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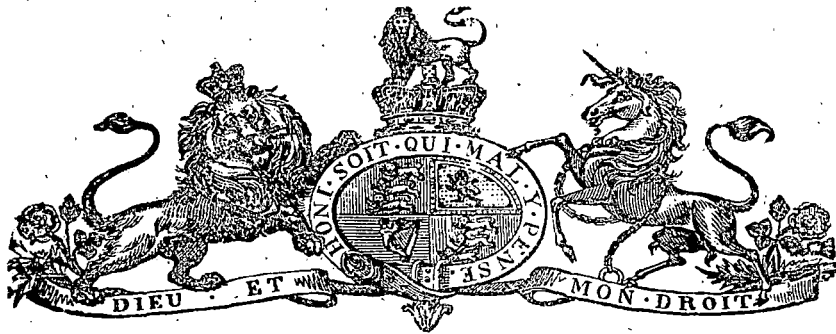
TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**TASMANIAN JUVENILE AND INDUSTRIAL
EXHIBITION, HOBART, 1883 :**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

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*REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the TASMANIAN JUVENILE AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION,
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INTRODUCTION.

TASMANIA, unlike its neighbours, requires a great deal of persuasion before it can be roused to do anything outside the ordinary routine which prevails in its midst. But once moved, anything undertaken is carried out in a manner that will bear favourable comparison with the sister colonies.

At a meeting of the Ragged School Committee, held in March, 1882, the idea of having an exhibition of children's work in connection with that institution was fully discussed, the outcome being the insertion of a paragraph in the report read at the annual meeting which took place on the 18th April, suggesting the advisability of holding a Juvenile Industrial Exhibition in Hobart. On 24th of the same month an address was delivered by the Rev. J. W. Simmons (the originator of the proposal), at the Alliance Rooms, pointing out the object to be attained by holding an Exhibition in Tasmania similar to those held in Victoria and New South Wales. At the conclusion of the address a Committee was formed, consisting of His Worship the Mayor (Mr. James Harcourt) and others present at the meeting, with power to add to their number, to carry out the object in question. The first meeting of the Committee was held at the Town Hall on 28th April, when the following resolutions were passed:—1. "That in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that there shall be an Industrial Exhibition held in Hobart, to be called the Tasmanian Juvenile and Industrial Exhibition, and that it shall take place not later than 1st November next." 2. "That the primary object of the Exhibition shall be the exposition of juvenile industries, for which prizes shall be awarded. Competitors to be divided into three classes,—for those under the ages of 12, 16, and 21 years, respectively; and that any other articles may be received for exhibition." It was agreed at a subsequent meeting to give awards also to adult exhibitors. His Excellency the Governor, Sir George C. Strahan, was asked and consented to become Patron; Mr. Jas. Harcourt, President; Rev. J. W. Simmons, Messrs. Geo. Crisp, W. H. Burgess, and W. P. Green, Vice-Presidents; Mr. John Hamilton, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. J. A. Huxtable, Secretary; with a Committee of Management of 22. No material work was done during the first two months beyond obtaining permission from the Hon. Treasurer to give the President power to *frank* all letters and parcels on Exhibition matters sent through the post office. A sub-committee was appointed to report upon a suitable site to hold the Exhibition in. Many suggestions were made by them, but no decision arrived at. On the 26th June, at the request of the Committee, the Rev. J. W. Simmons delivered a lecture at the Town Hall on the subject of the Industrial Exhibition. His Excellency the Governor presided, and in a most practical manner proved his interest in the undertaking by giving £50 as a donation to the funds. Matters not progressing as favourably as the Committee could have wished, it was thought advisable to dispense with the services of the Secretary, who sent in his resignation. On 26th June a deputation, consisting of the President and Vice-Presidents, waited upon Mr. J. G. Davies and urged him to undertake the position of Hon. Secretary, which he consented to do. At the first meeting under the new *régime* it was clearly shown, if the proposed Exhibition was to be carried out with any degree of success, that it could not be opened on November 9; the Committee therefore unanimously agreed to alter the date until February 6, 1883. The first matter of importance, after fixing the time of opening, was to obtain a Building to hold the Exposition in. Many sites were examined, and though one or two were found in every way suitable, the amount necessary to render them available for the purpose required so far exceeded the sum the Committee felt justified in becoming responsible for, that they were abandoned. Eventually the New Market was fixed upon as the only place available; and after negotiations with the City Council, arrangements were made with that body allowing the use of two-thirds of the above-named building, the Council agreeing to spend £500 in repairs upon the same, for which the Council were to receive 10 per cent. of the gross amount taken at the Exhibition, together with 10 per cent. of the net proceeds. On July 7 a deputation, consisting of the President and Vice-Presidents, interviewed the Government as to granting £500 towards the expenses of the Exhibition.

