

tions for this object. The sum of £130 8s. 9d., received during the year 1858, arose from special subscriptions and collections in churches, from interest on money held for this purpose, and from donations to the fund, two of which were given through the Bishop, of £62 10s. and £15s. The Society now holds for this object two city bonds of £100 each, and about £50 in the Savings' Bank. The interest will be allowed to accumulate for the present,

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The sub-committee have much satisfaction in reporting the continued success of the fund under their charge.

The receipts during the year 1858 were £117 18s. 9d. from premiums paid by the clergy; £106 7s. 7d. from interest on money funded for this object; and £67 14s. 1d. from collections in the Diocese,—making the regular income of the fund £292 0s. 5d., to which may be added a donation through the Bishop of £35.

The Society holds in trust for this fund, sixteen city bonds of £100 currency each, two provincial debentures, each £100 sterling, bearing interest at six per cent., and £195 in the Savings' Bank.

The Committee regret that the annual collections are omitted in several of the parishes, and would earnestly recommend that the annual sermons be preached and the collections made even where they amount to but a small sum. This would at least testify the interest of the clergy in the scheme, and carry out the understanding upon which the fund was established, and upon which its security and the increase of the pensions greatly depend.

The sub-committee submit a list of the parishes from which no collections have been received for 1858.

During the past year there were no claims upon the fund for pensions, but, by the lamented death of the Rev. W. Y. Porter, who was drowned in the early part of the present year, the first practical proof has been given of the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

ENDOWMENT OF PARISHES.

During the year 1858, the Endowment Sub-Committee have received from the interest of money invested, £108 12s. 1d.; from the reserved fourths of the contributions of parishes, and a few small donations for special objects, £173 18s. 9d. They have paid to the incumbents of parishes as interest on monies held in trust, £15; for investments, £651 17s. 6d.; and they have returned to the parish of Liverpool part of their reserved fourths, to the amount of £20, to be invested by the corporation of that parish.

The Committee now hold the following securities for the money under their care: two Province Debentures of £100 stg. each; two city bonds of £100 cy. each; three shares of stock in the Bank of Nova Scotia; mortgages to the value of £725, and Tennessee State Bonds for \$1017.55.

Much good seems to have been already effected under this object of the Society, by encouraging and aiding several of the parishes to acquire small