Sun Insurance Office.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The directors present to the members the following report, together with the accounts and balance-sheet, of the Sun Insurance Office for the year 1995. The premiums receved, less reinsurances, amount to \$6,596,650 being an increase of \$65,45 as compared with those of the preceding year. The losses paid and outstanding amount to \$3,029,650 being at the rate of 45.88 per cent, on the premiums received. The expenses of management (including commission to agents and working charges of all kinds) amount to \$2,325,115 being at the rate of 35.24 per cent. The income from invesuments during the year has amounted to \$486,220. After providing for the usual reserve of 49 per cent, of the premiums to cover liabilities under current policies, a balance of \$1,704,500 remains, which has been transferred to the credit of the profit and loss account.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND DIVIDEND.—The balance brought forward from last year amounted to \$1,219.705. There has been carried to pension fund, \$20,000, paid for dividends in respect of the business of the year 1904, \$570,000—leaving a credit balance of \$629,705 which by the operations of the year as detailed in the account, has been increased to \$2,318,360. Out of this amount an interim dividend at the rate of \$1,12 per share, absorbing \$270,000, was paid in January last, and the directors have declared a further dividend of \$1.37 per share, payable on July 6, which will absorb a further sum of \$330,000, and leave \$1,718,360 to be carried forward.

FUNDS.—The funds of the office will then stand as follows: Capital paid up. \$600,000; general reserve, \$6,750,000; special reserve \$600,000; dividend reserve, \$600,000; reserve for risks not yet expired, \$2,638,660; investment reserve \$203,875; pension fund, \$232,295; balance at credit of profit and loss account, after payment of dividends, \$1,718,360—\$13,343,195

SAN FRANCISCO.—The losses to the office owing to the earthquake at San Francisco cannot be definitely ascertained for some time, but information received shows that the possible liability of the office cannot materially exceed the balance carried forward in profit and loss after payment of dividends, while the actual loss must fall short of that amount. No special provision is therefore necessary.

Reserve unexpired risks brought forward from 1904	1 231 995
recome from investments (less income-tax) 486,22	9 Reserve for unexpired risks at December 31, 1905 being 40 per cent, of premiums
\$9,695,23	\$9,695,230
PROFIT AND PROFIT AND PROFIT AND Palance brought forward from 1904 \$1,219,70. Polytidend paid January 1905 \$2,704,000 Polytidend paid July, 1905 3,000,000 \$570,000	Bad debts
Balance from revenue account. \$649.70 Profit on exchange. \$1,701,50 Transfer fets. 35 Conscience money. 71	9 5
\$2,370,78	\$2,370,785
BALANCE SHEET, Capital—\$12 000 000	DECEMBER 31, 1905. ASSETS.
240,000 shares of \$50 each, \$2.50 per share paid N.B.—2,500 of these shares are held by the office but are not included among the investments. General reserve. 600,000 Special reserve. 600,000 Broker for risks not yet expired, being 40 per cent, of the premiums for the year 2, 638,660 Pension fund. 232,29 Palance at credit of profit and loss account 2, 2318,360 Outstanding losses. 502,000 Agents' balances. 15,611 Amounts due to other offices for re-insurances B I's payable. 17,290 Reserve for outstanding commission and charges. 15,500 Clerks' deposit fund. 20,800 \$52,500 Clerks' deposit fund. 900 \$52,500	United Kingdom
-	Cash on deposit and at bankers, and in hand 688.195
\$14,957,610	\$14,957,610