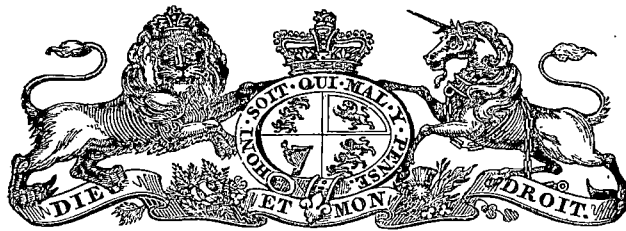


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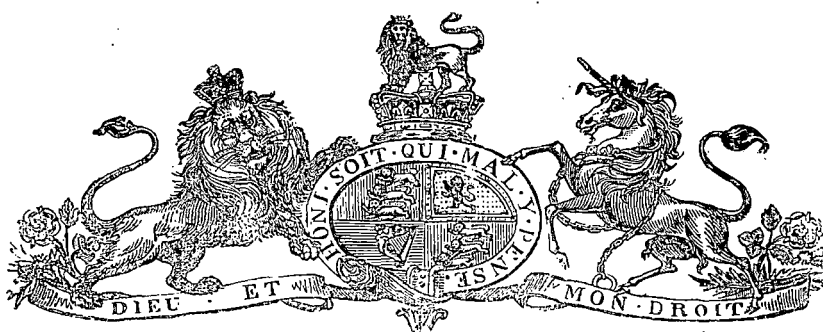
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ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL:

REPORT FOR 1887.

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



ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL.

Hobart, 14th March, 1888.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit a Report of St. Luke's Ragged School for the year 1887.

This school is still conducted by two of the Sisters of Charity and a paid monitress.

The school hours are from 10 o'clock in the forenoon to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with the exception of one half hour each day (from half-past 12 to 1 o'clock) for dinner.

Considering the unsettled condition of the parents of the children attending the school, the average numbers were fairly maintained during the year; the average number was greater than last year, but the average daily attendance not so great.

Average number on the rolls—Boys, 45; girls, 42.....	<i>Total.</i> 87
Average daily attendance—Boys, 29; girls, 23.....	52

The school was inspected by one of the Inspectors of Schools, and I hope the report furnished by him has been satisfactory to the Government, when the class of children, and the negligence of their parents in allowing their children to absent themselves from school so frequently, are taken into consideration.

RECEIPTS and Expenditure for the Year 1887.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Government grant.....	50	0 0	Monitress	6	0 0
School fees	5	5 3	Clothing	7	5 0
			Stationery	5	19 6
			Firewood	1	11 6
			Boots	1	10 0
			Repairs to school	22	14 6
			Repairs to out-houses.....	1	8 0
			Sundries	3	16 9
			Feast	5	0 0
	£55	5 3		£55	5 3

Referring to the item repairs, I may remark that the school has been newly shingled, coloured, and painted all through, and other improvements effected which will, I trust, conduce to the comfort of children and teachers.

A new infant school has been built during the year, at a cost of £160. The Sisters have collected and paid off £100 of this amount, leaving a debt of £60 yet due to the contractor. This new infant school is large, lofty, and well ventilated, and is a great improvement on the small one hitherto in use, and will, I am sure, be advantageous in many ways to both infants and teachers.

The Sisters find great difficulty in enforcing regular attendance during school hours. Many of the children who attend in the forenoon absent themselves in the afternoon, and parents will not be convinced of the necessity of sending their children in the afternoon as well as in the forenoon. On the whole, there is a marked improvement in the manner and appearance of the children; and even this proves that the school is a great benefit to the district.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHAS. WOODS.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.