

STATEMENT OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION
FUND UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1897.

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.	BALANCE.
Total up to December, 1896,	39,914.88	6,909.76	33,005.12
During 1897,	10,941.63	905.64	10,035.99
\$	50,856.51	7,815.40	43,041.11

	<i>During 1897.</i>	<i>Total up to 31st December, 1897.</i>
Refunds of amounts erroneously levied,.....\$	99.55	\$3,489.32
Working Expenses,	257.50	1,692.45
Pensions paid,	548.59	1,273.57
Half Contribution refunded,	1,360.06
	\$ 905.64	\$7,815.40

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 65.

The following Returns of the Average amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st January, 1898, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	3,051,947	2,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	8,126,528	3,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	449,740	205,000
TOTAL,.....\$	11,628,215	5,205,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 66.

The following Returns of Deaths are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st February, 1898.