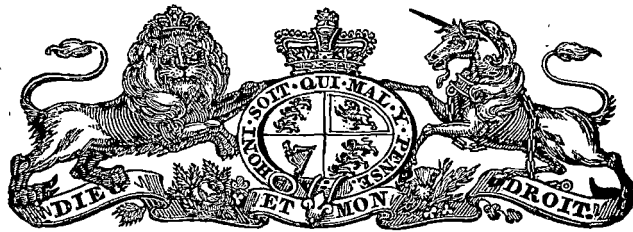


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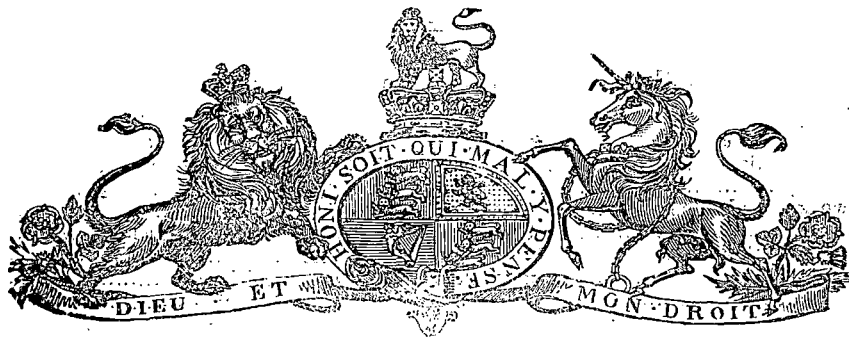
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

LAUNCESTON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR
GIRLS :

REPORT FOR 1880.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
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LAUNCESTON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1880-81.

IN again meeting the subscribers and other friends to the Institution, your Committee have much pleasure in reporting the satisfactory condition of the School. During the year three girls have been admitted, and two have left; one of these has been apprenticed to a person in the country, and the other has returned to her parents. The number remaining in the School is 14.

Under the management of Miss Bell, who was appointed Matron about a year since, there has been continued and steady progress. Discipline and good order prevail, and there are general indications of happiness and contentment among the girls. We desire again to draw attention to the fact that the School is to some extent self-supporting. The proceeds of work and washing done by the girls amount this year to £58 6s., and when we remember that of the 14 girls in the School many are young children of from 6 to 11 years of age, we think the result very satisfactory. It has been considered desirable that a person should be appointed to assist the Matron for about 6 hours daily. Miss Chamberlain has undertaken this duty, and the arrangement is working satisfactorily.

Whilst the finances of the Institution are on the whole in a satisfactory condition, your Committee are very desirous, if possible, that the money contributed during the year, in addition to the Government subsidy, should be sufficient to at least meet the current expenditure of the year. This result has, we are glad to say, been realised for the past year. We began the year with a debit balance of over £50, and close the year with a debit balance of £33 19s. 6d. This result has in part been gained in consequence of several kind friends having sent donations of £5 each on account of the School funds.

Your Committee desire to acknowledge with thanks the gratuitous services which Dr. Hardy has continued to render to the School. In consequence of one of the inmates requiring almost constant medical attention, a much larger demand than usual has been made upon his time; but he has been unremitting in his attention, and has always manifested much care and kindness towards those needing his advice. The thanks of the Committee are also due to the gentlemen who have audited the accounts.

In closing this brief Report, we would add that the present state of the School has quite come up to the expectations of the promoters. A very important work is being done, though on a scale more limited than we could desire, this being partly in consequence of the difficulty experienced in securing admission into the School of the class of children most needing the protection and help of such an Institution. The principle which lies at the basis of our work is that "prevention is better than cure;" and so we are endeavouring to get hold of those children who are among the most neglected and destitute of society, and whilst bestowing upon them every care in respect to food, clothing, &c., and training them for useful domestic service, we are surrounding them with moral and religious teaching which must have a most important influence on their after life.

We are stimulated to a further prosecution of this work by a remembrance of the words of Him who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

MARGT. ELIZTH. GILMORE, *President.*
MARIA C. GLEADOW, *Secretary.*

THE LAUNCESTON FEMALE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL in account with the Treasurer.

1880-81.	Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To subscriptions and donations.....		182 1 3	By balance from last account	51 1 5
Government subsidy.....		94 12 6	Cash paid provisions	111 18 6
Washing and work done by the girls ...		58 6 0	Ditto clothing	52 10 6
Donation box.....		0 14 6	Ditto soap and kerosene.....	7 4 5
Instalments from parents.....		15 8 6	Ditto fuel	17 10 0
Discounts on accounts		2 13 11	Ditto medicines	3 5 4
Balance		33 19 6	Ditto furnishing	26 0 1
			Ditto stationery and stamps	2 13 10
			Ditto printing and advertising	4 5 0
			Ditto repairs	1 3 3
			Ditto sundries	8 17 0
			Ditto rent.....	35 0 0
			Ditto Matron's salary.....	50 0 0
			Ditto tuition.....	13 16 8
			Ditto Interest account	2 10 2
		<u>£387 16 2</u>		<u>£387 16 2</u>

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.
To fixed deposits in Bank of Australasia, with accrued interest to April 30th, 1880	273 6 2
To accrued interest from April 30th, 1880, to April 30th, 1881	13 11 5
	<u>£286 17 7</u>

F. STANFIELD, *Treasurer,*
Launceston, 30th April, 1881.

Examined and found correct,

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