The Balance-sheet.—On the 31st December, 1909, the total assets of the Department amounted to £4,536,117, and were invested as shown in the following comparative statement:—

At 31st December, 1908.		Class of Investment.	At 31st December, 1909.	
Amount.	Percentage of Total Assets.		Amount.	Percentage of Total Assets.
£			£	
2,571,865	58·5 per cent.	Mortgages on freehold property ..	2,620,595	57·8 per cent.
730,865	16·6 "	Loans on policies	764,279	16·8 "
668,013	15·2 "	Government securities	668,030	14·7 "
179,509	4·1 "	Local bodies' debentures	179,303	4·0 "
124,325	2·8 "	Landed and house property	132,549	2·9 "
107,983	2·4 "	Miscellaneous assets	109,635	2·4 "
17,288	0·4 "	Cash on current account	61,726	1·4 "
£4,399,848	100·0 per cent.	Total	£4,536,117	100·0 per cent.

It may be mentioned that "Foreclosed properties" are again nil, and that the total investments now amounting to £4,366,379 show an increase of £89,909.

The progress of the Department has been well maintained throughout, the new business having been increased and the position generally being eminently satisfactory, especially in view of the financial stringency that occurred in the early part of the year under review.

An interim actuarial valuation of the liabilities under policies in force shows that the year's profit has been very favourable.

J. H. RICHARDSON,
Government Insurance Commissioner.

REVENUE ACCOUNT of the GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT for the Year ended 31st December, 1909.

	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Amount of Funds at 1st January, 1909	4,264,684 19 2	Death claims under policies, Assurance, including bonus additions		135,412 7 5
Renewal premiums — Assurance, Annuity, and Endowment	307,542 15 10	Endowment Assurances matured, including bonus additions		109,544 2 0
New premiums (including instalments of first year's premiums falling due in the year)	22,342 6 6	Endowments matured		1,672 0 0
Single premiums—Assurance and Endowment	1,041 8 8	Premiums returned on endowments ..		13 5 9
Consideration for Annuities	14,306 9 9	Bonuses surrendered for cash ..		13,040 15 4
Interest	201,326 18 4	Annuities		15,562 13 8
Fees	6 0 1	Surrenders		38,143 8 3
		Loans released by surrender		20,601 8 8
		Commission, new* ..	£16,505 13 9	
		" renewal	2,356 13 7	
				18,862 7 4
		Land and income tax		12,447 0 9
		Expenses of management—		
		Salaries—		
		Head Office ..	£16,015 2 1	
		Branch offices and agents	7,176 0 11	
		Extra clerical assistance	186 16 0	
		Medical fees and expenses	5,191 7 4	
		Travelling-expenses ..	720 0 5	
		Advertising	949 7 0	
		Printing and stationery	1,540 18 1	
		Rent	2,739 2 6	
		Postage and telegrams	1,600 10 9	
		Exchange	75 1 4	
		Office-furniture depreciation	270 9 3	
		General expenses ..	2,269 3 5	
		Triennial expenses ..	2,076 7 4	
				40,810 6 5
		Amount of Funds, 31st December, 1909		4,405,141 2 9
	£4,811,250 18 4			£4,811,250 18 4

* Including Agents' allowances.