

4. That the Conference approves the suggestion for a further year of Standing Order 222(2) so that we may have two pastoral trial sermons as an experiment; these sermons to take place in two separate circuits neither of which is the circuit in which the candidate is nominated.
5. That the Revd Ian C. Lunn, B.A., B.S., be appointed as Assistant Secretary of candidates.



Church Membership Committee

TRIENNIAL STATISTICAL REPORT 1969-71

SOME FACTS

1. There are at least 1,382,610 people within the pastoral care of the Methodist Church on the Community Roll.
2. There are 601,028 full members.
3. There has been a three-year loss of 50,071 due in the main to our failure to win new members.
4. Nevertheless over 200 new members join the Methodist Church every week.
5. Over 700 babies are baptised in the Methodist Church every week, representing (in England and Wales) 5% of the births.

COUNTING AND CARING

One of the lessons of the parable of the lost sheep is that caring means counting and when we have counted it means more caring.

It is hoped that this report will be discussed in all District Synods and Church Membership Committees.

This is the first triennial report presented to the Conference and takes a somewhat different form from the traditional Annual Schedules.

A General Summary is given first followed by District totals. Attention is then focused on the gains and losses in the districts.

As an aid to understanding the trends in different parts of the country, the English Districts have been divided into North and South; the Welsh Districts, the Island Districts and the Church in Scotland have been shown separately. The Cardiff and Swansea District is listed with the English Districts.

FULL MEMBERSHIP

No amount of interpretation or explanation can alter the fact that there are 50,000 fewer full members of the Methodist Church than there were three years ago.

It would be wrong, however, to come to the conclusion that more people than ever are leaving the Methodist Church. Indeed the losses by death, transfers and 'ceased to be members' in 1971 were fewer than they have been since 1957.

It is not so much that 50,000 people have left the Methodist Church as that 50,000 people did not join. Had we been able to recruit new members as in the period immediately after the war there would be no net loss.

COMMUNITY ROLL

It has always been recognised that there are more people who call themselves Methodists than those on the membership roll. The Community Roll was instituted in 1969, and although the figures have shown an increase each year, this is almost certainly due to improved local records. Nevertheless we can claim that at least 1,382,000 people are within the pastoral care of the Methodist Church. This is probably an under-estimate.

BAPTISMS

There has been a slight decrease in the number of Baptisms, but there has also been a decline in the number of births. In England and Wales about 5% of the children born are baptised in the Methodist Church.

SOCIETIES

There has been a decline in the number of societies in the three-year period amounting to 786. This is due to amalgamations and closures.

MINISTERS

There are 212 fewer ministers, but this figure includes supernumeraries. The decline in the number of ministers is not so marked as in the Church Membership figures.

SUMMARY OF TRIENNIAL RETURNS

(The figures in parenthesis represent percentages of the full membership)

	1968 (last year reported)	1969	1970	1971	
COMMUNITY ROLL AT YEAR END	—	1,164,841 (178.9%)	1,340,787 (211.2%)	1,382,610 (224.2%)	2-year increase 117,769
MEMBERSHIP AT YEAR END	651,139	634,712	617,018	601,068	3-year loss 50,071
FULL MEMBERSHIP					3-year total
GAINS					1969-71
New Members ...	14,481 (2.2%)	12,847 (2.0%)	11,806 (1.9%)	11,635 (1.9%)	36,288
*Balance of Transfers from other denom- inations ...	—	—	—	181	181
LOSSES					
Deaths ...	13,465 (2.0%)	13,071 (2.0%)	13,078 (2.1%)	12,562 (2.0%)	38,711
Ceased ...	13,333 (2.0%)	13,345 (2.0%)	13,547 (2.1%)	13,663 (2.2%)	40,555
*Balance of Transfers Circuits ...	2,051	1,988	2,016	1,070	5,074
Denominations ...	473	162	233	—	395
Other Countries ...	674	616	575	404	1,595
Ministers, Students...	59	92	53	67	212
Total Losses...	30,055 (4.5%)	29,274 (4.5%)	29,502 (4.6%)	27,766 (4.5%)	86,542
NET LOSS ...	15,574 (2.3%)	16,427 (2.5%)	17,696 (2.8%)	15,950 (2.6%)	50,071
BAPTISMS ...	43,423 (6.5%)	41,983 (6.4%)	39,405 (6.2%)	38,985 (6.3%)	120,373
SOCIETIES ...	9,948	9,637	9,383	9,162	Net loss 786
MINISTERS ...	4,167	4,075	4,022	3,955	212

* The figures for transfers represent the net loss or gain on transfers "in" and transfers "out".

