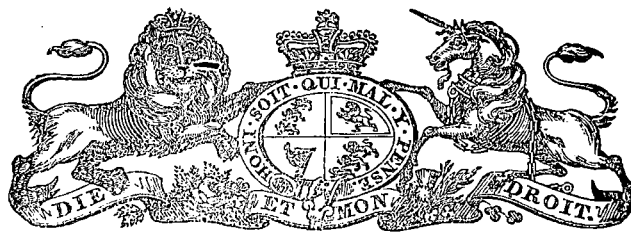


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FEMALE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, HOBART:

REPORT FOR 1880.

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HOBART INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1880.

YOUR Committee reported last year that they had, after mature deliberation, undertaken increased responsibility, both as respects the number of inmates and the consequent outlay. It affords them great satisfaction to be able to say the result has fully answered their expectations. The increase in the amount of subscriptions, the handsome donation of £50 from Mr. L. Ehrenfried, has more than met the expenses for the year; and they hope that this fact is indicative of a growing desire to see the Institution become a great success.

At the present time the girls in the school are mostly young, which fact, while pointing to a more prolonged residence in the Institution, and greater cost individually, at the same time gives fuller opportunity of instilling right principles, and thus promises more permanent results; but, notwithstanding this change, it will be seen that the amount earned does not fall far short of that of the previous year, although eleven of the elder girls have left for service, and only seven have been admitted. For their annual treat, given by the Ladies' Committee, the girls were taken by rail to Claremont, the residence of Henry Bilton, Esq. This event is looked forward to with great delight. It is an encouragement to good behaviour, and fosters a feeling of respect towards the members of the Committee.

In the distribution of prizes in June no child is omitted. Approbation of good conduct and diligence is shown by the greater value of the gift.

The amount earned from washing, mangling, and needlework done by the girls during the year is £127 16s. 3d.

Lady Lefroy has kindly consented to become Patroness of the school; and during Mrs. Bromby's absence Mrs. Crowther acts as President. Quarterly examinations of the school have been conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Davenport and the Rev. J. Mace, to whom the Committee tender their thanks. Both gentlemen expressed themselves pleased with the progress of the children.

The Matron, Assistant, and Teacher have discharged their duties most satisfactorily; and the Committee have also reason to be pleased with the general training and conduct of the girls in the school, and of those who have been taken from it into domestic service.

They have much pleasure in reporting that they have received from T. Westbrook, Esq., from a fund held in trust by himself and the late P. T. Smith, the sum of £5 towards founding a library; and they avail themselves of this opportunity of appealing to their friends for contributions to the same, either of money or suitable books, as they feel assured that a good library would afford amusement, and foster a taste for reading, which would be a great benefit to the girls in their future life.

Number of girls, January 1, 1880	39
Ditto admitted	7
Ditto left for service	11
Ditto returned to her mother	1
Ditto remaining, 31 December	34

HARRIET SALIER, *Hon. Secretary.*

