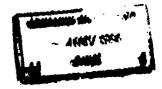


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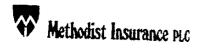
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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the one hundred and sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Brazennose House, Brazennose Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, 19 October 1988 at 1 p.m. to transact the following:

Ordinary business

Resolution No. 1 To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 1988.

Resolution No. 2 To declare a dividend.

Resolution No. 3 To recommend that Chantable Grants amounting to £232,477 be paid to Methodiet Funds and Organisations.

To re-elect the following directors retiring by rotation in accordance with Article 85 of the Cumpany's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offer themselves for

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re-election.

Resolution No. 4 Herbert W. Tuckey

Resolution No. 5 Rev Jeffrey W Harris

Resolution No. 6 Rev Ralph E Fennell

Resolution No. 7 To re-appoint Peat Marwick McLintock as Auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration

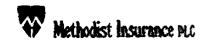
Special business

Resolution No. 8 To determine the remuneration of the directors

To transact any other ordinary business

By Order of the Board. G. SIMPSON, Secretary 27 September 1988

A member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting may appoint another person, whether a member or not, as his proxy to attend and on a polf, to vote instead of him



DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

DIRECTORS

Russell H. Church, F.R.I.C.S.

Herbert W. Tuckey, F.C.A.

Charles W. Jacob, M.B.E., F.B.I.M., A.S.I.A.

Stewart G. Hodgkinson, F.C.I.I.

Susan R. Howdle, B.C.L., M.A.

Rev Brian A. Greet, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.

Rev. Jeffrey W. Harris, M.A., B.D.

Rev. Ralph E. Fennell, M.A.

Michael A. H. Willett, F.I.A., M.B.C.S.

Norman Parker, F.C.I.B., M.I.Ex.

Chairman.

Vice-Chairman.

OFFICERS

David A. Blanks, B.A., F.C.I.I.

Grayham Simpson, F.C.I.S.

Michael J. Jarrett, F.C.I.I.

General Manager.

Secretary and Accountant.

Underwriting Manager.

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AUDITORS

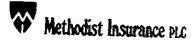
Peat Marwick McLintock, Chartered Accountants,

7 Tib Lane, Manchester M2 6DS.

BANKERS

Midland Bank plc

100 king Street, Manchester M60 2HD



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit the Annual Report and Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 1968.

PROFIT ANY IDEND

The Profit and Loss Account on page 6 shows the profit for the year.

The directors recommend a dividend for the year of 1p per share.

The directors propose to transfer £120,000 to General Reserve.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is the transaction of general insurance business.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The Chairman's review of the affairs of the Company follows on page 5.

DIRECTORS

The names of the present directors are shown on page 3.

Dr. J. W. Kellaway retired from the board during the year.

Mr. H. W. Tuckey, Rev. J. W. Harris and Rev. R. E. Fennell in accordance with Article 95 of the Company's Articles of Association, retire from the board by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

DIRECTORS SHAREHOLDINGS

The directors were interested in the shares of the Company as follows:

R H Church H W Tuckey C W Jacob S G Hodgkinson S R Howdle Rev B A Greet Rev J W Harris	30 June 1988 1,000 500 250 250 250 50	30 June 1987 1,000 500 250 250 250 50
S R Howdle		250
Rev B A Greet Rev J W Harris		
Rev R E Fennell	250 25	250 25
M A H Willett N Parker	500	500
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CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Charitable contributions donated during the year amounted to £233,297 (1387 £250,865). There were no contributions for political purposes

AUDITORS

A resolution for the re-appointment of the Company's auditors, Peat Marwick McLintock, will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board, G. SIMESON. Secretary

1 September 1988

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Dr. John W. Kellaway retired from the Board at the last Annual General Meeting and I wish to open my first statement with a tribute to him. John Kellaway served as a Director of the Company for a total of 25 years, three as Vice-Chairman and seven as Chairman. His lifetimes experience in commercial and financial matters were placed unstintingly at the service of the Company and his vast knowledge of Methodism, its workings and personnel, was frequently called upon. We shall miss him greatly. I also congratulate him on the timing of his retirement!

The full effects of the worst storm in 200 years which swept across the South East of England on 18th October 1987, were soon felt and resulted in 887 claims being made, including the total loss of one Church. This event was quickly followed by heavy flooding in the West Country, Wales and Eire and the collapse in share prices on the Stock Exchange on 19th October 1987.

The total number of claims received throughout the year was 4,746 (a record for the Company) which included the total loss of a further Church, this time due to arson. The financial consequences of these events have also produced further records for the Company. Claims incurred amounted to £3,447,634 of which £1,212,042 was retained by the Company. It is hardly surprising therefore that we have made an underwriting loss this year, but it is gratifying to report that at £36,045 it reflects the soundness of our reinsurance programme.

Despite the problems, the Company has produced a net profit before tax of £408,897 compared with £431,812 in the previous year. Grants to the Methodist Connexion totalling £232,477 will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The passing of the Financial Services Act and the expansion of other financial institutions into the insurance market, have increased the competition for all forms of insurance. Despite these pressures, there has been a satisfactory growth in our premium income.

