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The Directors have much pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders their Fifteenth Annual Report, with the Audited Accounts. FIRE BRANCH. The Account for the year 1875 has resulted in a satisfactory surplus; in view, however, of the increasing business of this Branch, the Directors consider an equivalent increase of the Fire Fund to be essential, and £30,000 only is therefore carried to the Profit and Loss Account. The net premiums received during the year 1876 (after deductions for returns and re-assurances) amounted to £537,382, being an increase of £33,538 on the amount of the previous year. The Losses paid and outstanding were £330,725, being 59 per cent. of the premiums. After allowing for all outstanding claims and deducting the £30,000 carried to the Profit and Loss Account, the Fire Fund stood on the 31st December last at £229,361, as against £53,318 at the corresponding date of the previous year. The increasing business of the Department has necessitated the appointment of a Sub-Manager, and the Directors have selected Mr. DAVID MARSHALL LANG, for several years the Company's District Manager at Glasgow, to fill that office. LIFE BRANCH. The Assurances completed during the year amounted to £406,013 under 455 Policies, and the new premiums were £15,089 as compared with £12,402 in 1875. The addition of £64,746 to the Life Fund is the largest increase in any year since the establishment of the Branch. The Directors make a special appeal to the Shareholders to aid them in securing equally satisfactory results for 1877, as the Third Quinquennial Valuation will be made at the close of the present year.

BALANCE SHEET. 31st December, 1876. DEBIT: To Shareholders' Capital 250,000 0 0; General Reserve Fund 110,000 0 0; Investment Reserve Fund 3,564 17 5; Fire Fund 329,361 0 8; Life Account as per separate Balance Sheet 528,421 1 1; Marine Fund 234,275 3 11; Profit and Loss Account 60,740 18 9; Bills Payable 2,365 11 8; Unclaimed Dividends 83 5 0; Fire Deposits 176 16 6; Suspense Account 133 10 0; Outstanding Fire Losses 84,289 0 0; Fire Commission 6,828 19 1; Marine Losses 10,535 0 0. CREDIT: By Life Investments an Outstanding Accounts as per separate Balance Sheet 528,420 1 1; Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom 168,140 2 8; INVESTMENTS: British Government Securities 92,246 16 1; Indian and Colonial Government Securities 41,520 12 6; United States Government Securities 145,322 1 6; Foreign Government Securities 31,487 7 10; Indian Railway Stock, Guaranteed Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stocks 84,648 13 6; Railway and other Stocks and Shares (Preference and Ordinary) 101,686 3 3; Freehold Offices 100,000 0 0; Loans upon Personal Security 43,371 15 8; Branch and Agency Balances 108,687 3 6; Fire Losses due from other Companies 5,366 7 0; Outstanding: Fire Premiums 6,864 15 2; Marine Premiums due 8th January, 1877 15,530 14 11; Interest 673 13 8; CASH—On Deposit 105,200 0 0; In hand and on Current Accounts 18,711 17 0; Bills Receivable 123,911 17 0; Stamps in hand 26,110 19 6; 834 14 1. £1,620,334 4 1

Examined and found correct. WILLIAM MILNES, ROBERT PORTER, CHARLES J. WYLIE, Auditors. A. J. MUNDILLA, Chairman. H. TROWER, Vice Chairman. S. STANLEY BROWN, Secretary. 27th February, 1877.

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