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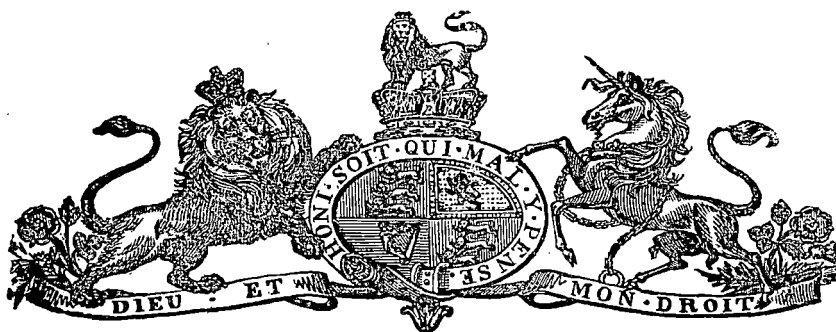
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CHARITABLE AID IN HOBART AND
SUBURBS :

REPORT FOR 1885.

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



Benevolent Society, Hobart, 29th January, 1886.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward Report of Charitable Aid in Hobart and suburbs, as supplied to me by the Enquiring Officer.

During 1885 there were 146 cases on the books, including 22 married couples, 57 single women, 25 single men, 42 families, and 130 children. There were six cases of desertion by husbands ; 1 husband in gaol, unable to find sureties ; 1 husband, invalid ; 2 orphans ; and 35 widows.

The sum of £760 17s. was expended in cash, being an increase of £10 17s. over 1884. On the Ration Account there was a decrease of 525 issues, equal to a reduction of £70 16s. cash.

The members of the Executive Committee have given careful attention to the cases brought under their notice, and there does not appear much prospect of further reduction ; in fact, the education in poverty has been so complete that continual applications from those who have been taught to lean on the State in sickness and age must almost necessarily be forthcoming. The hope of improvement rests in the better training of the children.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. SIMMONS, *Chairman Executive Committee*
Benevolent Society.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.