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The following Report on the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund for the year 1897 is published.  
By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1898.

HONGKONG, 25th January, 1898.

SIR,—We have the honour to submit the following Report on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund for 1897.

A Statement of Accounts of the Fund to 31st December, 1897, is appended.

On that date, the Funds were disposed of as follows:—

On Fixed Deposit, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, .....	\$ 43,000.00
„ Current Account „ „ „ .....	41.11
Total,.....	<u>\$ 43,041.11</u>

The average monthly contributions amount now to about \$730.

During the period under review, 45 officers joined the Fund and 25 contributors left.

There are at present 192 contributors on the books; of whom 76 are bachelors, 111 are married, and 5 are widowers.

There are 216 children on the books.

The average age of the three classes of contributors is as follows:—

Bachelors,.....	...About 28 years.
Married men, .....	...A fraction under 37 years.
Widowers,.....	...52 years and 4 months.

The number of pensioners, viz., 6, remains the same as in the previous year:—

Mrs. MOOSDEEN,.....	\$ 63.67 per annum, from	7th January, 1892.
Mrs. BEAVIN, .....	\$ 14.45 „ „	3rd June, 1894.
LEUNG CHE WAN, .....	\$ 30.09 „ „	23rd January, 1896.
CHAN TAI, .....	\$ 54.85 „ „	17th February, 1896.
Mrs. MOFFATT, .....	\$163.10 „ „	14th June, 1896.
Mrs. MOORE, .....	\$119.92 } „ „	22nd July, 1896.
5 children of the late S. MOORE, ...	\$119.93 }	

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Chairman.*

A. W. BREWIN,

F. MACHADO,

FRANCIS W. CLARK,

J. G. DA ROCHA,  
*Directors.*

The Honourable J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary,*

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