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DEAR SIR,

## MEMBERSHIP

The subject of recruitment to the profession is one which we have ever with us.

Ten years ago graphs were published (T. F. A. vol. 26, p. 7) which had a bearing on this problem, and I felt that it might be instructive to bring these up to date.

The Table below accordingly sets out figures which will readily enable those interested to make the necessary adjustments to the curves for the last two years and to sketch in prolongations for an additional ten years.

## Yours faithfully,

A. R. REID

## TABLE (Five-year moving average basis)

| Year | Numbers of Fellows and<br>Students of the Faculty at<br>each 31st December |          | Ratios of Students to Fellows<br>at each 31st December and<br>at each 31st March for the<br>ensuing year in the case of<br>the Faculty and the Institute<br>respectively |           |
|------|--|----------|--|-----------|
|      | Fellows  | Students | Faculty  | Institute |
| 1956 | 317  | 290      | 0.91   | 1.51      |
| 1957 | 325  | 288      | 0.89   | 1.48      |
| 1958 | 332  | 296      | 0.89   | 1.43      |
| 1959 | 338  | 307      | 0.91   | 1.41      |
| 1960 | 345  | 319      | 0.92   | 1.42      |
| 1961 | 353  | 331      | 0.95   | 1.45      |
| 1962 | 360  | 342      | 0.94   | 1.51      |
| 1963 | 368  | 351      | 0.95   | 1.57      |
| 1964 | 378  | 354      | 0.94   | 1.62      |
| 1965 | 387  | 355      | 0.92   | 1.65      |
| 1966 | 398  | 356      | 0.89   | 1.68      |
| 1967 | 407  | 344      | 0.85   | 1.65      |