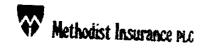
In last year's statement, my predecessor reported that we were exploring the introduction of premium payments by instalments. Researches to date have indicated very little demand for this service, but it is our intention to make the necessary modifications to our system to ensure that this service will be available when required in the future.

Mr. H. W. Tuckey, F.C.A., became Vice-Chairman and I am very grateful for the assistance he has given me during the year. Indeed, I wish to thank all the members of the Board for the contributions they have made to all our deliberations and decisions.

The Management, Staff, Representatives and Superintendent Ministers have met the very onerous demands of this difficult year with dedication and I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank them, on behalf of the Shareholders, for their efforts during the year.

I wish to conclude this statement as I started it, with a tribute. At the end of May this year, Mr. J. Edger Dyke retired from the Company after nearly 50 years service. In that time he served in most of the sections of the Company, latterly as Superintendent of the Church and Commercial Section. In this role he became well known throughout the Methodist Connexion and his knowledge of the Superintendent Ministers and their movements from circuit to circuit was considerable. We wish Edgar and his wife Olive a well-earned long and happy retirement.

R. H. Church, Chairman.



Income	Notes	1988 £	198
Net written premiums Less increase in unearned premiums	1B&2 1B	1,818,811 127,849	1,591,02 113,96
Premiums earned		1,690,962	1,477,12
Expenditure			
Net claims incurred Management expenses	1C&3 4	1,212,042 514,965	997,416 419,506
Underwriting (Loss)/Profit		(36,045)	60,203
investment income	1D		
Interest and dividends Profit/(Loss) on investment realisations		371,671 73,271	380,663 (9,054
Profit before Taxation		408,897	431,812
Taxation	5	58,263	63,460
Profit after Taxation		350,634	368,352
Charitable Grants			
Methodist Funds and Organisations		232,477	250,836
		118,157	117,516
roposed Dividend		187	187
etained Profit	6	£117,970	£117,329

If $a_{1} \approx 2 \, \mathrm{m}$, $a_{2} \approx 9 \, \mathrm{fm}/2 \, \mathrm{form}$ part of these accounts



BALANCE SHEET					
AS AT 30 JUNE 1988					
INVESTMENTS Listed Securities	Notes 7	£	1988 £	£	1987 £
Fixed Interest Ordinary Shares		1,877,047 613,966		2,0 6 5, 3 05 371,579	
		2,491,013		2,436,884	
Unlisted Securities Mortgages and Loans		147,877	0.800.000	150,433	
FIXED ASSETS	1E&8		2,638,890		2,587,317
	ILao		46,671		55,915
CURRENT ASSETS Premiums Debtors Deferred acquisition expenses Cash at Bank and in Hand	1 F	218,070 422,075 123,203	2,685,561	203,474 103,812 112,030	2,643,232
TOTAL ASSETS		1,330,819	2,094,167	1,335,783	1,755,000
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors Claims Unearned Premiums Bank Overdraft Current Taxation Taxation payable 1 October 1989 Proposed Dividend	1C&3 1B&10	176,635 1,276,442 1,067,851 283,073 10,520 38,581 187	4,779,728	241,474 1,019,523 940,002 260,113 114,139 14,424	4,398,331
_			2,853,289	187	2,589,862
NET ASSETS			£1,926,439	- f	1,808,469
FINANCED BY SHARE CAPITAL RESERVES	11 6		112,500 1,813,939	•	112,500 1,695,9 69

R H Church, Director & H Chestelle H W Tuckey, Director Hhlby Tucky

Approved by the Board of Directors on 1 September 1988

The notes of pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts.

SOURCE OF FUNDS	£	1988 £	£	198
Profit before tax Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds: Depreciation Unearned premiums	23,713	408,897	20,421	431,81
Deferred acquisition expenses	127,849 (11,173)	140,389	113,904 (34,680)	99,64
Total Funds Generated from Operations		549,286		531,457
APPLICATION OF FUNDS Charitable grants paid Tax paid Dividends paid Purchase of fixed assets	(226,702) (137,726) (187) (14,469)	(379,084) £170,202	(389,172) (76,492) (187) (41,265)	(507,116
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL Premiums Debtors Creditors Claims	14,596 324,037 64,839 (256,919)	146,553	(28,293) 6,008 84,408 (222,324)	£24,341
NCREASE/(DECREASE) IN INVESTMENTS AND NET LIQUID FUNDS Listed securities at cost Mortgages and loans Cash and bank balances	54,129 (2,555) (27,925)	23,649	(353,492) (6,723) 544,757	184,542



NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Disclosure Requirements

The accounts have been prepared in compliance with Section 258 and Schedule 9 of the Companies Act 1985, and in accordance with the statement of recommended practice on accounting for insurance business issued by the Association of British Insurers.

Premium Income

1. Direct premiums written relate to business incepted during the year.

2. Unearned premiums represent that proportion of premiums written in the year to 30 June, which relate to periods from 1 July to the subsequent dates of expiry of the policies, and have been computed as follows:-

(i) Direct business — on a daily pro-rata basis, net of reinsurance premiums.

