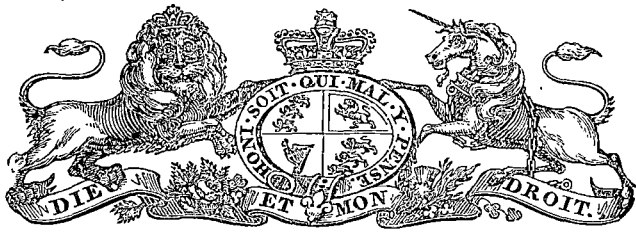


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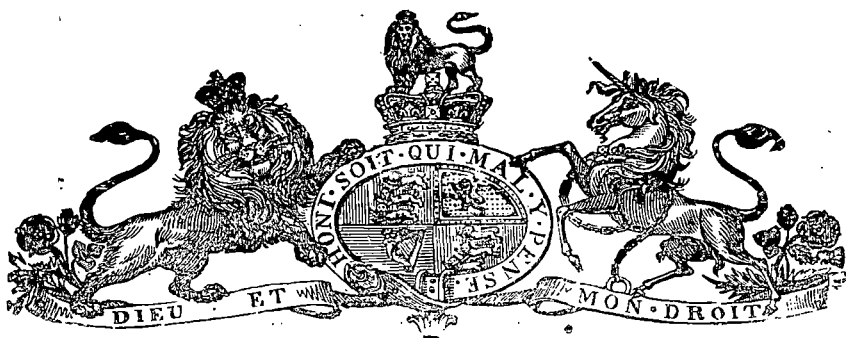
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RAGGED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION:

REPORT FOR 1886.

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



RAGGED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION.

*Committee Room,
Bible Depot, Liverpool Street, Hobart, 10th March, 1887.*

SIR,

In submitting their Annual Report for the information of the Ministry and Honorable Members of Parliament of Tasmania, the Committee of the Ragged Schools Association desire respectfully to state that, so far as numbers in attendance during the year 1886 are concerned, the three schools under their care have been worked with success. The number of children on the rolls kept by the teachers during that period has been 523, the average daily attendance 350, which, considering the class to which the children belong, may, in their opinion, be fairly considered good.

In January, 1886, the debit balance in the Commercial Bank against the Association was £87 8s. 3d., which, by the contributions of the inhabitants of the city, through the agency of voluntary collectors, was reduced to a debit of £8 16s. at the end of the year. Total receipts during 1886 were £450 from the Treasury of the Colony, and £167 14s. from private subscriptions; total expenditure £539 1s. 9d.

There have been the usual distribution of winter clothing in the month of June, and examinations at Christmas, with prizes, at all the schools.

The Committee look forward to the future with confidence that, with their present efficient staff of teachers, they will be able to continue the work hitherto carried on in their schools with increased success.

JOSEPH BENSON MATHER, *Chairman.*

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

LADY-SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

WATCHORN-STREET SCHOOL.

The school has been regularly visited during the year, and sewing classes conducted by different ladies.

Making and distribution of midwinter clothing.—In July there was a distribution of warm, serviceable clothing,—frocks, petticoats, &c. for the girls; jumpers, socks, and shirts for the boys, each child receiving one, and in some instances two articles. The Clothing Fund is supported by gifts from well-wishers of the school, and each member of the Ladies' Committee contributes £1 per annum.

Money for prizes, &c.—£1 15s. was granted from the funds of the Association for prizes, and the children had their usual Christmas treat.

ANNA M'FARLANE, *L.S.*

LOWER COLLINS-STREET SCHOOL.

The winter distribution of clothing took place on July 9. 158 children were present and 168 garments were divided among them; 50 of these were made by the children in school. The rest were contributed by Miss Terry, Mrs. H. Miller, Mrs. A. G. Webster, Mrs. Banks Smith, Mrs. Budge, Mrs. Scott, Miss Manley, and other friends. The treat of buns was provided by the ladies of the Committee, and apples were given by Mr. Inge, New Norfolk.

Miss Ryan, the teacher, keeps good order in the class, and is most satisfactory in her management. Prizes for needlework were given at the Christmas examination.

Contributions to Lower Collins-street School for 1886:—

	£	s.	d.
March—Miss Nutt	1	0	0
Mr. Mather	2	10	0
April—Miss Nutt	0	5	0
June—Hon. P. O. Fysh	0	10	0
July—Mrs. Miller	0	2	6
November—Mrs. Downie	0	10	0
Miss Nutt	0	5	6
For prizes, treats, &c.	3	2	10
For materials	2	7	0
	£10	12	10

CATHERINE GARRETT, *L.S.*

CASCADE ROAD FREE SCHOOL.

I have to report that the winter distribution of clothing for 1886 took place on 21st June. The clothing consisted of petticoats for the girls, and jackets, shirts, comforters, and socks for the boys. Every child in the school received one or more articles of clothing. Donations of material and clothing were received from Lady Wilson and Mrs. Kennedy. Mrs. Walch collected from friends of the school money for the purchase of materials, &c. After the distribution the children were feasted with fruit, cake, and buns, kindly sent by Mrs. T. Giblin and Mrs. Allport. I have to acknowledge valuable assistance received from Mesdames Hawkins, B. Dickson, A. J. Taylor, and H. Walch, and the Misses Elliot and Mitchell, in finishing work that was too difficult for the girls. The children sew very neatly, and must certainly be industrious, as I find it difficult even with the assistance of friends to keep pace with their requirements in the matter of placed work. The value of the clothing given was over £10.

E. PERKINS, *L.S.*

SAM. B. FOOKES, *Hon. Secretary.*

RAGGED SCHOOLS.

Average Number and Average Daily Attendance, 1886.

SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF CHILDREN.					
	Average Number on the Rolls.			Average Daily Attendance.		
	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.
RAGGED SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION—						
Watchorn-street School	74	62	136	47	39	86
Collins-street School	88	94	182	56	60	116
Cascade Road School	112	93	205	83	65	148
	523	350

