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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1874.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 27, 1875.



REPORT of the LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for the Year 1874.

THE Committee of the Launceston Benevolent Society, in bringing forward their report for the year 1874, do so with the greatest pleasure, from the fact that the Society is out of debt.

We can only repeat what was contained in our last year's report, that through the abundant liberality of the supporters of your Society this desirable state of things has been brought about. Your Committee feel themselves amply repaid for the year's labour by this desirable financial position of the Society, added to the many acknowledgments which they have received by letter and otherwise that their exertions have given satisfaction to the public; and, should they be again elected to office, they will as heretofore carry out to the best of their ability the objects of the Society.

The new source of the revenue referred to last year in the shape of disputed accounts has been continued, and another has been added to it; viz., sums of money held by trustees which were considered too small to be divided. Your Committee would remind all trustees, treasurers, and others that they will thankfully receive all sums, however small the amount, which they may be at a loss to dispose of; and they would remind friends of the Society that, however small the amount of such contributions, they are doubled by the Government subsidy.

A deputation was appointed from the Committee to wait on the Hon. P. O. Fysh, Colonial Treasurer, to lay before that gentleman the many cases which your Society relieves, for which they think they should have special assistance; and also to bring under his notice the want of suitable accommodation for invalid women. We are glad to state that this deputation was received most kindly and courteously, and a note of all matters brought under the notice of the Colonial Treasurer was taken: he also accompanied the Chairman of your Society to the Women's Invalid Depôt, and promised that if your Committee would bring the matter before Parliament it should have his support.

We may also mention that near the close of last session a letter was addressed to the Hon. James Aikenhead with reference to the providing of suitable buildings for invalid women, but being too late for introduction during that session, Mr. Aikenhead promised that he would present a petition next session if it were forwarded to him; so with the assistance of these two gentlemen we hope before long to have the accommodation which is so urgently required. Special donations have been received during the year from H. Reed, Esq., who gave the munificent sum of £50, also F. L. Fysh, Esq., Dr. Miller, and Archdeacon Browne; and the Secretary has received several lots of cast-off clothing and blankets, which during the cold weather have been especially acceptable.

Your Society have relieved during the year 1874, 70 men, 103 women, and 298 children. 150 fresh applications were received, 67 of which were relieved, and 83 not entertained; 20 families have been relieved whose parent or parents are away, 4 families whose parent or parents are in prison. 46 meetings of Committee have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 7. Between 90 and 100 children must have been sent to the Orphan School but for the assistance of this Society.

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY in Account with Treasurer.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Meat.....	200	2	2	Balance in Bank (January 17th, 1874).....	105	8	6
Bread.....	191	0	11	Government Parliamentary Grant.....	250	0	0
Groceries.....	140	1	2	Government conditional Grant from 10th			
Printing and stamps.....	12	0	2	December, 1873, to 30th December, 1874	214	5	1
Lodgings.....	10	1	6	Contributions.....	213	12	7
Salary, Secretary.....	74	2	0	Ditto, received for 1873.....	4	10	0
Milk and oatmeal.....	2	5	11				
Midwifery.....	0	12	6				
Blankets and truss.....	11	1	0				
Car hire and wood.....	1	8	0				
Expenses public entertainment.....	6	8	0				
Commission.....	5	12	6				
Balance in Bank V. D. Land.....	133	0	4				
	<u>£787 16 2</u>				<u>£787 16 2</u>		
				Balance.....	£133	0	4

10th February, 1875.

G. BABINGTON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct,

T. GLADMAN, *Auditor.*
16th February, 1875.