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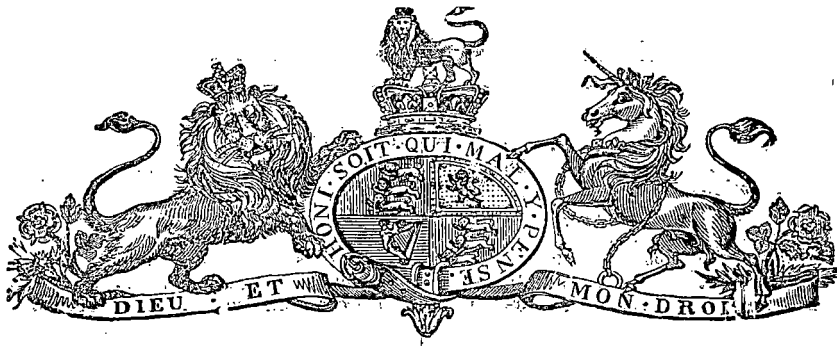
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DURING the past year the Matron and Schoolmistress have continued to discharge their duties in a very satisfactory manner; and the present condition of the school affords cause for thankfulness. The committee have especial pleasure in knowing that many of the girls who have been trained in this Institution are conducting themselves well in domestic service, and often acknowledge with affectionate gratitude the benefits which they have received. Considering that they were taken into the school as a place of refuge from dangerous influences, and would probably have fallen, in some instances, into vice or crime without the protection afforded them, their present condition as useful members of the community both affords to the committee great satisfaction, and enables them to appeal with confidence to all benevolent persons for a continuance and increase of their support.

The resources at the disposal of the committee, including the assistance afforded from public funds as well as private contributions, are barely sufficient to enable them to maintain and instruct even the small number of girls who are now inmates of the school. That number, however, could not be increased without rendering the Institution less home-like, and consequently less efficient. But if the contributions were increased to the extent required, the committee would gladly undertake the establishment and management of another similar school, which is greatly needed.

The proposal of obtaining a permanent site and more suitable buildings, mentioned in last year's report, is still contemplated, but no arrangements have yet been completed.

The committee have to express their sincere regret at the departure of the Hon. Mrs. Du Cane, the late Patroness of the school. They acknowledge gratefully the kindness and courtesy which they have received from her as a fellow-worker with themselves in the management of the Institution, and desire to record their belief that her patronage and unremitting attention to its interests during the whole period of her residence in Tasmania have contributed greatly to its efficiency and success.

The following summary exhibits the progress of the school during the past year:—

Number of girls January 1, 1874.....	38
Admitted during the year.....	12
Sent to service.....	12
Returned to parents.....	2
Sent to Deaf and Dumb Institution, Sydney.....	1
Remaining December 31, 1874.....	35