(ii) Inwards Treaty business - as provided for in the respective treaty contracts.

Claims Outstanding

Provisions for notified claims as at 30 June each year are determined on an individual case basis after taking into account related handling expenses, expected recoveries, anticipated inflation and trends in settlements. Estimates made are based on the information available at the time. Provision is also made in respect of claims incurred but not reported at 30 June.

Any differences between original claims provisions and subsequent re-estimates or settlements are reflected in the underwriting results of the year in which claims are re-estimated or settled.

Investment Income

Investment income includes interest accrued to 30 June on deposits but no credit is taken for ordinary dividends and income arising on fixed interest securities other than those received in the year, and is stated before any deductions for income tax, and after adding back tax credits available on distributions.

Capital Expenditure

Expenditure on computer and office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings, and motor vehicles is capitalised and depreciated by equal annual instalments over ...e estimated useful lives of the assets, which are as follows:-

Computer equipment 4 years Office equipment 5 years Furniture, fixtures and fittings 8 years Motor vehicles 5 years

Deferred Acquisition Expenses

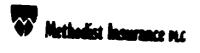
Provision is made for deferred acquisition expenses representing commission relating to unearned premiums and has been based on actual expenses. Deferred acquisition expenses have been separately disclosed in the accounts.

Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies have been converted into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at 30 June. Differences on exchange have been dealt with through the Profit and Loss Account.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

PREMIUM INCOME	1988	19
Gross direct premiums written and reinsurance accepted Deduct reinsurance premiums ceded	£ 3,678,253	3,250,38
- odda comsulance premiums ceded	1,859,442	1,659,3
	1,818,811	1,591,02
Gross premiums by geographical areas:- United Kingdom		
Eire	3,574,253	3,152,79
	104,000	97,5
	3,678,253	3,250,38
Gross premiums by class of business:-		
Fire and damage to property Liability	3,001,685	2,668,13
Accident and health	355,995	306,30
Miscellaneous financial loss	82,365	72,63
Reinsurance accepted	36,765	33,33
	201,443	169,96
	3,678,253	3,250,38
CLAIMS	1988	198
Gross claims incurred	£	130
Deduct reinsurance recoveries	3,447,634	1,773,65
	2,235,592	776,23
Grove alarma and a	1,212,042	997,416
Gross clairns outstanding Deduct reinsurance recoveries	2,989,514	1,695,895
Samuel (CCOACHEZ	1,713,072	676,372
	1,276,442	1,019,523
EXPENSES	1988	4000
Administrative expenses and commissions	£	1987 £
Deduct reinsurance and agency commissions .	980,853	876,308
increase in deferred acquisition expenses	454,715	422,122
,	11,173	34,680
Municipant expenses and	514,965	419,506
Management expenses include = Directors' emoluments		
dexpenses	0.440	
	9,443 7,362	8,505 6,0 85
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Augitors, remuneration Deprediation	9,056	14,590 9,05 6
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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

U.K. Corporation Tax at 31.2% based on the p	folit for the year :	.tta.	1946 E	196
charitable grants Under provision in respect of prior years	Tome for the year a	ii (er	40,000 4,467	51,77
Tax in respect of U.K. dividends received			44,467 13,796	51,77; 11, 60
Overseas taxation			56,263 1,419	63,460 1,576
Less relief for overseas taxation			50,682 1,419	65,036 1,576
SE SERVEN			56,263	63,460
		eneral Pro	fit and Loss Account	Total
At 1 July 1987		£	£	, com
Retained profit for the year	1,64	0,000	55,969	1,805,000
Transfer between reserves	12	0,000	117,970 (120,000)	117,970
At 30 June 1988		0,000		
TAIL IS CITARELING		0,000	53,939	1,813,939
Listed and unlisted securities are stated in the E			1988	1,813,939
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At 1 July 1987 Additions	Computer equipment £ 78,646 10,447	Office equipmen fixtures and fittings	1988 £ 3,893,057 t Motor vehicles £	1987 £ 3,934,137
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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

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ч	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS		1948		1987
	Contracted for, but not provided for in the ac	ccounts	12,015		
10	UNEARNED PREMIUMS		1988		1987
	Gross unearned premiums Deduct reinsurance premiums ceded		2.016.120 948.269		789,783 849,781
			1,067,851	200	940,002
• 1	SHARE CAPITAL				
	Ar 30 June 1988 and 1987		Authorised		lssued F
	18 ##shares of £6 each fully paid		112,500		112,500
٠.	At 30 June 1988 the amounts outstanding officers of the Company fother than director		gements and agr	oo me	nts with
	a company / a company and a co		1988		1987
		Number of Officers	3		£
	House purchase loans	2	33,000	(2)	33,000
	Other loans	3	3,459	(3)	6,1 58

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The rate of exchange used for converting Eire Punts was IR£1.1585.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To the members of the Methodist Insurance P.L.C.

Ver have addited the accounts set out on pages 6 to 12 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

Treat opened, the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies. Act 1986 applicable to insurance companies.

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PEAT MARWICK McLINTOCK
Chartered Accountants