

SOCIETY NOTES AND ITEMS.

The Yarmouth, N.S., Water Company are taking up their fire hydrants.

During the year 1883 the number of churches burned in the United States was 132.

Mr. Robert Strang, has been appointed Agent for the Royal Canadian Insurance Co., at Winnipeg.

Great fire in London, Eng.—The loss by the recent fire in Paternoster Row is estimated at \$1,250,000.

The Equitable Life has established an agency at Manilla, in the Phillipine Islands, Pacific Ocean. Where next?

Mr. Joseph S. Belcher of Halifax, N.S., has been appointed agent at that city for the Glasgow and London Insurance Company.

The Commercial Union Assurance Company has closed its agency in Russia. Business in that country was found to be the reverse of profitable.

Mr. Alf. W. Smith, the agent of the Imperial Fire Insurance Company at Toronto, has returned from Great Britain, after enjoying a very pleasant trip.

Mr. William Robertson, General Manager of the Fire Association for Canada, invites applications from gentlemen of experience for the post of Inspector for that Company.

Fire, Life and Marine.—The only offices in Great Britain transacting these three branches of insurance are: the Commercial Union, London Assurance and the Royal Exchange.

Mr. E. Cozens Smith, General Manager of the Imperial Fire Insurance Company of London, returned to England on 10th inst., via New York, after visiting some of the principal agencies of the Company in the States and also paying a visit to Montreal.

Fire Insurance Association.—The net premiums for the year 1883, after deducting \$271,750 for reinsurances, amounted to \$1,220,649. The balance carried forward to the credit of next year's account amounts to \$101,865, and the total funds stand at \$1,351,865.

The Handy Assurance Guide—Mr. Bourne, of Liverpool Eng., has favored us with a copy of his *Handy Assurance Guide* for April; it is an excellent compilation within a very limited compass, giving the leading particulars from latest published accounts of ninety-five life offices.

Mr. Alexander Dixon, General Agent of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, has appointed Mr. Horace S. Tibbs as Montreal Agent. Mr. Tibbs has been connected with the Company since May, 1881, as assistant to Mr. Hamilton, who was formerly the Agent.

To the question of a correspondent, "What are the nine points of law? a Boston paper answers: First, a good deal of money; second, a good deal of patience; third, a good cause; fourth, a good lawyer; fifth, a good counsel; sixth, good witnesses; seventh, a good jury; eighth, a good judge ninth, good luck.

Professor Cherriman, Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion, will please accept our thanks for a copy of the Advance Report of the Life Companies under his supervision, which we received much earlier than usual this year. We have not yet received a copy of the Advance Report of the Inspector of Insurance for Ontario.

Fire in Bayswater, London, Eng.—An extensive fire took place in the well-known establishment of Mr. Whiteley the "Universal Provider" of Bayswater, on the 25th ult. The loss is estimated at \$2,000,000, Mr. Whiteley's being \$1,250,000, and goods stored in the Pantechnicon \$750,000. This is the third fire in this establishment in about 18 months.

At Albany, New York, on April 25th, the Assembly passed the following Bill: "The suicide of a person whose life had been insured shall not be a defence to an action upon any policy hereafter issued in this State where the person whose life had been insured was insane when the act causing death was committed, anything contained in the policy to the contrary notwithstanding."

Mr. Harold Engelbach, Manager of the National Assurance Company of Ireland, was in this city last week. He left Montreal for Toronto and Winnipeg; it is expected that he will decide to open an agency in the Prairie City. From Winnipeg he will go to San Francisco with the intention, we understand, of establishing an Agency there. It is not likely that he will open any other agencies on this continent at present.

Messrs. Pyke and Routh have formed a partnership as General Insurance Agents, with offices at Toronto and Hamilton. Mr. Geo. J. Pyke is well and favorably known in insurance circles. He was for some time manager of the "Stadacona" and subsequently general agent for Ontario of the "old" Quebec Fire, which Company he still represents. Mr. Jno. T. Routh represents some first-class offices at Hamilton. We think the connection will be mutually beneficial, and heartily wish the new firm every success.

We have received, through the courtesy of Mr. M. Bennett, Jr., the Manager in the United States of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company of Edinburgh, a beautifully-executed chromo of "Edinburgh from East Princes Street Gardens," with the elevated castle of that glorious old city in the distance. On the reverse of the view is an explanatory notice, with the information that the great Sir Walter Scott was the first governor of the Scottish Union, and to this notice is also appended the great novelist's autograph.

Mr T. C. Livingstone of Hamilton, sued the *Monetary Times* for libel, damages being laid at \$5,000. The trial took place on the 3rd inst. before Mr. Justice Osler and a Wentworth County jury, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for one shilling damages. The *Monetary Times* says "that this verdict is subject to be moved against before the full court, so that the matter is still *sub judice*." It will be remembered by our readers that Mr. Livingstone was the founder, for some time inspector, and is now liquidator of the late defunct Standard Fire Insurance Company of Hamilton, which was the subject of some adverse criticism in these columns prior to its collapse.

Still they come and plenty of them—these anonymous circulars giving a free advertisement to the Citizens Insurance Company, we mean. We hope, for the sake of the reputation of the Insurance Press, that they do not emanate