

## Notes and Items.

Mr. W. Jacobson, the founder and president of the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Co. of Hamburg, died last month at age sixty-six.

A new company has been organized at Chicago called the Exchange Fire and Marine Insurance Co., with a capital of \$100,000.

Mr. J. M. Plunkett, late of the Atlas and National Ins. Cos., has been appointed clerk of the Accident department of the Citizens Insurance Co.

The United States Life, during the first three months of this year, has exceeded the amount of insurance written during the corresponding period of 1889 by forty per cent.

Among the callers at the Office of the CHRONICLE during the past week were: A. K. Blackader, Ottawa; L. Goldman, Toronto; Frank Gilliot, Ottawa; and W. Fitzgerald, Ottawa.

Our foreign exchanges note the death, at age 63 of Mr. William J. Vian, the long time secretary of the Railway Passengers Assurance Co., and the founder of accident insurance in England.

Mr. Alfred J. Bell, of Halifax, N.S., has been appointed general agent of the Insurance Company of North America for Nova Scotia. Mr. Bell also represents the Atlas and the National.

Our thanks are due Insurance Superintendent Fitzgerald for a complete abstract of the insurance statements,—fire, marine, life and accident—for 1889 in advance of the detailed and full report.

If the rumor proves to be a fact that the Equitable Life has written fifty millions of new assurance during the first three months of this year, that means over two hundred millions for the year.

Mr. W. H. Mead, for some time past manager for the Southwest at Louisville, Ky., has become general manager, at the home office, of the railway department of the Standard Accident Insurance Co. of Detroit.

The California Insurance Co. of San Francisco has established an Eastern Department, comprising the New England and Middle States, with headquarters at Boston, and with Mr. Geo. W. Eastman as manager.

The Capital of the Glasgow and London Insurance Co., according to the action of the general meeting on March 31st, is to be increased by the creation of 20,000 shares of £3 each, carrying a preferential dividend of 6 per cent per annum.

A white-winged Missive has wasted to our sanctum the intelligence that our genial friend, Charles A. Hewitt, the editor of the *Argus*, of Chicago, will be made happy by leading to the altar matrimonial, on the 24th inst., Miss Alice Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Greig of Chicago. Charles A. deserves many good things, and we are glad to know that now he has found the best of all good things—a good wife. May the sunlight ever fall upon the pathway of the happy pair.

The four industrial insurance companies reporting to the New York insurance department had in force at the close of 1889, 3,276,955 policies, insuring \$355,500,467, an increase over 1888 of 523,164 policies and \$55,538,349 of insurance.

Mr. Duncan McIntyre has been elected president of the Royal Canadian Insurance Co., of this city, in place of Mr. Andrew Robertson, recently deceased. Mr. James Dawes has also been chosen to fill the vacancy in the board of directors.

We are under obligations to Superintendent Maxwell for the prompt receipt of Parts II. and III. of the New York Insurance Report for 1889, being the usually comprehensive analysis of the business of life, casualty and assessment insurance.

The fire loss for March in the United States and Canada, according to the *Commercial Bulletin's* figures, was \$8,466,300, as against \$10,912,000 for March, 1889, and for the first three months of the year \$25,032,625, as against \$30,610,700 in 1889, and \$37,171,600 in 1888.

The London and Lancashire Fire has purchased, removed, and now occupies the large building in Liverpool for its head office, formerly known as the Royal Hotel on the corner of Dale street and Moorfields. It is a fine building and the offices commodious.

Mr. W. Fitzgerald, the efficient Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion, favored the CHRONICLE office with a call last week, looking hale and hearty. Mr. Fitzgerald has deservedly attained high rank among supervisors of insurance as an able and upright official, devoted to his work.

The neglect of people who stay at home to carry accident insurance was well illustrated in the recent tornado calamity at Louisville, for of the 95 killed the total accident insurance involved was less than \$20,000. There are numerous casualties besides tornadoes which commend accident insurance to the stay-at-homes.

The Indicator's Pocket Chart of regular life insurance companies in the United States is out, giving a five years' record of the condition and business of the companies to Dec. 31st, 1889. It is excellent in form, valuable in substance, easily understood, convenient to carry, and should be in the hands of every live agent.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of annual insurance reports from Assistant Secretary of State Simeon Toby, supervisor of insurance for Louisiana; Commissioner Foster of Texas; Superintendent Wilder of Kansas; and advance summaries from Superintendent Kemp of Ohio, and Comptroller Hallock of Nevada.

The London Life Insurance Co., of London, Ont., as shown by its annual statement for 1889, made a creditable increase in business over the preceding year, the total premium income being \$66,351, and the total income \$77,890. The total expenditures amounted to \$56,470, of which \$22,840 was paid to policyholders. The total assurance issued during the year was \$1,485,624, of which \$577,000 was on the "General," and \$908,624 on the "Industrial" plan. The latter represents a considerable feature of the company. The total assets as given now amount to \$230,214, and the surplus as regards policyholders to \$38,661.