NET LOSS AS A PERCENTAGE
OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP AT
THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

	1969	1970	1971
Southern Districts			
1 London N.E.	3.3	2.5	1.8
2 London N.W.	2.3	2.6	3.3
3 London S.W.	1.8	1.1	2.3
4 London S.E.	1.6	4.5	2.8
5 Birmingham	2.2	2.8	1.5
7 Bristol	1.8	2.9	2.3
8 Cardiff/Swansea	3.5	3.8	2.3
12 Cornwall	1.6	2.2	2.7
14 East Anglia	1.7	1.2	1.6
23 Oxford/Leicester	1.6	2.5	1.5
24 Plymouth/Exeter	2.3	1.2	0.8
26 Southampton	1.8	1.7	1.5
28 Wolverhampton	2.5	3.0	1.6
Southern Districts	2.1	2.4	2.0
Northern Districts			
6 Bolton/Rochdale	2.6	5.4	4.1
9 Carlisle	1.3	2.7	0.9
11 Chester/Stoke	3.3	2.8	1.5
13 Darlington	3.5	3.4	3.1
16 Leeds	2.3	2.9	2.0
17 Lincoln	3.3	2.8	3.1
18 Liverpool	3.0	2.8	2.4
19 Manchester	3.5	4.4	4.3
20 Newcastle	2.6	2.1	3.5
21 North Lancs	1.6	2.7	4.0
22 Nottingham	3.1	3.5	3.7
25 Sheffield	4.0	3.1	3.9
27 West Yorks	2.5	3.7	4.3
29 York/Hull	1.4	1.8	2.3
Northern Districts	2.8	3.1	3.2
Wales (Welsh)			
30 1st North Wales	4.6	4.6	5.4
31 2nd North Wales	4.4	3.5	2.1
32 South Wales	4.8	6.8	4.7
Welsh Districts	4.6	4.5	3.9
Scotland			
33 Scotland	3.4	2.0	1.8
34 Shetland	0.8	0.0	1.2
Island Districts			
10 Channel Islands	0.8	1.7	1.5
15 Isle of Man	0.9	1.5	0.2
Ministers	2.2	1.3	1.7
Connexional Loss	2.5	2.8	2.6

Trends in the Districts

Little information is afforded when we are told that there was a loss of 65 in one district and the loss of 990 in another unless we relate the loss to the total membership. Hence it is helpful if the losses or gains in a district can be shown as a percentage of the total.

The total membership figures for the Districts and the total net loss for the three year period are given on the opposite page.

The annual net loss as a percentage of the membership at the beginning of the particular year is given in the adjoining columns.

The losses are widespread over the Connexion but the more serious losses are in the northern industrial districts such as Bolton & Rochdale, Darlington, Manchester, Nottingham, Sheffield and West Yorkshire. How much these losses are due to deaths, transfers and to the annual revision of membership rolls can be seen from the tables on later pages.

The three Island Districts show least change and this is understandable. The losses are relatively small in the predominantly rural districts such as East Anglia, Plymouth and Exeter, Carlisle and York and Hull. Districts that include retirement areas have slighter losses as they gain by transfers.

It should be noted that during the intercensal period 1961-71 the actual population decreased in Northumberland, Cumberland, Lancashire, Greater London and parts of Wales. Migration to the South and the South West has affected other northern counties. This is reflected in the higher percentage losses in the Northern Districts.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE DISTRICTS, 1968-71

