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FEMALE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1879.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 10, 1880.



LAUNCESTON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, 1879-80.

In again meeting the friends and subscribers of the institution, and presenting to them a brief account of its working during the year, your Committee are gratified in being able to report most favourably of the present condition and future prospects of the School.

About eight months since much anxiety was felt by the Committee and Governors of the School consequent upon some of the girls evidencing such a spirit of insubordination as not only led to the neglect of their ordinary duties but induced them again and again to make their escape from the School. This at last reached such a height as threatened to peril the very existence of the Institution itself. The Governors, upon making a searching enquiry as to the cause, became perfectly satisfied that it was not in the least degree occasioned by severe or unkind treatment on the part of the Matron. The trouble disappeared quite suddenly, and ever since the behaviour of the girls has been exceptionally good, and the work of the School has been carried on with the utmost regularity and success. We cordially invite friends to inspect the School for themselves, feeling assured that the result of such personal inspection will fully confirm the foregoing statement.

Four girls have been admitted during the year, and one has been placed at service; the number in the School now being 13.

Your Committee deeply regret that Mrs. Henry's services have been lost to the School, in consequence of her removal to another colony, and they desire to acknowledge the efficient service which she has, in the capacity of Matron, rendered to the School since its establishment. Miss Bell has been appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by Mrs. Henry's retirement.

During the year arrangements have been made by which the girls receive an hour's teaching each day in reading, writing, &c. This has been found to work well, and it is of considerable advantage to the inmates.

The very cordial thanks of the Committee are tendered to Dr. Hardy for the gratuitous services he has rendered during the year, and also to the gentlemen who have audited the accounts.

From the Balance-sheet it will be seen that in the general account the expenditure has exceeded the income by £51 1s. 5d. A portion of this deficiency is occasioned by the extraordinary expenditure for furniture, &c. In again appealing to the public to assist us in carrying on an institution of growing importance, and which is likely to prove of great value to the community, we have every confidence that they will respond to such appeal in the same spirit of generosity which has been manifested in the past. We trust that the Divine blessing may continue to rest upon our efforts.

J. S. BARNES,
On behalf of the Committee.

LAUNCESTON FEMALE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL in account with the Treasurer.

1879-80.	Dr.	£ s. d.	1879-80.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Balance from last account		0 19 10	By cash paid for provisions		99 4 3
Subscriptions and donations		179 16 0	Ditto clothing		48 18 3
Government subsidy		62 2 6	Ditto soap and kerosene		7 1 0
Washing and work done by the girls		41 2 1	Ditto fuel		21 11 0
Instalments from parents		22 7 6	Ditto medicines		1 15 2
Discounts on accounts		3 9 2	Ditto furniture		27 0 0
Interest on deposit		2 10 0	Ditto furnishing		20 10 7
Balance		51 1 5	Ditto stationery and stamps		2 9 0
			Ditto printing and advertising		7 19 0
			Ditto repairs to premises		4 11 0
			Ditto new fencing		9 1 0
			Ditto sundries		8 11 7
			Ditto rent		35 0 0
			Ditto Matron's salary		54 3 4
			Ditto Sub-Matron's ditto		7 18 0
			Ditto tuition, Miss Button		6 0 0
			Ditto interest account		1 15 4
		£363 8 6			£363 8 6
			Balance to debit of School account		£51 1 5

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.
To fixed deposits in Bank Australasia, with accrued interest to April 28th 1879	260 15 6
To accrued interest from April 28th, 1879, to April 30th, 1880	12 10 8
	£273 6 2

F. STANFIELD, *Treasurer,*
Launceston, 30th April, 1880.

Examined and found correct,

FREDK. LAKIN, } *Auditors.*
MATT. TYSON, }

FORWARDED to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary for the information of the Government.

MARIA C. GLEADOW, *Secretary.*