

The Windows of the Soul.

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The windows of the soul—dear loving eyes!
That look from out the mysteries of life,
And tell of love or sorrow, peace or strife—
I love them as I love the changeful skies:
All speak the language of the human heart,
In which Love acts the nobler, better part!

Blue eyes tell of sweet, sunny, sun-lit isles,
Where peaceful harmony for ever smiles;
Grey eyes proclaim the music of the spheres,
Yet melt in sympathy with others' tears;
Brown eyes are for the heart that seeks a friend,
And dark eyes faithful to life's bitter end!
All eyes are good if but the heart be pure,
They speak the language of the soul most sure!

North American Life.

THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ITS AFFAIRS PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO OTTAWA AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

On the 1st inst. there appeared a short notice in several of the daily papers advising the policy-holders of the partial result of the successful operations of this home company for the year 1894.

Notwithstanding the business depression which has prevailed throughout the Dominion during the past year, it appears the North American Life Assurance Company has had a wonderfully successful year, and the figures show that the remarkable progress which it made in every department in 1893 has been repeated during the past year. When the report is presented at the annual meeting, which we learn will be held about the close of this month, it will be found that the figures will show that the insurance issued will exceed that of any previous year in the history of the company.

The cash income, both for premiums and interest, will show the largest increase yet made, now totalling \$560,000. What will doubtless be of great interest to policy-holders and others concerned in this progressive company is that notwithstanding all the increases which have been made, this was accomplished at a lower ratio of expense than that of the previous year. The business has evidently been conducted in a conservative and careful manner, for the amount put by during the year totals about \$300,000, making the amount of the assets held by the company at the close of 1894 about \$2,000,000. The large sum of \$245,000 was added to the reserve fund, which now stands at over \$1,500,000, while the surplus has very largely increased during the year, and is now about \$340,000. If the paid-up guarantee fund of \$60,000 be added to this, it shows that over and above every liability the company holds for the security of its policy holders a surplus of about \$400,000, proving, if anything, that the holders of policies in this company have undoubted security, besides a large surplus being accumulated for their benefit.

While the figures quoted all tend to show that this progressive company has met with marked success during the year, it is also gratifying to note that while receiving large sums they are also paying considerable amounts for the benefit of their policy-holders, and during 1894 they disbursed in this way for matured endowments, profits, death claims, annuities, etc., over \$133,000.

It is to be hoped that when the reports of other Canadian companies are ready for publication they will show a like satisfactory state of affairs to that of the North American.

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