



CHAPTER clxii.

An Act to amend the Free Church Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Act, 1851; to extend the benefits of the Fund to the Widows and Orphans of Missionaries of the said Church labouring beyond the United Kingdom; and for other purposes. [7th August 1888.] A.D. 1888.

WHEREAS in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, dated the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, a scheme was formed for raising a fund for the purpose of making a provision for the widows and children of the ministers of the said Church, and of the professors holding professors' offices in any college connected with that Church, which scheme was amended and established by the Free Church Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Act 1851, herein-after called "the recited Act," and embraced two separate schemes, called respectively the Widows' Scheme and the Orphans' Scheme:

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And whereas four separate committees for missionary purposes in connexion with the said Church have been appointed by the General Assembly thereof, which are herein-after called respectively the Foreign Missions Committee, the Continental Missions Committee, the Colonial Missions Committee, and the Jews' Conversion Committee:

And whereas the Foreign Missions Committee have raised a fund, amounting to fourteen thousand five hundred pounds at the least, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the missionaries under their superintendence; and it is expedient that provision should likewise be made for the widows and orphans of the other missionaries of the said church labouring beyond the United Kingdom; and that the said fund, and any moneys which shall be contributed, in terms of this Act or otherwise, for the benefit of the last-mentioned widows and orphans, should be amalgamated with the fund established under the provisions of the recited Act, so as to

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And whereas the Continental Missions Committee, the Colonial Missions Committee, and the Jews' Conversion Committee, have respectively undertaken to raise, and are in course of raising, the capital sums hereinafter required to be paid by them to the said trustees:

And whereas for the purposes aforesaid it is expedient that the recited Act should be amended, and that further provision should be made for the conduct of the business, and the investment of the moneys of the said common fund:

But these objects cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short titles.

1. For all purposes this Act may be cited as the Free Church of Scotland Ministers' and Missionaries' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Act, 1888; and the recited Act and this Act may be cited together as the Free Church of Scotland Ministers' and Missionaries' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Acts, 1851 and 1888.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction, the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the recited Act have the same respective meanings, and the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say:—

The word "fund" means the Free Church of Scotland Ministers' and Missionaries' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, established by this Act;

The expression "Widows' Scheme" means the Widows' Scheme of the fund;

The expression "Orphans' Scheme" means the Orphans' Scheme of the fund;

~~The word "trustees"~~ means the trustees incorporated by the recited Act;

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The expression "mission committees" means the committees appointed by the said church which are known as the Foreign Missions Committee, the Continental Missions Committee, the Colonial Missions Committee, and the Jews' Conversion Committee, and includes any other committees or bodies to whom the functions of any of those committees may be transferred by the said Church;

The word "missionary" means and includes the following persons engaged in the service of the said Church, viz., (first) an ordained minister labouring beyond the United Kingdom, whether as a minister or as a missionary; (secondly) a principal or professor officiating in any college or educational institution beyond the United Kingdom connected with the said Church; (thirdly) a medical graduate or licentiate, who shall have been set apart by the said church to labour as an evangelist beyond the United Kingdom; (fourthly) a graduate in arts or science in any university, who shall have been set apart by the said Church to labour as an evangelist beyond the United Kingdom; and (fifthly) a teacher, appointed by the said Church to labour beyond the United Kingdom, who has obtained a certificate of competency from the Scotch Education Department, or from any other board to which the duty of granting certificates of competency to teachers in Scotland may hereafter be committed; provided always that every person included in the aforesaid definitions must be a European, or an inhabitant of one of the colonies or dependencies of the United Kingdom, or of the United States of America, and that both his parents were either Europeans, or both descended on both sides from Europeans;

The expression "missionary charge" means the charge of any missionary as herein-before defined;

The expression "foreign missionary" means a missionary labouring under the superintendence of the Foreign Missions Committee;

The expression "Foreign Missions Widows' Fund" means the fund raised as aforesaid by the Foreign Missions Committee for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the missionaries under their superintendence;

The words "treasurer," "actuary," and "auditor" mean respectively the treasurer, actuary, and auditor for the time being appointed by the trustees, and include interim treasurer, interim actuary, and interim auditor;

And, from and after the commencement of this Act, the expression "Sustentation Fund" in the recited Act, as well as in

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this Act, shall mean the general fund, provided by contribution, legacy, donation, or otherwise, for the support of the ministers of the said church, by whatever name it shall be called; and the expression "College Fund" in the recited Act, as well as in this Act, shall mean any moneys provided by contribution, legacy, donation, or otherwise, for the support of any of the colleges of the said church, or of the professors of those colleges, by whatever name such fund shall be called.

