

NOTES AND ITEMS.

A Good Old Age.—Mr. Dimitrios Antipya died at Constantinople recently, at the age of 115 years.

The Estimated amount of Insurance on property in London, Eng., carried by the various fire offices, aggregated £7,49,074,682, in 1885, while in 1886 it was £7,41,109,310.

The Fire Losses in New Hampshire for 1887 reach the sum of \$1,620,511, against \$574,805 in 1886, insurance losses \$928,591, mostly paid by the State companies.

Mr. Joseph B. Reed has been appointed agent of the Queen Insurance Company at Toronto. This gentleman now represents the L. & L. & G., Lancashire, Connecticut, and Queen. The selection of Mr. Reed is a good one.

The City of Baltimore has awarded the contract for insuring the lives of its firemen to the North American Accident Company, at \$7.25 yearly for each man, which brings \$500 in the event of death from accident, or \$5 weekly during disability.

Another big Fire.—A fire originating in a large millinery store on Eighth and Arch street, Philadelphia, on January 26th ult., destroyed or damaged fifteen or twenty establishments, causing a loss of \$931,200, on which there was insurance to the amount of \$819,050, in some ninety companies.

The City of London Fire Insurance Company has, as intimated in THE CHRONICLE some time ago, decided to cease taking risks in Montreal until the fire brigade is placed in a state of greater efficiency. It will, however, continue to transact business in the Province of Quebec as usual, as well as throughout the rest of the Dominion.

Mr. Richard Harper has been appointed Inspector for the Manufacturers' Life and Accident Insurance Companies, with headquarters at Toronto. Mr. Harper has had considerable experience in the insurance field. He was for about 15 years connected with the Ethna Life. In 1886 he carried off the prize offered by that company to the agent writing the largest amount of business, and securing the largest amount of premiums.

Insurance Journalists Association. The regular quarterly meeting of this Association was held on the 20th January. By a rule of the special committee each member was called upon to speak for ten minutes on a subject to be drawn by lot from an assortment of questions relating to insurance and insurance journalism. The carrying out of this part of the programme, and the subsequent post-prandial exercise occupied the hours of the session; which, it was agreed, upon the whole, was one of the pleasantest yet held.

Life Agent's Ticker and Insurance Record is the title of a neat and very valuable little vest pocket companion, issued from the office of the Leavenworth & Burr Publishing Company (*Indicator*), Detroit, for the use of the solicitor, in which to record the varied points to be considered when interviewing any party to solicit his insurance. It has been highly commended by many Life Insurance Officers and Agents as invaluable. Price varying from 25 cents, in manilla; leatherette covers 50c., in leather 75c. Orders received at this Office.

Messrs. Thompson and Barlwell have been appointed agents of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company.

Mr. R. K. Freeman has been appointed a city agent at Toronto for the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. Mr. Freeman was formerly connected with the Sun Life.

Fire losses of the City of Boston, for the year 1887, reach the sum of \$675,081, on which the insurance loss was \$524,878, being the smallest amount since the year 1881.

Cotton Fires.—The National Board of Fire Underwriters is in correspondence with the several cotton marts at the South gathering data as to cotton business.

New Life Business in England. We acknowledge the receipt of a small and very useful brochure under the above title, from Mr. W. Bourne, Author of "Bourne's Handy Assurance Guide."

Obituary. We regret to learn just as we go to press of the death from typhoid fever of Mr. H. A. Holden, Agent of the British America Assurance Co. at Montreal, which occurred on Thursday, February 9th, inst.

The Act Respecting Friendly Societies: We are under obligations to J. Howard Hunter, Inspector of Insurance for Ontario, for a copy of a Bill under the above title, which we shall take pleasure in referring to more at length in a subsequent issue.

Mr. H. S. Stevens, Secretary of the Agricultural Insurance Company, of Watertown, N. Y., favored us with a call during a recent visit to Montreal. We understand that the Agricultural contemplates establishing an office in this city. Mr. Stevens is a worthy representative of this staunch, conservative old office.

Mr. W. E. Bradshaw has been appointed Inspector for the National and Atlas Insurance Companies. Mr. Bradshaw, we learn, served under the late Mr. Hore, General Manager of the London Assurance Corporation in England, and in this country has been in the British America, City of London, and for the last five years in the office of the National, as chief clerk and accountant. We should say that the appointment is likely to be a success.

The Insurance Monitor, of New York, with the January issue of this year, enters upon its thirty-sixth consecutive year, and the twenty-first of its proprietor and editor, C. C. Hine's connection with it. We congratulate "ye Patriarch" upon the success of the *Monitor*, which has long, and deservedly, enjoyed a high reputation among the Underwriting fraternity of all branches, as a free outspoken, and truthful journal. We can only add, long may it, with its worthy editor, continue to fill in the future the position which both have so ably maintained for so many years in the past.

New Zealand Government Life Insurance Department. —In our notice of the business of this Department, in the October, 1887, issue (page 438) an error was made in shewing the progress made from its institution to the end of year 1886, by substituting the figures of "increase of funds" for 1880 and 1886 for the *Annual Revenue* for those periods. The table, as corrected, should read:—

	Annual Revenue.	Total funds.
On June 30, 1871	£5,045
" " 1880	£146,205	459,330
" Dec. 31, 1886	255,605	1,231,934