

From the table furnished by Dr. Oronhyatekha it is clear that of the total amount collected from policy-holders a smaller proportion is placed to the credit of the Mortuary Fund than is called for by the calculations of the National Fraternal Congress Committee or Actuaries Fouse and Hunter (it is not stated how far short they fall of the reserve which the regular or old line companies are, by law, compelled to set aside for the protection of their policy-holders). In view of this, the question may reasonably be asked, what becomes of the difference between the total amount collected and the relatively small proportion thereof credited to the Mortuary Fund? We are told that the amount expended by old line companies in payment of agents' commissions is simply enormous, but the abnormally high expenditure connected with the management of the I.O.F. cannot be accounted for in any such way, since the S.C.R. tells us that the only allowance made to those bringing in new policy-holders is the remission of the fine which otherwise must be paid by every member of the Order who may be unable, or who, perhaps, under existing circumstances, is indisposed to drum up recruits.

Dr. Oronhyatekha's table further shows that the "net" rates of the I.O.F. barely produce the amount necessary to meet the claims of policy-holders who reach the age of 70 years when their payments to the Order cease. This being the case, what is the position of the Order with regard to 141,000 members who joined the Order prior to December, 1898, and who are still paying the old rates which are from thirty to sixty per cent. less than the revised rates on which the actuarial calculations referred to are based; and what is the effect upon the said calculations of the illegal diversion from the Mortuary to the General or Expense Fund which for years has been going on and concerning which the S.C.R. cannot be induced to give any explanation?

According to the official statements published, the Mortuary Fund, during the three years ending June 30th, 1898, was debited with \$185,666 13 to offset a deficiency in the General or Expense Fund, which deficiency was increased during the last half of the year 1898 by \$88,643.95 and which still goes on increasing regardless of the Constitution which provides (1) that "the surplus funds shall not be used for any purpose whatsoever except to pay the benefits of the Order," (2) that the interest on the Mortuary Fund "shall no longer form part of the General Fund nor be used for management expenses," and (3) that "an amount not exceeding 5% of the assessments may be taken for management expenses."

The S.C.R. does not attempt to explain the phenomenon connected with the alleged increase of 7803 in the membership during the first five months of the year 1899, which increase, however, was so intangible that it has not even been recorded in the monthly reports, but contents himself with the statement that "no special effort was made by the Supreme Court to boom our work." If no special effort is being made, what in the name of common sense are the organizers for to whom, during the five months referred to, the sum of \$51,101.53 was paid? This expenditure may seem trifling to an organization which thinks nothing of including in what purports to be a detailed statement of management expenses an item of \$133,245.28 for "sundries," but nevertheless would not be so regarded by any business institution that I know of.

We are informed that at the last Supreme Court meeting Dr. Oronhyatekha, in thanking those present for voting him a bonus of \$5,000 and four months' leave of absence in which to spend it, simply "with deep feeling" replied, "Lord preserve you from peril." While the prayer apparently was most opportune, and while it is evident the Order is in urgent need of aid from some omnipotent source would it not be well, before troubling the Almighty with the matter which the members themselves should be able to take care of, to see what the Superintendent of Insurance can do for us?

Yours truly, HENRY UPTON.

To the Editor of the Star:

I regret that I have not been able to spare time before now to attend to Mr. Henry Upton's letter of the 21st June. Let me say at the outset that Mr. Upton does not represent in any way the views of the thousands of Foresters in and about Montreal. Indeed, I think I would not be far wrong if I were to say that Mr. Upton represents in this matter no one but himself.

With this preliminary observation I will now deal with the several charges made by Mr. Upton in his last letter.

#### I.O.F. RATES THE LOWEST.

In reply to the statement that "Under the revised rates of the I.O.F. the cost of carrying a policy in that Order is actually higher than in the regular life insurance companies," I beg to say that Mr. Upton, on the occasion of the meeting of the Executive Council in Montreal, in November, 1898, appeared before them with the statement that the revised rates of the I.O.F. were higher than that of an old line company which he named; whereupon Major McGillivray, our Supreme Secretary, showed from official documents in his possession that the statement was wholly incorrect. It will be noted that Mr. Upton, upon the present occasion, varies this language somewhat, though intending doubtless to accomplish the same object. He is, however, in the present instance careful not to descend to particulars, because to have done so would have shown the incorrectness of his statements. However, I will supply this omission on Mr. Upton's part. The rates of certain well known first class old line life companies on a whole life policy of \$1,000, and the rates of the I.O.F., including the "Extension of the Order tax," as well as the usual "High Court tax," are given in the subjoined Table No. 1:

TABLE No. 1.

Showing the rates on a whole life policy of \$1,000 at age 30 years:

	Premium rates payable annually in advance.	I.O.F. rates payable in monthly instalments.	Extension of the Order tax and usual High Court Dues.	Difference in favor of the I.O.F. rates.
New York Life.....	\$24 38	\$13 68	\$1 70	\$9 00
The Equitable of N.Y.	24 38	13 68	1 70	9 00
The Mutual Life of N.Y.	24 18	13 68	1 70	8 80
The Canada Life .....	22 55	13 68	1 70	7 17
The Sun Life .....	23 45	13 68	1 70	8 07
The Confederation Life	22 40	13 68	1 70	7 02
Averages .....	\$23 55	\$13 68	\$1 70	\$3 17