Commence-
ment of Act.

3. Except as herein otherwise provided, this Act shall commence and take effect on the expiration of one month after the passing thereof.

Widows' and
Orphans'
Fund amal-
gamated and
established.

4. There shall be raised, in manner herein-after provided, a fund for making provision for the widows and children of missionaries, similar to the fund established by the recited Act for making provision for the widows and children of ministers and professors; and the fund so raised shall be amalgamated with the fund established by the recited Act; and these amalgamated funds are hereby established as and shall be called "The Free Church of Scotland " Ministers' and Missionaries' Widows' and Orphans' Fund."

Recited Act
to remain in
force except
as amended
by this Act.

5. All the provisions of the recited Act, except in so far as altered or otherwise provided by this Act, shall remain in force, and shall apply to the fund established by this Act, and to the Widows' Scheme and Orphans' Scheme thereof respectively, and to the annuities payable therefrom, in the same manner as they applied to the fund established by the recited Act, and to the Widows' Scheme and Orphans' Scheme thereof respectively, and to the annuities payable therefrom; and the fund established by this Act shall be managed by the trustees in the manner provided by the recited Act as amended by this Act.

Sums to be
paid by the
Foreign
Missions
Committee.

6. On the commencement of this Act the Foreign Missions Committee shall pay over to the trustees the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred pounds, and any additional sum which may then be in their hands, forming together the fund raised as aforesaid for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the missionaries under their superintendence; of which sums the trustees shall hold on behalf of the Widows' Scheme such portion as they may consider to be required for that scheme, and on behalf of the Orphans' Scheme such portion as they may consider to be required for that scheme, and shall retain ~~the remainder together with any legacies and~~ donations for the benefit of widows or orphans of foreign missionaries, which shall be paid during the first seven years after

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the commencement of this Act, or which shall be bequeathed, whether subject to any liferent or not, by any person dying during that period and be subsequently paid, as a separate portion of the fund, from which they shall pay the extra rates herein-after provided on account of climatic influences in respect of missionaries labouring in certain districts of the foreign mission field; and if the said separate portion of the fund shall be inadequate to pay such extra rates, the Foreign Missions Committee shall make good such deficiency.

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7. On the commencement of this Act the Continental Missions Committee, the Colonial Missions Committee, and the Jews' Conversion Committee, shall respectively pay to the trustees such respective capital sums as will, together with the sums to be paid to them as hereinafter provided by the said mission committees respectively, in respect of the missionaries who, at the term of Whitsunday, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, were connected with the missions, now under the superintendence of the said three committees respectively, and whose respective salaries were then payable in whole or in part out of the moneys raised for such respective missions, excepting the missionaries named in section eight of this Act, and interest on the said several sums, be sufficient, in the opinion of the trustees, to meet the liability imposed on the fund for the annuities payable as herein-after provided to the widows and children of such respective missionaries; which several sums, when and as the same are respectively paid, and any interest due and received on the same respectively, shall be held by the trustees on behalf of the Widows' Scheme and the Orphans' Scheme, in such proportions as they may consider to be required for those schemes respectively; and these several sums, together with the sums to be paid by the Foreign Missions Committee as aforesaid, shall be added by the trustees to and amalgamated with the fund established under the provisions of the recited Act.

Sums to be paid by the Continental, Colonial and Jews' Conversion Committees.

8. There shall be paid to the trustees, by the several mission committees, out of the moneys under their respective charge, in respect of every person who, at the term of Whitsunday, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, shall have been or there-after shall be appointed to be a missionary in connexion with the missions under their respective superintendence, and whose salary shall be paid in whole or in part out of the moneys raised for such respective missions, an annual sum of five pounds on account of the Widows' Scheme, and an annual sum of two pounds on account of the Orphans' Scheme, which annual sums shall be payable as at the term of Whitsunday, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-

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Special rates
in respect
of climatic
influences.

