the male department, he has taught during the last year with success, and given great satisfaction. One great object contemplated by the Mission is to train young men of piety and talents, for future usefulness in the Church, to preach the Goopel, not only here, but to crary it to Africa. One hundred millions are living in that land without God and dying without hope; here and there in that yest Continent, a few missions have been established, and these have been signally blessed.

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REPORT OF WIDOWS' FUND FOR THE YEAR 1857-8.

It is the pleasing duty of the Committee to report the continued prosperity of this important Fund. During the past year the following have been the receipts, vix:

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Of this amount the sum of \$957.59 has been paid in annuities to widows and children; and the sum of \$6120.00 has been invested in mortages. As all the securities previously belonging to the Committee consisted of Municipal Debentures, it was considered proper to divide the securities and invest part of the fund in Morgages. These have been transferred jointly to the Convener, James Osborne, Esq., and the General Agent, a suitable form of transfer having been prepared by a competent lawyer. Arrangements are in prospect for the investment of part of the balance now in hand in the same way.

The number of annuitants is the same as last year, viz: 7; the only difference being that the annuity of Mrs. Robb is charged on the fund proper, it having been previously paid through the congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton,

The Committee have had some conversation as to the expediency of revising the rates payable by Ministers, with the view of making the payments more equitable, and more in accordance with the different ages of the ministers, who may from time to time be added to the roll of the Synod. It was ultimately agreed to recommend the appointment of a small committee to consider the point fully, with the view of making, if necessary, some alteration.

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