

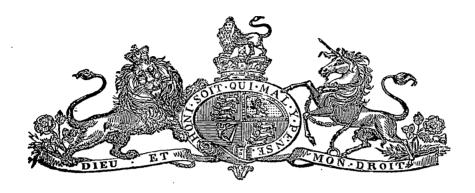
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ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL:

REPORT FOR 1885.

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



ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL.

Hobart, 12th March, 1886.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit a Report of St. Luke's Ragged School for the year ending 31st December, 1885.

This school is yet conducted by two of the Sisters of Charity, assisted by a paid monitress, who has charge of the younger children.

The school hours are from 10 o'clock A.M. to 3.15 o'clock P.M., one half hour—from half-past twelve to one o'clock—being allowed for dinner.

The attendance during the year was as follows:-

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Total.	
Upper Division—Boys, 26; girls, 23	
Infant Division—Boys, 18; girls, 11	
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Total in both Divisions	
	
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Average number on rolls—Boys, 42; girls, 30	72
Average daily attendance—Boys, 27; girls, 20	47

In conducting the work of the school the children in the Upper Division were divided into three classes, and taught, according to the standard of each class, the following subjects:—Christian Doctrine, Spelling, Geography (including maps), Grammar, Tables, Writing in Copy Books and on Slates, Arithmetic as far as Practice, Reading, Dictation in Exercise Books, Object Lessons, and English History.

Infant Division.—The children of this Division were also divided into three classes, and were taught Reading, Writing on Slates, Dictation from blackboard, Spelling, Tables, Object Lessons, Recitation, Christian Doctrine, and Arithmetic. This Division was under the care of a paid monitress.

The children were entertained at a feast on St. Luke's Day, and the examinations and distribution of prizes took place on the week preceding the Christmas holidays.

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

Receipts.	£	s.	d	Expenditure.	£	s.	a
Government subsidy	50	0	0	Monitress	6		^
School fees	7	18	_	Boots, &c	4	Ō	Ö
Private subscriptions	0	5	0	Stationery for school	10	1	6
-				School repairs	5	11	6
				Firewood	1	6	0
				Premiums		15	
•				Feast	4	12	
				Clothing	15	14	0
•				Clothing Sundries	4	3	0
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From the foregoing Balance-sheet it will be seen that the whole of the Government subsidy, school fees, and private subscriptions have been expended for the use and benefit of the children attending the school. The Sisters of Charity purchase materials which are made up by the girls, during the hours devoted to needlework, into useful articles of clothing, which are afterwards distributed amongst the most indigent of the children; and by these means the girls are taught that very necessary accomplishment for females—how to use the needle—whilst employed, at the same time in making garments for themselves. Boots and shoes are also provided for the poorer children to enable them to attend school during the winter months.

In conclusion, I wish to remark that this school is a great blessing to the Catholic children of the Cascade Road, and that the Sisters of Charity are indefatigable in attending to the duties of the school and the interests of the children entrusted to their care. They also exercise a salutary influence over the parents of the school children by their frequent visits among them.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

CHAS. WOODS.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.