9. In addition to the sums herein-before specified, there shall be paid to the trustees by the Foreign Missions Committee, an annual sum of ten pounds on account of the Widows' Scheme, and an annual sum of four pounds on account of the Orphans' Scheme, in respect of each missionary already appointed or who may be here-
~~after appointed to labour in the Livingstonia Mission District, or in~~
any other locality the climate of which is considered by the trustees to have a like injurious effect on longevity, and an annual sum of

two pounds ten shillings on account of the Widows' Scheme, and an annual sum of one pound on account of the Orphans' Scheme, in respect of each missionary already appointed or who may be hereafter appointed to labour in any other part of Africa, or in India, or in the New Hebrides, or any other place between thirty-three degrees north and thirty degrees south latitude, with the exception of Palestine, Madeira, the Canary Islands, Bermuda, the Cape Colony, Natal, British Bechuanaland, Zululand, the Transvaal, and Japan; which annual sums shall be payable at the same terms as the annual sums payable under the immediately preceding section of this Act; but such extra payments shall cease to be exigible when the missionary is in some place in respect of the climate whereof the extra rates above referred to are not exigible. In like manner there shall be paid to the trustees, by the Colonial Missions Committee, and the Jews' Conversion Committee respectively, such annual sums (if any) in respect of each missionary already appointed or who may be hereafter appointed to labour in any place the climate of which is considered by the trustees to have an injurious effect on longevity, as the trustees shall determine to be reasonable to cover the risk of climatic influences, and these extra payments shall in like manner cease to be exigible when the missionary is not in any such place as last mentioned: Provided always that no payments shall be made under this section in respect of any missionary whose salary is not at the time payable in whole or in part out of the moneys raised for one or other of the four missions herein-before mentioned; nor in respect of any of the missionaries named in section eight of this Act: Provided also that the several sums payable under this section may be increased or diminished by the trustees, at a meeting held after any periodical investigation of the affairs of the fund, upon considering the report of the actuary, and the sufficiency or otherwise of those payments as shown by the experience of the period preceding such investigation.

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10. Provided always that no minister, professor, or missionary, who may be hereafter appointed, shall proceed to Africa or India, or the New Hebrides, or any other place between thirty-three degrees north and thirty degrees south latitude, with the exception of Palestine, Madeira, the Canary Islands, Bermuda, the Cape Colony, Natal, British Bechuanaland, Zululand, the Transvaal, and Japan, without having first intimated his intention of doing so to the trustees, and undertaken to pay such extra rate as the trustees may determine; and if any such extra rate be not paid within one year after the term of Whitsunday when the same is due, his widow and orphans shall ipso facto forfeit all right to any benefit from the fund,

Persons going to certain places abroad to intimate their intention to the trustees.

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Payments in
respect of
vacant
charges.

11. There shall be paid to the trustees, by the Mission Committees respectively, in respect of every missionary charge connected with their respective missions which shall happen to be vacant at any one or more terms of Whitsunday after the commencement of this Act, by the death, translation, resignation, or deprivation of any missionary, the sum of five pounds on account of the Widows' Scheme, and the sum of two pounds on account of the Orphans' Scheme, at each such term during the vacancy, or until such charge shall be formally suppressed.

Casual pay-
ments to the
fund.

12. There shall be paid to the trustees, on account of the Widows' Scheme, by the mission committees respectively, in respect of each missionary who shall hereafter be appointed, and whose salary shall be paid in whole or in part out of the moneys raised for their respective missions, the following sums, viz. :—

Entry
money.

(1.) A sum of ten pounds, by way of entry money, payable in two equal instalments, viz. :—five pounds at the first term of Whitsunday, and five pounds at the second term of Whitsunday after the date of his appointment, provided he shall survive the said terms of payment respectively ;

Marriage
tax.

