

them is a small but beautiful tribute by the State to those who freely sacrificed themselves in a time of great necessity.

*Fourth Annual Report of the State Fire Marshal for the Year Ending October 30, 1916.* By W. E. LONGLEY, State Fire Marshal.

THE general purpose of this office is to prevent, as far as possible, the loss of property in the State by fire. The department has been in operation about four years. The department coöperates with the fire marshals in the cities in the investigation of fires and the dissemination of intelligence to prevent such occurrences. As a result of these investigations 41 arrests and 13 convictions for arson were had during the year. There were reported 6,018 fires with a total property loss of \$5,737,865. Tables showing character of buildings, cause of fire, value and location by towns and cities are given. The department is carrying on an extensive campaign of education along this line.

*Second Annual Report of the Public Service Commission of Indiana for the Year Ending September 30, 1915.* pp. 755.

THIS commission is made up of five commissioners, a secretary, a clerk, legal counsel, seven inspectors, thirteen engineers, four rate experts, six accountants, and twelve stenographers. The annual expense is about \$100,000. The commission has made 52 appraisals of public utilities and has audited the accounts of 22 utility companies; 4,921 miles of railroad track were inspected, and 5,372 miles of interurban. The larger part of the report consists of tables of statistics showing capitalization, value, surplus, dividends, bonds, stocks, and other data of the public utility corporations under the commission's supervision. The action of the commission is in the form of court procedure and the pamphlets containing the pleadings in individual cases contain much information of historic and popular interest.

*Sixteenth Annual Report of the State Board of Forestry, 1916.* By ELIJAH GLADDEN, Secretary. pp. 217.

THE first few pages of this report are devoted to a financial statement of the board. The total expense of the work was