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The Manager for India, Burma and Ceylon of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada was born in Arbroath, Scotland, thirty-six years ago. His earliest business experience was gained in the banking office of his father, Mr. J. M. McBain, F.S.A., Scotland (a well-known author and writer on antiquarian subjects), who has for half a century conducted a large and successful insurance business in the East of Scotland. It was while being thus very strictly trained that Mr. McBain imbibed those excellent business habits and obtained that thorough insight into the principles of assurance of which the knowledge has been so eminently useful to him.

In 1893, when the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada extended its operations to the Dutch East Indies, Mr. McBain was the manager at Batavia for a large mercantile house, on whose behalf he took up and successfully carried on

the Company's agency for a number of years.

In the beginning of 1898, he joined the staff of the Sun Life of Canada as its manager for Burma, Siam and Sumatra. In these countries, he speedily established flourishing agencies. In its reorganization of its eastern districts by the Head Office, Mr. McBain was appointed Manager for India, Burma and Ceylon, and in 1901, opened the Company's Office at Bombay. The Company's business in India has so rapidly increased under his energetic management as to justify the erection of the handsome offices referred to elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. McBain is an Honorary Presidency Magistrate and a Justice of the Peace. A year ago, he was chosen by election as a representative of the Justices on the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

Ever ready to lend a helping hand, he is an assiduous worker in church and philanthropic affairs.

In his younger days, as a patriotic citizen, he held the rank of captain in the Forfarshire Volunteer Artillery.



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