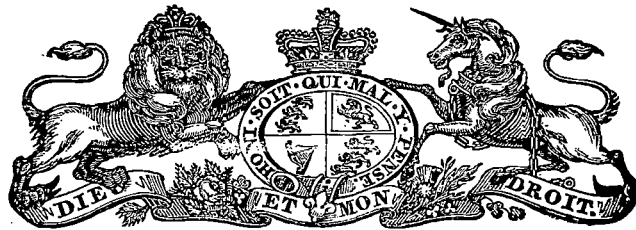


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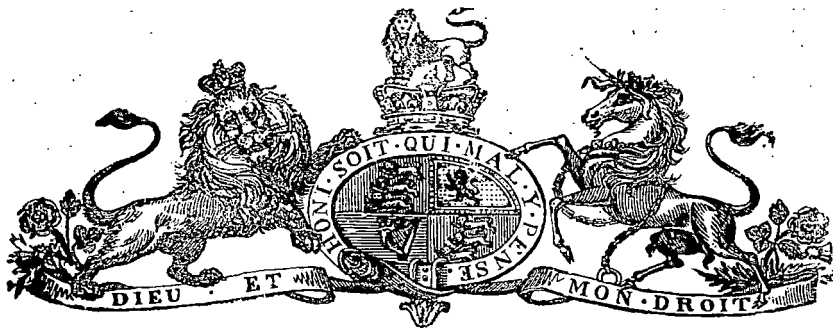
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**FEMALE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, HOBART
TOWN :**

REPORT FOR 1878.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Crowther, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 9, 1879.



HOBART TOWN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1878.

ALTHOUGH the work of the Institution has, during the past year, been carried on without any incidents of a marked character, it has, nevertheless, been satisfactory. Your Committee feel that the object at which they aim—the moral, as well as the intellectual and industrial training of the inmates—is to be attained only by continuous effort; for the growth of moral principles, even under the most favourable circumstances, is a work of time. They do not speak thus in a spirit of disappointment, but because they are deeply impressed with the importance of their labours. Instances of the value of the training received in the School come occasionally under their notice. Some girls are keeping their situations for two, and even three years; and as an instance of the interest felt in the welfare of the School, it may be stated that the names of two of them appear in the list of subscribers. The internal arrangements of the Institution are satisfactory. Both Matron and Teacher are competent and kind, and their moral influence is very perceptible. The religious training continues to be carried on by the Rev. Dean Bromby and by ladies, who conduct a Bible class on Sunday afternoons.

The Institution is a home as well as a refuge. Some two or three of the inmates are in part paid for by their friends; the others are wholly dependent upon the funds. The amount earned by the girls in the School since the presentation of the last report is £122 17s. 10d. The advantage to the Institution is twofold—first, to the funds; and secondly, to girls themselves, in fostering habits of industry.

Your Committee regret that circumstances have compelled the resignation of the Treasurer, H. Cook, Esq., who is about to visit England. They desire to express their obligation to him for the interest he has always shown in the welfare of the School. The increase in the building fund during the year amounts to £114 15s. 5d. Your Committee wish to draw attention to this fund. Were they to purchase premises, or build, it would cost some £1000 beyond the amount in hand, which means that the building of a home would absorb £60 per annum, and the whole of the interest now accruing from the capital fund. Their expenses at present amount to £25 per annum for rent, so that they have a surplus in the interest of £89 15s. 5d. It will thus be seen that instead of a claim of £60, there is a surplus towards the capital of nearly £90, making a total saving to the funds of £150 per annum. In presenting their Report, your Committee would commend the Institution to the sympathy of the Christian community, and especially to the tender care of him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

The number of inmates, January 1, 1878.....	32
Ditto admitted.....	11
Ditto left for service, 10.....	} 14
Ditto returned to parents, 4.....	
Ditto remaining, December 31.....	29

Charles Crosby, Esq., has consented to act as Treasurer.

