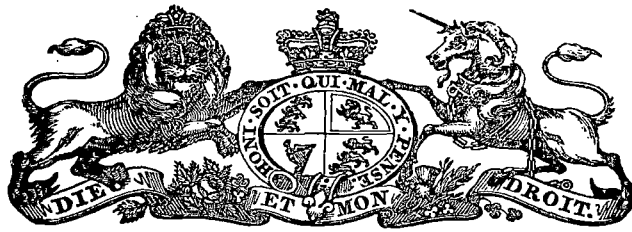


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RAGGED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION:

REPORT FOR 1887.

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



## RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

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*Committee Room,  
Bible Depôt, Liverpool-street, Hobart, 16th April, 1888.*

THE Committee of the Ragged School Association beg respectfully to send in, for the information of the Ministry and Honorable Members of the Parliament of Tasmania, the Report of the Schools under their charge in the City of Hobart for the year 1887. They do so most thankfully; because they believe that, without exception, the work carried on in them has been marked with much success, financially and otherwise. The year began with a debit balance in the Commercial Bank of £8 16s., and ended with a credit balance of £9 7s. 11d., after all stipends to teachers and other responsibilities had been liquidated. They very much regret that continued illness obliged Mr. John Pierce to resign his office of head teacher in Lower Collins-street school. During the long time that Mr. Pierce occupied that position he enjoyed the entire confidence of the Committee as an upright, conscientious, and worthy person, always diligent in his duties, and anxious to help in the work they have at heart, viz., training the young of the City in the principles of true godliness. Temporary inconvenience was caused by his retirement, which has been removed by the appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Roscoe, lately from England. This lady was engaged as a certificated teacher for eleven years at Hulme, near Manchester; and her testimonials are of the highest character as to ability and general efficiency, notably from H.M. Government Inspector.

Appended to this document are—

1. Mr. Inspector Rule's Reports of Examinations held in all the schools, and of other matters connected with the condition of the premises in which the children are taught.
2. The Dr. and Cr. Account of Receipts and Expenditure for the year, signed by the Hon. Treasurer, and duly audited.
3. The average No. of Children (boys and girls) on the rolls and in daily attendance.
4. Reports of the Lady Superintendents, addressed to the Hon. Secretary, regarding the progress of the children in needlework, and the half-yearly distributions of clothing in each school.

The Committee are well satisfied that all the teachers working at their schools are thoroughly suitable to the education and management of the children of the poor. Finally, they beg to acknowledge with much gratitude the many kind gifts in money, materials for clothing, fruit, &c., not forgetting prize-books, which they have received during the year from the generous public of Tasmania.

J. B. MATHER, *Chairman.*

S. B. FOOKES, *Hon. Secretary.*

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### RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, 1887.

<i>Watchorn-street School.</i>			
	<i>Boys..</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>TOTAL.</i>
Average No. on roll .....	78	60	138
Average daily attendance .....	48	38	86
<i>Collins-street School.</i>			
Average No. on roll .....	79	80	159
Average daily attendance .....	53	54	107
<i>Cascade Road School.</i>			
Average No. on roll.....	103	95	198
Average daily attendance .....	75	63	138

S. B. FOOKES, *Hon. Secretary.*

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## REPORTS OF LADY SUPERINTENDENTS.

*Watchorn-street School.*

The school has been regularly visited throughout the year, and sewing classes for the girls conducted by several members of the Committee. There was a very warm and comfortable supply of serviceable garments for both boys and girls, each child receiving at least one article. General Committee provided prizes, and gave £1 10s. towards clothing fund. Each lady of Committee also contributed £1 a year.

ANNA MACFARLANE, *Lady Superintendent.*

*Lower Collins-street School.*

Needlework class has been fully attended, and very regularly, for the whole year. General management of the school very satisfactory. Miss Ryan has full control of her children, keeps good order, and is a careful, conscientious teacher. Children, on the whole, have improved in needlework. At the winter distribution (on July 14) of clothing, 198 articles were given away. Of these, 50 were made by the children, the rest by friends from materials given by Mesdames Read, Roberts, G. A. Webster, Miss Nutt, Miss Lindsay, and Mr. Mather. Mrs. Inge sent apples from New Norfolk. Prizes for needlework were given to following girls:—1st, Annie Hough; 2nd, Mary Ann Belbin; 3rd, Emma Dalrymple. At examination in December, prizes, buns, and fruit were distributed to the children. Annie Hough again took 1st prize. Amount expended during year, £13 2s.

