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ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL:

REPORT FOR 1883.

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



ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL.

Barrack Square, 12th March, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor of forwarding you a Report concerning St. Luke's Ragged School for the year ended 31st December, 1883.

As in previous years, the duty of educating the poor children attending this school was entrusted to two of the Sisters of Charity, and was zealously discharged by them from 10 o'clock A.M. to 3 o'clock P.M.—an interval of one half hour being allowed for dinner—on all school days throughout the year.

The total number of children who passed through the school during the year was somewhat less than in the preceding year; but it is satisfactory to note that the daily average attendance was larger.

The number on Rolls was—Upper Division—Boys, 11; girls, 12.....	<i>Total.</i> 23
Infant Division—Boys, 29; girls, 13.....	42
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Total in both Divisions	65
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Average number on the Rolls—Boys, 35; girls, 31	56
Average daily attendance—Boys, 25; girls, 20	45

The children of the Upper Division were subdivided into three classes. Those of the First or highest Class were taught in the following subjects:—Christian Doctrine, Carpenter's Spelling, Geography (including Maps), Grammar, Tables, Writing in Copy Books, Arithmetic (as far as Practice), Reading (Fourth Book), Dictation in Exercise Books and on Slates, Object Lessons, and English History. In the Second Class the Children were taught Christian Doctrine, Spelling, Tables, Geography, Grammar, Writing in Copy Books, Reading (Third Book), Arithmetic (as far as Compound Division), Dictation, and Object Lessons. The children of the Third Class were taught Christian Doctrine, Reading (Second Book), Writing in Copy Books, Spelling, Arithmetic, Tables, Object Lessons, Outlines of Geography, and the Rudiments of Grammar. Infant Division.—The children of this division were also subdivided into three classes. The First Class, numbering 5 boys and 5 girls, were taught Reading, Spelling, Writing in Copy Books, Dictation (from Black-board), Arithmetic (as far as Short Division), Object Lessons, and Recitations. The Second Class, consisting of 7 boys and 4 girls, were taught Reading, Writing on Slates, Spelling, Tables, Object Lessons, Recitation, and Christian Doctrine. The Third Class, numbering in all 21 very young children, were taught the Alphabet and the nature of letters, and simple words from Tablets.

The annual feast took place as usual on St. Luke's Day, and the customary examinations and distribution of prizes came off during the week prior to the Christmas holidays.

The Receipts and Expenditure for the year were as follow :—

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Government subsidy	50	0 0	Clothing for children	21	0 0
School fees	10	9 0	Stationery for school	11	7 6
Private subscription.....	0	5 0	Prizes for children	10	0 3
			Feast, ditto.....	3	4 0
			Firewood	1	16 0
			Repairs to school	2	12 3
			Boots for children.....	2	10 0
			Books, ditto	8	4 0
Total	£60	14 0	Total	£60	14 0

From the foregoing it will be seen that the receipts from all sources have been expended upon the children alone, the Sisters not having accepted anything in return for their toilsome and devoted services.

I have satisfaction, in concluding this Report, in stating that cheerful manners and good behaviour characterise the children of St. Luke's Ragged School, taken as a whole,—a gratifying proof, on the one hand, of the beneficial influence exercised over them by their teachers, and, on the other, of the wisdom of the State in supplying these with the necessary means of doing so much real good for many who otherwise in all probability would be allowed to grow up in ignorance and in vice.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHAS. WOODS.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.