

Report of Industrial Room

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THE INDUSTRIAL ROOM was opened in 1883, the convenor and a few other ladies deeply interested in the difficult question of helping the poor of our city, had come to the conclusion that the only true way to do so was by supplying them with work, for which a fair and right price would be paid, thus, they would be enabled to retain their own independence and self-respect and prove to those from whom they asked assistance that their case was either one of worthlessness or misfortune. As several of these ladies belonged to the Relief Society the question was brought up before this Society, they kindly responded and then decided to take the Industrial Room as a branch of their own work. A Committee was formed, consisting of Convenor, Treasurer, Secretary and a representative from each Division, the Society loaning the Committee \$100 to begin their new work.

For the first winter the Committee met in two small rooms on Breadalbane Street, where every week the Convenor, Miss Stark, and her Committee worked most earnestly trying to supply each applicant with sewing or