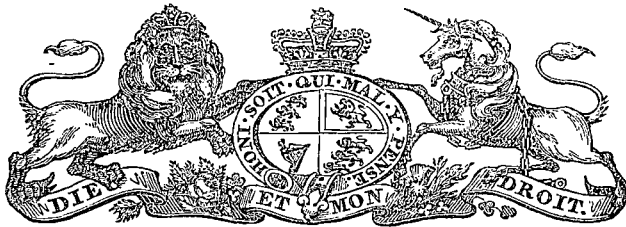


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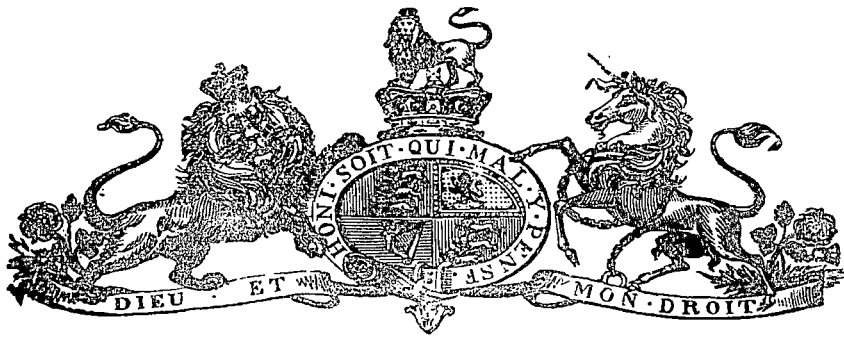
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RAGGED SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION :

REPORT FOR 1885.

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



RAGGED SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION.

Hobart, 7th July, 1886.

SIR,

THE Committee of the Ragged Schools' Association have the pleasure to submit their Twenty-eighth Annual Report, and to state that the work of their Schools during the year 1885 advanced steadily and satisfactorily.

The number of children on the rolls of the three schools reached the total of 548, with an average attendance of 370, which, taking into account the class of people to which the children belong, must in their estimation be fairly considered good.

It will be seen from the statements of the Lady-Superintendents that the usual winter distribution of clothing, and examinations as to improvement in needlework, have been held at all the schools.

The Committee desire to express their regret at the loss of the services of Miss Proctor, for many years the very efficient head teacher at the Watchorn-street School, who left at her own request, and they wish to record their acknowledgment of her valuable and faithful work. Her position has been filled by the appointment of Miss Williamson, formerly teacher of the infant classes in the same school.

Expenditure has been unusually heavy during the year, owing to necessary repairs to the school buildings, and consequently the year 1886 begins with a balance owing to the Commercial Bank of £87 8s. 3d. This is a matter of considerable anxiety to the Members of Committee, particularly as at no distant date further repairs will be needed, and therefore they confidently hope that the public will contribute as liberally as in former years, so that they may be relieved of the burden and responsibility of this debt. They feel that this is but a reasonable request, considering the religious and moral benefits accruing to the community through the agency of the Association.

The Committee have to record with the deepest expression of regret the loss of the services of two very valuable teachers by accidental death. These ladies were Miss Kate Proctor, second teacher in Lower Collins-street School, and her niece, Miss Johnstone, teacher in charge of the infants in Watchorn-street School, who both perished in the disaster to the s.s. *Colleen Bawn*.

The Committee beg to thank the Members of the Government of Tasmania for a grant of children's clothing, which was much appreciated by the recipients.

J. B. MATHER, *Chairman.*

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

LADY-SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

WATCHORN-STREET RAGGED SCHOOL.

1. Visitation of School.—The school has been visited as usual during the year by the Committee and others.

2. Making and distribution of midwinter clothing.—156 serviceable articles of clothing were distributed amongst the children: frocks, petticoats, hats, and pinafores for the girls; jumpers, socks, and shirts for the boys. The Clothing Fund is supported by each Member of Committee contributing or collecting £1 per annum.

The girls are regularly taught sewing, and assist in making the clothing.

ANNA MACFARLANE, *L.S.*

LOWER COLLINS-STREET SCHOOL.

The work of the school during the year went on regularly, and quite satisfactorily. The children improved much in their needlework.

The usual winter distribution of clothing took place on the 21st July; about 150 children received one or more garments; 36 of these were made by the girls, a smaller number than usual, which is accounted for by the fact that the elder girls were learning the higher branches of needlework, button-holes, &c. The rest of the clothing was provided by friends,—Mr. Parker; Miss Service, Mr. A. G. Webster, Mr. Mather, Lady Wilson, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Fysh, and Miss Terry.

The children had the usual treat of buns and apples given by Mr. Inge.

Prizes for the best needlework were given on December 21st to Minnie Bruce, Hannah Higgins, Florence Dare, Bella Dickson, Alice Clarke, with buns and cherries to all the children.

The school has sustained a sad loss in the death of Miss Proctor, who had worked so long and so well for the good of the children committed to her care.

CATHERINE GARRETT, *L.S.*

CASCADE FREE SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of clothing at Cascade Free School in July last consisted of 110 petticoats, 36 jumpers, 36 comforters, 12 shirts, 12 pairs of socks. The value of the clothing distributed was ten guineas.

E. PERKINS, *L.S.*

SAM. B. FOOKES, *Hon. Secretary.*

THE TREASURER in Account with Hobart Ragged School Association.

1885.	Dr.	£ s. d.	1885.	Cr.	£ s. d.
January.	To Subscriptions and donations ...	83 13 6	By Balance from previous year	16 10 11	
	Grant from Government	300 0 0	Sundries	16 12 2	
	Ditto to supplement sub-		Printing and advertising	2 19 6	
	scriptions and donations from		Repairs to premises	57 9 0	
	public	120 5 6	Amount paid for tuition	449 0 0	
	A friend, as per bank book,		Ditto cleaning three schools.....	18 0 0	
	2nd February, 1885.....	1 1 0	Rent of Committee Rooms, meet-		
	Balance	87 8 3	ings	5 0 0	
			Books and stationery.....	10 13 10	
			Fire Insurance	2 19 0	
			Drill Instructor	7 0 0	
			Interest to Bank	6 3 10	
		£592 8 3		£592 8 3	
			Dec. 31. By Balance owing Bank	87 8 3	

Audited and found correct.

E. HAWSON.

3rd May, 1886.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

ENDOWMENT FUNDS (as per Memo. Books).

COLLINS-STREET SCHOOL.

	£ s. d.
On Deposit in Savings Bank	23 15 6
Ditto Commercial Bank, at 6 per cent.....	80 0 0
	<u>103 15 6</u>

WATCHORN-STREET.

On Deposit in Commercial Bank, at 6 per cent.....	£80 0 0
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CASCADE ROAD.

On Deposit in Commercial Bank, at 6 per cent.....	30 0 0
Ditto, at 5 per cent.....	100 0 0
	<u>130 0 0</u>