

C. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The work of the Church Membership Committee is not merely a matter of *Numbers*, nor concern over *Exodus*, nor yet a cause for *Lamentations*; it is a new version of the *Acts of the Apostles*. Last year we called every church to attempt to win at least one new member. This was misunderstood by some as simply to attempt to improve the statistics, but all our literature made it clear that we were calling for commitment to Christ and his Church. We cannot yet assess the result of that appeal but the literature has been widely circulated and more churches than last year have been successful in winning new members.

In response to the request in the Report on the Witness of Laymen in Industry, we have produced a leaflet *So you work for your living* which should stimulate discussion in local churches.

We remind ministers and church councils of S.O. 811 (2) "Every effort shall be made to lead those who are not full members of the commitment involved in full membership and to this end the (community) roll shall be reviewed not less than once a year". The leaflet, *That's the ticket!* has been prepared to encourage those on the Community Roll to consider the commitment involved in full membership.

We believe that the service of Reception into Membership is in itself not only a means of grace but a means of recruitment. Such a service should be held at least once a year either for a Local Church or for a group of Local Churches (S.O. 803). Even where there are no new members from a particular local church, sharing in a Circuit service can prove an inspiration and incentive. It is our custom that the local minister should receive new members but it is not inappropriate that the Superintendent or Chairman of the District should share in the service to represent the wider church. There were still far too many churches where no new members were received in 1977, but there were not many Circuits where such a united service could not have been held to bring encouragement and the sense of belonging to even the smallest church.

We welcome the suggestions made by the Division of Finance to minimise possible influence of assessment of the revision of the membership roll and recruitment.

In response to Memorial 2 (1977) we have continued to stress the importance of exercising pastoral care over those who are removing from one area to another by the efficient application of our transfer system.

New or refurbished premises can make a great difference to the spiritual life of a local church and we are planning a modest enquiry into the effect of such changes on Church Membership.

The Committee is grateful to Mr. Richard Smith who has organised the collection and processing of the triennial statistics, which are presented in a separate report, and to Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church for the use of their office facilities.

REPLY TO MEMORIAL

Memorial 1. (*Agenda*, 1977, p. 400)

The Huddersfield (North-East) (27/4) Circuit Meeting requests that, in order to facilitate the distribution of membership tickets by class leaders/pastoral visitors in view of the inclement weather and dark nights in January, the tickets be issued for the beginning of the connexional year (September 1st) for distribution in September.

REPLY

The Division of Ministries recommends that the annual ticket be printed indicating the connexional year (e.g. 1978-79) rather than the calendar year and that four quarterly tickets be available so that local circuits may make their own arrangements as to the time of distribution.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1974-1977

8,310 local Churches are in touch with 1,370,515 men, women and children on the Community Roll. Of these 516,798 are full members. 97,609 young people of 14 years of age and over meet in Methodist groups and clubs. On an average Sunday there are 463,275 attendances of adults and 204,942 children attend Sunday School or Family Church.

Summary and Comparison

	1974	1975	1976	1977	3 year loss
COMMUNITY ROLL	1,429,103	1,402,306	1,397,373	1,370,515	58,588
MEMBERSHIP ROLL	557,249	541,518	528,370	516,798	40,460
Gains					3 year Total
New Members	8,880	10,963	11,079	12,044**	34,086
Balance of transfers					
—other denominations*	343	236	534	492	1,262
Balance of transfers in circuit*	5	—	—	37	37
Losses					
Deaths	12,051	12,787	12,862	12,652	38,301
Ceased to be members	8,947	12,465	10,540	10,272	33,277
Balance of transfers in Circuit*	—	54	13	—	67
Balance of Transfers:					
Circuits*	853	389	995	1,094	2,478
Other Countries*	291	312	208	63	583
Garrisons	—	72	5	14	91
Ministers, Students	34	97	83	50	230
NET LOSS	13,082	14,977	13,093	11,572	39,642
Baptisms	30,647	29,681	27,758	25,980	83,419
CHURCHES	8,669	8,550	8,440	8,310	359
MINISTERS AND STUDENTS	3,865	3,768	3,685	3,635	230

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*The figures for transfers represent the net loss or gain on transfers "in" and transfers "out".
 **This total includes 10,315 new members and 1,729 reinstated.