Eventually Government decided to recommend Parliament to pass the amount asked for, conditionally that £250 was raised by private subscriptions. Parliament unanimously acceded to the request, and the Committee obtained the required funds to claim the vote. Very satisfactory arrangements were made for the conveyance of exhibits. The Victorian Government agreed to carry everything free for the Exhibition to and from their destination; and the Committee were equally liberally dealt with by the T. S. N. Co.; the Main Line Railway, through Mr. C. H. Grant; the Launceston and Western Railway (through the Government); Captain Hall (East Coast), Mr. F. Wise (New Norfolk), and by Huon S. N. Co. (through Messrs. Watchorn and Sons). In order to assist in making the Exhibition a success, the co-operation was obtained of the Wardens of Municipalities throughout the Colony, Police Magistrates, Council Clerks, Heads of Private and Public Schools. Secretaries of similar Exhibitions in other Colonies were communicated with, one and all of whom promised to render assistance. Hon. Agents were appointed in Victoria, New South Wales, and Launceston: in fact, everything was done to make the first Exposition held in Tasmania worthy of the Tight Little Island.

INAUGURAL CEREMONIAL.

The Opening.

Every arrangement possible having been concluded, the Exhibition was opened on Tuesday, February 6th, 1883.

Shortly after 3 o'clock His Excellency entered the Exhibition Building, and was received by Mr. James Harcourt, President of the Committee, and conducted to the Juvenile department of the Exhibition, where everything was in readiness for the performance of the opening ceremonies. At the Collins-street end of the hall a large dais had been erected, surrounded by seats for the members of the Orchestral Union. At the extreme back the English Ensign was hung, and many-coloured flags hid the bare walls of the building from view. The dais, &c. was covered with scarlet cloth, and the whole presented a very pleasing picture. The vocalists of the Orchestral Union were ranged in the background, and in front of them were stationed the members of the Orchestral Union String Band, the Artillery, the 'Busters', and H.M.S. Nelson's Bands. The whole body of musicians was under the leadership of Herr Schott, the piano being presided over by Miss Belbin, and the organ by Master Esca Bellette. When His Excellency entered the Juvenile Court the combined bands struck up the National Anthem, which was sung and played with great effect. The vocalists were evenly balanced, and their voices could be distinctly heard above the accompaniment. His Excellency was accommodated with a seat in the body of the hall. Among those present were Commodore Erskine, the Premier (Hon. W. R. Giblin), the Treasurer (Hon. J. S. Dodds), the Minister of Lands (Hon. N. J. Brown), the Hon. T. C. Smart, the Hon. the President of the Legislative Council, the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Members of both Houses of Parliament, the Hon. J. F. Wallop, the Mayor (Alderman Belbin, M.H.A.), the Aldermen of the City Council, the President (Mr. James Harcourt), Members of the Exhibition Committee, the Secretary (Mr. J. G. Davies), and many other of the leading citizens of Hobart.

At the conclusion of the National Anthem, the President of the Exhibition conducted His Excellency to the dais in front of the vocalists. Mr. Harcourt then read the following address:—

The Address.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Encouraged by the success attending expositions of works of industry in different parts of the world, commencing with the Great Exhibition under the Presidency of Albert the Good, in 1851, a few gentlemen formed themselves into a Committee with a view of attempting, on a small scale, a similar undertaking in this colony.

The movement received the immediate support of Your Excellency, both by kindly counsel and substantial aid. Colonists generally accepted the proposal in a favourable spirit. Parliament generously assisted by a grant of £500; the Worshipful the Mayor and Aldermen of Hobart agreed to terms for the conversion of a portion of the city property into an Exhibition Building. And to-day the Committee have the satisfaction of inviting Her Majesty's Representative to inspect the issue of their labours.