(2.) If such missionary be married at the time of his appointment, or shall thereafter marry, in respect of such existing and of every subsequent marriage the following sums by way of marriage tax (that is to say) :—If such missionary be under forty-five years of age at the date of his appointment if he be then married, or at the date of any subsequent marriage, a sum of five pounds at the first term of Martinmas which shall happen not less than three months after such dates respectively ; and if such missionary be forty-five years of age or upwards at the date of his appointment if he be then married, or at the date of any subsequent marriage, a sum of ten pounds, in two equal instalments, viz. :—five pounds at the first term of Martinmas which shall happen not less than three months after such dates respectively, and five pounds at the next term of Martinmas thereafter : Provided that if any such missionary shall marry a widow, who at the time of her marriage with him shall be in receipt of an annuity payable from the Widows' Scheme, no payment shall be made to the trustees on account of the Widows' Scheme in respect of such marriage :

Provided always that any missionary, the right of whose widow and orphans to the benefits of the fund shall have been forfeited under the provisions of this Act, and who shall subsequently be again appointed to be a missionary, or be appointed to be a minister or a

professor, shall in respect of such subsequent appointment be liable again to pay entry money and marriage tax when exigible as aforesaid: Provided also that the transference of any missionary, the right of whose widow and orphans to the benefits of the fund shall not have been forfeited, from one of the missions herein-before mentioned to another, or to a pastoral charge or professor's office, or the transference of any minister or professor, the right of whose widow and orphans to the benefits of the fund shall not have been forfeited, to a missionary charge, shall not be held to be a new appointment as respects liability for entry money and marriage tax.

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13. The whole of the sums herein-before specified shall form preferable burdens on the moneys out of which the same are respectively payable as aforesaid, and shall be paid over by the treasurers, or other persons having the management or control of the said moneys for the time being, out of the first and readiest moneys in their hands, to the trustees, or to such person as the trustees shall authorise to receive the same, together with interest on the said sums from the respective dates when the same shall become payable until paid.

Payments to be preferable burdens on the Foreign Missions and other funds.

14. In the event of any missionary, after the commencement of this Act, ceasing to be entitled to a salary or any part thereof out of the moneys under the charge of any of the Mission Committees, it shall, nevertheless, be in his power to maintain and continue the right and interest of his widow and orphans to participate in the benefits of the Widows' Scheme and Orphans' Scheme, by contributing and making payment to the trustees, or to the treasurer or other person duly authorised to receive the same, of the annual and other sums which would otherwise have been payable in respect of such missionary as aforesaid, out of the several moneys herein-before mentioned, to the Widows' Scheme and Orphans' Scheme, in terms of sections eight, nine, and twelve of this Act, at the terms at which the said sums shall become due during his lifetime, with interest as aforesaid, and by complying fully with the other provisions of this Act: Provided always, that if such missionary shall have failed, from whatever cause, to make payment to the fund of such annual contributions at two successive terms of payment thereof, his widow and orphans shall ipso facto forfeit all right to any benefit from the fund.

Missionaries ceasing to receive salaries from mission committees may continue the rights of their widows and children.

15. Every person intending to become a foreign missionary shall undergo a medical examination, and shall submit a certificate of his fitness for service beyond the United Kingdom to the trustees,

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Returns to
be made.

16. Returns ordered by the recited Act to be made by presbytery clerks shall continue to be so made; and the secretaries or treasurers of the mission committees, or any other person or persons having charge of the moneys raised for the purposes of the said respective missions, shall respectively make similar returns; and every missionary appointed previously to the commencement of this Act shall, within six months after such commencement, and every missionary appointed after the commencement of this Act shall, within two months after his appointment, make a return to the treasurer, accompanied by such certificates as shall be required by the trustees, stating the following particulars, in so far as they apply to his case, viz.:—the date of his appointment, the date of his birth, and if married the date of his marriage, and the maiden name of his wife and the date of her birth, the name and date of the birth of each child (if any) alive, and the name and date of the birth and death of each child (if any) deceased; and he shall in the month of August in each year make a return to the treasurer, also accompanied by such certificates as shall be required by the trustees, of the particulars of such changes as shall have occurred in the state of his family during the year preceding the first day of such month of August, according to the form of the schedule hereto annexed, or shall certify that no such change has taken place.

Penalty on
missionaries
failing to
make return.

