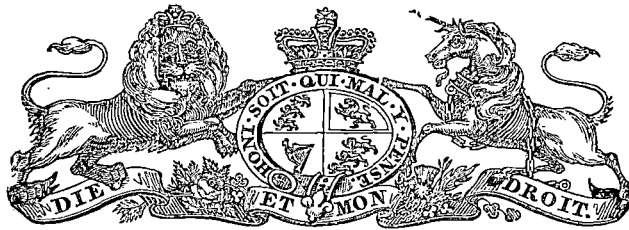


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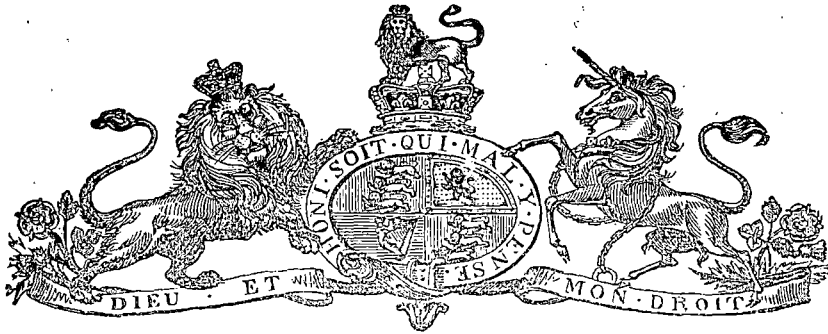
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RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:

REPORT FOR 1888.

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



## RAGGED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

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*Bible Dépôt, Liverpool-street, Hobart, 19th March, 1889.*

THE Committee of the Ragged School Association respectfully beg permission to send in, for the information of the Hon. the Ministry and Members of the Houses of Parliament of Tasmania, the Report of their proceedings in connection with the juvenile poor in the City of Hobart and its vicinity during the year 1888. As shown by the personal supervision of some of its members, the three schools—viz., in Lower Collins-street, Cascade Road, and Watchorn-street—have been successfully carried on, both as to numbers attending and also in average attendance of the children. Much to the regret of the Committee, and to the great loss of the teaching staff, at the end of the year Miss Alice Williamson resigned the position of Head Teacher at Watchorn-street School, in which she had been engaged with much satisfaction to the Committee for the space of 13 years. Her place has been supplied, and, it is hoped, worthily supplied, by the transfer of Miss Marion Hedberg from Cascade Road to Watchorn-street.

Enclosed are submitted Dr. and Cr. accounts duly audited to 31st December, 1888. These show that whereas the Committee began the year with the small credit balance of £9 7s. 11d., at the end there was a deficiency of £53 19s. 11d., in consequence of the amount of £75 not being yet received from the Public Treasury.

Also they submit a numerical list of boys and girls on the several rolls of the schools—459, with an average daily attendance 297. Also Mr. Inspector Rule's reports of his visits to the different schools in 1888. Also the reports of the Lady Superintendents,—Miss C. Garrett, Mrs. Hardy, and Miss Teacher Mitchell, *pro* Mrs. E. Perkins, absent from the Colony when report was applied for.

In conclusion, the Committee venture to express their conviction that the work of the last year will compare favourably with any that have gone before it in connection with the Ragged Schools of the city of Hobart; and they trust that for the future they may be able, with the Divine blessing, to make their schools a still more certain means of imparting to the children of the poor a lasting training in godliness, honesty, and truth.

J. B. MATHER, *Chairman.*

S. B. FOOKES, *Hon. Secretary.*

MEMO.—The £75 referred to in the Report has been received this day, the 5th April, 1889.

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

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### LADY SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

*Lower Collins-street School.*

The school is in a very satisfactory state. All the Teachers are well qualified to rule the children. The order is good, and the general spirit of the school very good. Distribution of clothing took place on 13th July, 50 articles given away to be made by the children in the school. Material supplied by Mrs. A. G. Webster, Mrs. Budge, Miss Nutt, Mr. Mather, and other friends. Mrs. Inge sent apples from New Norfolk. Prizes for needlework were given to Maggie Higgins, Ada Simmons, Marion Pretty, Maud Dare. Prizes, buns, and fruit were distributed to the children at the annual examination in December. Amount expended during the year, £9 4s. 4½d.

