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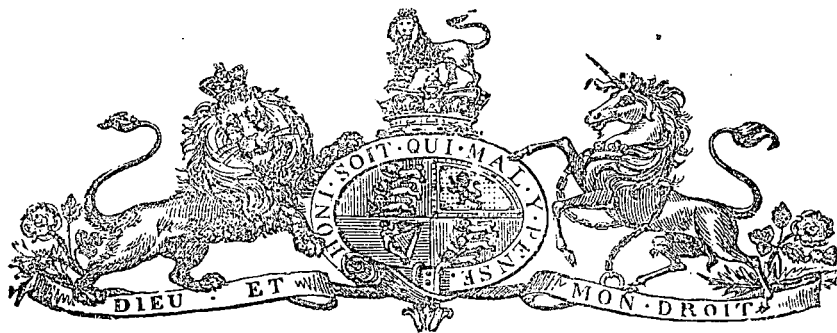
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.**

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### MEMO.

UNDER Section 31 of "The Cemeteries Act, 1865," the Trustees of every Cemetery are directed to transmit, with the Annual Accounts forwarded to the Colonial Secretary under Section 30 of the same Act, a Statement of the condition of such Cemetery as to repairs, &c.; and a suggestion as to alterations necessary in the ensuing year in such repairs, &c., and the probable expense to be incurred in effecting the same.

As the Trustees are not in a position to make any suggestions in accordance with Section 31, in consequence of the state of the revenue received in connection with the Cemetery, they deem this a fitting time to draw attention to the loss incurred yearly in working the Cemetery, and the causes which have led to such loss.

The Hobart Town Public Cemetery was established under "The Cemeteries Act, 1865," at a cost of £8000; Section 5 of "The Cemeteries Amendment Act, 1870," providing that upon the establishment of such Cemetery all existing burial grounds within the City of Hobart Town should be closed.

The Cemetery was opened in October, 1872, with every prospect of the receipts being sufficient to meet the attendant expenses, and also the moneys payable under Section 3 of "The Cemeteries Amendment Act, 1870."

In December, 1872, a further Act amending the Acts relating to Cemeteries passed the Legislature; Section 6 of such Act permitting the establishment of any Cemetery at a distance of one mile and a half from the General Post Office, Hobart Town, in lieu of three miles as proposed in the Bill when referred to the Committee of the House of Assembly, thus placing the Hobart Town Public Cemetery, which is distant about three miles from that office, at a disadvantage.

Taking advantage of this, on the 3rd September, 1873, the Queenborough Public Cemetery Company was formed under the Companies Act, 1869, and a Cemetery opened at the exact distance of one mile and a half,—the site having been put back from the main road expressly for the purpose of bringing it within the meaning of the Act as regards the distance from the General Post Office.

Up to this date the revenue of the Hobart Town Public Cemetery was more than sufficient to meet all charges upon it, but on the establishment of the Queenborough Cemetery the receipts immediately fell off. It is proper, however, to state that during the last year the receipts have considerably increased, and are still increasing.

As the distance from Hobart Town to the Cemetery appeared to affect the number of interments there, the Chairman of Trustees on the 10th January, 1874, wrote to the Colonial Secretary, forwarding a Resolution asking for authority to expend £150 in completing the road through the Domain past Cornelian Bay, thus bringing the Cemetery a considerable distance nearer the City.

The Trustees have caused to be prepared a Return of the Place of Interment of all persons deceased within the Registration District of Hobart during the year 1875; and it can be shown that the Public Cemetery, although situated at New Town, has to depend almost entirely upon Interments from the City to produce its revenue, and that nearly all persons dying at New Town are interred in the Local Burial Grounds.

The Congregational Body, the Baptists, and the Friends have each their own Burial Ground; and the Queenborough Cemetery, as before pointed out, being nearer the City than the Public Cemetery, the majority of persons dying in the Southern and South-western portions of the City are interred there.

The Trustees have supplemented the revenue by ploughing and cropping a large section of the Cemetery not used for burials.

In conclusion, the Trustees have to state that the Institution is increasing in public favour; but, notwithstanding this, they must also point out that their revenue is not sufficient to meet the heavy charges imposed upon it by the Legislature, and they regret that the funds at first placed at their disposal were not augmented by the amount of the premiums (£240) received on the sale of the Debentures issued for the formation of the Cemetery.

HENRY COOK, *Chairman.*  
20th April, 1876.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

*RETURN showing the Place of Interment of all Persons deceased within the Registration District of Hobart during the Year 1875.*

<i>Total Deaths, Hobart District, 1875.</i>	<i>Hobart Town Public Cemetery.</i>	<i>Queenborough Public Cemetery.</i>	<i>Cascades Burial Ground.</i>	<i>Davey-street Congregational Burial Ground.</i>	<i>St. John's Burial Ground, New Town.</i>	<i>Baptist Burial Ground.</i>	<i>Friends Burial Ground.</i>	<i>Congregational Burial Ground, New Town.</i>	<i>Other Places.</i>
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*RETURN showing the Number of Interments in the Public Cemetery, Hobart Town, during the Years 1874 and 1875.*

YEAR.	PRIVATE.		PUBLIC.		PAUPER GRAVES.	STILL-BORN CHILDREN.
	<i>Vaults or Graves.</i>	<i>Re-openings.</i>	<i>Graves.</i>	<i>Re-openings.</i>		
1874.....	28	16	26	5	158	3
1875.....	35	22	103	15	166	11

HENRY COOK, *Chairman.*