In judging of results, it must be remembered that the population of the island is limited, and our people too far removed from the great centres of industry to catch, so appreciably as could be wished, the spirit of emulation and competition existing in more established countries. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, there are 1500 juvenile and adult exhibitors. In the work of apprentices, and the workshops attached to schools, perhaps it may be possible to trace the beginning of greater attention to the importance of manual labour, and the ever-growing value of skilled industry.

The Official Catalogue, containing names of committee, officers, and schedules of entries, accompanies this record. The members of Committee have worked in unison to attain one object—the advancement of the best interests of the Colony; and their hearty thanks are due to their Honorary Secretary for his unwearied labours to bring the enterprise to a successful termination.

It is our warm desire that this undertaking, which has for its end the promotion of all branches of industry, and the strengthening of the bonds of friendship and goodwill among men, may, by the blessing of Divine Providence, conduce to the welfare of our island home, and be long remembered among the brightest circumstances of Your Excellency's administration.

The Secretary of the Exhibition Committee then handed His Excellency a Catalogue. The Governor then read the following reply:—

MR. HARCOURT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE.

It is with no ordinary pleasure that I take part in your proceedings to-day, and unite with you in inaugurating this Exhibition, which I regard not only as a means of encouraging and developing the tastes and talents of our juvenile population, but of bringing more prominently before the outside world than heretofore the industries and products of the colony.

Notwithstanding the drawbacks to which you refer, I have every reason to believe that it will be shown to-day that Tasmania is not deficient in those qualities and resources which have given her neighbours the proud position which they now hold in the Queen's dominions.

The difficulties with which the Committee has had to contend in carrying out this Exhibition are well known to me; and when I consider how comparatively short was the time at their disposal for carrying out so large an undertaking, I would congratulate one and all upon the success which has attended their labours, and would express the hope that they may live to find that their work has in no small degree contributed to the prosperity of the colony.

I observe with satisfaction the tribute paid by the Committee to the Honorary Secretary, who for several months past has ungrudgingly devoted himself to the task of making this Exhibition a success. Personally I have been deeply interested in this undertaking, and I shall in after years look back upon this day as connected with one of the most pleasing incidents of my administration.

I now declare this Exhibition open.

The Orchestral Union, assisted by the Nelson Band, then gave a really excellent rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus from *The Messiah*, which was loudly applauded by the large audience that filled every part of the building. The visitors then proceeded to inspect the various exhibits.

GENERAL NOTES OF THE EXHIBITION.

Size of Exhibition Building.

The Exhibition Building consisted of a main avenue 300 feet in length by 30 feet in width; leading from which on the right is the Juvenile Court, measuring over all (including the dais) 116 feet by 37 feet,—at the opposite end to the latter being erected a gallery 37 feet by 12 feet, approached by stairs from Court below; also the Upper Court for general exhibits, including the Fernery, measuring over all 98 feet by 37 feet; a clear floor space for exhibits being left measuring 65 feet by 37 feet. A Gentlemen's Smoking Room was also provided, measuring 18 feet by 15 feet. On the left of the main avenue were situated the lesser Courts and offices, namely—Committee Room, 14 feet 6 inches by 19 feet; Ladies' Cloak Room, 14 feet 6 inches by 19 feet; Gentlemen's Cloak Room, 14 feet 6 inches by 19 feet; and twelve general Courts for various classes of exhibits, measuring each 14 feet 6 inches by 19 feet. Leading from the Juvenile Court, or Central Hall, was a Refreshment Room measuring 40 feet by 37 feet, fitted with counters, tables, &c. The net floor space available for exhibits and their appurtenances, &c., was equal to 23,170 square feet; the whole space occupied by the Exhibition Building being equal to 304 feet in length by 88 feet in width, or covering a gross area of 26,752 square feet.

Exhibitors.

