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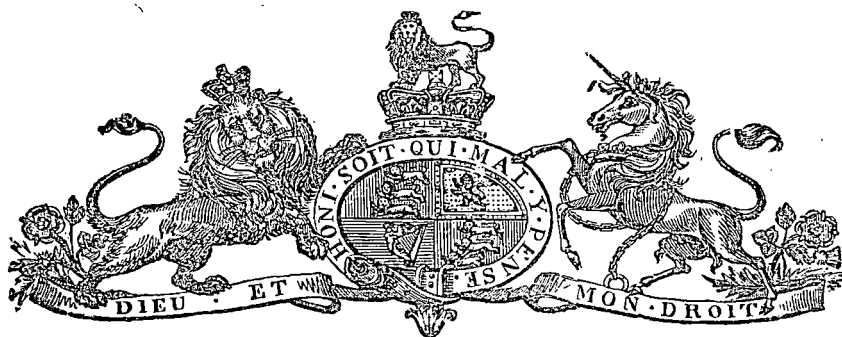
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1867.

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REPORT of the Committee of the BENEVOLENT SOCIETY of LAUNCESTON for the Year 1867.

THE Committee, in presenting their Report of proceedings during the year 1867, regret that they have to repeat the complaint of former years; namely, the great difficulty they have to get the Town thoroughly canvassed for subscriptions. By the exertions of a few of the permanent and tried friends of the Society, they have succeeded in collecting the sum of £219 18s. 8d., which with the amount given by the Government, together with the moderate price of provisions during the year, they have been enabled by strict and rigid economy to relieve a large amount of distress.

They feel it their duty to again remind the public that a large amount of money is wasted on systematic and professional beggars, who waste in drink and dissipation the money that might otherwise be beneficially used in relieving distress, poverty, and sickness. The plea used by this class of persons, that they have applied to the Society and have been refused, should operate in guarding from casual relief, as every case is thoroughly enquired into, and the worthy are invariably relieved.

By a reference to last year's Report, it is seen that the Society commenced the year 1867 with a balance of 8s. 6d.: they have, however, by the liberality of a part of the public, and with the assistance of the Government, been able to commence the present year with a balance of about Twenty Pounds in their favour.

The Members of Committee were greatly in hope that a Reformatory and Industrial School would have been established by the Government, and were much disappointed at the passing of the mere Permissive Bill; and they are convinced that such Institutions are greatly needed, and would prove highly beneficial if rigidly conducted.

There have been relieved during the year 63 men, 106 women, 276 children, total 445. In addition to these, there have been 29 applications made that have been refused for various reasons. The relief administered is never in money, but in food and other necessities; and besides the above, a very large number of dispensing tickets have been given, by which the really poor have been supplied with advice and medicine.

In conclusion, the Committee have much pleasure in testifying to the indefatigable discharge of the duties of the Secretary during the time that Mr. Tevelein has held that office.

JOHN TEVELEIN, *Secretary.*

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY in Account with the Treasurer.

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Balance from 1866	£	s.	d.	Paid for Bread	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and Donations	219	18	8	" Meat	174	10	2
Government Contributions	442	18	8	" Groceries	190	5	2
				" Board and Lodgings	146	12	9
				" Printing & Advertising	8	15	4
				" Car hire	11	13	0
				" Wood	3	2	0
				" Medicine	1	10	0
				" Stamps	0	10	0
				" Secretary's Salary	0	4	8
				" Interest	50	0	0
				" Balance	0	8	0
					75	14	9
	£663	5	10		£663	5	10

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