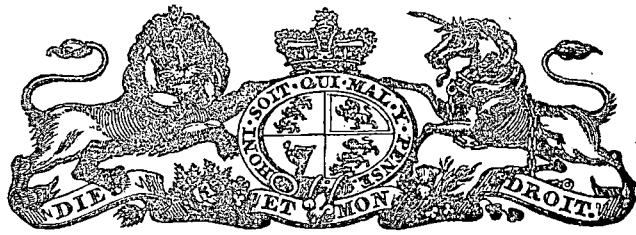


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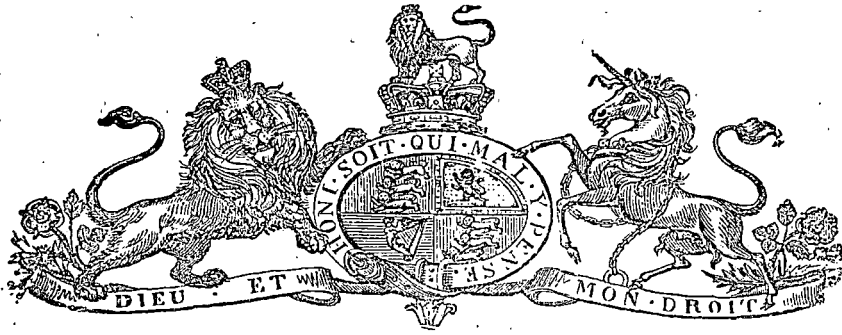
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT FOR 1882.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 24, 1883.



REPORT of the LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY for the Year 1882.

THE Committee of the Launceston Benevolent Society, in presenting their Report for the Year 1882, beg to thank the public for the generous support accorded them, which, in conjunction with Government aid, has enabled them to meet every genuine case of distress brought before them.

The Committee have also to acknowledge the kindness of those who so liberally responded to their appeal on behalf of the poor at Christmas time and on New Year's Day. Many deserving families not on the books of the Society were furnished with tickets on both of these occasions.

The outlay of the Society during the past year has been greatly augmented by the high price of provisions, although the number of cases relieved was smaller than usual. Several families who through the illness of the father have been rendered destitute, after receiving temporary assistance, have been able to declare off the Society, and expressed great thankfulness for the relief afforded. (See Dr. Bernardo's *Day and Night*, October number.)

The Committee have to acknowledge the receipt of several boxes of left-off clothing, which have proved very acceptable to the poorly clad; as also blankets, and the means to purchase a sufficient number to supply the poor during the winter season.

The Committee have experienced considerable inconvenience through the very limited accommodation at the Female Depôt, and have had frequently to continue relief to cases waiting admission to that institution.

The cases of neglected children are attended to and placed in as suitable homes as the limited accommodation for this class affords us.

For the information of subscribers and the public generally, we state the quantity of rations supplied weekly; viz.—To a single person one ration, which consists of 3½ lbs. meat, 7 lbs. bread, 1 lb. sugar, and 2 ozs. of tea, and in cases where there are families we issue double the above, which is the maximum, but, in sickness, beef for beef-tea and oatmeal is given.

The Committee again ask the public not to relieve beggars at their doors, as there is no need for any to solicit alms in such a manner, provision being made for every kind of destitution.

We would call the attention of the public to our Treasurer's account, on perusal of which they will find that this Society is worked with the greatest economy, the expenses being only about 10 per cent. of income.

We have again to thank the members of the Press who have so regularly attended our meetings, and so fully reported our proceedings, which has doubtless placed and kept the Society before the public, thereby exciting their sympathy in the practical way referred to in this report.

The Board have held during the past year 47 meetings, with an average attendance of 9 members out of 11 on the Committee.

Your Committee has relieved during the year 1882—51 men, 81 women, 119 children. Of 83 applications, 62 were relieved, 21 not entertained, and 4 whose parents are away.

E. L. DITCHAM, *Chairman.*

LAUNCESTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY *in account with Treasurer, 1882.*

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
To Meat	247 7 6	By Balance from 1881.....	185 14 5
Groceries	161 9 10	Government Grant-in-Aid	250 0 0
Bread	227 8 1	Ditto (conditional).....	250 0 0
Salary (Secretary)	75 0 0	Subscriptions and Donations	316 15 0
Lodgings and rent	16 9 8	Interest	14 0 0
Fares by steamer, rail, and car.....	8 4 6	Balance due to Van Diemen's Land	
Midwifery	8 16 0	Bank.....	21 8 9
Printing, stationery, and stamps	10 9 8		
Firewood	8 7 0		
Blankets.....	17 6 0		
Commission	11 19 11		
Deposit Bank of Van Diemen's Land...	250 0 0		
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G. BABINGTON, *Hon. Treasurer.*