When the originator first suggested the idea of holding a Juvenile Industrial Exhibition, he intended that it should be confined to the Colony. As soon as it was decided to hold an Exposition in Hobart, it was thought desirable that it should be more general in character. Accordingly the Managing Committee decided to invite the youth of the other Colonies, also a few of the leading firms in Victoria, to assist. There were in all 1500 exhibitors, comprising 2000 exhibits. Section I., for children under 12 years of age, had 321 competitors, six of whom were from Sandhurst (Victoria). There were awarded 24 Silver Medals, 67 1st Order Merit, and 58 2nd Order Merit in this section. In Section II., for those under 16 years, there were 479 exhibitors, 41 from Sandhurst, and two from Melbourne. The awards in this Section were 51 Silver Medals, 110 1st Order Merit, and 65 2nd Order Merit. Section III. (for those under 21 years) contained 307 exhibitors; Melbourne having seven and Sandhurst one. The awards in this section were 2 Gold Medals, 60 Silver Medals, 78 1st Order of Merit, and 22 2nd Order of Merit. In the Adult Section there were 472 exhibitors; 15 from Melbourne, four from Sandhurst, one from Sydney, four from Dunedin, one from Auckland. The awards were 37 Gold Medals, 126 Silver Medals, 100 1st Order Merit, and 9 2nd Order Merit.

Medals and Certificates.

The Committee duly advertised for competitive designs for medals and certificates of merit, bonuses being offered on the acceptance of any design. There were five competitors for certificates of merit, and a like number for medals. After duly examining them, Messrs. E. G. Kilburn and A. C. Walker, who had sent in designs for each, were accorded the prize. The printing of the certificates was left in the hands of Messrs. Davies Bros., while the Committee accepted Messrs. Stokes and Masters' (Melbourne) tender for supplying the gold and silver medals. The following is a brief description:—**CERTIFICATE.**—In a prominent position, amid a wreath of laurel, is placed the design for the Tasmanian coat of arms, while on either side are represented the various industrial arts. Above is a view of the Exhibition Building, surmounted with cornucopia containing representations of the most important native flowers twining gracefully up a bamboo framework. Amid this floral decoration are seated two female figures, one representing Music, the other Painting; while in the background, encircled by bamboo, are vignettes exhibiting Agriculture, as also views of Corra Linn, Government House, and the Cataract at Launceston. Amid lucent rays are impersonations of Justice and Fame, the whole being surmounted by a canopy bearing date, and the motto, *Palmarum qui meruit ferat*. **MEDAL.**—The rim is enriched by a classical moulding, the die being considerably in relief. The principal figure represents Fame distributing awards, while at her feet is reclining a youth. On this side also is the date, title, and national motto. The medallion on the reverse side contains a wreath of oak leaves, and the mottoes, *Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis*, and *Unica virtus necessaria*. The amount expended for Medals and Certificates of Award was £439 12s. 2d., which, taking into consideration the number of exhibits, was exceedingly liberal. The reason which prompted the Committee to act thus was not only to reward the competitors for the skill and energy they had displayed, but also to act as encouragement to them to put forth still greater efforts in the future.

Insurance.

The Committee, having in view the fate of the Sydney Exhibition Building, decided to insure the exhibits. Satisfactory arrangements were made with the local Insurance Offices, whereby the exhibitors were protected to the amount of £10,000.

Lighting.

Arrangements were made with the Hobart Gas Company to have the gas laid on through the Building in case the Committee were unsuccessful in obtaining the electric light. Negotiations were opened up with Sir Julius Vogel, while passing through Hobart on his way to New Zealand, the outcome being that the Australian Electric Lighting Company, Melbourne, agreed to light up the Exhibition with the Brush Light. This being the first display of the Electric Light in Tasmania, it was very successful, and continued so during the whole time the Exhibition remained open. The motive power was supplied by the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Co., and gave every satisfaction.

Fairy Fountain.

The Committee, in order to add to the attractiveness of the Exhibition, arranged with Mr. J. W. Faul (Victoria) to lease the Fairy Fountain shown by him at the Sandhurst Juvenile Exposition with so much success. The first display took place on the third Friday after the opening of the Exhibition, and was continued nightly until its termination, and afforded pleasure to thousands of spectators. Surrounding the fountain was a fernery, very tastefully arranged, which also commanded a great deal of attraction from visitors.

Entertainments.

The Committee are under a deep debt of gratitude for the valuable assistance they received from the Orchestral Union, Philharmonic Society, Filibusters Band, Orpheus Club, Rechabite Band; also from Messrs. Haywood and Ambler for their concerts. Majors Fysh and Crowther also evinced their desire to assist the Exhibition by permitting the Rifle and Artillery Bands to perform on several occasions. The valuable services, as mentioned above, not only greatly popularised the Exhibition; but to a great extent assisted in keeping it open so long.

