

books, and that all the important documents, such as application, Medical Certificates, branch reports etc., are inserted in pigeon holes which afford no protection whatever in case of fire. We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be at once authorised to procure sufficient vault room for said documents.

We are sorry to be again compelled to call attention to Branch Reports. In this audit we find 53 Branches have not reported at all, and of the others which did report the great majority were useless, as when compared with the reports which accompanied the assessment remittances only a comparative few were found correct. This state of things ought not to exist, as a proper statement should always be easily made out from Branch Treasurers' Books. It is the opinion of your auditors that the making out of this Report properly belongs to the Financial Secretary of the Branch.

In conclusion we have to express our sincere gratification at the great progress made by the Association since last Convention, showing an increase of forty-two Branches and a corresponding increase in membership. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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