

*Interest.*—The net effective rate of interest credited to the Insurance Fund, after deduction of land and income tax from interest, was £5 7s. 7d. per cent., which is slightly in excess of the yield obtained during the previous year. The constant investment of the accumulating funds of a vigorous and progressive life-assurance institution is a task of no mean magnitude, and in the face of the statutory limitation upon the Department's lending-powers, to which reference was made in my report of a year ago, the resulting interest-yield is satisfactory.

*General.*—The number of new policies and the amount of new assurances completed during the year constitute records in the history of the Department, and, what is even more important, the business was secured at a cost which has been excelled in point of cheapness on only one other occasion—viz., during the year 1919, when the special circumstances arising out of subscriptions to war loans conduced to the acquisition of new business at an expense-rate much lower than normal.

In view of the fact that in a life-insurance office the transaction of a larger amount of new business than usual constitutes a clog upon the profits, it is all the more noteworthy that the profit made in 1924, as disclosed by the annual valuation by the Actuary, is the largest ever shown for one year. Having regard also to the stringency of the basis upon which the liabilities are valued, the prospects for the future appear very bright

A. T. TRAVERSI, F.I.A., F.C.A.S., Commissioner.

REVENUE ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST DECEMBER, 1924.

|   | £         | s. | d. |  | £          | s. | d. |
|---|-----------|----|----|--|------------|----|----|
| Amount of Funds at 1st January, 1924  | 6,222,484 | 13 | 0  | Death claims under assurance policies, including bonus additions | 185,495    | 12 | 0  |
| Renewal premiums—Assurance, Annuity, and Endowment                                    | 458,943   | 11 | 4  | Endowment Assurances matured, including bonus additions          | 222,962    | 8  | 6  |
| New premiums (including instalments of first year's premiums falling due in the year) | 49,481    | 3  | 10 | Endowments matured   | 6,396      | 11 | 0  |
| Single premiums—Assurance and Endowment   | 2,955     | 7  | 6  | Premiums returned on endowments                                  | 281        | 11 | 1  |
| Consideration for Annuities   | 11,360    | 11 | 8  | Bonuses surrendered for cash                                     | 10,337     | 18 | 1  |
| Interest and Rent   | £343,216  | 14 | 2  | Annuities  | 20,886     | 4  | 10 |
| Less land and income tax, £8,504 12s.; property expenses, £2,861 11s. 1d.             | 11,366    | 3  | 1  | Surrenders   | 35,677     | 2  | 2  |
|   | 331,850   | 11 | 1  | Loans released by surrender                                      | 49,883     | 2  | 9  |
|   |           |    |    | Commission, new*   | £33,274    | 13 | 2  |
|   |           |    |    | „ renewal  | 3,242      | 13 | 4  |
|   |           |    |    |  | 36,517     | 6  | 6  |
|   |           |    |    | Contribution to Superannuation Fund                              | 1,200      | 18 | 4  |
|   |           |    |    | Expenses of management—  |            |    |    |
|   |           |    |    | Salaries—  | £          | s. | d. |
|   |           |    |    | Head Office  | 20,885     | 9  | 6  |
|   |           |    |    | Branch offices and agents  | 12,044     | 16 | 4  |
|   |           |    |    | Extra clerical assistance  | 1,156      | 12 | 5  |
|   |           |    |    | Medical fees and expenses  | 5,777      | 3  | 9  |
|   |           |    |    | Travelling-expenses  | 1,340      | 8  | 4  |
|   |           |    |    | Advertising  | 323        | 15 | 5  |
|   |           |    |    | Printing and stationery  | 2,473      | 16 | 8  |
|   |           |    |    | Rent   | 5,511      | 11 | 7  |
|   |           |    |    | Postage and telegrams  | 1,600      | 12 | 8  |
|   |           |    |    | Exchange   | 45         | 16 | 5  |
|   |           |    |    | General expenses   | 3,739      | 15 | 5  |
|   |           |    |    | Triennial expenses   | 3,878      | 19 | 1  |
|   |           |    |    |  | 58,778     | 17 | 7  |
|   |           |    |    | Amount of funds, 31st December, 1924                             | 6,448,658  | 5  | 7  |
|   |           |    |    |  | £7,077,075 | 18 | 5  |
|   |           |    |    |  | £7,077,075 | 18 | 5  |

\* Including agents' allowances.