

The following table contains particulars of the new contributors who were not eligible at the time of the coming into operation of the Act, or were not in the public service at that date, and who joined the scheme during the year :—

Rate per Cent. of Contribution as provided by the Act.	Number.			Annual Salary.	Annual Contributions.
	Male.	Female.	Total.		
5	557	202	759	£ 46,591 15 0	£ 2,329 11 9
6	65	18	83	10,639 3 4	638 7 0
7	41	10	51	7,745 0 0	542 3 0
8	34	12	46	7,543 2 6	603 9 0
9	20	3	23	4,019 11 8	361 15 3
10	33	...	33	6,038 0 0	603 16 0
Total ...	750	245	995	82,576 12 6	5,079 2 0

The following table contains particulars of the public servants who were contributing to the fund at the end of the year (after allowing for deaths, retirements, and withdrawals), grouped according to their respective rates of contribution :—

Rate per Cent. of Contribution as provided by the Act.	Number.			Annual Salary.	Annual Contributions.
	Male.	Female.	Total.		
5	3,249	522	3,771	£ 359,586 13 4	£ 17,979 6 8
6	738	92	830	143,064 11 8	8,583 17 6
7	623	57	680	131,938 6 8	9,235 13 8
8	520	37	557	123,259 9 7	9,860 15 2
9	484	24	508	126,725 16 8	11,405 6 6
10	855	34	889	227,660 10 10	22,766 1 1
Total ...	6,469	766	7,235	1,112,235 8 9	79,831 0 7

Full particulars regarding contributors, including those who have retired from the Government service and are now on the fund, will be found in the statements appended.

Retiring and other Allowances.—Pensions for £8,950 18s. 10d. per annum were granted during the year, as follows: For age or length of service, £6,657 9s. 9d. per annum, to 74 members (72 male and 2 female members). For medical unfitness for duty, £1,836 9s. 1d. per annum, to 20 members (17 male and 3 female). To widows and children of deceased members, £234 per annum to 13 widows, and £221 per annum to 17 children.

The largest retiring-allowance granted to a member was £445 5s. 7d., and the smallest £3 13s. per annum, while the average was £90 7s. 8d.

One retiring-allowance was discontinued by death, and one child reached age 14, and the allowance consequently expired.

The annual amount payable at the close of the year was £8,880 18s. 10d., as shown in the statement attached.

Income.—The total income for the year was £76,211, made up as follows :—

Members' ordinary contributions ...	...	...	...	£ 54,730
Members' contributions to enable previous service to be counted, as provided by the Act ...	...	...	...	103
Contributions from Government ...	...	...	...	20,000
Fines ...	...	...	...	83
Interest ...	...	...	...	1,295
Total income for the year ...	...	...	...	76,211

The members' ordinary contributions given above do not relate to the whole year, owing to the fact that many contributors delayed joining until the last day allowed by the Act—viz., the 30th June, 1908. Had all those eligible on the 1st January, 1908, joined on that date and contributed for the whole year this item of the revenue would have amounted to approximately £75,000. Two contributors availed themselves of the provisions of section 50 of the Amendment Act enabling them to count previous service by paying five years' contributions. The amount so paid was £103.