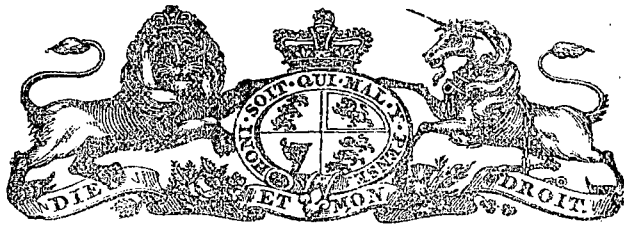


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RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION :

REPORT FOR 1884.

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



RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Hobart, 18th July, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit a Report of the Schools connected with the Ragged School Association for the year 1884.

The Schools are still three in number, situated respectively in Cascades Road, Lower Collins-street, and Watchorn-street.

Each School has the benefit of the constant supervision of a Committee of ladies and of a Local Board, consisting of members of the General Committee.

The number on the Rolls is pretty much the same as in former years, but there has been a considerable increase in the average attendance.

The particulars of the attendance are as follows :—

Cascades Road.

| | <i>Boys.</i> | <i>Girls.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| No. on Rolls | 102 | 101 | 203 |
| Average attendance | 76 | 70 | 146 |

Lower Collins-street.

| | <i>Boys.</i> | <i>Girls.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| No. on Rolls | 77 | 79 | 156 |
| Average attendance | 52 | 58 | 110 |

Watchorn-street.

| | <i>Boys.</i> | <i>Girls.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| No. on Rolls | 65 | 62 | 127 |
| Average attendance | 47 | 43 | 90 |

The whole number on the books was 486, and the average attendance 346.

The Schools were inspected as usual by the Chief Inspector of Schools, and from the Report furnished by him to the Government it will be seen that they are in a fair state of efficiency, and compare favourably with schools of a similar standard under the Government. When the class of children and the absence of home training are taken into consideration, this result confirms the Committee in the opinion formed from their own observation, that the teachers discharge their duties with commendable zeal and diligence.

The unremitting labours of the Ladies' Committees not only contribute to the comfort and welfare of the children, but also exert a most beneficial influence on them in other respects.

The Receipts and Expenditure for the year were as follows :—

| Receipts. | | Expenditure. | |
|--|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| 1884.—Jan. 1. | £ s. d. | 1884. | £ s. d. |
| To Balance from last year..... | 38 13 2 | By Amount paid for tuition | 440 6 8 |
| „ Subscriptions and Donations | 42 3 0 | „ Amount paid for cleaning three Schools. | 17 10 8 |
| „ Grants from Government..... | 300 0 0 | „ Rent of Room, Committee Meetings..... | 4 10 0 |
| „ Grant from Government to supplement Subscriptions and Donations from the public and amounts expended through the Ladies' Committees, a Special Do- nation of £90 to the Endowment Funds being included..... | 150 0 0 | „ Books and Stationery | 15 7 4 |
| „ Sale of Books at Cascade Road School ... | 1 2 6 | „ Fire Insurance | 2 19 0 |
| Dec. 31.—Balance owing to Bank | 16 10 11 | „ Sundries | 2 15 10 |
| | | „ Repairs, &c. to Premises..... | 28 5 10 |
| | | „ Printing and Advertising..... | 10 17 6 |
| | | „ Drill Instruction | 9 0 0 |
| | | „ Tolman & Son, Fuel, three Schools | 4 1 0 |
| | | „ Harbottle & Son, Memorial Boards | 6 17 6 |
| | | „ Collector's Commission | 1 10 0 |
| | | „ Interest to Bank on Overdrawn Account | 4 8 3 |
| | <u>£548 9 7</u> | | <u>£548 9 7</u> |
| | | Dec. 31.—By balance owing Commercial Bank as per Bank Book | £16 10 11 |

ENDOWMENT FUNDS (per Memo. Books).

| COLLINS-STREET SCHOOL. | |
|--|-------------------|
| On Deposit Savings Bank..... | £ s. d. 22 2 0 |
| „ Ditto Commercial Bank, at 6 per cent. | 80 0 0 |
| | <u>£102 2 0</u> |
| WATCHORN-STREET SCHOOL. | |
| On Deposit Commercial Bank, at 6 per cent..... | £80 0 0 |
| | <u>£80 0 0</u> |
| CASCADE ROAD SCHOOL. | |
| On Deposit Commercial Bank, at 6 per cent..... | £ s. d. 30 0 0 |
| „ Ditto at 5 per cent..... | 100 0 0 |
| | <u>£130 0 0</u> |

Among the receipts is included a handsome donation of £50 from W. A. Guesdon, Esq., of London, whose interest in the Schools which he assisted to establish many years ago continues unabated, and is acknowledged with sincere thanks.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. BROOKE H. BAILEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.