

LIFE INSURANCE.

Business for September 1918 Shows Increase Over 1917.

Reports to The Insurance Press from 47 life insurance companies, covering new business in September, on the paid for basis, shows aggregate writings for September, 1918, amounting to \$115,682,588, against \$108,635,669 written by the same companies in September, 1917. The increase of \$7,646,919 was 7.078 per cent. over the 1917 business.

Eighteen companies wrote more new paid-for business in September, 1918, than in the corresponding month of 1917. The amount of gain by these companies was \$12,573,727. Twenty-nine companies wrote less new business in September, 1918, than in Sept., 1917. The amount of decrease by these companies was \$4,926,808. As stated above, the net increase of the 47 companies was \$7,646,919.

NINE MONTHS OF 1918.

Reports to The Insurance Press from the same 47 companies, covering new business in the first nine months of 1918, compared with the same period of 1917, showed aggregate writings for the first nine months of 1918 amounting to \$1,114,106,463, against \$1,197,634,134 of new business written in the first nine months of 1917. The percentage of loss for the first nine months of 1918 was about 7 per cent.

Twenty of the 47 life companies wrote more new business in the first nine months of 1918 than in the same period of 1917. The amount of gain by these companies was \$27,667,840. The amount of decrease by the remaining twenty-seven companies was \$111,195,511, making a net increase of \$83,527,671 for the 47 companies.

As reported in The Insurance Press of October 9, the percentage of increase for new business written in August, 1918, over that of August, 1917, was 25.57. The percentage of increase decreased in September. —The Insurance Press.

KING SENDS MESSAGE TO CANADA.

Canada's Reply.

The following message has been received by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

"Buckingham Palace, London, Nov. 11.—At the moment when the armistice is signed bringing, I trust, a final end to the hostilities which have convulsed the whole world for four years I desire to send a message of greeting and heartfelt gratitude to my overseas peoples, whose wonderful efforts and sacrifices have contributed so largely to the victory which is now won. Together we have borne this tremendous burden in the fight for justice and liberty. Together we can now rejoice at the realization of those great aims for which we entered the struggle. The whole Empire pledged its word not to sheath the sword until our end was achieved. That pledge is now redeemed. The outbreak of war found the whole Empire one. I rejoice to think that the end of the struggle finds the Empire still more closely united by the common resolve, held firm through all the vicissitudes, by the community of suffering and sacrifice, by the dangers and triumphs shaded together. The hour is one of solemn thanksgiving and gratitude of the Divine Providence which has preserved us through all perils and crowned our arms with victory. Let us bear our triumph in the same spirit of fortitude and self-control with which we have borne our dangers.

"(Signed)

GEORGE R. J."

The following message was sent by the Canadian Government to His Majesty the King.

"The government and people of Canada, animated by feelings of indescribable gladness, rejoice with Your Majesty when the victorious termination is now assured of the mighty conflict which has absorbed our thoughts and energies during the past four years, upon the overthrow of Your Majesty's enemies, and upon the triumphant vindication of those principles of justice and freedom upon which rests the secure foundations of the Empire. They decide to join their voices in the great hymn of thanksgiving which ascends from all quarters of the earth today, and they earnestly pray that Divine Providence may guide the deliberations and prosper the labors of Your Majesty's counsellors in the great work of reconstruction which they are about to approach."

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then"

Mose and Tobe, discussing music, chatted a while, according to Judge. Then: "Yes," said Mose, "Tse gwine ter git me a eucalyptis." "A what?" queried Tobe. "A eucalyptis—dat's a musical instrument, fool." "Go on, nigger! You can't kid me—dat's one of de books of de Bible."

The professor encouraged his geology class to collect specimens, and one day they deposited a piece of brick, streaked and stained, with their collection. Taking up the specimens one by one the professor said: "This is a piece of baryta from the Cheshire mines. This is a piece of feldspar from the Portland quarries. And this," coming to the brick, "is a piece of impudence from some member of the class."—(Kansas City Star.)

"May I ask how old you are?" said the vacationist to the old villager.

"I be just a hundred."

"Really? Well, I doubt if you'll see another hundred years," said the other, trying to make conversation.

"Wall, I don't know so much about that," was the ready response. "I be stronger now than when I started on the first hundred."—Boston Transcript.

The man's shirt was far from spotless, and his waistcoat and coat were covered with grime and grease, but a large bunch of flowers was placed on the lapel of his coat.

"What do you think of this?" he said to a casual acquaintance, pointing to the bouquet. "Where do you think I got it?"

"Don't know," admitted the other. "Perhaps it grew there."—Adelaide (Australia) Chronicle.

A country visitor to London engaged a taxi driver to take him to see some of the sights. They inspected the Tower, Westminster Abbey, Petticoat Lane and the Marble Arch, among other places, according to answers. After one halt, the "fare" paused beside the driver to light a cigarette, and remarked: "I suppose you're pretty familiar with London. Do you know all the ins and outs?" "I do," replied the taxi-man, adding meaningfully, "specially the inns."

Mr. Brown had not a very good opinion of landladies in general until the other day, when he happened to see his betwining kindness on the cat, relates Tit-Bits. Of course he reasoned that anyone who would be kind to dumb animals would be kind to human creatures, and he hastened to commend her actions. "I'm glad to see that you give all the scraps to the cat, Mrs. Miggs." "Oh, yes, sir," she replied. "Wot I says, Mr. Brown, is, be kind to the cats, and yer'll find it saves yer 'arf the washin'-up."

A merchant, while engaged in the office the other morning, discovered that he had left his pocket-knife at home, and as he needed one urgently he asked the different clerks, but none of them happened to have one. Finally the errand boy walked in and the merchant called him, asking if he was able to produce the desired article. Jimmy handed over his knife. "How is it Jimmy, that you alone out of my entire staff seem to have a pocketknife with you?" smiled the proprietor eyeing Jimmy with undisguised admiration. "Dunno, sir," replied the youth, "unless it's because my wages are so low that I can't afford more'n one pair of trousers."—Buffalo Commercial.

Mike Gilligan entered a police office and intimated that some abominable thief had stolen his watch. It was a valuable watch, he asserted, but more than that, it had been given Mike by his father back in County Donegal. He told a very stirring story about his loss. The officer at the desk was much impressed. "We'll leave no stone unturned to find your watch, Mr. Gilligan," said he. "Thank ye, sor," said Mike, "'twas a foine watch." Mike went home and there found his watch. It had slipped from beneath his pillow, and in some way landed beneath the sheets. He hurried back to the police office to report the fact, and save the police further trouble. On his way he came across a gang of laborers tearing up the street for sewer purposes. "Hi, boys," called Mike, "lave thim sthones alone. I've found me watch."

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