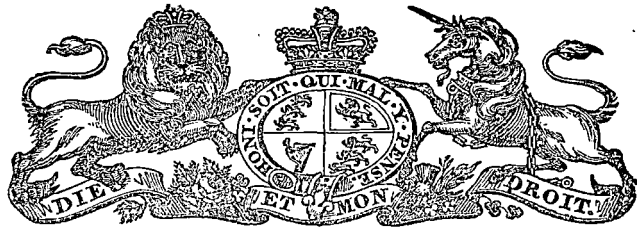


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Barrack Square, Hobart, 29th May, 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the following Report of St. Luke's Ragged School for the year 1881.

The business of the School was conducted by two of the Sisters of Charity, who evinced their usual interest and zeal in the secular and religious education of the children.

On the rolls the number of children were nearly equal to that of previous years, but their daily attendance was marked with great irregularity, and is accounted for, in most cases, by the poverty of their parents.

In school they were arranged into two divisions, distinguished as the Upper and Lower Schools. The Upper School was divided into two classes, and the First Class, consisting of 4 boys and 12 girls, total 16, were taught the following subjects; viz.—Christian Doctrine, Carpenter's Spelling, Geography (including Maps), Grammar, Multiplication Tables, Writing in copy-books, Arithmetic as far as Discount, Third Book in Reading, Elementary Books for Schools, and Dictation in exercise books and on slates. In the Second Class, the children were taught Christian Doctrine, Spelling, Tables, Geography, and Grammar, Writing in copy books, Reading, and Arithmetic as far as Long Division. In this class there were 1 boy and 11 girls, total 12.

In the Lower, or Infant School, the children were arranged in three classes. The First Class, consisting of 7 boys and 6 girls, total 13, were taught Reading, Spelling, Writing in copy books and on slates, outlines of Grammar and Geography, Dictation, Arithmetic as far as Short Division, and the usual exercises on the gallery and object lessons, also Singing and Recitation. The Second Class, numbering 7 boys and 9 girls, total 16, were taught Christian Doctrine, Reading and Spelling, Tables, and Writing on slates. The Third Class consisted of those who, having learned the Alphabet thoroughly, were advanced to simple elementary books, in which they were instructed to understand the nature of letters and of words. Reading, Writing, Tables, and Arithmetic were also taught in this class, which was composed of 11 boys and 5 girls, total 16. In addition there was an Alphabet Class, consisting of 11 boys and 8 girls, total 19.

The total number of children on the rolls were—Boys 5, girls 23, total 28, in the Upper School; and in the Lower—Boys 36, girls 28, total 64; making in both schools 92 on the rolls. The average daily attendance were—Boys 31, girls 42, total 73.

In the afternoons of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the girls were exercised in needlework from 1 to a quarter to 2 o'clock, and taught to cut out and make dresses for themselves and the other children.

Boys are not admitted into the school after they have attained the age of ten years.

The usual annual visit of inspection was made by the Chief Inspector of Schools, who examined the children in their several classes, and showed his kindly interest in the school by making many valuable suggestions for the greater proficiency of the children.

The Receipts and Expenditure for the year were the following :—

Receipts.			Expenditure.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Private subscriptions	2	0	0	Paid for clothing	20	13	0
Government grant-in-aid	50	0	0	Ditto boots.....	13	7	6
School fees	3	6	7	Stationery	3	15	11
				Premiums	6	0	7
				Annual picnic.....	2	14	2
				Black-board and object lessons	1	14	0
				Firewood	0	10	0
				Repairs	1	4	10
				Total amount received from Government.....	50	0	0
				Additional for premiums	1	0	0
				Ditto for annual picnic.....	1	0	0
				Cleaning school, school furniture, and helping sick children who attend the school	3	6	7
Total Receipts	£55	6	7	Total Expenditure	£55	6	7

The annual feast of the children was celebrated on St. Luke's Day, the 18th October, when they assembled in full force, and enjoyed themselves exceedingly. After indulging in every sort of amusement they were regaled with a plentiful supply of cakes, buns, lollies, ginger beer, oranges, and apples, and all other delicacies which are most suitable for children, and ended the feast by singing hymns and glees in a very creditable manner.

The usual annual exhibition and award of prizes took place on the 16th December, in presence of the Bishop of Hobart, several Clergymen, and the Sisters of Charity. Every child who merited it received a prize from the hands of the Bishop, who, whilst paying a high compliment to the zeal and assiduity of the good Sisters in bringing the work of the school to so gratifying and successful a termination, took occasion to impress upon the children the great blessing they enjoyed in being taught not only the secular branches of knowledge, but also receiving that religious instruction which was of such absolute importance to them for time and eternity.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM J. DUNNE.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.