Alliance Assurance Company, Ltd.

The ANNUAL GENERAL COURT of proprietors of the above Company was held on Wednesday of last week at the head offices, Bartholomew Lane, London, E.C., under the chairmanship of Lord Rothschild.

The following Report and Accounts were submitted:—

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

The Directors have the pleasure to submit to the Shareholders the annexed accounts and balance sheets for the year 1904.

FIRE ACCOUNT.

The net fire premium income for the year amounted to £936,697 5s. 1d.,and the losses (paid and outstanding) to £464,038 14s. 4d., being £49 10s. 10d. per cent. of the premiums.

After deducting commission and expenses of management, amounting to £34 2s. 5d. per cent. of the premiums, there remained a surplus of £153,054 1s. on the underwriting account. To this has to be added £123,744 17s. 1d. for interest (less income tax) on the capital, fire insurance Fund, and Profit and Loss Account, making a total surplus for the year of £276,798 18s. 1d.

The Fire Insurance Fund at the close of the year was £2,126,164 13s. 11d., and after deducting income tax on profits, etc., with the dividend and bonus paid on share capital in the year, and after applying £13,252 18s. 1d. in writing down the cost of the Company's premises, the balance on profit and loss account amounted to £484,898 2s.

FUNDS.

The funds of the Company on the 31st December, 1904, as per general balance sheet, stood as follows:

Paid-up Capital		£ 765,625 0 0
Life Assurance Fund	£4,085,207 13 4	
Annuity Fund	568,409 11 6	
Imperial Life Assurance Fund	2,594,552 11 5	
		7,248,169 16 3
Fire Insurance Fund		2,126,164 13 11
Leasehold, Investment and General Fund		340,040 17 6
Reserve for fluctuation in market value of bonds, stocks and shares on shareholders' accounts		114,000 0 0
Profit and Loss Account		484,898 2 0
		11,078,898 9 8
Reserves for—		
Outstanding Life Claims	£ 99,888 13 6	
Outstanding Fire Losses	86,806 8 3	
Oustanding Dividends	26 14 0	
Accrued Expenses and Commission	19,339 7 3	
Sundry Creditors	1,375 17 6	
Bills Payable	9,675 5 6	
		217,112 6 0
		£11,296,010 15 8

FIRE REVENUE ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.
Amount of Fire Insurance Fund at the beginning of the Year		2,126,164 13 11
Premiums received after deduction of re-insurance Premiums	£ 936,958 9 1	
Less Irrecoverable Premiums	261 4 0	
		936,697 5 1
Interest and Dividends	84,325 14 2	
Less Income Tax	2,717 16 5	
		81,607 17 9
		£3,144,469 16 9

		£ s. d.
Losses by Fire, less recoveries under re-insurances		464,038 14 4
Expenses of Management		179,128 4 5
Commission		140,476 5 4
Underwriting Surplus on the Year's Account	£ 153,054 1 0	
Interest (less Income Tax) on Fire Insurance Fund	81,607 17 9	
Transferred to Profit and Loss Account		234,661 18 9
Amount of Fire Insurance Fund at the end of the year, as per Balance Sheet*		2,126,164 13 11
		£3,144,469 16 9

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

		£ s. d.
Balance of Last Year's Account		461,801 7 7
Transferred from Fire Account, being the Underwriting Surplus on the Year's Account, including Interest (less Income Tax) on the Fire Insurance Fund		234,661 18 9
Interest and Dividends not carried to other Accounts	£ 43,540 5 5	
Less Income Tax	1,403 6 1	
		42,136 19 4
		£738,600 5 8

	£ s. d
Dividend and Bonus to Shareholders	232,812 10 0
Income Tax (excluding Income Tax on Interest and on Dividends from Investments)	7,636 15 7
Applied in writing down cost of the Company's premises	13,252 18 1
Balance as per Balance Sheet	484,898 2 0
	£738,600 5 8

*The amount required to cover unexpired risks at the end of the year, calculated at 40 per cent. of the year's premium income, is £374,679, being £19,023 more than the amount required on the same basis to cover unexpired risks at the close of the previous year.