		1934–35.		1935–36.
Number of contributors at 31st January		8,500		8,148
Number of members admitted during period		122		138
Number retiring from the fund during period		525		490
Net decrease in membership at 31st January		403		352
Number of allowances in force at 31st January		1,919		1,996
Representing an annual charge of		£304,860		£315,438
Ordinary retiring-allowances	1,254	£250,113	1,288	£256,971
Retiring-allowances under extended provisions of section 75 of the Act, and under section 14 of Finance Act, 1931	137	£21,121	142	£21,902
Retiring-allowances in medically unfit cases	184	£23,280	199	£25,575
Allowances to widows	279	£8,657	288	£8,936
Allowances to children	65	£1,690	79	£2,054
Funds invested at 31st January—		£		£
At 3 per cent.		..		5,000
At $3\frac{3}{8}$ per cent.		..		2,855
At $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.		..		200
At $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.		..		1,200
At 4 per cent.		59,820		80,215
At $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.		54,160		174,055
At $4\frac{2}{5}$ per cent.		..		1,800
At $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.		17,195		70,082
At $4\frac{3}{5}$ per cent.		..		2,000
At $4\frac{4}{5}$ per cent.		500		..
At 6 per cent.		5,385		..
At 6 per cent. } Subject to reduction under the National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932		802,502		607,365
At $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. } Subject to reduction under the National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932		9,431		6,250
Mortgage security acquired		3,255		3,109
Total		£952,248		£954,131
Average rate of interest (per cent.)—				
Unreduced rate		5·745		5·374
After reduction as shown above		4·881		4·729
Unclaimed contributions held at 31st January		£1,680		£1,279