GENERAL TRENDS

COMMUNITY ROLL

The Community Roll of a local Church lists those for whom the Church accepts pastoral responsibility. It is a pastoral tool rather than any kind of electoral roll. Since its inception in 1969 the numbers have varied between 1,164,000 and 1,434,000 in 1974, dropping last year to 1,370,515. This decline may be due as much to varying interpretations of what the Community Roll should be as to any diminished outreach.

MEMBERSHIP

There has been a further decline of 39,642 as against 43,819 in the previous triennium. The loss of 11,572 in 1977 was the lowest since 1965. This gives us some encouragement.

The really disturbing losses have been in Cymru, Cardiff and Swansea, London SE and Scotland (see percentage losses on p.3). The predominantly industrial districts Darlington, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle and West Yorkshire have suffered a net decline of over 8% in the three-year period.

The lowest decline has been in areas like London SW, Birmingham, Bristol, Oxford and Leicester, Southampton, Chester and Stoke, North Lancashire, Shetland and Channel Islands. It is not very easy to discern a pattern.

CHURCHES

There are now 359 fewer Churches than there were three years ago, the total now being 8,310. Of these 5,616 (68%) have 1-59 members
 1,880 (23%) have 60-159 members
 813 (9%) have 160 and over
 One Church has no members

NEW MEMBERS

In the three year period 34,086 new members were received as against 30,312, an increase of 12%. This is indeed encouraging.

In 1977 the new category of "Restored to Membership" was included for the first time. We have reason to believe that previously those "restored" were

returned as "received into membership", i.e. as new members. This has made it difficult to compare this year's total of new members (10,315) with last year's total (11,079) which would include those restored to membership. For purposes of comparison, we have added the number of those restored to membership (1,729) to the total of new members. This is made clear in the table on page 4.

In 1974, 6,292 (73%) churches (smaller churches for the most part) produced no new members. In 1977 the figure was down to 5,446 (66%). There has been a drive during the past year to encourage churches to attempt to win at least one new member. Clearly most new members will join the larger town and suburban churches but there have been encouraging increases in rural areas.

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

Because of population movement membership sometimes lapses or there may be periods in life when a member ceases to attend. These members are not in any sense "excommunicated" and indeed the names of such people will be retained on the Community Roll (S.O. 815). From time to time such former members come back into fellowship when their names are restored to the roll without any further service of reception. This year, the first time that the category has been used, there were 1,729 names so restored.

This gives a more accurate statistical picture and may encourage churches to invite former members to accept the commitment of full members once more.

BAPTISMS

The number of baptisms has again declined but so has the birthrate. The latest figures show that between 1974 and 1976 the UK births fell from 737,100 to 675,500, a drop of 8%. In 1974 there were 30,647 baptisms, in 1976, 27,758, a drop of 9%.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

6,174 Sunday Schools are reported against 6,616 in 1974 (-7%). Attendances (See page 7) are down, but there are now 97,609 young people over fourteen in our clubs as against 94,140 three years ago, an encouraging increase.

DEATHS

A high rate of deaths (as a proportion of total membership) suggests a more elderly membership. Districts showing a significantly higher than average rate are East Anglia, Plymouth/Exeter, Bolton, Darlington, West Yorkshire, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

LAPSED MEMBERS

During the three years 33,277 ceased to be members as against 31,305 in the previous three years.

ATTENDANCES

The attendances as indicated by the average for October 1977 have declined as we would expect with a declining membership but in some districts, London NW, SW and SE, Chester and Darlington, North Lancashire and Shetland the total attendances show an increase. Compared with total membership the 1974 figures showed 85.9% and the 1977 figures 90.3%. This suggests a better attendance of those who are on the roll. These totals of course include a diminishing number of those who attend twice.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE DISTRICTS, 1975-77 AND COMMUNITY ROLL

