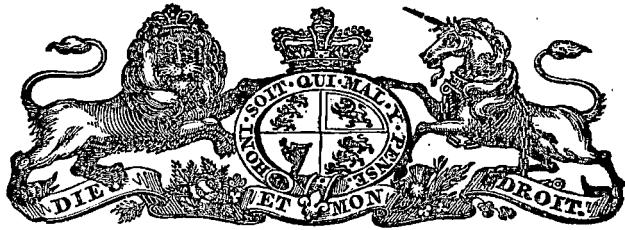


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BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, LAUNCESTON.

REPORT FOR 1869.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 23, 1870.



REPORT of the Launceston BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for the Year 1869.

THE Committee of the Launceston Benevolent Society, in presenting their annual report to the subscribers, are thankful they are able to state that they have again succeeded in accomplishing the duties devolving upon them within the amount of funds placed at their disposal; that, although they have no funds in hand, they are out of debt. The number of applications for relief during the year just past has been greater than the previous year; but by careful examination of every case brought under their notice they have avoided giving assistance to improper objects, and thus economised the funds.

The impossibility of getting funds collected from the inhabitants of the town by voluntary aid has compelled them to employ a paid collector.

A complete list of subscribers will shortly be published.

Medical advice and medicine have been freely administered at the General Hospital to a large number of persons upon the recommendation of the Chairman of this Society.

The necessity for one or more schools in which the children of the poor could be instructed is continually pressing upon the members of the Committee; the present provisions for that purpose being inadequate to the wants of the town, and although some years since Parliament voted a liberal sum for the purpose, the matter was quietly shelved and no action taken to effect this necessary work.

Since our last annual meeting the Committee has lost one of its most active and useful members by the decease of I. Sherwin, Esq., and they urgently call upon those who can assist them to volunteer their help in carrying on the business of the Society.

The numbers relieved during the year are as follows; viz.—Men, 80; women, 130; children, 325; total, 535; being an increase of 8 on the previous year.

The Treasurer in Account Current with the LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for the Year 1869.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
	£ s. d.	
To Balance from 1868	28 4 10	By Groceries, Hubbard
Government Contribution	456 16 0	Bread, Sutton
Ditto, special	30 3 2	Meat, Powell
Donations and Subscriptions	199 15 6	Secretary's Salary
		Board and Lodgings
		Printing and Advertising
		Car Hire
		Blankets
		Sundries
		G. Parke, Commission
		Balance
	£714 19 6	£714 19 6

13th January, 1870.

JAS. JNO. HUDSON, *Chairman.*