Board of Education Schools, &c.

In order that the juvenile portion of Hobart might visit the Exhibition, invitations were forwarded to the Board of Education (of which over 1200 children from the State Schools took advantage), to the Ragged Schools, Boys' Home, St. Joseph's Orphanage, and the Girls' Industrial School, each school being fully represented on the days arranged for their admission.

Visitors.

To enable visitors from Launceston and the country districts to see the Exhibition, arrangements were made with Mr. C. H. Grant, of the Main Line Railway, to run Excursion Trains. The inducements to travel from Launceston on the first occasion were so great, viz., return tickets being issued at 10s. 1st class, and 5s. 2nd, children half price, that all the available rolling stock on the

line was insufficient to carry the passengers. After this the 2nd class rates were dispensed with, special arrangements being made with private and public schools. By this means several thousands were enabled to witness the Exhibition. Excursion trips were also got up from New Norfolk and the Huon districts.

Season Tickets.

The Management, with a liberality which characterised all their work in connection with the Exhibition, issued Season Tickets at the following rates: Gentlemen £1 1s., ladies 10s. 6d., children under 12 half price. Exhibitors were admitted at half the above rates. Over 600 tickets were issued, the large majority of holders being exhibitors. The daily admission for adults was 1s., children 6d., except on the opening day, when the charge fixed at 2s. 6d. The total number of visitors to the Exhibition, taken as carefully as possible, was 60,000; the total receipts for entrance being £2179 11s. 3d.; of this amount £271 18s. was received for season tickets.

Caretaker.

The Committee selected Mr. J. Cuthbert to fill the position of Caretaker at the Exhibition, and from the time he entered upon his duties until the completion of the work he had in hand he gave the utmost satisfaction to all with whom he came in contact.

Judging.

Every effort was made by the Exhibition Committee to obtain ladies and gentlemen in every way competent to fill the position of judges in the different sections. Many of those who agreed to perform this unenviable task did so conditionally that they were to remain *incognito*. After due consideration, it was agreed not to reveal the names of any of the judges. There were in all 25, and the time occupied was three weeks. The thanks of the Committee are due to one and all for the services so cheerfully rendered in so thankless a task.

Subscriptions.

A list of those who so willingly came forward to assist in raising the necessary sum to claim the Government subsidy, together with the amount of their subscriptions, amounting to £340 2s., will be found in another part of this pamphlet; also the sums received for the right of selling at the Exhibition, &c.

Meetings.

There were 60 meetings of the General and Executive Committees, the average attendance being two-thirds, clearly demonstrating the interest taken in the work by those in authority.

CLOSING CEREMONY.

In accordance with previous announcement, the Tasmanian Juvenile and Industrial Exhibition was closed on April 17 by His Excellency Sir G. Cumine Strahan. Exactly at 4 o'clock His Excellency the Governor arrived, and was received by Mr. James Harcourt, President of the Exhibition Committee, by whom he was conducted to the Juvenile Court. Here preparations had been made for the suitable reception of His Excellency. In front of the dais, chairs had been arranged in a semicircle, and therein were seated Members of the Ministry, the Exhibition Committee, City Council, &c. As His Excellency entered the building the Artillery Band, under the conductorship of Herr Schott, R.A.M.L., played the National Anthem. A great number of ladies and gentlemen had assembled to witness the closing ceremonies. Among those present were the Hon. T. D. Chapman, the Hon. Henry Butler, the Hon. W. Moore, Hon. J. S. Dodds, Hon. T. C. Smart, the Mayor and Aldermen, and the Members of the Exhibition Committee. The Governor having been conducted to the dais, the President (Mr. James Harcourt) read the following report of the Committee:—

CLOSING REPORT.

To His Excellency SIR G. C. STRAHAN, K.C.M.G., Governor of Tasmania.

Having been honoured by your presence, as Her Majesty's Representative, at the inauguration, we feel the more deeply sensible of Your Excellency's interest in this undertaking by your kind consent to declare, that, with the close of this day, the work so happily commenced has come to an equally pleasant termination.