	MEMBERSHIP				COMMUNITY ROLL		
	1975	1976	1977	3 year Loss	3 year Loss as %	1977 gain-loss	3 year gain-loss
Southern Districts							
1. London NE	19,509	18,953	18,474	1,534	7.7	63,101	1,343
2. London NW	20,892	20,403	20,125	1,481	6.7	58,965	-1,203
3. London SW	23,416	22,819	22,505	1,344	5.6	70,361	-4,718
4. London SE	17,480	16,794	16,454	1,885	10.3	47,453	-6,522
5. Birmingham	20,610	20,327	20,014	1,115	5.3	57,197	-2,515
7. Bristol	20,041	19,746	19,329	1,098	5.4	56,453	-475
8. Cardiff & Swansea	13,923	13,318	12,962	1,530	10.6	32,661	186
12. Cornwall	16,329	15,942	15,590	1,402	8.3	35,610	-1,514
14. East Anglia	14,334	13,942	13,677	1,084	7.3	34,363	619
23. Oxford/Leics	19,046	18,707	18,417	1,120	5.7	49,111	-1,489
24. Plymouth/Exeter	20,630	20,131	19,664	1,444	6.8	43,042	-3,725
26. Southampton	21,619	21,137	20,903	1,036	4.7	51,371	218
28. Wolverhampton/Shrewsbury	21,716	21,271	20,716	1,572	7.1	52,900	-1,162
Southern TOTAL	249,545	243,490	238,830	17,645	6.9	652,588	-20,957
Northern Districts							
6. Bolton/Rochdale	13,146	12,774	12,556	1,018	7.5	32,985	-1,394
9. Carlisle	9,553	9,340	9,033	702	8.0	21,896	-731
11. Chester/Stoke	24,017	23,668	23,025	1,376	5.6	56,172	-2,057
13. Darlington	17,904	17,423	16,981	1,580	8.5	45,818	-5,103
16. Leeds	18,640	18,239	17,821	1,301	6.8	51,320	1,290
17. Lincoln	14,912	14,559	14,283	1,004	6.6	38,573	-1,057
18. Liverpool	18,834	18,274	17,825	1,587	8.2	51,790	-7,136
19. Manchester	23,010	22,470	21,931	1,928	8.1	61,093	-3,083
20. Newcastle	24,764	23,879	23,435	2,246	8.7	62,812	-1,650
21. North Lincs	17,517	17,249	17,060	963	5.3	41,871	-4,604
22. Nottingham	20,993	20,534	20,043	1,686	7.8	55,319	-2,605
25. Sheffield	20,575	20,005	19,450	1,762	8.3	58,892	-587
27. West Yorkshire	18,636	18,255	17,762	1,436	7.5	45,603	-4,335
29. York/Hull	19,758	19,346	18,831	1,358	6.7	48,976	56
Northern TOTAL	262,259	256,015	250,036	20,037	7.4	673,120	-32,996
30. CYMRU	10,424	9,994	9,601	1,173	10.3	12,222	-1,518
31. SCOTLAND	8,885	8,652	8,326	898	9.7	16,523	-1,491
32. SHETLAND	655	642	629	31	4.7	1,446	-158
10. CHANNEL ISLANDS	3,391	3,353	3,253	198	5.7	8,208	-721
15. ISLE OF MAN	2,352	2,273	2,268	148	6.1	6,408	-747
Garrisons	239	234	220	91			
MINISTERS	3,768	3,685	3,635	230			
	541,518	528,338	516,798	40,451	7.3	1,370,515	-58,588

BAPTISMS, NEW MEMBERS AND REINSTATED MEMBERS, 1975-77

No return of members reinstated was required until 1977. Previously such reinstated members were included most frequently in the new members' column. For purposes of comparison with previous years the total of new and reinstated members is given in the sixth column (1977) and then given separately in the last two columns.