	1968	1969	1970	1971	3-year loss
Southern Districts					
1 London N.E.	23,603	22,832	22,272	21,876	1,727
2 London N.W.	25,370	24,778	24,127	23,330	2,040
3 London S.W.	27,036	26,548	26,260	25,668	1,368
4 London S.E.	21,782	21,436	20,472	19,898	1,884
5 Birmingham	23,758	23,227	22,577	22,248	1,510
7 Bristol	23,451	23,039	22,381	21,867	1,584
8 Cardiff & Swansea	17,324	16,711	16,069	15,706	1,618
12 Cornwall	19,575	19,261	18,843	18,333	1,242
14 East Anglia	16,348	16,076	15,890	15,641	707
23 Oxford/Leicester	22,225	21,868	21,326	20,998	1,227
24 Plymouth/Exeter	23,596	23,064	22,790	22,606	990
26 Southampton	24,162	23,724	23,319	22,957	1,205
28 Wolverhampton/S	25,158	24,523	23,778	23,396	1,762
	293,388	287,087	280,104	274,524	18,864
Northern Districts					
6 Bolton & Rochdale	16,792	16,360	15,481	14,841	1,951
9 Carlisle	10,951	10,809	10,516	10,426	525
11 Chester & Stoke	28,170	27,240	26,479	26,082	2,088
13 Darlington	22,173	21,407	20,687	20,055	2,118
16 Leeds	21,982	21,481	20,864	20,437	1,545
17 Lincoln	18,297	17,691	17,204	16,673	1,624
18 Liverpool	22,485	21,811	21,207	20,704	1,781
19 Manchester	29,947	28,913	27,640	26,445	3,502
20 Newcastle	30,573	29,788	29,172	28,158	2,415
21 North Lancashire	21,218	20,871	20,297	19,495	1,723
22 Nottingham	26,230	25,423	24,544	23,632	2,598
25 Sheffield	26,077	25,038	24,268	23,320	2,757
27 West Yorkshire	23,495	22,915	22,071	21,111	2,384
29 York & Hull	22,862	22,547	22,133	21,625	1,237
	321,252	312,294	302,563	293,004	28,248
Wales (Welsh)					
30 1st North Wales	5,760	5,493	5,240	4,956	804
31 2nd North Wales	5,685	5,435	5,245	5,135	550
32 South Wales	2,200	2,094	1,952	1,861	339
	13,645	13,022	12,437	11,952	1,693
Scotland					
33 Scotland	11,296	10,912	10,699	10,506	790
34 Shetland	728	722	722	713	15
Island Districts					
10 Channel Islands	3,747	3,717	3,655	3,601	146
15 Isle of Man	2,550	2,526	2,489	2,485	65
Garrisons	366	357	327	328	38
Ministers	4,167	4,075	4,022	3,955	212
TOTAL	651,139	634,712	617,018	601,068	50,071

MEMBERS PER SOCIETY AND BAPTISMS AND NEW MEMBERS PER THOUSAND FULL MEMBERS, 1971

	Members per Society	Baptisms per 1,000 full members	New Members per 1,000
Southern Districts			
1 London N.E.	86	76	26
2 London N.W.	80	67	19
3 London S.W.	116	62	20
4 London S.E.	81	64	24
5 Birmingham	77	84	20
7 Bristol	56	62	19
8 Cardiff/Swansea	55	52	20
12 Cornwall	40	52	15
14 East Anglia	32	45	17
23 Oxford/Leicester	56	55	18
24 Plymouth/Exeter	51	40	17
26 Southampton	57	48	20
28 Wolverhampton/Shr.	61	91	23
	<u>61</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>20</u>
Northern Districts			
6 Bolton/Rochdale	100	55	19
9 Carlisle	45	42	21
11 Chester/Stoke	63	65	23
13 Darlington	59	102	15
16 Leeds	88	85	22
17 Lincoln	41	53	17
18 Liverpool	128	54	22
19 Manchester	105	59	15
20 Newcastle	87	97	16
21 North Lancs.	109	45	24
22 Nottingham	57	69	12
25 Sheffield	65	90	16
27 West Yorks	78	51	17
29 York/Hull	49	65	18
	<u>70</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>18</u>
Wales (Welsh)			
30 1st North Wales	40	18	11
31 2nd North Wales	55	18	14
32 South Wales	36	14	11
	<u>45</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>
Scotland			
33 Scotland	169	32	21
34 Shetland	31	24	28
Island Districts			
10 Channel Islands	86	32	25
15 Isle of Man	41	32	28
TOTAL	<u>66</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>19</u>

Note: In the second two columns if a decimal point were inserted before the units figure this would, of course, give the baptisms and new members as a percentage of the full membership.

Members per Society

Although there are 786 fewer societies than in 1968, the average membership of a society has remained at 66. It is not always realised that the majority of Methodist Churches have a membership under 60 in number.

There have been more closures and amalgamations in the north than in the south.

Baptisms

It is difficult to correlate baptisms and births because our District boundaries bear little relationship to the local authority boundaries.

It is interesting to note the high rate of baptisms in proportion to membership in the Darlington, Newcastle, Sheffield and Wolverhampton Districts.