CATHERINE GARRETT, *Superintendent.*

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*Watchorn-street School.*

The school has been visited as usual, and sewing classes conducted by different ladies. In the winter there was the annual distribution of clothing—viz., 55 boys' shirts, jumpers, and socks, 17 dresses, 3 chemises, 26 flannel petticoats, 13 patchwork petticoats, 6 hats, 6 aprons. Each lady of the Committee contributes £1 per annum. The Superintendent much regrets the loss of Miss Williamson, the Head Teacher, who managed the school well, and was a most excellent instructress, besides taking a personal interest in the children.

AUGUSTA J. HARDY, *Lady Superintendent.*

*Cascade Road School.*

Annual distribution of clothing took place on 13th July, 1888. It consisted of shirts, coats, socks, comforters, petticoats, &c.—about 200 articles in all. Valuable assistance in preparing these garments was given by Mesdames Perkins, Dickson, Walch, Giblin, Hawkins, and Lady Wilson.

E. MITCHELL, *Teacher,*  
for Mrs. E. Perkins, *absent from the Colony.*

## Numerical attendance at Cascade Road School—

	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Average number on rolls for 1888 .....	94	87	181
Average daily attendance .....	68	58	126

## Numerical attendance at Watchorn-street School—

	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Average number on rolls.....	68	62	130
Average daily attendance.....	38	34	72

## Numerical attendance at Lower Collins-street School—

	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Average number on rolls.....	65	83	148
Average daily attendance.....	45	54	99

## ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

*Cascades Road Free School.*

Date of examination, 14th September, 1888. Teachers, three. Present at examination—Boys, 98; girls, 80; total, 178.

Class I.—Division 1. In the same division last year, 45; new scholars, 42; total, 87. This division occupies the infant room. It includes many children of tender age, as well as others far beyond the age of infancy. Eight were found qualified for promotion to the higher division. Singing and drill are practised satisfactorily.

Class I.—Division 2. In the same division last year, 13; in the lower division, 7; new scholars, 12; total, 32. All passed in reading, writing, and arithmetic, twenty-five reaching the full standards. This class and Class II. occupy one of the front rooms, under one teacher. Their work, on the whole, has been very fair.

Class II.—In the same class last year, 2; in the lower, 14; new scholars, 2; total, 18. All passed in three subjects, sixteen reaching the full standards.

Class III.—In the same class last year, 9; in a lower, 13; new scholars, 6; total, 28. All passed in three subjects, eleven reaching the full standards. This class and Class IV. occupy the other front room, and are under one teacher. Their work generally is good.

Class IV.—In the same class last year, 6; in a lower, 7; total, 13. All passed in three subjects, seven reaching the full standards.

General Remarks.—One of the teachers should be recognised as head teacher, with authority over the others, and responsibility for the work of the whole school. Very young babies and children over seven years old should be excluded from the infant school. The progress of 110 of the children is traceable. That of 35 has been good, 27 fair, 24 moderate, 24 slow.

*Watchorn-street Free School.*

Date of examination, 19th September, 1888. Teachers, three. Present at examination—Boys, 48; girls, 36; total, 84.

Class I.—Division 1. In the same division last year, 14; new scholars, 37; total, 51. The majority of these occupy the infant room. A small draft (the highest) is taught with the upper division in the other room. Eight were found up to the full standards. Many of the infants are babies, who hinder the teaching of the others.

Class I.—Division 2. In the same division last year, 1; in the lower, 7; new scholars, 2; total, 10. All passed in three subjects, six to the full standards. This class and the highest draft of the lower division are under one teacher in the larger room.

