

number of original contributors. A similar comparison of the number of *ordinary* contributors shows a net increase of 120 at 5 per cent., 11 at 6 per cent., 9 at 7 per cent., 11 at 8 per cent., 3 at 9 per cent., and 4 at 10 per cent. : a total net *increase* of 158 ordinary members. It will be observed that the decrease relates to "original" members on account of whom a greater liability is attached to the fund than in the case of ordinary members. Details are given in the following table :—

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTORS ON THE REGISTER AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1908, grouped according to Rate of Contribution per Cent. of Salary.

Contribution per Cent. of Salary (Date when First Contribution became payable).	Original Members.			Ordinary Members.			Total.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
5	361	554	915	91	171	262	452	725	1,177
6	175	239	414	10	25	35	185	264	449
7	212	197	409	10	24	34	222	221	443
8	181	115	296	10	12	22	191	127	318
9	145	71	216	5	11	16	150	82	232
10	229	26	255	7	1	8	236	27	263
Totals	1,303	1,202	2,505	133	244	377	1,436	1,446	2,882

The aggregate annual rate of salaries of the contributors to the fund on the 31st March, 1908, was £446,607, as compared with £426,855 as at the end of the previous year, and the annual rate of contributions increased from £32,048 to £32,870, the actual amount of contributions received during the year being £32,676. Details are given in the following table :—

STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTORS showing Annual Rates of Salaries and Contributions as at 31st March, 1908.

	Number.			Annual Salary.		Annual Contributions.	
	M.	F.	Total.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Contributors at 31st March, 1907 ...	1,427	1,385	2,812	426,855	0 0	32,048	0 0
New contributors entered during the year	84	163	247	34,600	0 0	1,860	0 0
Increase in salaries and contributions by promotion during the year	...	...	...	14,446	0 0	914	0 0
Totals	1,511	1,548	3,059	475,901	0 0	34,822	0 0
Contributions discontinued during the year by resignations, &c.	50	91	141	19,595	0 0	1,363	18 0
Number of informal applications registered in error and now cancelled	25	11	36	...	...	...	...
Decrease in salaries and contributions during the year	...	...	...	9,699	0 0	588	0 0
Totals at 31st March, 1908 ...	1,436	1,446	2,882	446,607	0 0	32,870	2 0

PROGRESS OF CONTRIBUTORS SINCE DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND (1st January, 1906, to 31st March, 1908).

	Number.			Annual Salary.	Annual Contributions.
	M.	F.	Total.		
Total entered (including increases in salary and contributions)	1,562	1,588	3,150	493,996	£ 36,426 0 0
Total discontinued (including reductions in salary and contributions)	126	142	268	47,389	3,555 18 0
Total existing at 31st March, 1908 ...	1,436	1,446	2,882	446,607	32,870 2 0