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withstanding all the Tyndalls and all the infidels on the face of the earth, we have no doubt, and can have none. Our cry is, Come, come, Almighty Saviour! Come in the infinite compassion of Thy boundless benevolence! Come, Almighty Spirit of Grace, and let our hopes be brighter than ever, and such as they have never been. Let there be an end to the night so dark and starless that has been brooding over the nations; and when the gloom is thickest, let the rage of Satan the fiercest, may our hope be brightest and strongest! Then, in the dawn of millennial glory, will be seen the glorious consummation of the hopes of prophets, and apostles, and martyrs, and professors, who, through the ages to come, will speak his praise."

Dr. Robertson, of New Gray Friars, Edinburgh, of the Church of Scotland, stated a fact which he used as an illustration of the spread of toleration in our day, that he was "the first Presbyterian minister since St. Paul who had preached the gospel in the city of Rome." It is undoubtedly a special honor to carry back the truth for the first time in so many years, but did not St. Paul ordain presbyters who preached the gospel faithfully, and were slain for the testimony of Jesus? Dr. Robertson doubtless took with him the primitive and apostolic message.

The Welsh Calvinistic Methodists were among these brethren acknowledged heartily as good Presbyterians. Their Moderator, Rev. J. Williams, spoke for them, and said that they "had one hundred thousand members, and a thousand churches, and a very great debt—the debt being significant activity." We suppose he meant actively paying it.

Dr. Wilson, of Allegheny City, Pa., set up a standard for faithful work, and said "Let the inscription be, 'The world to Jesus!'"

Dr. Duff paid a double compliment, and read out praise profusely on America, when he said, "I cannot sufficiently admire the arrangements that the good friends of London have made, because London, in respect, is fast beginning to tread upon the heels of our good kinsmen across the Atlantic, whose reception of strangers is nothing magnificent."

When the end came, Dr. McCosh expressed the grateful sense which those who were strangers felt at their generous reception in London, and after the Apostolic collection by a pastor of the old Walden Church, the members of the Council went to their far distant homes, thankful for the communion of saints, and the fellowship of believers in the one God and Christ.

The eldership was represented, but not so largely as the ministry. Mr. William E. Dodge, Jr., of New York, spoke at one of the meetings, and said pithily, that if ever there was "a time for a religious crusade, it was now."

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Committee on the Presbyterian Widows' and Orphans' Fund beg leave to report that the receipts for the Fund during the past year have been as follows:

From Members dues.....	\$1255 00
" Dividends and Interest.....	970 53
" Legacies.....	50 00
" Fines for arrears.....	33 40
" Donations.....	7 00
	\$2315 93

The expenditures have been as follows:

Annuities to 6 Widows at \$120....	\$720 00
" 1 " at \$80.....	80 00
" 5 Orphans at \$20.....	100 00
" 4 " at \$16.....	64 00
	974 00

Leaving a balance of.....\$1341 93 Which, added to our capital fund, makes the amount at the time of closing the accounts \$17,894, besides balance in Treasurer's hands of \$280.98, to which also is to be added interest on Building Society stock, not charged, amounting to \$1077.82, making the total of our funds \$19,253.66. In order to estimate exactly, however, the real amount of our capital, we must also consider the present value of our stocks, which is, in some instances, considerably above the sum paid for them. We annex a statement showing the present condition of our capital, by which it will be seen that it is at present worth \$19,780. To this is to be added the members dues payable at this date, which, after paying the half-yearly annuities, will raise the fund to at least \$20,500.

We cannot help saying that this exhibit is gratifying. It shows the sound basis of the scheme financially. We are not afraid to submit it to the examination of any sound actuary. In preparing the scheme originally, it was deemed best to err on the safe side; hence the terms may have been more rigid than was absolutely necessary, but it was better that it should be so than that we should have gone to the other extreme. It is easy either to reduce the sums required in payments, or to increase the the grants to widows and orphans. We are of opinion that this might now safely be done, and should the fund continue to improve the Committee think that this may properly be done at the next Septennial period of revision, which will be in 1878.