PHOENIX ASSURANCE COMPANY

LIMITED

Report of the Directors for the Year Ending 31st December, 1912

The Directors have the pleasure of submitting their Report on the business of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1912, **the 131st year of the Company's existence,** together with the Accounts duly audited.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire premiums received, after deducting reinsurances, amounted to **$7,024,535,** and the losses paid and outstanding to **$3,631,260,** or **51.7 per cent.** of the premiums. The expenses and commission together amounted to **$2,729,110,** being **38.9 per cent.** of the premiums. A profit is shewn in this department of **$664,165,** which with the receipts for interest of **$311,400** make a total of **$975,565** to be carried to profit and loss.

LIFE DEPARTMENT

During the year **2,092** Life policies were issued, assuring **$8,507,620,** with new premiums of **$373,-235.** Re-assurances were effected with other companies for **$2,240,870** at premiums of **$91,370.** The net new assurances were thus **$6,266,750,** and the net new premium income **$281,865,** including **$62,815** of single premiums.

Claims for the aggregate sum of **$2,540,960** arose by the death of **581** persons assured under **689** policies, and a further sum of **$801,450** was paid in respect of endowment assurances matured. The amount paid in claims was within the expectation. Forty-one annuitants in receipt of **$39,880** per annum, died during the year.

The income of this department for the year was **$6,033,870** and the outgoings were **$4,915,230.** The Life assurance funds were thus increased by **$1,118,640,** and at the close of the year stood at **$52,933-570.** The rate of interest calculated upon the average funds of the year was **4.1 per cent.** after deduction of income tax.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

The operations of the year resulted in a total trading profit from Fire, Accident and Marine Accounts of **$865,805.** This amount has been passed to profit and loss, in addition to **$765,090** for interest.

After payment of Dividends and the interest on the Debenture Stocks a balance remains out of which the Directors have resolved to carry **$500,000** to the Fire General Reserve, making the amount thereof **$6,000,000,** and **$75,000** to Office Premises Account. The balance to be carried to the credit of next year's account is **$1,428,590.**

An interim dividend of **$3.75** per share was paid in November last and the Directors recommend payment on 1st May next of a final dividend for the year 1912 of **$5.62** per share, as against **$5** per share paid in May, 1912. It is further their intention to increase the interim dividend, payable in November next, from **$3.75** to **$4.37** in respect of each present share, making a total payment of **$10** during the year 1913. Should the shares be sub-divided, as proposed, this would be equivalent to **$2** per new share for the year. All dividends are subject to deduction of Income Tax.