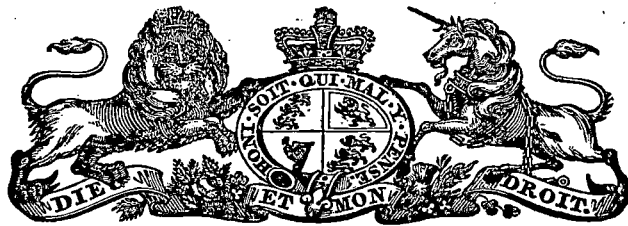


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BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, HOBART TOWN.

REPORT FOR 1871.

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June 25, 1872.



REPORT of the Committee of the BENEVOLENT SOCIETY of HOBART TOWN for the Year ending 31st December, 1871.

ANOTHER year of satisfactory results in the management of the Hobart Town Benevolent Society has rewarded the Members of the Committee for their labours. The year 1872 will commence with a balance in hand, after all debts paid, of £45 19s. 7d.

During the year 149 cases of applicants for aid were investigated, being nine more than in the previous year, and only 20 were refused, being 10 less than in 1870. 53 of the applications were on account of illness; 17 were those of widows; 14 were cases of destitution; 15 were husbands away; 9 husbands in prison; 9 accidents; 12 for children. Of the 129 cases relieved, 51 were adult males; 110 adult females; 132 male children; 146 female children; making altogether 439 individuals, being 73 more than in 1870.

The Stores issued were 61,892 lbs. of good seconds bread, obtained by quarterly tenders. 501 lbs. of tea; 4685 lbs. of sugar; 2914 lbs. of oatmeal; 3575 lbs. of rice; of good nutritious soup, varied in its constituents every day for every three days in succession, so as to avoid monotony, there were issued 8115 pints. Soup was sold to the value of £2 7s. 11d., but only 13s. 4d. was received for tickets. The Committee regret much that alms-givers do not avail themselves more generally of this provision of the Society for ensuring food to the actually hungry beggars, and of defeating the plausible but groundless statements of habitual begging impostors. For making the soup there was expended 6050 lbs. of meat, principally bullocks' heads, 943 lbs. of rice, 600 lbs. of barley, 610 lbs. of peas, with seasoning of salt, pepper, &c.

The Committee's exertions to obtain contributions of fuel for the poor in winter were eminently successful: there have been given by one generous individual, "Unknown Friend," 25 tons coal, and by numerous others firewood to the aggregate amount of 70 tons. In cutting up the wood the Committee have had the means of employing many applicants who could not obtain work, paying them in food. A quantity of old rugs were received from the Queen's Asylum, and were gladly accepted by many poor families with scanty bedding. The Committee cannot congratulate the public on any visible improvement in the arab class of children, so numerous and so mischievous in the streets of the city. To do something in aid of this neglected class, a wood brigade was established at the Society's Dépôt, many boys being employed in cutting wood up into small splinters and binding them into measured bundles for fire-lighting. These have been hawked about the city since August last at the rate of one penny per bundle, and many families have purchased, and found it very advantageous to do so for themselves, besides helping to promote industrious habits in children otherwise unemployed except in vicious occupations. Each boy with a barrow of wood in bundles may be recognised by a tin badge having the words, "Benevolent Society's Wood Brigade" legibly printed thereon. The Committee would urge upon the citizens the support of this very useful undertaking, as both economical and otherwise beneficial to themselves, as well as serving those who can obtain no other means of support. 130 dozen bundles were disposed of, but much more remained on hand. To the many kind friends who by special donations and purchase of the bundles have encouraged this employment of boys, the Committee, on behalf of these hitherto neglected little ones, tender their hearty thanks.

The Committee congratulate the Society on now having premises well adapted for the operations of the Society permanently secured by purchase. A substantial fence has been put up, and materials purchased and stored for reshingling the buildings at the proper season.

MEMO.—At the commencement of the year 78 cases, comprising 232 individuals, were brought forward from the previous year.

HOBART TOWN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY in Account with the Treasurer.

<i>Dr.</i>			<i>Cr.</i>		
1871.		£ s. d.	1871.		£ s. d.
March 4.	To Cheque for premises	750 0 0	Jan. 1.	By Balance	258 11 1
June 30.	Interest	2 5 11		Balance Government Account, 1870	180 0 0
	Payment 6 months as per Pass Book	433 18 0	Dec. 31.	Amount received from Go- vernment, 1871	800 0 0
Dec. 31.	Ditto 6 months	608 14 5		Repayments	187 5 8
	Balance	45 19 7		Subscriptions for the year ..	415 1 2
		<u>£1840 17 11</u>			<u>£1840 17 11</u>
Audited and found correct,			1872.		
	GEO. SALIER,	} <i>Auditors.</i>	Jan. 1.	By Balance	45 19 7
	HUGH M. HULL,			Debenture	500 0 0
18th January, 1872.				Ditto, (T. Y. Lowes') ..	2000 0 0
					THOS. GIBLIN, <i>Treasurer.</i>

HOBART TOWN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

<i>Expenditure.</i>			<i>Receipts.</i>		
1871.		£ s. d.	1871.		£ s. d.
Dec. 30.	To cash paid for Bread	268 6 6	Dec. 31.	By balance in Bank, January, 1871	258 11 1
	Meat	26 10 0		Balance of Government aid for 1870	180 0 0
	Groceries, tea, sugar, &c.	260 12 3		Government Grant	800 0 0
	Oatmeal	37 8 0		Government repayments ...	187 5 8
	Printing and advertising	8 10 0		Subscriptions	335 1 2
	Fuel for soup kitchen	6 0 0		Interest on Debentures	80 0 0
	Rent, first quarter	13 15 0			
	Salary, Registrar	150 0 0			
	Ditto, cook for soup kitchen	39 0 0			
	Government cases, rations, &c.	187 5 8			
	Interest on overdrawn account	2 5 11			
	Premises, purchase of	750 0 0			
	Ditto, conveyance of	8 15 3			
	Ditto, insurance of	2 15 6			
	New fence round yard, and shingles for roof	33 14 3			
	Balance in Bank	45 19 7			
		<u>£1840 17 11</u>			<u>£1840 17 11</u>

T. J. CROUCH, *Hon. Secretary.*
W. WITT, *Registrar.*