Without entering into minute details, it may be interesting to state that during the ten weeks the Exposition has been open to the public not less than 60,000 visits have been paid to it; a sum of over £3000 has been received from all sources; and though the expenditure has been much larger than was anticipated, it may be safely affirmed that when the accounts are finally audited the balance will be found on the right side. The Committee have felt justified in awarding 39 gold medals, 261 silver medals, and 520 certificates of merit. A copy of the Report of Awards accompanies this address, and in every respect the result has exceeded the most sanguine expectation.

Works of this nature necessarily involve considerable anxiety, and more particularly in a colony where previous experience was not available. It is, therefore, the more gratifying to be able to assure Your Excellency of the complete success of the movement from a financial standpoint; and, taking a much higher view, it may be confidently hoped that in the development of industry, and the stimulus given to painstaking effort and perseverance in the preparation and finish of work, the benefits will be of a far-reaching and permanent character.

A commencement having been made, it may be assumed that the public spirit of colonists will not rest satisfied without securing a building capable of holding exhibits of every kind from all the colonies—not excluding those from far-off lands—and that the day is not far distant when an Intercolonial Exhibition in Hobart will attract the attention and arouse the emulation of the people of Australia. The Committee observe, with much satisfaction, that Tasmania will be represented in the Exhibition at Calcutta.

It is difficult to make distinctions, but the Committee would feel themselves wanting in gratitude if they did not recognise the services of their officers, more particularly those whose toil has been of a purely honorary character. Their warmest thanks are due to their President; to the Rev. J. W. Simmons (originator of the Exhibition); to their Treasurer: and especially to their Secretary, for the ungrudging time and attention cheerfully devoted to this undertaking. Thanks also are due to the Press,—to public institutions and companies,—in a word, to all who have aided in a task in which the sense of pleasure far out-balances the weight of care.

Once more thanking Your Excellency for your interest in our enterprise, we beg to assure you of our unabated loyalty and attachment to the throne and person of our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JAMES HARCOURT, *President.*
J. G. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

Mr. Harcourt then handed the Report, which had been printed on satin, to His Excellency, to whom Mr. J. G. Davies, the Secretary, handed an Official Catalogue of the Awards.

His Excellency then read the following reply:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,

On an occasion such as this, it is no less pleasing than it is appropriate that you should take the opportunity of giving an assurance of your unabated loyalty and attachment to the throne and person of the Sovereign.

In receiving your Report, I desire to express the great pleasure which it gives me to be able to take part in the ceremony of to-day, and I thank you for your kind recognition of the interest which I have taken in your enterprise. I shall always be glad to think that any encouragement which I was able to give to your labours helped to bring them to a successful issue.

I feel assured that all who have interested themselves in this undertaking must be gratified that you are in a position to state results so satisfactory as those embodied in your Report. I am happy to learn, not only that this building has attracted so large a number of visitors, but also that the Exhibition has been successful from a financial point of view. From my experience of similar undertakings in other colonies, I venture to say that the full benefits to be derived from these Exhibitions are not always felt until some time after they have been closed, and one of these, I rejoice to think, will be the encouragement given to the young of the Colony to increase their efforts in the various industries in which they may be engaged.

The awards which the Committee have been able to make convince me that Tasmania has reason to be proud of her products, and the labour and skill of her people. I join with you in the hope that this Exhibition may be the earnest of future enterprise, and that the public spirit which has been aroused may show itself even further in advancing the interests of the Colony.

I share your satisfaction that Tasmania will be represented in the forthcoming Exhibition at Calcutta, which, I hope, may be the means of bringing her into closer commercial relations with our great Indian Empire.

I fully concur with the Committee in their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by you, Sir, as President; by Mr. Simmons, the originator of the Exhibition; by Mr. Hamilton, your Treasurer; and especially by your Secretary, Mr. J. G. Davies. I congratulate you and them, and all who have worked in the cause of the Tasmanian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition of 1883, upon having secured results which fully entitle you and them to the gratitude of the Colony at large.

I now declare this Exhibition closed.

GEO. C. STRAHAN.

Exhibition Building, April 17, 1883.

FINAL NOTES.—BALANCE SHEETS, &c.

The Exhibition being closed, speedy steps were taken to forward the country exhibits, the whole of which were packed by the Caretaker and forwarded to their respective destinations within a fortnight of the closing. The Hobart Exhibits were mostly taken away by the owners; and it is very gratifying to state that the Secretary has received innumerable letters thanking the Committee for the care taken in packing and forwarding the various articles. Of the total of 2000 exhibits received, only two articles were found missing at the close, which speaks well for the community.

