripture History, very fair in Geography, fair in Grammar, fair in General Knowledge. The Poetry was satisfactory, Mental Arithmetic good.

The progress of 50 children is found traceable :—That of 17 has been good, 17 fair, 11 moderate, 5 slow.

J. RULE, *Senior Inspector of Schools.*  
31st December, 1889.

*The Honorable the Minister of Education.*

### ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Hon. Treasurer.*  
*Hobart, 15th March, 1890.*

Audited and found correct.

E. HAWSON.

WILLIAM THOMAS STRUTT,  
GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.