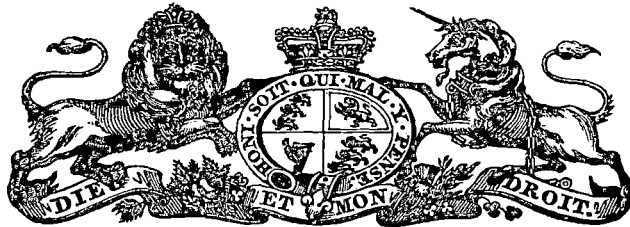


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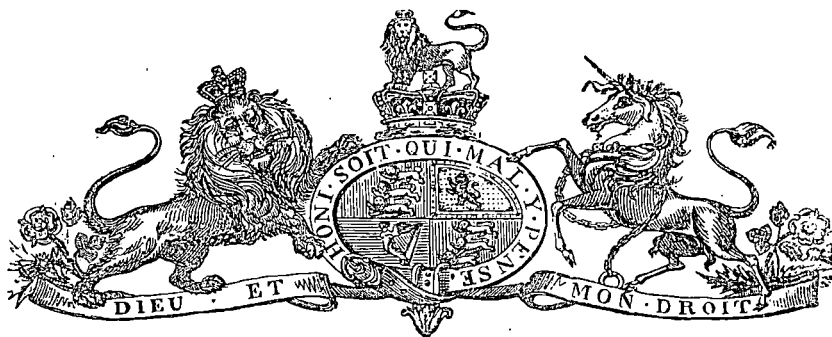
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS.

REPORT FOR **1886.**

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



LAUNCESTON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT—1886.

THE year 1886 will form quite an important epoch in the history of the School, in consequence of our having, early in the year, entered into the new school premises.

Ten years since the Institution was first established, in a very unpretentious manner, but it has continued to grow in importance year by year, until now it is recognized as one of the most valuable of our charities.

Five girls have been admitted during the year, and five have left. Four of these have been placed at service, and one, who is a confirmed imbecile, was returned to her friends and afterwards sent to the Dépôt at New Town. Of those placed at service, we can only speak very favourably of one; two others have not given the entire satisfaction expected of them; and the fourth left her situation without permission, was subsequently taken back to the school, and after repeated efforts to help her she left the Institution, and we have been reluctantly compelled to let her take her own course, which has proved one of evil.

The girl who was apprenticed to the Matron in January is giving the utmost satisfaction. She is a valuable helper, and her excellent example and moral influence are of much benefit to the entire school.

We would here point out the great importance of securing suitable situations for the girls. The question of success or failure after they leave the school depends in some measure upon the character of the persons into whose service they may enter. In illustration of this we refer to a girl who was apprenticed about three years since, and who remained with her first mistress for three months, and at the expiration of that time was returned to the school as worse than useless. Shortly afterwards she was transferred to another service, and has just completed her term of apprenticeship, where she has given so much satisfaction that her mistress would gladly have retained her in her employ.

We would here remark that the Committee hardly expect all the girls who are sent out to succeed really well; all is done that can be done to help them; but when we remember the class of children who are sometimes admitted to the school—children who have been surrounded from their earliest years by the most unfavourable influences—is it any wonder that there should be some who fail?

The health of the children has much improved since their removal to the new premises; their conduct has been commendable, and some of the elder girls give much promise as to their future. The moral tone of the school was never higher than at the present time. The usual Bible Classes have been held during the year; and the annual examination was held in December, which proved to be most interesting and encouraging.

One of the most notable matters connected with the working of the school since the new premises were occupied has been the large increase in the amount earned by the girls for washing and work, which has risen from £53 11s. 8d. for 1885, to £137 15s. 4d. for the past year; and when we remember that there are but few big girls in the school, this result certainly indicates that, without overworking them, the most is being made of their labour.

The Matron and Sub-matron are deserving our highest commendation for their unwearied devotion to the school and its interests.

Referring to our financial condition, it is matter for regret that the total amount of subscriptions for the past year shows so slight an increase upon previous years. The expenses attendant upon occupying the new and extensive premises have been considerable. There still remains a debt upon the property of about £1450; but we hope a special effort will be made to reduce this amount, and we purpose appealing to the Government for a Parliamentary Grant in aid. The work is national in its character—is notably a work of social reform—and consequently has large claims upon the finances of the Colony.

The allotment of ground referred to at last Annual Meeting as having been sold is still on our hands, the purchaser having forfeited his deposit of five pounds.

We herewith express our thanks to the friends who have forwarded contributions of fruit, vegetables milk, &c.; and if our friends living in the country only knew how much these gifts are valued—the more so as they tend to keep down the expenses—we should probably receive them more frequently. To Dr. Hallows, Medical Attendant, we express our most cordial thanks for his constant attention, also to Mr. Wells, Dentist, and to Messrs. M. Tyson and F. Lakin, Auditors.

In accepting the resignation of Mr. C. S. Button as one of the Governors, consequent upon his removal from Town, we desire to record our best thanks for the valuable services he has rendered the school from the time of its foundation in 1877 to the present time.

Your Committee commend this Institution and its interests to the continued favour and support of the public. We are satisfied that there has never been a time in its history when it has had a larger hold upon public sympathy. On all sides we hear words of encouragement from the on-lookers, and this gives us fresh heart in our work; as we are persuaded that if still prosecuted with zeal, and that unflagging devotion which so good a cause should continuously call forth, it will become, under the prospering smile of Heaven, a source of blessing to scores of neglected or orphan children who may yet enter within its walls.

F. STANFIELD.

THE LAUNCESTON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS *in account with the* TREASURER.

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BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Dr.			£	s.	d.	Cr.			£	s.	d.
1886—	To	Subscriptions and Donations.....	21	0	0	1886—	By	Balance due Bank.....	182	8	1
June 30		Forfeited deposit on land.....	5	0	0	June 30		Accounts paid.....	24	14	6
	to	Discounts on accounts.....	2	8	2		to	Interest	25	8	0
Apr. 11,		Balance due Bank.....	204	2	5	Apr. 11,					
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			£232	10	7				£232	10	7

Examined and found correct.
FREDK. LAKIN, }
MATT. TYSON, } *Auditors.*

E. & O.E.
F. STANFIELD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

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