	Baptisms			New Members	New & Reinstated	New	Re-instated
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1977	1977	1977
Southern Districts							
1. London NE	1,359	1,182	1,132	439	441	477	424
2. London NW	1,160	1,136	1,110	446	529	526	451
3. London SW	1,250	1,159	1,047	528	578	642	575
4. London SE	962	856	806	353	433	454	407
5. Birmingham	1,496	1,421	1,258	493	541	587	536
7. Bristol	1,031	932	1,005	413	403	484	399
8. Cardiff/Swansea	639	618	537	206	236	262	230
12. Cornwall	790	632	693	264	292	368	302
14. East Anglia	551	530	521	238	249	321	262
23. Oxford/Leicester	920	869	850	363	411	412	346
24. Plymouth/Exeter	597	591	506	375	345	432	369
26. Southampton	868	769	795	505	456	489	403
28. Wolverhampton	1,674	1,498	1,446	466	402	479	420
Southern TOTAL	13,297	12,193	11,686	5,089	5,316	5,933	5,124
Northern Districts							
6. Bolton/Rochdale	628	568	504	244	321	456	403
9. Carlisle	367	357	319	125	159	104	90
11. Chester/Stoke	1,480	1,433	1,365	624	576	535	440
13. Darlington	1,572	1,458	1,212	338	387	428	369
16. Leeds	1,156	1,180	990	395	366	468	388
17. Lincoln	722	625	626	249	233	305	259
18. Liverpool	982	903	819	527	408	440	401
19. Manchester	1,275	1,217	1,141	413	449	534	429
20. Newcastle	2,242	2,095	2,062	439	443	437	365
21. North Lincs	714	650	602	480	518	448	390
22. Nottingham/Derby	1,180	1,180	1,157	426	452	383	338
25. Sheffield	1,534	1,597	1,313	391	476	434	364
27. West Yorks	774	763	640	362	380	354	301
29. York/Hull	1,073	963	948	407	310	360	296
Northern TOTAL	15,699	14,989	13,698	5,420	5,478	5,686	4,833
30. CYMRU	166	152	131	147	91	135	104
31. SCOTLAND	300	214	254	154	80	137	108
32. SHETLANDS	20	20	33	21	5	6	4
10. CHANNEL ISLANDS	116	107	124	75	77	87	85
15. ISLE OF MAN	83	83	54	57	32	60	57
TOTAL	29,681	27,758	25,980	10,963	11,079	12,044	10,315

DEATHS AND LAPSED MEMBERS IN DISTRICTS, 1975-77

	DEATHS			LAPSED MEMBERS		
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977
Southern Districts						
1. London NE	384	434	439	429	547	372
2. London NW	418	397	383	575	486	346
3. London SW	475	528	467	546	575	486
4. London SE	404	412	361	688	478	389
5. Birmingham	385	420	433	494	361	477
7. Bristol	478	473	449	361	296	484
8. Cardiff/Swansea	347	356	336	401	421	237
12. Cornwall	483	428	400	333	187	250
14. East Anglia	376	353	381	299	296	248
23. Oxford/Leicester	402	402	388	420	371	318
24. Plymouth/Exeter	535	547	546	357	385	404
26. Southampton	510	481	529	444	444	336
28. Wolverhampton	466	473	476	474	372	513
Southern TOTAL	5,663	5,704	5,588	5,821	5,219	4,860
Northern Districts						
6. Bolton/Rochdale	302	340	372	329	310	225
9. Carlisle	234	256	235	141	148	168
11. Chester/Stoke	571	540	553	490	476	634
13. Darlington	447	488	495	505	301	321
16. Leeds	409	454	449	418	277	337
17. Lincoln	383	401	366	232	208	163
18. Liverpool	459	438	412	564	460	365
19. Manchester	503	514	578	654	462	382
20. Newcastle	628	671	593	616	490	393
21. North Lincs	461	479	446	456	308	258
22. Nottingham	536	498	465	574	436	394
25. Sheffield	520	524	491	443	451	484
27. West Yorks	487	441	485	385	305	341
29. York/Hull	534	473	487	317	308	374
Northern TOTAL	6,474	6,517	6,427	6,124	4,940	4,839
30. CYMRU	290	319	291	153	186	255
31. SCOTLAND	206	175	179	240	92	214
32. SHETLAND	18	19	13	3	3	1
10. CHANNEL ISLANDS	67	74	91	72	37	80
15. ISLE OF MAN	69	54	63	52	63	23
TOTAL	12,787	12,862	12,652	12,465	10,540	10,272

ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP, OCTOBER, 1977

	Morning	After-noon	Evening	Principal Service	Total Attend. of mems	1974	
						As %	As % of
Southern Districts							
1. London NE	10,859	208	6,111	11,555	17,178	93.0	18,185
2. London NW	11,886	695	6,604	13,235	19,185	95.3	18,379
3. London SW	14,150	103	7,080	15,031	21,333	94.8	21,241
4. London SE	9,651	511	4,630	10,511	14,792	89.9	14,624
5. Birmingham	10,705	268	6,800	12,747	17,773	88.8	18,968
7. Bristol	10,765	649	8,075	13,282	19,489	100.8	19,843
8. Cardiff/Swansea	5,017	355	5,285	7,255	10,657	82.2	10,994
12. Cornwall	8,822	815	6,914	11,461	16,551	106.2	17,258
14. East Anglia	8,469	1,959	4,343	10,648	14,771	108.0	14,787
23. Oxford/Leicester	9,196	671	6,736	12,383	16,603	90.2	17,246
24. Plymouth/Exeter	11,904	1,435	6,473	14,430	19,812	100.8	20,509
26. Southampton	13,069	524	6,579	14,432	20,172	96.5	20,896
28. Wolverhampton	9,295	926	9,019	12,781	19,240	92.9	19,484
Southern TOTAL	133,788	9,119	84,649	159,751	227,556	95.3	232,414
Northern Districts							
6. Bolton/Rochdale	6,474	460	3,299	7,020	10,233	81.5	11,318
9. Carlisle	3,584	903	3,062	5,652	7,549	83.6	7,971
11. Chester/Stoke	10,641	789	9,646	14,249	21,076	91.5	20,479
13. Darlington	6,873	839	6,587	10,040	14,299	84.2	14,237
16. Leeds	9,921	951	5,504	11,220	16,376	91.9	17,616
17. Lincoln	6,704	744	5,766	9,059	13,214	92.5	13,802
18. Liverpool	9,237	252	5,047	9,913	14,536	81.5	14,977
19. Manchester	11,089	736	6,754	12,536	18,579	84.7	19,073
20. Newcastle	8,246	152	10,030	12,451	18,428	78.6	19,519
21. North Lincs	10,023	661	4,472	10,780	15,156	88.8	14,807
22. Nottingham/Derby	8,412	570	9,430	12,504	18,412	91.9	19,010
25. Sheffield	8,229	818	9,029	12,106	18,076	92.9	18,386
27. West Yorks	9,690	1,052	5,239	11,126	15,981	90.0	16,538
29. York/Hull	9,415	858	6,909	12,270	17,182	91.2	18,318
Northern TOTAL	118,538	9,785	90,774	150,926	219,097	87.6	226,051
30. CYMRU	2,539	1,146	2,958	4,222	6,643	69.2	7,222
31. SCOTLAND	3,670	50	819	3,716	4,539	54.5	5,277
32. SHETLAND	303	49	300	496	652	103.7	513
10. CHANNEL ISLES	1,521	62	1,023	1,721	2,606	80.1	2,835
15. ISLE OF MAN	906	298	978	1,530	2,182	96.2	1,924
Total	261,265	20,509	181,501	322,362	463,275	90.3	553,073