17. In the event of any missionary failing to make any such return, his right to the salary that would have been payable to him at the next term of payment shall ipso facto be suspended; and the treasurer shall, on or before the fifth day of November in each year, furnish a list of any missionaries who shall have failed to make such return to the respective treasurers of the mission funds out of which their respective salaries are payable, who shall thereupon withhold payment of the salaries which would otherwise have been payable to such missionaries respectively, until it shall be intimated to them, by the treasurer, that the requisite returns have been made. Notice of the enactments contained in this and the immediately preceding section of this Act shall be given by the treasurer, to each missionary appointed previously to the commencement of this Act within one month after the passing

of this Act, and to every missionary appointed after such commencement within one month after the treasurer shall have received from the secretary or treasurer of the mission committee a return of

such appointment; and such notice shall be given by posting, in a registered letter to the last known address of such missionary, a copy of the said sections of this Act, together with forms of the returns which he is by this Act required to make. A.D. 1888.

18. The trustees shall lay out and invest the moneys of the fund, or so much thereof as is not required for payment of the annuities and charges herein-after specified, on any of the securities specified in the recited Act and in the Trusts (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1884, or on any of the securities under-mentioned, viz.:— Investment of moneys.

I.—In the purchase of—

First. Government securities of the United Kingdom, India, the Dominion of Canada, or any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom;

Secondly. Stock of the Bank of England, or of any bank in Scotland incorporated by Royal Charter or by or under the provisions of any Act of Parliament;

Thirdly. Annuities granted by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or by any department of the State, or secured upon the rates, tolls, or assessments leviable, under any Act of Parliament, by any county or municipal or other local authority in the United Kingdom;

Fourthly. Mortgages, bonds, debentures, debenture stock, or other securities of any county or municipal or other local authority, having power to levy rates or assessments in the United Kingdom, India, or Canada, or in any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom, and secured upon such rates or assessments;

Fifthly. Mortgages, bonds, debentures, debenture stock, guaranteed or preference stock, lien stock, or guaranteed or preference shares, of any railway, canal, water, gas or other lighting, dock, or other company in the United Kingdom, India, or Canada, or in any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom, which for five successive years immediately preceding shall have paid dividends on its ordinary stock or share capital where such exists;

Sixthly. Stock or shares of any railway or other company having a fixed rate of dividend or interest guaranteed by the British Government, or by the Government of British India, or by the Secretary of State for India, or by the Government or Legislature of the Dominion of Canada, or of any of the provinces thereof, or by the Government or Legislature of any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom;

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Seventhly. Feu duties, ground annuals, ground rents, head rents, chief rents, rentcharges, or any kind of rents or income arising or payable out of or charged on lands in Great Britain :

II.—In loans on the security of—

First. Any of the subject matters of investment of which the purchase is authorised by this Act ;

Secondly. Any lands, heritable or real property or estate or hereditaments, in Great Britain, India, or Canada, or in any colony or dependency of the United Kingdom ;

Thirdly. Rates, tolls, or assessments leviable under any Act of Parliament ;

Fourthly. Debentures or deposit receipts of any company or bank, constituted by charter from the Crown or the Government of India, or incorporated by special Act of Parliament, and having its head office in Great Britain or India :

And all deeds and instruments, granted for or in reference to such investments and loans, shall be conceived and taken to and in favour of the trustees under their corporate name, except in the case of Government or other stocks or securities where it is required that the same shall be taken in name of individuals, in which case such stocks or securities shall be vested in the names of four of the trustees, to be nominated by the trustees for the purpose ; and such nominees shall grant such declarations of trust or obligations, as to the trustees shall appear necessary, for the purposes mentioned in the proviso to section twenty-two of the recited Act, and for keeping up their number to four whenever reduced by death or otherwise below that number.

Application
of fund.

19. The trustees may pay the expenses incurred in the management and administration of the fund out of the moneys held by them on account of the Widows' Scheme or on account of the Orphans' Scheme, as they may from time to time consider expedient ; and they shall pay :—

(1.) To each widow now entitled, or who would under the provisions of the recited Act have hereafter become entitled to the benefits of the Widows' Scheme of the fund established by that Act, and to the widow of every minister and professor who has, prior to the commencement of this Act, ceased to have any share of the Sustentation Fund and College Fund respectively, but the right of whose widow to the benefits of the said Widows' Scheme has not been forfeited, and to each widow who is at present in receipt of an annuity from the Foreign Missions Widows' Fund, and to the widow of every existing missionary, excepting those named in section eight

of this Act, and to the widow of every minister, professor, and missionary who shall hereafter be appointed, an annuity of forty-eight pounds ;

