In concluding our report we have to thank all officials and members of the different fire-service organizations for their extreme kindness shown to us during our visits to the different countries. Everything of interest was explained, and all information asked for was placed at our disposal instantly. We therefore, in the most sincere and unreserved manner, hereby place on record our grateful sense of the courtesy and attention shown to us in every country through which we travelled. We desire to do this not less on our own account than on behalf of the colonial brigades we represented. Trusting that our report may draw public attention to the great fire waste, and by so doing secure improvements in the maintenance and equipments of the firebrigades.

We have, &c.,

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