Exhibition Ball.

The Exhibition having been so successful, a general desire was expressed that, as a wind-up, a Ball should be given under the auspices of the Exhibition Committee, which was agreed to, the date being fixed for 1st May. Everything that could possibly tend to make it a success was done. It was admitted on all sides that the arrangements were most complete, and the decorations, &c. far and away surpassed anything that had been attempted in Hobart up to this time. Unfortunately, many who were loudest in their desire for the Ball were conspicuous by their absence on the occasion; the consequence was, that while the extra room made it more enjoyable for those present, the Committee had to suffer a considerable loss.

Mayor's Banquet.

On 24th April His Worship the Mayor (W. Belbin, Esq.) gave a Complimentary Dinner at the Town Hall to the Exhibition Committee. Over 60 were present, including the Aldermen and many of the leading Exhibitors in Hobart. His Worship proposed the health of the President, and congratulated him, on behalf of the citizens of Hobart, on the great success of the Exhibition. The healths of the Hon. Secretary, Committee, and Exhibitors were all drunk, and duly acknowledged. Everything passed off in a most satisfactory manner.

Donations.

The Committee of Management, finding they would have a surplus, decided to show their appreciation of the manner in which their *employés* had performed their duties voted, £45, to be distributed as follows:—J. Cuthbert (Caretaker), £20; Messrs. Watson, Fawsitt, Pogue, Dore, and Edwards, £5 each; several small sums were also voted for assistance rendered from time to time by the Corporation *employés*.

Testimonials.

On 26th June the Committee voted One hundred guineas to purchase a suitable testimonial for the Hon. Secretary. They also voted £30 and £25 respectively for a similar purpose to the Hon. Architect and Hon. Treasurer.

At the final meeting of the Committee, held on 13th July, the Hon. Secretary declined to accept the testimonial, giving as his reason for so doing that he was opposed to money being taken out of the funds for the purpose named. The Hon. Architect and Hon. Treasurer also declined to receive the amounts voted to them. The following Resolution was then unanimously passed, and ordered to be engrossed:—

“That this Committee desire to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered in regard to the late Juvenile Industrial Exhibition by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. G. Davies.”

Similar Resolutions were also passed to Mr. James Harcourt (President), Mr. John Hamilton (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. C. W. S. James (Hon. Architect).

Conclusion.

The General Committee, in bringing their duties to an end, cannot but help being gratified at the success which has crowned their efforts; they feel that they can do nothing less than congratulate the Exhibitors, not only in the Colony, but also in Victoria, upon the highly satisfactory results which have attended the first Juvenile and Industrial Exhibition held in Tasmania. The General Committee are aware they have been unable to please everybody, yet they claim for themselves the possession of an earnest desire, from the commencement to the close of the undertaking, to do honestly and fearlessly what they consider to be for the best interests of the work they had in hand. In bringing their duties to a close, they have the gratification of knowing that they have been the means of stirring up a praiseworthy spirit of emulation amongst the youth of Tasmania, and, in an educational point of view, they feel satisfied their efforts will be of great benefit to the rising generation. In conclusion, they hope that the time is not far distant when Tasmania will be able to announce to the world its intention to have an Exhibition at the Capital of such a character as to cause the Island to be brought more prominently under the notice of Europe and Australia.

