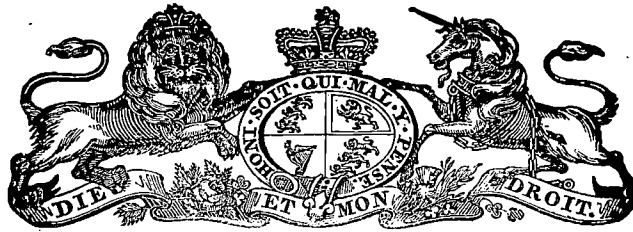


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LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY:

REPORT FOR 1878.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Secretary, and ordered by the House to be printed, September 9, 1879.



REPORT of the LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for the Year 1878.

In presenting the Report of the Launceston Benevolent Society for the year ending 1878, the Committee again thank the public for their generous support, which has enabled them to relieve the wants of the necessitous poor, and also to give them their usual Christmas fare of roast beef and plum pudding.

Your Society have relieved during the year 1878—59 men, 107 women, and 205 children. 108 fresh applications were received, 58 of which were relieved, and 50 not entertained. Three families were relieved whose parent or parents are or were in prison, two whose parents are in the Lunatic Asylum, seven whose parent or parents are or were in the Hospital, thirteen whose parent or parents are away. Above 60 children must have been sent to the Orphan School but for the assistance rendered by the Society. Your Committee have held 50 meetings during the year, with an average attendance of nearly eight members. We may unknowingly have relieved a few undeserving persons, but if such has been the case we think the public should share the responsibility. If it is known to any member of the community that we are relieving undeserving cases, they should certainly give such information as would prevent imposition.

The Committee take this opportunity of informing the public that they have advanced with the alms-houses to the following extent:—The piece of land kindly given by Henry Reed, Esq., has been transferred to them free of expense, and £100 from the same gentleman; also a legacy of £50 from the late Miss Moriarty's estate. The sum of £153 14s. 6d. has been collected, and there is now in the bank to the credit of the alms-houses fund £318 1s. 4d, which will enable the committee to build two houses. These they recognise merely as a commencement; and desire to inform the public that it is not their intention to ask for yearly subscriptions to the alms-house fund, because they feel this mode of collection would interfere with the working of the Benevolent Society, and reduce the funds for the relief of the poor. The way the Committee hope to sustain this charity is by legacies bequeathed to the alms-house fund, or by special donations, and they hope in time to realise their expectation by building two houses every year.

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY in account with G. BABINGTON, Treasurer.

1878.	Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Meat.....		217	17	1
Groceries.....		127	17	3
Bread.....		220	8	4
Printing and Stationery		18	13	3
Commission		13	8	8
Blankets		23	2	0
Lodgings		16	4	0
Secretary's Salary		75	0	0
Midwifery.....		1	17	0
Wood and Oatmeal		5	4	0
Car hire and Stamps		1	9	2
Equitable Investment Society (loan) .		200	0	0
Cash in hand		0	1	0
Balance in Bank of V.D. Land.....		84	13	11
		£1006	5	8

Correct—

T. GLADMAN, *Auditor.*

21st January, 1879.

1878.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from 1877		177	16	1
Government Parliamentary grant....		250	0	0
Moiety of Government conditional grant for 1877.....		125	0	0
Donations and Subscriptions		328	9	7
Moiety of Government conditional grant for 1878.....		125	0	0

Balance to credit of Society 84 13 11

G. BABINGTON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*