

### 5.11. The Monmouthshire and South Wales Miners' Permanent Provident Society, Statement of Membership, Income and Expenditure, 1881-1920.

Note: Permanent relief or provident funds were established in various coalfields in the second half of the nineteenth century and were intended to provide benefits to the widows and 'orphans' of miners killed in their work, disablement benefits for miners who suffered injuries or occupational disease, and, in some cases, payments to old and infirm miners no longer able to work. These were 'permanent funds' because, unlike friendly societies or other agencies, they paid benefits indefinitely. Varying proportions of the mining workforce in different coalfields joined these funds and, in some cases, such as in south Wales, membership involved 'contracting out' of the statutory benefits provided by the Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation Acts. The Monmouthshire and South Wales Permanent Provident Society was less consensual than other such organisations in other coalfields and was the cause of disagreement between employers and the labour movement in the region; workers' leaders attempted to extricate workers from the Society in the years after the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1897, and a further Workmen's Compensation Act in 1906 led to a further fall in membership, so that the Society did little but provide for those on long-term benefits after 1906.

Year	No. Of members	No. Of widows	No. Of children	Old Age Allowances	No. Of Disabled Members	Workmen's Contributions (£.s.d.)	Proprietors' Contributions	Honorary Members' Subscriptions	Funeral allowances	Relief to Widows	Relief to Children	Old Age Allowances	Relief to Disabled Members	Total Relief Paid
1881	3084	5	5		552	1885.19.11	429.8.8	206.10.6	25.0.0	35.11.0	18.15.0		774.5.7	853.11.7
1882	14303	32	47		2510	6109.7.0	1444.8.7	327.0.0	285.0.0	231.14.8	182.8.9		3247.18.5	3947.1.0
1883	22541	55	88		4399	11925.6.8	2812.0.1	483.14.0	687.0.0	527.3.8	414.19.2		7085.8.7	8714.11.5
1884	30151	93	157		6207	16203.11.7	4100.3.3	291.0.0	724.0.0	819.5.10	778.16.3		9741.3.0	12183.10.7
1885	37450	140	273		7505	21365.0.0	5117.12.0	685.9.6	1557.0.0	1349.15.9	1261.9.9		1433.10.0	17032.5.3
1886	41117	211	422		9705	24447.15.4	5938.14.5	276.2.2	1155.0.0	2319.6.4	2103.12.0		74304.4.0	23142.3.8
1887	42108	232	543		10801	20175.1.8	6305.12.5	836.2.0	1641.4.4	3214.17.11	3146.19.5		19320.11.11	27523.13.7
1888	39218	285	560		9020	20808.18.1	6795.0.3	525.5.6	931.19.4	3377.18.4	3440.3.0		14003.6.5	21782.7.1
1889	45932	314	619		10935	30594.6.11	7445.15.4	355.3.0	1242.15.3	3678.18.7	3767.1.4		13495.13.9	22115.8.11
1890	52774	431	909		10164	35716.16.1	8620.11.0	360.10.11	3930.10.2	5685.17.11	5704.17.8		12825.8.4	28140.14.1
1891	57590	532	1044		8591	40414.19.6	10101.10.4	1237.11.11	1253.6.3	6411.7.1	6202.10.0		14183.7.8	25080.11.0
1892	59091	610	1192		10222	43018.5.1	100573.2.0	3300.2.11	3692.3.11	65857.17.0	6504.14.2		10911.10.8	31696.5.9

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1893	63182	653	1233		11260	42683.1.10	10383.18.11	1048.2.1	1303.17.0	7796.2.1	7437.9.4		21538.7.0	38185.6.5
1894	68010	839	1650		12917	48550.5.0	11943.12.1	798.19.6	5109.18.7	9247.9.10	8416.16.2		22993.1.11	45737.0.6
1895	71113	895	1606		14503	51003.5.1	13095.7.5	2041.7.8	1817.7.6	10708.10.2	9659.9.10		27452.2.1	49707.15.7
1896	73417	953	1645		15041	52885.4.3	12584.15.11	2318.0.0	2485.8.10	11477.2.5	10029.10.11		31234.8.9	56236.16.2
1897	76801	973	1659		19280	55597.17.10	14718.17.4	1926.7.0	1926.7.0	11786.7.2	10049.12.0		33220.9.1	52258.14.1
1898	29717	970	1572		10473	27423.18.0	8411.10.7	738.1.0	1092.8.0	11932.17.10	9751.15.2		28681.12.4	51258.14.1
1899	30260	981	1530		8302	30788.19.0	23458.12.7	929.3.4	1038.11.3	11800.14.4	9861.13.0		23838.14.3	45789.13.4
1900	32258	964	1413	103	6078	20823.11.30	28769.5.10	716.2.4	905.0.0	11737.17.5	8497.19.3	833.11.8	21016.0.0	43030.8.4
1901	29612	970	1340	176	6832	20942.14.2	25276.15.0	621.4.0	918.0.0	11876.17.2	7803.19.11	1802.11.8	10850.16.3	42413.5.0
1902	21507	988	1210	251	5780	16907.7.1	19041.6.9	608.14.0	747.10.9	11893.14.11	7192.6.4	2851.2.0	17680.8.11	40374.2.8
1903	18952	947	1065	317	4892	13570.1.11	13836.0.3	605.12.0	513.15.0	11720.4.3	6221.10.11	3721.1.0	1562.16.10	37714.16.10
<b>Totals</b>					208349	653685.8.11	246250.6.0	2508.15.11	33013.2.4	156727.17.6	125007.17.2	9811.6.10	405511.1.6	734257.5.4

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