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS

	No. of churches	Sunday Schools	Youth Groups	S.S. A'dance		Young People	
				1974	1977	1974	1977
Southern Districts							
1. London NE	244	214	148	9,480	8,178	4,739	4,995
2. London NW	269	226	147	10,594	8,919	3,924	4,315
3. London SW	212	191	150	9,435	7,789	5,438	5,388
4. London SE	226	178	125	7,217	6,176	4,802	3,961
5. Birmingham	265	209	133	9,648	8,541	3,927	4,971
7. Bristol	364	246	156	10,213	8,629	3,973	4,690
8. Cardiff/Swansea	255	198	108	6,811	5,860	2,275	2,584
12. Cornwall	418	299	148	7,635	6,772	2,226	2,140
14. East Anglia	423	254	128	7,107	5,860	1,459	1,878
23. Oxford/Leicester	344	254	148	9,391	8,181	3,989	3,943
24. Plymouth/Exeter	415	278	162	7,604	6,403	2,657	3,481
26. Southampton	364	240	158	8,537	7,268	3,185	3,556
28. Wolverhampton	345	248	171	11,046	9,480	3,153	4,024
Southern TOTAL	4,144	3,035	1,882	114,718	98,056	45,147	49,926
Northern Districts							
6. Bolton/Rochdale	139	127	75	5,442	4,423	2,164	2,467
9. Carlisle	210	126	74	3,360	2,970	941	1,075
11. Chester/Stoke	371	309	153	10,392	9,384	2,780	2,742
13. Darlington	306	225	126	8,062	6,888	3,604	3,049
16. Leeds	214	178	111	8,042	7,008	3,607	3,412
17. Lincoln	356	229	111	7,379	6,558	2,406	2,204
18. Liverpool	152	135	116	8,238	6,529	4,291	4,196
19. Manchester	226	197	127	10,175	8,926	5,194	4,652
20. Newcastle	285	225	137	11,028	9,031	4,068	4,661
21. North Lanes	168	156	97	6,188	5,663	3,262	3,057
22. Nottingham/Derby	376	290	187	11,523	10,382	3,757	3,836
25. Sheffield	332	269	125	10,457	8,981	3,311	3,737
27. West Yorks.	238	206	110	8,374	7,507	3,789	3,648
29. York/Hull	380	234	134	8,545	7,367	2,526	2,297
Northern TOTAL	3,753	2,906	1,683	117,205	101,617	45,700	45,033
Island Districts							
30. CYMRU	245	105	97	1,523	1,506	418	610
31. SCOTLAND	56	52	39	1,953	1,618	1,002	777
32. SHETLAND	22	8	4	74	89	15	30
10. CHANNEL ISLES	40	32	18	1,364	1,044	1,001	1,026
15. ISLE OF MAN	50	36	8	1,152	1,012	257	207
TOTAL	8,310	6,174	3,731	237,989	204,942	94,140	97,609

MEMBERSHIP, MINISTERS AND DEACONESSES IN PASTORAL CHARGE AND LOCAL PREACHERS

	M'sters & D'nesses	M'bers per M/D	Ch'ches per M/D	M'ship per Ch.	Local Preach.	L.Ps. On Trial
Southern Districts						
1. London NE	106 (4)	168	2.2	76	590	61
2. London NW	91 (3)	214	2.9	75	596	72
3. London SW	107 (6)	199	1.9	106	564	52
4. London SE	82 (3)	194	2.7	73	532	66
5. Birmingham	82 (5)	230	3.0	76	572	55
7. Bristol	87 (2)	217	4.1	53	708	57
8. Cardiff/Swansea	56 (1)	227	4.5	51	329	55
12. Cornwall	60	260	7.0	37	623	66
14. East Anglia	62	221	6.8	32	750	56
23. Oxford/Leicester	80 (1)	227	4.2	54	675	59
24. Plymouth/Exeter	75	262	5.5	47	761	75
26. Southampton	85 (2)	240	4.1	57	777	56
28. Wolverhampton	78 (5)	250	4.2	60	605	60
Southern TOTAL	1,051 (32)	227	3.8	58	8,082	790
Northern Districts						
6. Bolton/Rochdale	49 (1)	251	2.8	90	252	33
9. Carlisle	37	244	5.7	43	386	27
11. Chester/Stoke	85 (1)	268	4.3	62	647	96
13. Darlington	71 (3)	229	4.1	55	569	46
16. Leeds	69 (4)	244	2.9	83	475	42
17. Lincoln	56 (1)	251	6.2	40	634	43
18. Liverpool	67 (2)	258	2.3	117	365	46
19. Manchester	83 (2)	258	2.7	97	492	61
20. Newcastle	83 (2)	275	3.4	82	625	40
21. North Lanes	67 (1)	251	2.5	102	400	41
22. Nottingham/Derby	84 (5)	225	4.2	53	657	71
25. Sheffield	80 (4)	232	4.0	59	615	68
27. West Yorks	73 (2)	237	3.2	75	500	42
29. York/Hull	76 (1)	248	5.0	50	709	44
Northern TOTAL	979 (29)	248	3.7	67	7,326	700
Island Districts						
30. CYMRU	38	253	6.4	39	138	4
31. SCOTLAND	36 (1)	225	1.5	149	125	16
32. SHETLAND	3 (2)	126	4.4	29	20	1
TOTAL	2,129 (64)	234	3.8	62	15,817	1,522

Column 1 indicates numbers of ministers and deaconesses (in Parenthesis) as listed in Minutes. Columns 2 and 3 show total membership and number of churches divided by the total of ministers and deaconesses. Only ministers in circuit appointments and Chairmen are counted in column 1.