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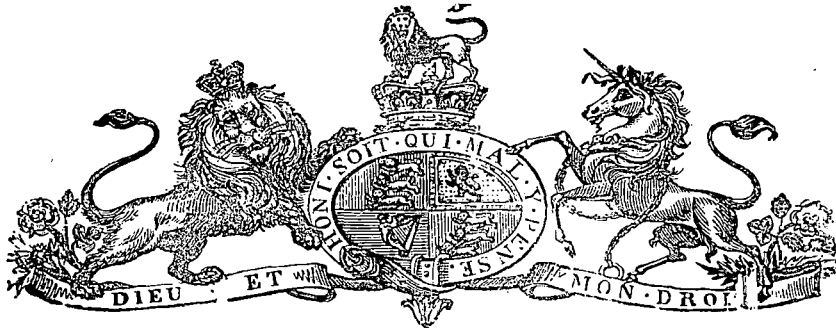
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:

REPORT FOR 1879.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 10, 1880.



REPORT of the LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for the Year 1879.

THE Committee of the Launceston Benevolent Society in bringing up their Report for the year 1879, do so with very great pleasure, as we have been enabled to relieve every deserving case during the year; and this owing to the assistance of the Government and the continued kindness and liberality of a sympathising public, more especially so at Christmas time, when a call went forth for extras that the poor might participate in some of the good things of this life: it was responded to with large-hearted liberality, which was fully appreciated by the Committee.

Besides the annual subscriptions we have received two legacies, one of £25 from the estate of the late Theodore B. Bartley, and another of £20 from the estate of the late Mrs. Hawkins. We trust other good Samaritans will, when arranging their worldly affairs, consider the poor.

We cannot conclude this Report without referring to the death of our late Secretary. We do so with feelings of great regret, as the Society has lost a valuable officer.

We thank the members of the press for the aid rendered by them during the year, feeling assured that to a very great extent the success of the Society, in a financial point of view, is owing to its proceedings being brought continually before the public.

Your Society have relieved during the year 1879—36 men, 94 women, and 105 children. 105 fresh applications were received, 47 of which were relieved, and 58 not entertained. Five families were relieved whose parent or parents are or were in prison, one family whose parent or parents were in the Lunatic Asylum, ten whose parent or parents are away.

Your Committee have held 50 meetings during the year, with an average attendance of nine members.

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY in account with Treasurer for Year 1879.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Meat	190 10 4	Balance in V.D.L. Bank	84 13 11
Groceries.....	122 10 4	Moiety of Parliamentary grant in aid for 1878.....	125 0 0
Bread	178 6 1	Ditto 1879	125 0 0
Blankets	14 8 0	Moiety of repayment from Government for boarding out children for 1879	125 0 0
Lodgings.....	6 12 0	Bequests and donations	360 15 7
Wood	4 10 0		
Midwifery	3 19 8		
Oatmeal	2 5 0		
Car hire for Patients.....	0 18 0		
Secretary's salary	75 0 0		
Printing and stationery.....	12 10 9		
Commission	11 9 11		
Balance in V.D.L. Bank	197 9 5		
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Correct—

T. GLADMAN, *Auditor.*

14th January, 1880.

G. BABINGTON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*