The low baptismal figures in the Welsh speaking Districts do not augur well for the future.

New Members

For the first time for some years there has not been a sharp decline in the number of new members. Some districts show an increase.

From the figures on page 3 it is clear that if we are to maintain our strength we need to recruit 45 new members per 1,000 or 4.5%.

The figures in the adjoining columns show how far short we fall in the various districts. Although the northern districts have more baptisms the southern districts are slightly more successful in the recruitment of members. Again the Welsh recruitment figures are disturbing.

SOCIETIES, BAPTISMS AND NEW MEMBERS, 1969-71

	Number of Societies			Baptisms			New Members		
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971
Southern Districts									
1 London N.E.	265	259	255	2,121	1,783	1,692	465	611	589
2 London N.W.	305	300	291	2,054	1,740	1,618	475	482	462
3 London S.W.	225	222	221	1,847	1,725	1,618	711	593	518
4 London S.E.	258	250	246	1,371	1,266	1,313	554	403	490
5 Birmingham	305	299	290	2,042	1,890	1,908	641	475	443
7 Bristol	411	398	391	1,442	1,320	1,393	489	437	430
8 Cardiff & Swansea	306	297	288	858	869	831	341	385	323
12 Cornwall	473	466	455	912	915	988	351	261	279
14 East Anglia	513	500	493	787	732	719	241	289	271
23 Oxford/Leicester	403	383	373	1,349	1,225	1,172	515	261	385
24 Plymouth/Exeter	463	450	445	921	921	912	361	412	380
26 Southampton	412	414	405	1,106	1,250	1,120	489	463	462
28 Wolverhampton/S	412	392	384	2,369	2,139	2,164	451	458	556
Southern Total	<u>4,751</u>	<u>4,630</u>	<u>4,537</u>	<u>19,179</u>	<u>17,775</u>	<u>17,448</u>	<u>6,084</u>	<u>5,530</u>	<u>5,588</u>
Northern Districts									
6 Bolton & Rochdale	165	156	148	877	917	847	319	287	297
9 Carlisle	245	234	230	534	449	444	270	194	225
11 Chester & Stoke	452	422	413	1,625	1,733	1,722	430	520	614
13 Darlington	354	350	341	1,882	1,841	2,105	358	328	310
16 Leeds	251	242	233	1,861	1,655	1,778	441	411	466
17 Lincoln	423	418	403	924	864	917	218	271	287
18 Liverpool	161	162	162	1,270	1,176	1,151	603	571	470
19 Manchester	258	254	253	1,854	1,734	1,626	586	569	411
20 Newcastle	347	335	324	2,998	2,752	2,824	622	608	453
21 North Lancashire	187	184	179	1,025	998	921	563	363	493
22 Nottingham	428	419	413	2,016	1,803	1,696	533	357	283
25 Sheffield	390	381	361	2,290	2,131	2,179	482	470	393
27 West Yorkshire	290	279	269	1,347	1,127	1,122	424	346	366
29 York & Hull	463	451	441	1,368	1,596	1,433	399	447	397
Northern Total	<u>4,414</u>	<u>4,287</u>	<u>4,170</u>	<u>21,871</u>	<u>20,776</u>	<u>20,765</u>	<u>6,248</u>	<u>5,742</u>	<u>5,465</u>
Wales (Welsh)									
30 1st North Wales	130	127	123	125	116	97	69	59	57
31 2nd North Wales	96	95	94	92	98	93	86	66	72
32 South Wales	54	56	51	39	35	27	8	43	22
Welsh Total	<u>280</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>151</u>
Scotland									
33 Scotland	62	61	62	412	357	343	185	225	226
34 Shetland	23	23	23	29	34	17	12	15	20
Island Districts									
10 Channel Islands	45	42	42	125	124	115	58	49	93
15 Isle of Man	62	62	60	111	90	80	41	57	69
Garrisons							56	22	23
Total	<u>9,637</u>	<u>9,383</u>	<u>9,162</u>	<u>41,983</u>	<u>39,405</u>	<u>38,985</u>	<u>12,847</u>	<u>11,808</u>	<u>11,635</u>