Class II.—In the same class last year, 2; in a lower, 6; new scholars, 3; total, 11. All passed in three subjects, six to the full standards in reading, 4 in writing, 2 in arithmetic. This class, with the two higher, is under the senior teacher.

Class III.—In a lower class last year, 5; new scholar, 1; total, 6. In reading, all passed, two to the full standard; in writing, all passed, one to the full standard; in arithmetic, four passed, one to the full standard. This class, with the Second and Fourth, are under the senior teacher. The answering of the children showed that intelligence is cultivated.

Class IV.—In the same class last year, 1; in a lower, 5; total, 6. In reading, all passed, all to the full standard; in writing, all passed, three to the full standard; in arithmetic, five passed, one to the full standard.

General Remarks.—The yard accommodation is too small. Babies and children over seven years old should be excluded from the infant school. One of the teachers should be recognised as head teacher, with authority over the others, and responsibility for the work of the whole school. The progress of 33 children is traceable. That of 4 has been good, 6 fair, 9 moderate, 4 slow.

*Collins-street Free School.*

Date of examination, 21st September, 1888. Teachers, three. Present at examination—Boys, 54; girls, 59; total, 113.

Class I.—Division 1. In the same division last year, 23; new scholars, 29; total, 52. These occupy the infant room. Several are babies, and several are over seven years old. The work of teaching is hindered by the presence of children of tender age.

Class I.—Division 2. In the same division last year, 1; in the lower, 11; new scholars, 6; total, 18. All passed in three subjects, nine reaching the full standards. This class and Class II. occupy the upper room, under one teacher. Their work is very satisfactory.

Class II.—In the same class last year, 1; in the lower, 11; new scholars, 5; total, 17. All passed in three subjects, four reaching the full standards.

Class III.—In the same class last year, 1; in a lower, 11; new scholars, 6; total, 18. In reading, 15 passed, five to the full standard; in writing, 15 passed, four to the full standard; in arithmetic, six passed, two to the full standard. The work of this class and Class IV. have been hindered by repeated changes in the teaching staff.

Class IV.—In the same class last year, 2; in a lower, 3; new scholars, 3; total, 8. All passed in three subjects, five to the full standard in reading, four in writing, none in arithmetic.

General Remarks.—The yard accommodation is too small. Babies and children over seven years old should be excluded from the infant school. One of the teachers should be recognised as head teacher, with authority over the others, and responsibility for the work of the whole school. The progress of 60 of the children is traceable. That of 16 has been good, 10 fair, 12 moderate, 22 slow; these 22 averaged 72 days' attendance in the first half of this year.

J. RULE, *Senior Inspector of Schools.*

6th December, 1888.

*THE TREASURER in account with the Hobart Ragged School Association, 1888.*

1888.		Dr.	£	s.	d.	1888.		Cr.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	To balance in hand from last year...		9	7	11	1888.	By salaries .....		405	17	6
	Subscriptions and donations.....		82	6	6		Cleaning schoolrooms .....		18	0	0
	Special donations towards the expense of repairs and addi- tions at the Cascade Road School .....		49	11	6		Rent of committee-room .....		5	0	0
	Grant from Government .....		300	0	0		Drill instructor .....		3	0	0
	Grant from Government to sup- plement subscriptions and donations from the public (Par- liament having voted only six months' supplies, £75 only was received out of the £150 usually voted) .....		75	0	0		Fire insurance premiums .....		2	19	0
	Salary overpaid refunded .....		0	15	0		Books, stationery, and maps.....		28	1	2
	Balance carried down.....		53	19	11		Fuel .....		8	2	0
			£571	0	10		Printing and advertising .....		9	9	9
							Sundries .....		9	13	8
							Repairs and additions .....		77	19	6
							Interest to Bank on overdraft .....		2	18	3
									£571	0	10
						Dec. 31.	By balance owing to Bank.....		53	19	11

JOHN MACFARLANE, *Hon. Treasurer.*  
31st December, 1888.

Audited and found correct.

E. HAWSON.