CATHERINE GARRETT, *Lady Superintendent.*

*Cascade Road School.*

Annual distribution of clothing took place on July 15, 1887. It consisted of shirts, socks, and comforters to boys, and petticoats to girls,—108 of former, and 98 of latter. Valuable help again acknowledged from Mesdames Hawkins, Dickson, Taylor, W. H. Walch, and the Misses Elliot and Heathorn. Amounts collected by Mrs. J. Walch and Miss Mitchell:—For clothing fund, £8 14s.; prizes and treats, £9 15s.

E. PERKINS, *Lady Superintendent.*

## ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

*Watchorn-street School.*

The results of the examination are, on the whole, very fair. A little weakness was shown in arithmetic; but few failed to justify their classification. The answering in scripture history was good.

The yard is very small; and proper separate closet accommodation is almost impracticable.

*Cascade Road School.*

The results of the examination throughout the school are very satisfactory.

The yards (after a little rain) were found very wet and slippery, the approaches to the closets muddy, and the closets with insufficient spaces within the screen fences.

*Lower Collins-street School.*

Class I.—Division 1.—The most forward in this division are nearly fit for promotion to the higher division.

Class I.—Division 2.—Twelve in this division were found in reading qualified for promotion to Class II.; ten likewise in writing, and seven in arithmetic. Expression is well cultivated.

Class II.—Twelve reached the full standards in reading; seven in writing; none in arithmetic. The reading and writing were very satisfactory.

Class III.—Eight reached the full standard in reading; six in writing; none in arithmetic; though all passed as fit to be in the class.

Class IV.—All there passed pretty well in reading and writing; but two failed in arithmetic,—the others barely passing.

The school is in three divisions, each in a separate room. The lowest comprises children from two to eight years of age (Div. 1st of Class I). The next comprises Division 2 of Class I. and a part of Class II. The highest division comprises the remainder of Class II., with Classes III. and IV.

The presence of babies, without a separate room for them, is a serious defect in the organization, as is also the want of sufficient space for separate yards and play-grounds.

J. RULE, *Senior Inspector.*  
11th Nov. 1887.

*THE TREASURER in Account with the Hobart Ragged School Association for the Year 1887.*

1887.		Dr.		£	s.	d.	1887.		Cr.		£	s.	d.
To	subscriptions and donations.....			101	0	6	Jan. 1. By	Balance .....			8	16	0
	Grant from Government.....			300	0	0		Tuition .....			424	11	8
	Grant from Government to supplement subscriptions from the public, including amounts received and expended through the Ladies' Committees .....			140	1	6		Cleaning .....			18	0	0
	(Salaries) overdrawn repaid amounts .....				1	10		Rent of Committee room .....			5	0	0
	Sale of books, &c. ....				0	10		Drill instruction.....			12	0	0
								Fire insurance premiums.....			2	19	0
								Books and stationery .....			15	15	6
								Printing and advertising .....			7	1	3
								Repairs to premises .....			25	9	0
								Sundries .....			3	0	8
								Fuel .....			6	10	0
								Interest to Bank on overdraft...			4	11	0
								Balance in Bank .....			9	7	11
				£543	2	0					£543	2	0
Dec. 31.	Balance in Bank .....				9	7	11						

Audited and found correct.

E. HAWSON.

1st February, 1888.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Hon. Treasurer.*  
31st December, 1887.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

## COLLINS-STREET SCHOOL.

Deposit in Savings Bank.....	£	s.	d.
„ Commercial Bank.....	25	11	0
	80	0	0
	£105	11	0

## WATCHORN-STREET SCHOOL.

Deposit in Commercial Bank.....	£80	0	0
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## CASCADE ROAD SCHOOL.

Deposit in Commercial Bank.....	30	0	0
Treasury Bill.....	100	0	0
	£130	0	0

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Hon. Treasurer.**AVERAGE Number, Average Daily Attendance, 1887, and Number present at Yearly Examination.*

SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN.								
	Average Number on the Rolls.			Average Daily Attendance.			Present at Examination.		
	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.
Ragged School Association—									
Watchorn-street School .....	78	60	138	48	38	86	44	36	80
Collins-street School.....	79	80	159	53	54	107	44	65	109
Cascade Road School .....	103	95	198	75	63	138	79	61	140
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