DEATHS AND 'CEASED' PER THOUSAND OF FULL MEMBERSHIP, 1971

	Deaths per 1,000 full members	'Ceased'
Southern Districts		
1 London N.E.	20	19
2 London N.W.	17	28
3 London S.W.	17	23
4 London S.E.	19	25
5 Birmingham	17	18
7 Bristol	21	21
8 Cardiff/Swansea	20	22
12 Cornwall	24	16
14 East Anglia	24	13
23 Oxford/Leicester	20	18
24 Plymouth/Exeter	24	14
26 Southampton	21	18
28 Wolverhampton/Shby.	19	22
	20	20
Northern Districts		
6 Bolton/Rochdale	20	31
9 Carlisle	20	14
11 Chester/Stoke	21	18
13 Darlington	23	20
16 Leeds	18	21
17 Lincoln	26	18
18 Liverpool	18	21
19 Manchester	20	36
20 Newcastle	20	22
21 North Lancs.	20	39
22 Nottingham	21	21
25 Sheffield	22	27
27 West Yorks.	20	33
29 York/Hull	23	17
	21	25
Wales (Welsh)		
30 1st North Wales	25	32
31 2nd North Wales	18	14
32 South Wales	25	28
	22	24
Scotland		
33 Scotland	20	17
34 Shetland	29	0.5
Island Districts		
10 Channel Islands	22	16
15 Isle of Man	19	15
TOTAL	20	22

Note: If a decimal point were inserted before the units figure, this would give the deaths and 'ceased' as a percentage of the full membership.

Loss by Death

The totals in this column are fairly constant, representing about 2% of our membership annually.

There is a higher rate in the rural districts such as Cornwall, East Anglia, Plymouth and Exeter and Lincoln, suggesting a rather more elderly membership in these areas.

'Ceased to be Members'

These figures also are surprisingly constant, but although the actual totals show little variation, they represent a higher percentage of the decreasing connexional total. The percentage for the three years under review is 2.0%, 2.1% and 2.2% respectively. The 1971 increase in the number 'ceased to be members' in some of the northern districts is due to the loss of 'dissentient' members in certain areas. They have been recorded as 'ceased' rather than as transferred to other denominations.

Losses in the rural areas are low. There is greater mobility in the industrial areas and the hold of the urban churches on their members is not so strong. Where there are amalgamations and closures there is some loss because at that point the roll must be revised even if it has been neglected for some time.

LOSSES BY DEATH AND "CEASED", 1969-71

	1969	Deaths 1970	1971	1969	"Ceased" 1970	1971
Southern Districts						
1 London N.E.	478	487	439	542	522	422
2 London N.W.	394	401	415	646	488	673
3 London S.W.	499	540	457	576	561	611
4 London S.E.	389	425	383	492	422	519
5 Birmingham	404	380	390	546	604	414
7 Bristol	436	451	474	396	476	462
8 Cardiff & Swansea	388	369	324	456	544	354
12 Cornwall	439	438	456	227	239	292
14 East Anglia	358	378	374	170	187	199
23 Oxford/Leicester	472	387	417	499	300	385
24 Plymouth/Exeter	526	482	537	325	277	328
26 Southampton	521	552	486	452	442	429
28 Wolverhampton/S	393	474	446	629	531	522
Total	5,697	5,764	5,598	5,956	5,693	5,610
Northern District						
6 Bolton & Rochdale	352	369	313	362	704	481
9 Carlisle	241	219	210	144	231	145
11 Chester & Stoke	534	583	544	676	653	465
13 Darlington	491	460	473	518	425	410
16 Leeds	432	491	384	395	433	472
17 Lincoln	418	424	447	323	299	304
18 Liverpool	438	397	389	618	610	442
19 Manchester	584	563	554	663	998	1,006
20 Newcastle	620	574	580	654	517	652
21 North Lancashire	451	453	410	427	488	791
22 Nottingham	570	572	517	649	468	509
25 Sheffield	582	501	546	630	572	647
27 West Yorkshire	476	495	447	461	492	737
29 York & Hull	464	502	510	302	340	381
Total	6,653	6,603	6,324	6,822	7,230	7,442
Wales (Welsh)						
30 1st North Wales	161	157	129	103	87	168
31 2nd North Wales	147	128	96	102	60	74
32 South Wales	58	61	48	38	109	58
Total	366	346	273	243	256	300
Scotland						
33 Scotland	230	238	216	195	220	177
34 Shetland	17	12	21	1	4	4
Island Districts						
10 Channel Islands	60	49	82	34	54	58
15 Isle of Man	47	66	47	43	40	37
Garrisons	1		1	51	50	35
TOTAL	13,071	13,078	12,562	13,345	13,547	13,663

GAINS AND LOSSES IN THE DISTRICTS BY TRANSFER

Circuit to Circuit

The internal transfers within Methodism have never balanced. In spite of Standing Order 283 members are transferred but the names are not always put on another roll. Many of these members might be lost to the Methodist Church in any case, but our transfer system should mean that every effort is made to welcome members into a new area.

