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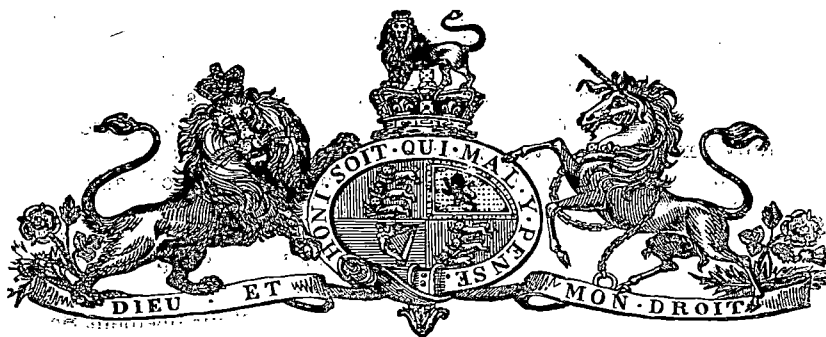
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL:

REPORT FOR 1886.

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



ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL.

Barrack Square, 24th March, 1887.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor of forwarding, at your request, the following Report of St. Luke's Ragged School for the year 1886.

As usual, this school is conducted by two of the Sisters of Charity, assisted by a paid monitress who devotes her attention to the younger portion of the children.

The school hours are from 10 o'clock A.M. to 3 o'clock P.M., with the exception of one half hour each day (from half-past 12 to 1 o'clock) for dinner.

Considering the habits and unsettled condition of the parents of the children attending the school, the attendance during the year was fairly good, and the average daily attendance exceeded that of the previous year.

Average number on rolls—Boys, 44; girls, 33	<i>Total.</i> 77
Average daily attendance—Boys, 27; girls, 21	48

The children in the Upper Division were divided into four classes, and taught, according to the standard of each class, the following subjects; viz.—Christian Doctrine, Spelling, Reading, Geography, Tables, Grammar, Writing, Arithmetic (as far as practice), Dictation in Exercise Books, Object Lessons, and English History.

Infant School.—The children of this Division, who are under the care of a paid monitress, were divided into two classes, and taught Spelling, Reading, Writing on slates from blackboard, Tables, Object Lessons, Arithmetic, and Christian Doctrine.

The girls were taught needlework from 1 to 2 o'clock on three days in each week, and are enabled to learn by this arrangement to make articles of dress, which, when finished, are distributed among the poorer of the children.

The children were treated to a holiday and feast on St. Luke's Day, 18th October, and the annual examination and distribution of prizes took place in the week preceding the Christmas holidays.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Government subsidy	50	0 0	Monitress	6	2 6
School fees	9	19 10	Clothing	9	4 7
Bequest of the late Fortune Guillois	10	0 0	Stationery	12	15 5
Private subscriptions	1	5 0	Prizes at Christmas	5	14 0
			Feast on St. Luke's Day	4	13 9
			Firewood	1	6 10
			Boots	6	0 0
			New fence and gate, painting, repairing floor and desks	12	12 6
			Fittings for outhouses	4	0 0
			Emptying pans	1	8 0
			Rewards during year	2	12 0
			School library	4	0 0
			Sundries	0	15 3
	£71	4 10		£71	4 10

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that all the receipts from public and private sources have been devoted to the use and benefit of the children attending the school, and that the only person paid for services rendered is the monitress.

In concluding this Report, I wish to remark that the advantages conferred by this school, at a trifling expense to the Government, are very much appreciated by Catholic parents in the neighbourhood, who are generally very poor and very negligent; but by the influence of the Sisters of Charity who regularly visit them, they are induced to send their children to school and have them brought up as good Christians and good citizens.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHAS. WOODS.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.