

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 37.

The following Report on the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund for the Year 1898, which was laid before the Legislative Council this day, is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th January, 1899.

HONGKONG, 19th January, 1899.

SIR,—We have the honour to submit the following report on the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund for the year 1898.

A Statement of Accounts of the Fund to 31st December, 1898, is appended.

On that date the Funds were disposed as follows:—

On Fixed Deposits with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,	\$37,450.00
On Deposit with the Government,	\$17,754.03
Total,.....	<u>\$55,204.03</u>

The average monthly contributions amount now to about \$850.

During the period under review 53 contributors joined the service, 12 left and 7 died.

There are at present on the books 225 compulsory contributors, of whom 104 are bachelors, 128 are married and 6 are widowers.

The total number of children on the books is 228.

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

Bachelors,	25 Years.
Married Men,	37 „
Widowers,	53 „

There are in the list seven pensioners, whose pensions aggregate \$680.07 per annum, as follows:—

Mrs. BEAVIN,	\$ 14.45
Mrs. MOOSDEEN,	63.67
Mrs. LEUNG CHI WAN,	30.09
Mrs. MOORE,	239.85
Mrs. CHAN TAI,.....	54.85
Mrs. ALARAKIA,.....	195.54
Mrs. CHU TSAU,.....	81.62
Total,.....	<u>\$680.07</u>

Messrs. F. MACHADO and J. G. DA ROCHA having resigned the post of Directors on their retirement from the Service, Messrs. C. W. DUGGAN and E. H. D'AQUINO were appointed in their places.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

A. M. THOMSON,
Chairman.

A. W. BREWIN.

FRANCIS W. CLARK.

C. W. DUGGAN.

E. H. D'AQUINO.

The Honourable T. SERCOMBE SMITH,

Acting Colonial Secretary,

&c., &c., &c.

STATEMENT OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION FUND UP TO
31st DECEMBER, 1898.

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.	BALANCE.
	\$	\$	\$
Total up to December, 1897,	50,856.51	7,915.40	43,041.11
During 1898,	13,060.66	897.74	12,162.92
	\$ 63,917.17	8,713.14	55,204.03

	DURING 1898.	TOTAL UP TO 31st DEC., 1898.
	\$	\$
Refund of Amounts erroneously levied,	11.23	3,500.55
Working Expenses,	321.10	2,913.55
Pensions paid,	565.41	1,838.98
Half Contributions refunded,	1,360.06
	\$ 897.74	8,713.14

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It is hereby notified that Her Majesty has not been advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance:—

No. 27 of 1898, entitled—An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Two Millions Five hundred and Eighty-seven thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-eight Dollars and Eighty Cents to the Public Service of the Year 1899.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th January, 1899.

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A pamphlet published by the United States Government containing the Customs Tariff and Regulations which were established for the Philippine Islands under Order dated 12th July 1898, together with certain tariff Circulars which have been subsequently issued amending the same and postponing the operation of the Order until 10th November 1898, may be seen on application at this Office.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th January, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 40.

The following Return of Books is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th January, 1899.