In the three year period over 5,000 members were lost in the process of transfer. This may in part represent no more than a 'paper' loss, but it may also be indicative of lack of pastoral care.

Only the net balance of transfers is given on the page opposite. The actual figures may be misleading since when a circuit is moved from one district to another or when a society is transferred to another circuit the total membership is reported as 'transferred to other circuits'. In this case it does not indicate any population movement but only realignment of boundaries¹.

The actual numbers for the whole Connexion are reported as follows:

	Received from other Circuits	Transferred to other Circuits
1969 ...	15,943	17,931
1970 ...	17,070	19,086
1971 ...	15,427	16,497

Other Denominations

For the first time since Methodist Union more members are reported as having been received from other denominations than have been transferred to other denominations. This is due to the fact that in one or two churches with dual membership Congregational members have been reported in this category. The statistical implications of dual membership are under consideration, but at present the numbers involved are relatively small.

The transfers reported for the three year period are as follows:

	From Other Denominations	To Other Denominations
1969 ...	2,676	2,838
1970 ...	2,512	2,745
1971 ...	2,589	2,408

Other Countries

In spite of repeated attempts to deal with this problem we still receive relatively few commendations from other countries.

	From Other Countries	To Other Countries
1969 ...	197	813
1970 ...	144	719
1971 ...	182	586

Who gains on transfers?

A glance at the final column on the next page shows that certain Districts, mainly in the south, gain from transfers. Other districts like Manchester lose heavily. This follows the population trends within the country.

¹ E.g., transfers of churches from Bolton to Manchester in 1971. See column 3.

TRANSFER GAIN AND LOSS

	Circuits			Denominations			Countries			Total loss or gain
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	
Southern Districts										
1 London N.E.	-173	-166	-90	-28	+36	-7	-15	-32	-27	-502
2 London N.W.	-152	-220	-126	+125	+12	-13	-	-36	-32	-442
3 London S.W.	-68	+249	-66	+17	-2	+32	-73	-27	-8	+54
4 London S.E.	-20	-488	-153	+35	+6	+13	-34	-38	-22	-701
5 Birmingham	-158	-135	-44	-20	+12	+98	-44	-18	-22	-331
7 Bristol	-73	-88	+25	+34	-51	-9	-30	-29	-24	-245
8 Cardiff & Swansea	-115	-120	+8	+17	+9	-9	-12	-3	-7	-232
12 Cornwall	+16	+10	-31	-11	-6	-9	-4	-6	-1	-42
14 East Anglia	+20	+79	+42	+15	+25	+20	-20	-14	-9	+158
23 Oxford/Leicester	+89	-67	+105	+31	-18	+11	-21	-31	-27	+72
24 Plymouth/Exeter	+22	+88	+127	-42	-1	+184	-22	-14	-10	+332
26 Southampton	+76	+142	+84	+9	+14	+39	-39	-30	-32	+263
28 Wolverhampton/S	-74	-66	+42	+30	-4	+4	-20	-28	-16	-132
Southern Total	-610	-782	-77	+212	+32	+354	-334	-306	-237	-1,748
Northern Districts										
6 Bolton & Rochdale	+40	-69	-148	-62	-17	+11	-15	-7	-6	-273
9 Carlisle	+8	-14	+43	-23	-13	-	-12	-10	-3	-24
11 Chester & Stoke	-147	-47	-2	+4	+12	+3	-7	-10	-3	-197
13 Darlington	-127	-122	-65	+32	-18	+19	-20	-23	-13	-337
16 Leeds	-67	-76	-17	-27	-5	-6	-21	-23	-14	-256
17 Lincoln	-72	-3	-77	-1	-16	-12	-10	-16	-2	-185
18 Liverpool	-220	-170	-124	+22	+20	+1	-23	-18	-19	-531
19 Manchester	-318	-243	-41	-22	-11	+16	-33	-27	-21	-700
20 Newcastle	-95	-117	-208	-12	-7	-18	-26	-9	-9	-501
21 North Lancashire	+9	+30	-45	-24	-11	-37	-17	-15	-12	-122
22 Nottingham	-88	-143	-125	-17	-24	-25	-16	-29	-19	-486
25 Sheffield	-241	-155	-114	-42	+8	-26	-26	-20	-8	-124
27 West Yorkshire	-104	-157	-97	+51	-33	-33	-14	-13	-12	-412
29 York & Hull	+70	+21	-	-6	-21	-9	-12	-19	-5	+19
Northern Total	-1,352	-1,265	-1,020	-127	-136	-92	-252	-239	-146	-4,629
Wales (Welsh)										
30 1st North Wales	-11	-21	-16	-59	-43	-26	-2	-4	-2	-184
31 2nd North Wales	-40	-5	-3	-46	-60	-6	-1	-3	-3	-167
32 South Wales	-2	+3	+1	-14	-18	-8	-2	-	-	-40
Welsh Total	-53	-23	-18	-119	-121	-40	-5	-7	-5	-391
Scotland & Channel Islands										
33 Scotland	-2	+40	+20	-125	-5	-30	-17	-15	-16	-150
34 Shetland	-1	-	-	+1	+2	-4	-	-1	-	-3
10 Channel Islands	+22	-4	-1	-9	-1	-6	-7	-3	-	-9
15 Isle of Man	+19	+18	+12	+7	-4	-1	-1	-2	-	+48
Garrisons	-11	-	+14	-2	-	-	-	-2	-	-1
TOTAL	-1,988	-2,016	-1,070	-162	-233	+181	-616	-575	-404	-6,883