JAMES HARCOURT, *President.*

DONATIONS RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
His Excellency Sir George C. Strahan	50	0	0	Jos. Solomon	3	3	0
Mr. and Mrs. G. Arnold	10	10	0	A. Crisp	3	3	0
Jas. Gibson, Epping	10	0	0	Lewis and Sons	3	3	0
"Homo," New Zealand	10	0	0	G. Crisp	3	3	0
W. P. Green	5	5	0	Fred. Moore	3	3	0
Perkins and Nephew	5	5	0	Ferd. Kayser	3	3	0
E. Shoobridge, M.H.A.	5	5	0	A. Winter	2	2	0
A. G. Webster and Son	5	5	0	Hon. N. J. Brown	2	2	0
Hon. W. R. Giblin	5	5	0	E. C. Nowell	2	2	0
Alex. Evans, Launceston	5	5	0	Grubb Bros.	2	2	0
J. Bidencope	5	5	0	J. Browne and Co.	2	2	0
Macfarlane Bros. and Co.	5	5	0	H. W. Gower	2	2	0
W. H. Burgess, M.H.A.	5	5	0	W. E. Shoobridge	2	2	0
A. McGregor and Co.	5	5	0	Jos. Graves and Son	2	2	0
John Hamilton and Co.	5	5	0	Whitesides and Sons	2	2	0
Marsh and Co.	5	5	0	A. Riddoch	2	2	0
E. P. Wilson	5	5	0	Alderman Maher	2	2	0
James Harcourt	5	5	0	Miles and Co.	2	2	0
Ferguson and Co.	5	5	0	E. Chancellor	2	2	0
Wm. Belbin, M.H.A.	5	5	0	G. Seabrook	2	0	0
A. P. Miller	5	5	0	Alderman Gregory	2	0	0
W. A. Guesdon, M.H.A.	5	5	0	C. H. Grant	2	0	0
J. B. Mather and Son	5	0	0	James McPherson	2	0	0
Jno. Bailey and Co.	5	0	0	Jas. Salier	1	1	0
J. Bowman	5	0	0	S. Watson	1	1	0
W. Hodgson, M.L.C.	5	0	0	W. Aldred	1	1	0
Hon. W. Moore	5	0	0	Thos. Paton	1	1	0
Hon. J. S. Dodds	5	0	0	N. H. Proptsing	1	1	0
Syme and Co.	5	0	0	L. R. Castray	1	1	0
Walch and Sons	5	0	0	Hon. H. Butler	1	1	0
P. O. Fysh and Co.	5	0	0	R. Aughey	1	1	0
R. R. Rex	5	0	0	W. MacLaren	1	1	0
W. Crosby and Co.	5	0	0	W. Graham	1	1	0
W. Crosby, Jun.	5	0	0	James Robb	1	1	0
J. G. Parker	5	0	0	S. Grueber	1	0	0
G. Peacock	5	0	0	A. J. Ogilvie	1	0	0
C. Parsons	5	0	0	E. Drake	0	10	0
W. Murray	5	0	0	W. Burgess, Battery Point	0	10	0
C. E. Knight	5	0	0				
G. and J. Salier	4	4	0	Total	£340	2	0
A. O'Connor	4	0	0				
Chas. Davis	3	3	0				

The Treasurer (JOHN HAMILTON) in Account with The Tasmanian Juvenile Industrial Exhibition.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Government Subsidy	500 0 0	By Timber, Carpentry, and De-	
Subscriptions	340 2 0	corations	772 3 1
Season Tickets	271 18 0	Gas and Lighting	522 15 4
Door Receipts	1897 13 3	Printing, Advertising, and Sta-	
Rents	110 0 0	tionery	225 6 0
Catalogues	52 9 0	Music, Fairy Fountain, &c.	351 7 9
Ball Tickets	45 12 6	Medals and Certificates	439 12 2
Commissions and Discounts	19 2 6	Corporation, Rent	250 0 0
Auction Sales	86 19 6	Wages, Cartage, &c.	216 18 10
		Insurance	22 19 0
		Compensation, Barnett	20 0 0
		Official Catalogues and Record .	50 0 0
		Sundries	64 5 1
		Unforeseen Expenses (say)	15 0 0
		Gratuities to <i>Employés</i>	65 12 0
		Ditto Local Bands	75 0 0
		Launceston Agent	6 0 0
		Auditors' Fees	5 5 0
		Balance	221 12 6
	<u>£3323 16 9</u>		<u>£3323 16 9</u>
July 12, 1883.			
To Balance in Bank V. D. Land ...	£221 12 6		

JOHN HAMILTON,
Hon. Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined all the Books and Vouchers connected with the above accounts, certify that the balance as stated, £221 12s. 6d., to the credit of the Exhibition, is correct.

GEO. MORGAN, }
H. W. CHAPMAN, } *Auditors.*

FINANCE.—After defraying all known expenses, there remains a balance, as shown above, to the credit of the Exhibition of £221 12s. 6d., which amount has been placed at the disposal of the Corporation, conditionally that they erect a Clock Tower in the city within the next three years.