

Mr. Henry W. Eaton, the United States manager of the Liverpool & London & Globe, has formed a life partnership with Miss Florence Griffin of Newark, N. J. We extend our congratulations to bride and groom.

The Fire Loss in the United States and Canada, for October, is stated by the *Review* of New York at \$8,366,600, and the total to that date for 1889 \$104,562,350, as against \$104,595,520 for the corresponding period of 1888.

The Aetna Life, of Hartford, reports a gain in new business of \$500,000 in October over October of last year. During the month named, this year, the company paid \$187,584 for death claims and matured endowments.

Mr. Sheppard Homans, the eminent actuary of New York, and president of the Actuarial Society of America, favored THE CHRONICLE with a call on the 1st inst. We were pleased to have the opportunity of making his acquaintance.

Interesting Cases.—Just as we go to press the case of the Connecticut Fire vs. Kavanagh is being heard. Other cases are also under way, amongst them: City of London vs. Oswald; Browne vs. Glasgow and London; Scottish Union vs. Citizens.

The Queen Insurance Co. has announced the issue of a new form of endowment policy, under which the insured has the option at the end of the endowment period to receive an annuity of \$100 on each \$1,000 insured in lieu of the face of the policy.

Borrowing Insurance Journals.—It is said that the agent who won't take in an Insurance Journal because he can borrow one has invented a machine with which he can cook his dinner by the smoke of his neighbor's chimney. —*The Index*, Manchester.

A Good Selection.—We notice that at the recent meeting in New York of the Insurance Journalists Association, Mr. George W. Hatch, manager of the *Insurance Age*, was elected secretary; another proof that insurance journalists are extremely level-headed.

Mr. T. B. Macaulay has been appointed secretary of the Sun Life of this city, in addition to the position of actuary, which he has for some time creditably filled. This is a fitting selection, and we congratulate the company on having not only a good secretary, but an actuary as well posted as Mr. Macaulay is known to be.

A Good Move.—The National Board of Fire Underwriters of the United States has decided to employ a competent fireman to visit the various cities of the country, in the interest of the fire insurance companies, for the purpose of securing improvements in the fire extinguishing service, — so says the *Chronicle* of New York.

The Sun Fire Insurance Co. of London has, say the *Herald* of Louisville, been notified by Insurance Commissioner Norman of Kentucky, that a full statement of its assets and liabilities must be made to the Department, the same as made by all the other foreign companies. What the Sun will do has not yet transpired.

The Death Rate last year in London was 18.5 per 1000; in Paris 22.6 per 1000; in New York 20.3 per 1000. This is a low death rate for London, and is presumably due to improved sanitation. The record for the second quarter of 1889, ending with June, shows a still further reduction in London, the rate being 16 per 1000.

The Boston Underwriters and the electric light companies in that city have at last agreed about the division of the cost of inspection. The electric light companies are to pay two thirds and the insurance companies one-third, which seems to be satisfactory all around.

Mr. E. W. Browne, recently agency manager of the Marine and General Life Ins. Co., and formerly of the London and Lancashire Life, has been appointed manager and secretary of the British branch of the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society of Melbourne, Australia.

Among the Callers at the office of THE CHRONICLE during the past few days were Messrs. Sheppard Homans, New York; J. B. Hughes, Waterloo; R. H. Matson, Toronto; A. Dean, Toronto; L. A. Dastous, Sherbrooke; C. J. Fortin, Beauharnois; David Smith, Quebec, and others.

Mr. J. B. Hughes, special Dominion agent of the old Aetna Fire, called on the CHRONICLE on the 24th ult., when passing through Montreal on his return from the Lower Provinces, where he had been looking after the company's interests. The Aetna is to be congratulated on having such an honorable and popular representative as "Jerry" Hughes.

Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., of Ottawa, has been elected a member of the Canadian board of directors of the Fire Ins. Association of London. We are pleased to learn that the Association under Mr. John Kennedy's conservative and popular management is not only keeping its volume of business well up to that of last year, but making it a more profitable one.

Electric lighting in London.—The project for lighting the whole of London by electricity on a mammoth scale seems to halt by the way. We notice that the report of the select committee on the subject to the City Commissioners of sewers has been referred back to the committee for further information and consideration. This doubtless means postponement for some months.

The Compact going to pieces.—The Insurance Company of North America, the Norwich Union, the Standard, the North American, the Western of Toronto, the Phoenix of London, the St. Paul Fire & Marine, and the American Central have all given notice of withdrawal from the New Hampshire Compact, though it is said they all protest that they do not design to enter New Hampshire for business.

Sir Henry E. Knight, chairman of the City of London Fire Ins. Co., met with a serious accident during his return home to London from the United States recently, on the steamship "Umbria." During a gale he fell down some steps, and received severe cuts on the head, and concussion, which rendered him unconscious for some time. At last accounts he was recovering from the effects of the accident.

International Maritime Exhibition.—This, the first of the kind ever held, which opened in Boston on the 4th inst., besides being of general interest and instructive to the public, has features in the exhibit especially interesting to insurance men. Prominent among these are the appliances of the life-saving service of the Massachusetts Humane Society, and the great electric light adapted to marine uses as a search light.

One Hundred Million Dollars was the enormous amount reached during October by the Mutual Life of New York in total cash payments for death claims since its organization forty-seven years ago. What a power this hundred million has been to ward off want, to prevent vice and preserve virtue, to educate and elevate, and to make bright faces and light hearts in thousands of homes, is beyond computation. Well may the *Weekly Statement* call this a glorious "Old Hundred."