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1971

	£	£	EXPENDITURE	£
INCOME				
General Assessment ...	...	...	Committee expenses ...	331.28
Sales of Literature ...	...	550.00	Publications ...	125.90
Donation ...	...	31.90	Secretarial expenses, printing and incidentals ...	157.93
Bank Interest ...	...	5.00	Conference reports ...	20.00
	...	8.15	Bank charges ...	0.65
	...	...	<i>Deficit for the Year</i> ...	...
	...	...		635.76
	...	...		40.71
	...	...		£595.05

Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1971

	£	£		£
Cash at Bank	500.00	...	REPRESENTED BY:	...
Deposit Account	78.89	...	Reserve Account for Audio Visual Aids and Publications ...	...
Current Account	...	...	Capital Account	...
Cash with Secretary	...	578.89	Balance brought forward 1st January, 1971	394.60
	...	25.00	Less: Deficit for the year	40.71
<i>Net Assets</i>	...	...		353.89
	...	...		£603.89

Winifred E. Lewis,
Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1971, and Balance Sheet at that date, with the Books and Vouchers produced to me, and find the same to be in accordance therewith.

LUTON,
15th February, 1972.

DAVID K. TURNER,
*Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.*

RESOLUTIONS

To Move:

1. The Conference commends the report for discussion in the Districts, in the Church Membership Committees and the Synods.
2. In view of the changing local situations the Conference requests the Church Membership Committee to reframe Standing Order 290 to include the pastoral care of full church members and those on the community roll.
3. The Conference receives the Accounts.
4. The Conference appoints the Committee as follows:
 - (i) *Ex-officio:* The President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Conference; the ex-President, the ex-Vice-President, and the ex-Secretary of the Conference; the President Elect and the Vice-President Elect; The Rev. Dr. Bernard E. Jones, Secretary; Miss Winifred E. Lewis, Treasurer; a General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, a Secretary of the Home Mission Department, a Secretary of the Youth Department, the Connexional Editor, the Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee, and the Director of Lay Training.
 - (ii) Twelve Ministers and twelve laymen: Revs. Geoffrey Ainger*, John H. Davis, Eric G. Frost, Brian H. Jackson, David W. James, Ronald Jobling, Jack Puntis*, Peter W. Rodgers, Frank Scott, Donald S. Taylor, Philip D. Tordoff*, Douglas A. Wollen*, Mrs. Douglas Blatherwick*, Messrs. Trevor A. Genge*, Britton T. J. Goudie, Ronald S. Handley*, Victor B. Jones, John Low, Ian Patrick, Miss Joan Rand, Mr. Norman P. Smith (Secretary), Sister Vera Vandersteen, Mr. John West and Miss Doris Whiteman*.
 - (iii) Representatives nominated by the District Synods.

* For re-election this year.