

As stated by Mr. Coleman, this property has been acquired by expending only a portion of the money contributed as premiums by the policyholders in the countries in which these buildings have been erected. They have been an important factor in enabling the Equitable to transact a business of great magnitude in those countries, and have to a certain extent taken the place (as security to the respective Governments for policyholders) of funds which the Company would otherwise have been obliged to invest in foreign securities for lodgment with these Governments.

FOREIGN BUSINESS.

I have caused a very comprehensive investigation to be made of the Foreign business of the Equitable, and my own view, after a careful survey of the history of the Company's transactions in the foreign countries, is that they have been of substantial benefit to the Company as a whole, but that with the increasing exactions of the foreign governments, growing out of the successful competition of American companies with their own institutions, difficulties and embarrassments have so multiplied as to make the continuance of active operations less desirable than hitherto in some of the foreign fields. The Company's mortality in all its foreign business has been satisfactory. The tabulated "mortality experience" of the Company, which has been exhibited to me, shows that up to the time when the same was completed the percentage of actual loss to what was "expected" by the mortality tables (making due allowance for extra premiums charged in the tropics) has been as favorable in the total foreign business as in the total business of the United States. The risks in force with the Equitable on December 31st, 1894, in the various countries of the world (omitting fractions of thousands) are as follows:

1. United States.....	\$625,000,000
2. Canada.....	20,300,000
3. Spanish North America.....	33,000,000
4. Spanish South America.....	50,000,000
5. Great Britain and Ireland.....	35,000,000
6. Continental Europe.....	108,000,000
7. Australia.....	20,500,000
8. Cape Colony.....	8,000,000
9. Other countries.....	13,700,000

Aggregating \$913,500,000

In the course of my examination I have reviewed the methods employed in the apportionment of dividends, both on the annual dividend plan and what is known as the tontine plan. I find the system adopted to be based upon correct principles and to do justice to all interested. The payment of losses by death and matured endowments was made a subject of special investigation, and the system in use found altogether satisfactory. It has been the practice of the Equitable to pay its claims immediately upon presentation of adequate proofs, and all exceptions to immediate payment (which are very few) seem to be for cause. I find that all death claims, notice of which has been received by the Society, whether proofs have been submitted or not, are included in the liabilities, and I have caused all death claims and endowments unpaid to be carefully checked and verified. I have given very particular attention to the general methods employed by the Company, and have never seen what would appear more effective means adopted to secure accuracy and prevent fraud and mistake. No securities are bought and no loans are made on collateral except by order of the Finance Committee.

In short, all the machinery of this establishment is subjected to a system of checks and counter checks so complete, and so many times repeated, that probable loss by dishonesty or negligence seems to be as far removed as possible.

The result of the examination of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, after re-adjusting values and omitted items of assets not admitted under the rules of this Department, is shown in the following condensed balance sheet, which has been verified in every detail and is certified by me to be correct.

ASSETS.

Bonds and mortgages.....	\$26,342,841 16
Real Estate, including The Equitable Building and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages.....	37,913,248 27
United States stocks, State stocks, city stocks and other investments.....	93,256,373 37
Loans secured by bonds, stocks and other securities.....	6,569,577 50
Cash deposited in banks and in Trust Co.'s at interest.....	9,085,330 10
Cash in Company's office and in course of transmission (since received and invested).....	2,287,140 05
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	527,200 06
Market value stocks and bonds over book values	2,466,104 63
Premiums due and unreported.....	\$1,486,535
Less 20 %.....	297,307
Deferred premiums.....	\$2,501,895
Less 20 %.....	500,379
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Assets December 31st, 1894.....\$181,638,558 14

LIABILITIES.

Reserved on all existing policies calculated on a 4 % standard, and all other liabilities.....	\$147,563,241 21
Undivided surplus, 4% standard.....	34,075,317 93
The management that organized the Company in 1859 has continued until the present time.	
The assets at the end of 1859 were.....	\$ 117,102 00
The assets by the present report are.....	181,638,559 14
The surplus at the end of 1859 (estimated) was.....	91,829 00
The surplus by the present report is.....	34,075,317 93
The amount of insurance in force on the books of the Company is.....	913,556,733 00
The total income for one year is.....	43,669,726 31
These results speak for themselves, and show the skill and unremitting labor which has been devoted to the conduct of the Equitable Life Assurance Society during the last thirty-five years.	

It affords me profound satisfaction to find that all the affairs of this vast insurance corporation are in a sound and prosperous condition. The policyholders of the Equitable may be satisfied that their interests are guarded by conscientious and skilled officers and directors, whose integrity is a guarantee of fidelity and whose long experience qualifies them to conduct the business in a manner best calculated to conserve the true interests of the policyholders.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand, and caused the official seal of the Insurance Department to be affixed.

Done at City of Albany in the State of New York, and United States of America, this ninth day of July, 1895.

JAMES F. PIERCE,

Superintendent of Insurance.

INSURANCE COMPANY

Organised 1792. OF Incorporated 1794

North America,

FIRE PHILADELPHIA. MARINE.

Capital, \$3,000,000
Total Assets, \$9,562,599

ROBERT HAMPSON & SON, Gen. Agts. for Canada
Corn Exchange, - MONTREAL.
AGENTS WANTED IN UNREPRESENTED DISTRICTS.