

are committed to the waves of fate and whose means are in supposition, to esteem himself as wealthy and independent of life assurance.—Life Insurance Independent.

### Not Yet But Soon.

Although the Canadian "Sun" has not yet attained the proud position of the centre of the Solar System, it may be noted that its beneficent rays continue to be shed with increasing brilliancy and warmth. The Company, it is needless to say, is one of the most popular of the Colonial Life Offices in the estimation of the public at home; and, after operating in this country for only a comparatively short period, it now takes its place in line with some of the best native-born companies. No doubt this is saying a great deal; but the reasons are not far to seek. The management of the Sun of Canada has, from the Company's first inception, been distinguished for the twin virtues of enterprise and sound business judgment; each, in its own way, of vital moment, and, in combination, practically irresistible. The history of the Company is a marvellous one; and, if it proves anything, it is that fact is more remarkable than fiction.

The Sun Life of Canada has now completed its thirty-eighth year; and, comparatively young as it is, it has already attained a position far ahead of some of the large Home Companies. The directors' report for 1908 shows that during the year the new assurances effected amounted to £4,065,138; the total in force now totalling the enormous sum of £24,558,440, an increase of no less than £1,722,338. The premium income, including annuities, is now reported at £1,127,881; the total revenue, with interest, at £1,441,277; the assets, at £5,902,742; and the undivided surplus over all liabilities, at £533,847. Truly,

Great Britain may well be proud of her "Dominions over the Seas."—Business, Manchester.

### Why the Indian Wanted a Desk.

A story is told of Quanah Parker, one of the old Comanche chiefs. Parker had been extremely valuable in bringing the Comanches into friendly relations with the whites. He found himself getting on in years, but without any property, and his white neighbors thought it would be a good idea to collect money to build him a house. They did this, and when the house was ready they told him and he went to see it.

"There is no furniture here," he said.

"What do you want?" they replied.

He replied he wanted this and that, and added "I want a big desk, a great big desk."

"What do you want that for?"

"Well," he said, "I want to go in there and sit back in my chair and put my feet upon that desk, and some one will come in and knock at the door and say, 'Is that Mr. Parker?' 'Yes.' 'I want to speak to you.' And I will say, 'Oh, go away, I'm busy to-day.'"—The De-lin-ea-tor.

### Life Assurance Humor.

A number of amusing answers to questions put to applicants for life assurance have been collected by the British Medical Journal. Here are some of them:

Mother died in infancy.

An uncle died of cancer, on his mother's side.

Father went to bed feeling well and the next morning woke up dead.

Grandfather died suddenly at the age of 103. Up to this time he bid fair to reach a ripe old age.

Applicant does not know cause of mother's death, but states that she fully recovered from her last illness.



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