

The following statement shows the disposal of the total funds (including those of the central bodies) as at the 31st December, 1943 :—

Funds.				Assets.			
£				£			
Sick and Funeral Funds	..	..	4,757,050	Investments at interest	..	..	5,246,206
Surplus Appropriation Funds, &c.	..	..	615,935	Value of land and buildings	..	..	426,979
Management Funds, goods, &c.	..	..	277,500	Cash not bearing interest	..	..	178,202
Widow and Orphans' Funds	..	..	38,062	Value of goods	..	..	19,157
Distress, Benevolent Funds, &c.	..	..	209,412	Other assets	..	..	25,028
				Owing by Management Funds	..	..	2,387
Total	..	..	£5,897,959	Total	..	..	£5,897,959

The number of members sick during 1943 was 17,493, equal to 19·9 per 100 members at risk. The sickness experienced during 1943 was 310,278 weeks, equal to 17 weeks 4 days per sick member, and 3 weeks 3 days for each member at risk.

Mortality

The number of members who died during 1943 was 1,318, equal to 14·58 per 1,000 members at risk. The number of wives of members who died was 385.

Sick and Funeral Funds

The contributions and entrance fees paid to Sick and Funeral Funds in 1943 amounted to £160,621. Divided by the mean number of members, the average for 1943 was £1 15s. 9d., being the same as for 1942.

The interest and rent received by the lodges and central bodies amounted to £206,864 in 1943, equal to £2 6s. 1d. per member, as against £2 3s. 1d. for 1942.

The amount of sickness benefit paid was £177,071 in 1943, equal to £10 2s. 5d. per member sick, and £1 19s. 5d. per member, as against £10 4s. 10d. and £1 19s. 5d. respectively for 1942. Viewing the amount paid in relation to the weeks of sickness, the average benefit per week is found to be 11s. 5d. in 1943, as against 11s. 8d. for 1942.

The funeral benefit paid amounted to £65,209 in 1943, equal to 14s. 6d. per member, as compared with 14s. 11d. for 1942.

The total worth of the Sick and Funeral Funds at the beginning of 1943 was £4,714,142, and at the end of the year £4,757,950.

Investment of Funds

The net income from investments credited to the Sick and Funeral Funds for 1943 amounted to £206,864, the average rate being £4 9s. 4d. per cent., as against £4 9s. in 1942.

PART II.—TRADE-UNIONS

There were five unions on the register at the end of the year.

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