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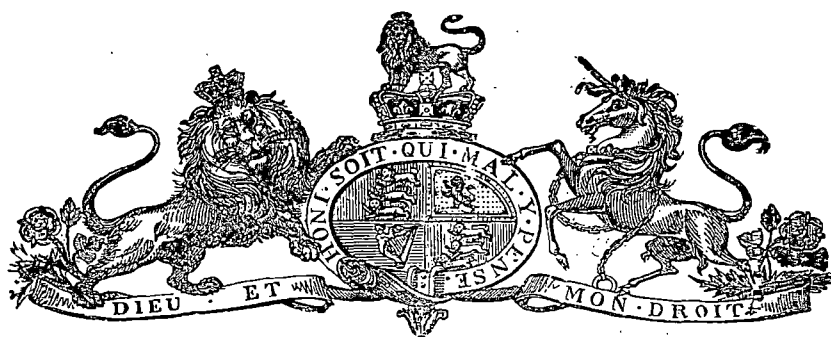
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, LAUNCESTON :

REPORT FOR 1888.

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



GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, LAUNCESTON.

THE Governors and Committee are pleased to report the continued successful working of this Institution.

During the year three girls have been admitted and two have been placed at service. Number remaining on December 31, 33. Of those placed at service we continue to get satisfactory accounts, some having honorably fulfilled their term of apprenticeship, and others still continuing to give satisfaction.

Early in the year—having obtained the consent of the Local School Board—it was decided to send all the younger children, numbering 19, to the State School, and they have since been in attendance, but, in the case of some of them, not with that regularity we could desire: this has arisen in consequence of their services being required at the Home during the illness of many of the elder girls. Their attendance at the Public School has been fraught with the most beneficial results, as they not only make more rapid progress than they could be expected to make at the Home, but it is found to be of great advantage in regard to their general training and education. Their mixing freely with other children has the effect of breaking down *class distinctions* and lifting them largely out of the category of *charity* children; and it has this further advantage, that when they have to go out into the world they are the better prepared to resist temptations to evil.

For some months past there has been a great deal of sickness among the children, and it was found necessary, at different periods, to send some twelve or fourteen cases to the Hospital. We are thankful, however, to state that by the end of the year their general health had much improved. We are much indebted to Dr. Hallows for his unceasing attention and kindness during this very trying period.

As the alleged cause of the outbreak, the attention of the Governors has been specially directed to matters of ventilation, drainage, &c., and these have been rendered as complete as possible; so that if the sickness originated from these causes, we are satisfied that the evil has been remedied. Mr. Bushman, the Sanitary Officer, has given us valuable assistance in this matter.

The usual Bible Classes have been held during the year by Rev. Mr. Champion, Pastor Soltau, and Mrs. Flexman.

Our financial condition is not satisfactory. The large burden of debt still remaining on the property involves us in an expenditure for interest on mortgage, &c., of about £100 per annum. This throws a great strain upon our current account, the result being that our debt is steadily increasing. We are, however, justified in stating there is good hope that this debt will be shortly extinguished, the Governors having had a distinct promise from the Government that they will (during the coming session of Parliament) place £1000 on the estimates towards this object on the express condition that we raise the balance of debt, viz., £500. Two of the Governors have specially taken this matter in hand, with the result that nearly the whole of the amount has been promised, £240 of which has already been received.

The retirement of John Whitefoord, Esq., in consequence of failing health, from the position which he has occupied as Governor since the founding of the Institution, renders it necessary that some one should be elected in his stead. We feel great regret at Mr. Whitefoord's retirement, as he has always been a staunch friend and given valuable help. We wish to convey to him our cordial thanks for his past services.

THE LAUNCESTON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS in account with the TREASURER.

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.	
<i>From April 30, 1888, to June 30, 1889.</i>	
Dr.	£ s. d.
To Balance due Bank.....	161 4 7
Cash paid D. Scott.....	13 1 10
Interest	6 19 2
	£181 5 7
E. & O. E.	
F. STANFIELD, <i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	
<i>Launceston, June 30th, 1889.</i>	
Examined and found correct,	
MATT. TYSON, <i>Auditor.</i>	

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT, No. 2,	
FOR EXTINGUISHING THE DEBT.	
<i>From April 30, 1888, to June 30, 1889.</i>	
Dr.	£ s. d.
To subscriptions and donations as per list....	239 19 6
	£239 19 6
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June 30. By Cash in Bank of Australasia...	239 19 6
	£239 19 6
E. & O. E.	
F. STANFIELD, <i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>	
<i>Launceston, June 30th, 1889.</i>	
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Building Fund Account, No. 2, for extinguishing the Debt.

Received by the Treasurer—	£ s. d.
Harbour Works Accident Fund	7 19 6
Proceeds Football Match, Boyd and Lewis' Factory	2 0 0
The Orpheus Club, Hobart	10 0 0
The Secretary Horticultural Society—Sale Plants	10 0 0
M'Kay, Sampson, and M'Kinlay	3 3 0
The Misses Menzies, Epping.....	2 2 0
J. Barton.....	1 0 0
Grand Lodge I.O.O.F.	1 0 0
Proceeds Football Match—Grocers v. Stationers.....	1 15 0
Alexander Clark.....	1 0 0
Sale of Land, Welman-street	80 0 0
	119 19 6
Collected by Messrs. E. L. Ditcham and F. Stanfield.....	120 0 0
	£239 19 6