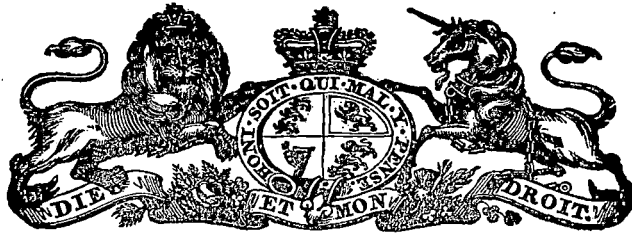


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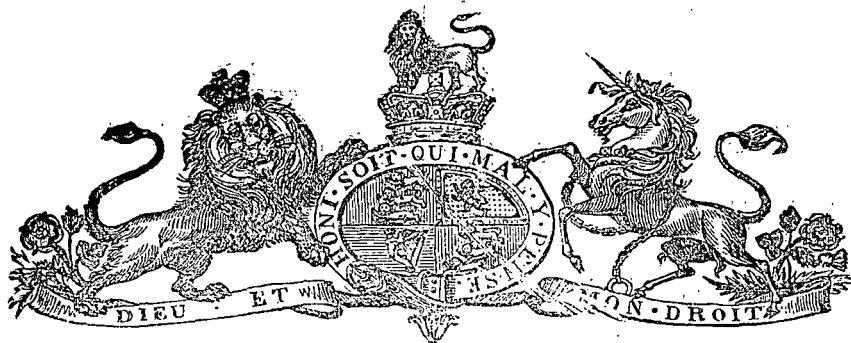
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1876.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, April 24, 1877.



REPORT of the LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for 1876.

THE Committee of the Launceston Benevolent Society in bringing up their Report for the year 1876 do so with very great pleasure, because the Society has been assisted in such a very liberal manner with the necessary funds to carry on its working during the year. It would be invidious to mention any name in particular, so many having contributed very handsomely; and again, we feel another cause of the success of the Society is the unanimity with which the members of Committee have worked together: another element of our success is that we have been well and faithfully represented by the agency of the Press, to whom we feel greatly indebted.

We complained last year of the Government being in arrears to us for a very large amount of money: we most gratefully acknowledge that in a very kind spirit the late Colonial Treasurer, before he left office, forwarded us a cheque for the full amount claimed.

We again refer to a want which has often been noticed in our Reports, but which has not as yet been supplied, *i.e.*, suitable buildings for the respectable poor old people. Alms-houses for these poor creatures would be a great boon, which we hope yet to see established. If some of our benevolent and worthy residents would bequeath a sum for this object, and if once commenced we have no doubt that others would imitate, and so the boon be obtained.

We are glad to learn that a Committee has been appointed, and likely to result successfully, in establishing an Industrial School, an institution long felt to be necessary; we therefore wish that Committee every success.

Your Committee has relieved during the year 60 men, 103 women, and 267 children; in all 430 individuals. 4 families were relieved whose parent or parents were in prison, and 22 families whose parent or parents are away.

Fifty-five pairs of blankets, kindly given during the winter, were distributed amongst the poor of the town, whether recipients of the Society's relief or not. 156 fresh applications, of which 84 were relieved, and 72, after careful investigation, were found to be cases not worthy of relief, and consequently refused. Nearly 100 of the children on the books and relieved by this Society must have been sent to the Orphan School but for the aid thus afforded.

Forty-four meetings of Committee have been held during the year, with an average attendance of six members.

We cannot close this Report without thanking those kind friends who so liberally responded to the special appeal for extra Christmas fare, which was distributed, and thankfully received by all the necessitous poor of the town.

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY *in account with G. BABINGTON, Treasurer.*

1876. Dr.			1876. Cr.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Meat	220	0 5	By Balance from 1875	176	19 0
Groceries.....	137	10 11	Government Parliamentary grant	250	0 0
Bread.....	166	16 10	Ditto special grant.....	250	0 0
Printing and Stationery.....	19	8 6	Donations and subscriptions.....	384	0 6
Commission.....	10	3 2			
Blankets	33	9 6			
Lodgings	8	0 0			
Secretary's Salary.....	75	0 0			
Midwifery	0	12 6			
Oatmeal, Wood, and Milk	1	6 2			
Car-hire.....	0	14 0			
Stamps	0	17 8			
*Loan to Savings Investment and Building Society	200	0 0			
Balance in Bank of Van Diemen's Land	186	19 10			
	<u>£1060 19 6</u>			<u>£1060 19 6</u>	

* Can be withdrawn at one month's notice.

Examined with Cash-book and found correct.

T. GLADMAN, *Auditor.*

17th January, 1877.

Balance to credit of Society..... £186 19 10

G. BABINGTON, *Hon. Treasurer.*