The following table illustrates the sickness benefit experienced during the year:—

Statement showing for the Year ended 31st March, 1947, Duration of Sickness for Males
and Females, according to Age-groups

Period of Sickness.							ears so 39.	Years 40 to 49.	
		м.	F.	м.	F.	м.	F.	м.	F.
1 to 4 weeks both inclusive		1,183	1,199	3,741	1,517	3,434	435	2,558	229
5 to 8 weeks both inclusive		653	698	1,895	1,019	1,849	300	1,546	190
9 to 12 weeks both inclusive		264	286	733	518	879	196	833	135
13 to 16 weeks both inclusive		110	152	366	325	483	115	448	99
17 to 20 weeks both inclusive		70	107	220	194	253	70	313	57
21 to 24 weeks both inclusive		38	66	129	148	182	71	213	51
25 to 28 weeks both inclusive		33	53	109	102	143	52	162	44
29 to 32 weeks both inclusive		20	16	74	81	98	31	131	22
33 to 36 weeks both inclusive		13	19	61	57	66	23	109	25
37 to 40 weeks both inclusive		11	14	32	36	39	26	82	8
41 to 44 weeks both inclusive		9	15	28	32	36	16	72	18
45 to 48 weeks both inclusive		111	9	19	33	28	12	50	15
49 to 52 weeks both inclusive		19	21	52	97	67	45	100	40
Totals		2,434	2,655	7,459	4,159	7,557	1,392	6,617	933
Period of Sickness.			Years 50 to 59.		Years 60 and over.		Totals.		
Period of Sickness.			50 00			over.			
Period of Sickness.			м.	F.	м.	F.	м.	F.	Grand Total.
Period of Sickness. 1 to 4 weeks both inclusive			1			F.	м.	F.	Total.
			м.	F.	м.	F.		<u> </u>	16,75
1 to 4 weeks both inclusive			м.	F. 148	м.	ғ. 27	13,197	3,555	16,751 9,91
1 to 4 weeks both inclusive 5 to 8 weeks both inclusive 9 to 12 weeks both inclusive	• •		м. 1,635 1,102	F. 148 129	м. 646 509	F. 27 23	13,197 7,554	$3,555 \ 2,359$	16,75: 9,91: 4,99:
1 to 4 weeks both inclusive 5 to 8 weeks both inclusive		• •	м. 1,635 1,102 691	F. 148 129 107	м. 646 509 338	27 23 15	13,197 7,554 3,738	$\begin{vmatrix} 3,555\\ 2,359\\ 1,257 \end{vmatrix}$	16,75: 9,91: 4,99: 2,81:
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The above schedule discloses that the predominance of sickness among male beneficaries is found in the 30–39 years age-group and among females on the 20–29 years age-group.

The largest group of beneficaries is covered by the 1-4 weeks group comprising 42 per cent. of the male beneficaries and 36 per cent. of the female beneficiaries.

The average duration of sickness over all groups is $9\frac{3}{5}$ weeks for males and $9\frac{9}{10}$ weeks for females.

The Sickness beneficiaries who have been in receipt of benefit during the whole year represent sick persons with continuing incapacity but insufficiently so to warrant the granting of Invalids' benefits.