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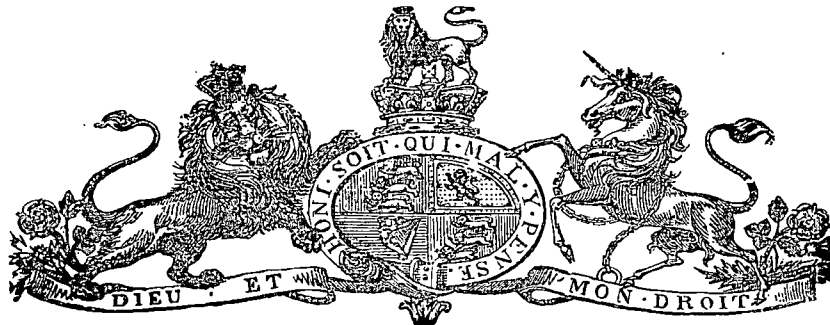
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL;

REPORT FOR 1889.

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



ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL.

Barrack Square, 9th April, 1890.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward a Report of St. Luke's Ragged School for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

This school is yet under the management of two of the Sisters of Charity (assisted by a paid monitress), who devote their time to the secular and religious education of the children of both sexes attending the school.

The school hours are from 10 o'clock A.M. to 3 o'clock P.M., half an hour (from half-past 12 to 1 o'clock) being allowed each day for dinner.

The average number on the rolls during the year was—Boys, 45 ; girls, 49.....	Total.
Average daily attendance—Boys, 27 ; girls, 34.....	94
Number present at all—Boys, 68 ; girls, 61	61
	129

The children of the upper division were divided into six classes and taught, according to standard of each class, the following subjects—Christian doctrine, spelling, grammar, geography, (including maps), tables, writing on slates and in copy books, arithmetic (as far as interest), reading, dictation on slates and paper, object lessons, English history, drawing, mapping, recitation, and singing.

The girls are taught plain needlework and several kinds of fancy-work.

Infant School.—The children of this division were divided into two classes, and taught reading, writing on slates from black-board, tables, recitation, spelling, object lessons, Christian doctrine, and arithmetic.

Mr. Rule examined the children on 9th December, on which occasion 69 were present.

RECEIPTS and Expenditure for the Year 1889.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Government subsidy.....	50	0	0	Paid off Infant-school debt	25	0	0
Private subscription	1	0	0	Monitress	12	0	0
School fees	7	13	2	Repairs to floor and steps.....	4	1	0
				Firewood	1	13	0
				Boots	1	5	6
				Sanitary expenses	2	14	0
				Prizes	6	0	0
				Stationery	4	12	0
				Feast and sundries.....	1	7	8
	£58	13	2		£58	13	2

From the foregoing statement of accounts it will be seen that the Sisters of Charity have not been able to devote the whole of the Government subsidy to the use and benefit of the poorer portion of the children attending the school. A debt has been incurred by the erection of an Infant School, which was absolutely necessary, and the Sisters are reluctantly obliged to devote a part of this subsidy yearly towards paying off this debt; however, they take care that no child is prevented attending school through want of necessary clothing, &c.

The old complaint still exists—but not to the same extent as in former years—that some parents are yet very negligent in causing their children to attend school regularly, although the Sisters visit such parents frequently and point out to them the injustice they are guilty of towards their offspring. However, there is a manifest improvement even in this respect, as well as in the appearance and conduct of the children now attending the school, and this speaks much for the zeal of the Sisters of Charity, and proves that St. Luke's School is, and has been, a great benefit to the neighbourhood.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHAS. WOODS.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.