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(*Occupational and Climatic Rates of Mortality. By I. A. M'Taggart and T. G. Stobie, p. 329.*)

In the course of a meeting between the authors and Mr. Gwilt it transpired that the former had been under a misapprehension with regard to the meaning of some of Mr. Gwilt's remarks and in particular of the following sentence :—

“ Moreover it seems to me that the investigating body would perform a more useful function if they were to supply the contributing offices with a list of what they consider to be suitable *extra* premiums, or at least a means of arriving at these extra premiums.”

The authors now understand that Mr. Gwilt's suggestion was that the investigating body might adopt his plan as a further step in the presentation of the results and not as an alternative to the author's proposal and, on consideration of the matter in this light, they share his view.

Mr. Gwilt and the authors are therefore in agreement that the following procedure might be adopted by the Committee :—

The first work of the Committee should be to present the results in the form proposed by the authors in order that those Offices transacting a substantial amount of business in the special classes may be in a position to compile, if necessary, full tables of premiums applicable thereto giving effect to any characteristic features peculiar to themselves. To meet the needs, however, of those Offices transacting a more limited amount of business in the special classes, the Committee should aim at the publication of tables of the *extra* premiums for the principal special classes to be charged as additions to the normal rates. For this purpose the Committee would require to come to a decision on the question of the standard table to be used as a basis for these extra premiums. In this connection the suggestion made by the authors at the end of the paper as to the extension of the present Continuous Mortality Investigation should be borne in mind.

ERRATUM.

Lines 12 and 13, p. 478. Delete the dividing rules in $\frac{1}{1}$ and $\frac{50}{100}$, and read $\frac{1}{1}$, $\frac{50}{100}$ these being alternatives and not fractions.

The two items above have been repeated on a loose leaf enclosed with this number so that they may be divided and attached to pages 411 and 478 respectively.