

Another table which has been prepared, and which I have submitted to the Government, is a special one for clergymen of all denominations, allowing, on the basis of statistical experience, a special reduction in the case of clerical lives; but such table is only to be used in furtherance of any arrangement which may be made by a denomination for the establishment of a Pension and Superannuation Fund for its clergymen, and of a Charitable Fund for their widows and orphans. It is hoped that by this means religious bodies will be enabled to establish such Funds on a sound and satisfactory basis. Should that result be attained, a considerable social benefit will be secured, for it is a matter of public importance that those who exclusively devote themselves to the moral welfare of others, should be relieved from anxiety on the subject of temporal provision for themselves in their old age, and for their families after their own death.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

W. GISBORNE,

Commissioner.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, &c., &c.

### No. 1.

RETURN showing the Gross Amount of all Sums of Money received, and the Gross Amount of Life Assurance Endowments and Annuities granted, from the 1st July, 1873, to 30th June, 1874.

| MONEYS RECEIVED.   | Insurances granted. |           |       | Endowments granted. |         |       | Annuities granted. |         |       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------|---------|-------|--------------------|---------|-------|
|                    | No.                 | Amount.   |       | No.                 | Amount. |       | No.                | Amount. |       |
|                    |                     | £         | s. d. |                     | £       | s. d. |                    | £       | s. d. |
| Insurance ...      | 1465                | £40,788   | 9 1   | ...                 | 503,260 | 0 0   | ...                | ...     | ...   |
| Endowment ...      | ...                 | 450       | 5 1   | 27                  | 3,650   | 0 0   | ...                | ...     | ...   |
| Annuities ...      | ...                 | 2,140     | 15 1  | ...                 | ...     | ...   | 7                  | 283     | 7 0   |
| Fines and Fees ... | ...                 | 23        | 7 1   | ...                 | ...     | ...   | ...                | ...     | ...   |
| Interest ...       | ...                 | 2,331     | 18 1  | ...                 | ...     | ...   | ...                | ...     | ...   |
| Total, 1873-74 ... | 1465                | 45,734    | 14 5  | 27                  | 3,650   | 0 0   | 7                  | 283     | 7 0   |
| " 1872-73 ...      | 1131                | 31,490    | 12 0  | 23                  | 2,400   | 0 0   | 7                  | 253     | 0 0   |
| " 1871-72 ...      | 1322                | 18,100    | 19 2  | 27                  | 3,000   | 0 0   | 6                  | 345     | 10 8  |
| " 1870-71 ...      | 395                 | 7,151     | 8 4   | 10                  | 1,100   | 0 0   | 4                  | 352     | 5 0   |
| " 70 ...           | 53                  | 357       | 8 0   | ...                 | ...     | ...   | ...                | ...     | ...   |
| Totals ...         | 4366                | 1,588,909 | 0 0   | 87                  | 10,150  | 0 0   | 24                 | 1,234   | 2 8   |

### No. 2.

STATEMENT of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year ending 30th June, 1874.

| RECEIPTS.                               | £       | s. | d. | EXPENDITURE.   | £       | s. | d. |
|---|---------|----|----|--|---------|----|----|
| Balance on 30th June, 1873 ...          | 36,801  | 13 | 8  | Claims on Assurance Policies ...                       | 6,233   | 6  | 8  |
| Insurance Premiums, New and Renewal ... | 40,788  | 9  | 1  | Annuities Paid ...                                     | 800     | 0  | 4  |
| Insurance Fines and Fees ...            | 23      | 7  | 1  | Commission ...   | 1,566   | 3  | 6  |
| Endowment Premiums, New and Renewal ... | 450     | 5  | 1  | Expenses of Management:—                               |         |    |    |
| Annuity Premiums, New ...               | 2,140   | 15 | 1  | Travelling Expenses of Agents ...                      | 1,354   | 14 | 0  |
| Interest from Investments ...           | 2,331   | 18 | 1  | Medical Fees ...                                       | 2,040   | 3  | 0  |
|   |         |    |    | Advertising ...  | 403     | 19 | 0  |
|   |         |    |    | Salaries ...   | 2,491   | 9  | 6  |
|   |         |    |    | Extra Clerical Assistance ...                          | 173     | 18 | 3  |
|   |         |    |    | Printing and Binding ...                               | 229     | 11 | 6  |
|   |         |    |    | Rent ...   | 14      | 10 | 0  |
|   |         |    |    | Miscellaneous ...                                      | 123     | 2  | 8  |
|   |         |    |    | Balance in favour of Department on 30th June, 1874 ... | 67,105  | 9  | 8  |
|   | £82,536 | 8  | 1  |  | £82,536 | 8  | 1  |

NOTE.—The discrepancy between the Balance on 30th June last, above shown, and the Balance shown in the Treasury Accounts, arises in consequence of the Treasury crediting the Department only with such moneys collected in the colony as have been received at Wellington, while the above statement shows the moneys received and brought to charge by the Agents of the Department throughout the colony up to the 30th June last.