Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Limited,

OF LONDON, ENG.

The directors have found the 31st March an inconvenient date at which to balance the accounts of the corporation for audit, and, therefor, submit to the shareholders their twenty-first annual report, together with the audited accounts for a period of nine months to 31st December, 1901. Future accounts will comprise twelve months to 31st December. The premiums for the nine months are $1,574,815, against $1,356,050 for the same nine months of the year preceding, an increase of $218,765. The balance of the nine months' account is $1,420,295. Out of this amount the directors have already paid an interim divident of 1s per share, and now recommend a further dividend of 2s per share (free of Income Tax), making together a dividend for nine months at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on the capital. The directors further recommend a bonus of 1s per share. This will absorb $75,000, leaving $1,345,295 to be carried forward.

The new premises (Hamilton House), with the exception of five rooms and the basement vaults are now let at satisfactory rentals. The cost of the building, $339,165, and the investment of a redemption fund $25,000, together $364,165, will be found in the balance sheet.

Mr. W. H. Maudslay, Mr. H. W. Maynard, and Mr. R. Milburn, retire in the prescribed rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election as directors. In accordance with the resolution of the shareholders, Messrs. Welton, Jones & Co., have audited the accounts now submitted and offer themselves for re-election for the ensuing year.

By order of the Board,
S. STANLEY BROWN,
General Manager and Secretary.

13th February, 1902.

REVENUE ACCOUNT —1st April, 1901, to 31st December, 1901 (9 months).

Balance of last account..		$1,324,882	Charges against revenue of the 9 Months—		
Less dividends November, 1900, and May, 1901		75,000	Directors' and auditors' fees..		$14,691
		$1,249,882	Salaries and house expenses..		35,635
Revenue of the 9 Months—			Rents and rates..		9,835
Premiums, less bonus and returns			Taxes (home and foreign)..		36,100
to the assured and re-assurance..	$1,574,814		Advertising..		9,383
Interest and rents..	68,303		Books and stationery..		20,828
Transfer fees..	99		Legal costs and professional fees..		1,694
Profit on exchange..	5,976		Branch and agency office charges..		14,714
			Postage and parcels..		978
		$1,649,192	Travelling..		15,582
Realized profits on investments..		1,332			
			Total expenses..		$159,440
			Commission and losses paid and outstanding..		1,295,176
			Furniture and repairs..		3,253
			Bad debts..		72
					$1,457,941
			Special charges—		
			84 King William St., rent and dilapidations..	9,845	
			South Africa branch returns of premiums..	12,324	
					22,169
			Balance of this account..		1,420,295
		$2,900,406			**$2,900,406**

BALANCE SHEET.—31st December, 1901.

Shareholders' Capital—			By investments—at cost—		
75,000 shares, $50 each..	$3,750,000		Bank of Ireland stock..		$27,930
To Capital called up—			Colonial government securities..		176,739
75,000 shares, $10 per share..		$750,000	Foreign government securities..		537,873
" Amounts due to other companies..		8,300	Foreign and colonial municipal securities.. ..		498,898
" Outstanding liabilities, including commission..		187,316	Railway and other debentures and debenture stock..		695,616
" Branch and agency balances..		2,150	Preference stocks and preference shares..		14,484
To Reserves—			Hamilton House—		
Special..	$125,000		Cost..	339,167	
(New share issue 1891)			Redemption Investment Fund.. ..	25,000	
Outstanding losses..	509,442				364,167
Revenue account balance, $1,420,296			Freehold premises..		22,020
Less interim dividend, Oct., 1901.. 18,750			Loans on securities..		52,953
	1,401,546				$2,390,680
		2,035,988	By branch and agency balances..		413,505
[illegible]			" Amounts due from other companies..		12,640
			" Outstanding premiums..		29,959
			" Interest and rents accrued..		27,545
			" Cash at bankers..	109,342	
($5 taken as the equivalent of £1 stg.)			In hand..	83	
					109,425
		$2,983,754			**$2,983,754**

CLAUD J. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*
S. STANLEY BROWN, *General Manager and Secretary.*

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies' Act, 1900, we certify that all our requirements as auditors have been complied with. We have to report to the shareholders that we have audited the above balance sheet, and that, in our opinion, such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Corporation's affairs as shown by the books of the Corporation in London. The securities and books at Boston (U.S.A.) have been examined by Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths & Co., who have reported to us thereon to our satisfaction.

13th February, 1902.

WELTON, JONES & CO.,
Auditors.