

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Widows' and families on fund, 26; last year there were 23.

STATE OF THE FUND.

Municipal Debentures at par.....	\$50400 00
Mortgages.....	25284 92
Cash.....	1404 64
	<u>\$77089 56</u>

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year...	\$887 10
Collections and Donations	3528 01
Ministers' Rates.....	1575 00
Interest	4400 00
Investments falling due and paid.....	5844 49

EXPENDITURES.

Annuities paid	\$3796 00
Rates unpaid.....	64 25
Invested	8452 64
Credited to Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers..	1764 00
Proportion of general expenses	250 00
Proportion of Salary of Agent	460 00
Solicitors' Charges	43 50
Balance	1404 20
	<u>\$16234 66</u>

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THREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES COMPARED.

The following comparison is made between the Canada Presbyterian Church and two Presbyterian Churches in the United States that are very much its equal in strength and size.

NAMES.	Ministers.	Churches.	Communicants.	Families.	New Communicants.	Infants Baptised.	Catechumens.	Sab. Schools.	Contributions.
Reformed Church (Dutch)...	520	489	60149	43099	6687	4378	22764	64164	1207720
United Presbyterian	433	776	74833	7839	3460	49086	863203
Canada Presbyterian.....	329	729	50702	28290	5847	5580	34257	619359

From a comparison of the above figures, the following important points are seen :—1. That, while in the Reformed Church the number of ministers exceeds the number of congregations (which implies that some of the congregations have two or more pastors), in the other two churches compared, the number of congregations is double that of the pastors, which implies overwork of pastors. 2. That Infant Baptism is falling into disuse in the Reformed Church, for we find, that with 200 ministers more than the Canada Presbyterian Church, it has baptized, of infants, 208 less than its Canadian sister. 3. That the Canada Presbyterian Church stands lowest of the three in point of contributions, giving only one-half of what the Reformed Church gives.