

HONGKONG.

REPORT ON THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND FOR THE SECOND HALF-YEAR OF 1892.

*Laid before the Legislative Council by Command of His Excellency
the Governor, on the 5th April, 1893.*

HONGKONG, 18th March, 1893.

SIR,—We have the honour to submit the following report on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the period from 1st July to 31st December, 1892.

A Statement of Accounts of the Fund to 31st December, 1892, is appended.

On 31st December, 1892, the Funds were disposed of as follows :—

On Current Account, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank,	\$ 985.22
„ Fixed Deposit „ „	7,584.15
Total,.....	<u>\$8,569.37</u>

The monthly contributions amount now to about \$460.

During the period under review 5 Contributors left the service.

There are at present on the books 98 Compulsory Contributors and 1 Voluntary Contributor.

Of these 99 Contributors, 26 are bachelors, 67 are married men, and 6 widowers. There are 183 children on the books.

The average age of the three classes of Contributors (as far as it has been possible to calculate it) is as follows :—

Bachelors,.....	29 years.
Married men,	A fraction under 36 years.
Widowers,	46 years and 3 months.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

N. G. MITCHELL-INNES,
Chairman.

G. STAFFORD NORTHCOTE.

A. W. BREWIN.

F. MACHADO.

J. G. DA RÓCHA.

The Honourable G. T. M. O'BRIEN, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND
FROM JULY, 1891, to 31st DECEMBER, 1892.

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.	BALANCE.
July to December, 1891,	843.96	843.96
January to June, 1892,.....	3,901.37	57.86	3,843.51
July to December, 1892,	* 4,445.50	563.60	3,881.90
TOTAL,.....\$	9,190.83	† 621.46	8,569.37

* Interest not included, (\$227.76.)

† Refunds of amounts erroneously levied,.....\$ 400.56

Working Expenses, 220.90

\$ 621.46