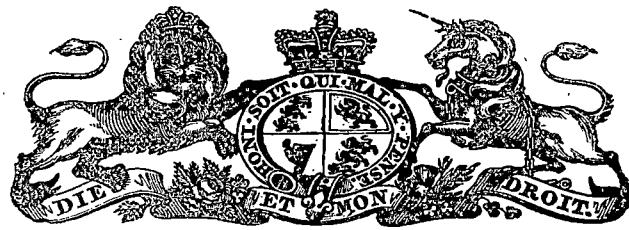


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ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL:

REPORT FOR 1884.

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



ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL.

Barrack Square, 16th February, 1885.

SIR,

In compliance with a request conveyed to me in your letter of 20th January, I have now the honor to forward for your consideration a Report of St. Luke's Ragged School for the year ending 31st December, 1884.

This school is yet under the management of two of the Sisters of Charity, assisted by a paid monitress. This assistance enables the two Sisters who conduct the school to devote more time and attention to the older and more advanced children attending the school.

The school hours are from 10 o'clock A.M. to 3.15 P.M., allowing the children one half hour each day—from half-past 12 to 1 o'clock—for dinner.

It is satisfactory to observe that the total number on the Rolls, as well as the average number and average daily attendance, have been greater this year than in the previous one.

Number on Rolls—Upper Division—Boys, 20; girls, 17	<i>Total.</i> 37
Infant Division—Boys, 18; girls, 13	31
Total in both Divisions	68
Average number on rolls—Boys, 36; girls, 30	66
Average daily attendance—Boys, 28; girls, 21	49

The children of the Upper Division were subdivided into three classes, and taught, according to the standard of each class, the following subjects:—Christian Doctrine, Spelling, Geography (including maps), Grammar, Tables, Writing in Copy Books and on Slates, Arithmetic (as far as Practice), Reading, Dictation in Exercise Books, Object Lessons, and English History.

The children of the Infant Division were also subdivided into three classes, and were taught Reading, Writing on Slates from blackboard, Spelling, Tables, Object Lessons, Recitation, Christian Doctrine, and Arithmetic.

On Mondays and Wednesdays the girls were taught Needlework for a fixed time each of these days, and have learnt to make articles of clothing, which have been distributed among the more indigent of the children. The annual holiday and feast, which the children enjoyed very much, took place on St. Luke's Day, and the examination and distribution of prizes on the week immediately preceding the Christmas vacation.

The Receipts and Expenditure for the year were as follows :—

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Government subsidy	50	0 0	Monitress	6	2 6
School fees.....	13	4 9	Clothing.....	23	13 1
Private subscriptions	0	5 0	Stationery	11	1 6
			Premiums	7	6 4
			Feast.....	5	5 2
			Firewood	1	18 9
			Repairs to school	5	7 5
			Boots and sundries	2	15 0
TOTAL	£63	9 9	TOTAL.....	£63	9 9

From the foregoing statement of accounts it will be seen that the whole of the Government subsidy, school fees, and private subscriptions have been devoted, with the exception of the stipend paid to the monitress, to the use and benefit of the children.

In conclusion, I beg to state that this school is a great boon to the Catholic children in the neighbourhood, and that the almost daily presence of the Sisters, and the visits paid by them to the poor in that locality, have produced beneficial effects upon the parents of the children attending the school.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHAS. WOODS.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.