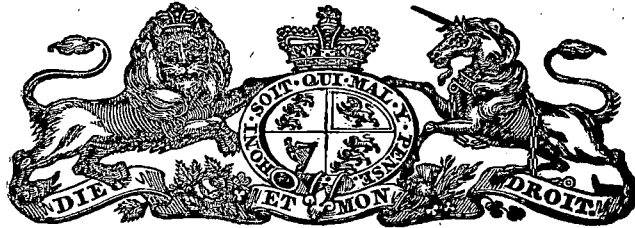


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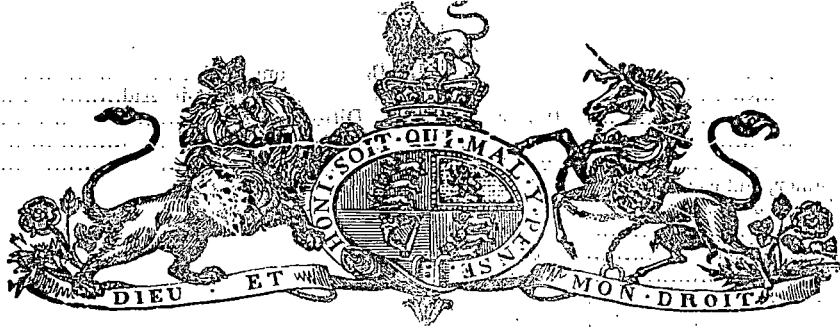
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY :

REPORT FOR 1881.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 12, 1882.



REPORT of the LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for the Year 1881.

THE Committee of the Launceston Benevolent Society, in bringing up their Report for the year 1881, do so with great pleasure, as they have a balance to their credit to commence the next year.

The past year has been a successful one financially, for which we are indebted to a sympathising and benevolent public.

Although a kind Providence has prospered many during the past year, still we have many deserving poor amongst us, which is very evident from our returns, as they show an increase of the number relieved during the past year over that of 1880; but we are thankful to say, through the liberality of the public and Government aid, we have been able to relieve every legitimate case brought under our notice.

We again beg of the public not to relieve beggars at their doors, as it only encourages vagrants of the lowest class about town; and there is no need for any to beg, provision being made for every kind of destitution.

Your Committee are glad to state that a Society has been formed to take under their care cases of unfortunate girls who may have been led into trouble by false promises, &c. Such cases have been very numerous of late; and we have and shall always gladly aid such an institution, the work being carried on by ladies, the proper medium to deal with this class of cases, as it relieves us from having to make many very delicate enquiries—duties which hitherto devolved upon us.

Death has been amongst us again during the past year, and removed from us a very old, worthy, and benevolent member, Mr. James M'Leod. His place has been filled by Captain Barwood.

We again beg to thank the press for so well and fully bringing the Society before public notice every week.

The Board have held during the past year 45 meetings, with an average attendance of nine members out of thirteen,—strange to say, exactly the same number of meetings with exactly the same attendance as the previous year.

Your Committee have relieved during the year 1881—71 men, 86 women, 137 children (compare 1880, 44 men, 82 women, 111 children); 125 applications were received, 108 of which were relieved, 17 not entertained, seven families whose parent or parents were or are in gaol, six families whose parent or parents are away.

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*
