

of the net premiums, which were £968,043. After allowing £145,068 for commission and £162,733 for other expenses, there remains as profit the sum of £103,164. The business of the life branch is also found to be in a progressive condition. This has been especially marked since the close of the last quinquennium. New assurance for 1887 reached a total of £558,158; the total premium income was £253,891, while £3,122,012 stands at the credit of the life fund.

—Reports as to the business situation in various parts of the United States serve to emphasize one fact which, the *Bulletin* considers, is well worthy of consideration. It is universally stated that purchases have been marked by extreme conservatism; that stocks have been kept very low and that dealers have limited their orders to what was necessary to meet immediate demand; and yet, on the other hand, it is also conceded that the volume of general trade in July and August has been fully up to the average of past years, and has in many respects exceeded previous summers. This large volume of trade, carried on despite

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