- (2.) To the child, or if more than one to each of the children, under eighteen years of age, of every minister and professor whose child or children are now entitled, or would under the provisions of the recited Act have hereafter become entitled, to the benefits of the Orphans' Scheme of the fund established by that Act ; and of every minister and professor who has, prior to the commencement of this Act, ceased to have any share of the Sustentation Fund and College Fund respectively, but the right of whose child or children to the benefits of the said Orphans' Scheme has not been forfeited ; and of every missionary now deceased whose child or children are at present in receipt of an annuity from the Foreign Missions Widows' Fund, or would have hereafter become entitled to an increased annuity from that fund if this Act had not been passed ; and of every existing missionary, excepting those named in section eight of this Act ; and of every minister, professor, and missionary who shall hereafter be appointed, an annuity of twenty-seven pounds, when the father of such child or children has died leaving a widow entitled to an annuity from the Widows' Scheme of the fund, and an additional annuity of thirteen pounds ten shillings if there be no such widow, or after her death : Provided always, that at any time after the next periodical investigation of the affairs of the fund, the trustees may, if they consider it expedient, make the annuities to the child or children of every minister, professor, and missionary, who shall hereafter be appointed, payable until such child or children attain the age of nineteen, or twenty, or twenty-one years instead of eighteen years, and of such amount as the state of the fund at the time may require, in consideration of such extension of the period of endurance of the said annuities :

Which several annuities the widows and children shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be payable at the terms, in the proportions, and subject to the provisions, conditions, and exceptions specified in sections eight, nine, ten, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, and thirty-six of the recited Act with respect to the annuities payable under the provisions of that Act : Provided always that, except as provided by sections eight and nine of the recited Act and section fourteen of this Act, the said annuities shall be payable only to the widows and children of ministers, professors, and missionaries, whose salaries were at the time of their

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Certain persons entitled to smaller benefits from fund without contribution.

20. Whereas the Reverend Andrew Campbell, of Bengal, and the Reverend Robert Scott, of Bombay, named in section eight of this Act, are foreign missionaries, but were not members of the Foreign Missions Widows' Fund as last constituted, and no further sums are payable to that fund by them or on their behalf, while on the other hand the annuities payable to their respective widows and children from that fund, as constituted at the time when they became members thereof, were of the smaller amounts herein-after provided: Therefore the trustees shall pay, to the widow of each of the said persons, an annuity of twenty-seven pounds, and to the child, or if more than one to each of the children, under eighteen years of age, of each of the said persons, an annuity of ten pounds if such person has died leaving a widow, and an additional annuity of five pounds if there be no such widow or after her death; which several annuities shall be payable at the terms, in the proportions, and subject to the provisions, conditions, and exceptions specified and referred to in the immediately preceding section of this Act.

Foreign Missions Committee relieved from payment of annuities.

21. The annuities payable under this Act to the widows and children of missionaries shall, in so far as payable to the widows and children of foreign missionaries, including the widows and children of the persons named in the immediately preceding section of this Act, come in place of and supersede the annuities payable to them from the Foreign Missions Widows' Fund; and the Foreign Missions Committee is hereby relieved from all responsibilities in connexion with the Foreign Missions Widows' Fund, and the same are hereby transferred to the trustees.

Costs of Act.

22. All the costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid as follows, that is to say, five-fifteenth parts thereof by the trustees, three-fifteenth parts thereof by the Foreign Missions Committee, three-fifteenth parts thereof by the Continental Missions Committee, two-fifteenth parts thereof by the Colonial Missions Committee, and two-fifteenth parts thereof by the Jews' Conversion Committee.

SCHEDULE referred to in the preceding Act.

A.D. 1888.

ANNUAL RETURN.

By _____

Missionary at _____

For the year preceding 1st August, 18____.

Date of marriage, specifying whether first or subsequent marriage _____

Wife's maiden name _____

Date of wife's birth _____

Date of wife's decease _____

Name and date of birth of each child born _____

Name and date of death of each child deceased _____

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of the changes that have occurred in the state of my family during the year preceding the first day of August, 18____.

(Signed) _____

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