

EDITORIAL.

The first volume of the papers or extracts of papers (published in the Journal of the Institute of Actuaries and now difficult to obtain), which are being republished by the Students' Society with the permission of the Institute, is entitled "Extra Risks," and is now ready. A short general note on the subject is included.

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A copy has been already forwarded to each member of the Society, and upon application being made to the Assistant Secretary of the Institute any member may obtain an additional copy at the reduced price of 2s.

The following letter was recently sent to the members:—

14, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, E.C.,

November 25th, 1915.

DEAR SIR,

I have to inform you that in consequence of the War it has been decided not to hold Meetings of the Society this Winter.

The Committee has considered the question of subscriptions and recommends that no subscriptions shall be payable during the term for which Meetings are postponed. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall assume that those who have already paid subscriptions for 1915-16 wish to have them applied to the first year after the War.

In a few cases subscriptions were paid for 1914-15 by members then on active service, and the Committee recommends that such subscriptions should be applied in a similar manner.

In the course of a few days a new number of the JOURNAL will be circulated, and it is hoped that further reprints of the Journal of the Institute of Actuaries may be ready in a few months.

Yours faithfully,

J. STOCKS,

Hon. Secretary.

PERSONAL NOTES.

F. C. MANN.

The Students' Society and the Institute have lost one of their most promising members in the death of F. C. Mann, killed in action on March 25th, 1915, at Armentières.

Everybody who knew Mann admired him for his thoroughness and enthusiasm in his work, and for his personal charm. He was 23 years of age and was reading for Part IV. of the Institute examinations when War broke out; he saw his duty, and after having served with the Artists' Rifles for some months he was gazetted in February to the North Staffordshire Regiment.

A. JENNINGS.

In A. Jennings we lose another promising student and the staff of the "North British and Mercantile" a colleague who by his keenness, energy and sterling qualities had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. Immediately upon the outbreak of War he rejoined the Honourable Artillery Company with which he had previously spent much of his spare time.

He was killed in action on the 30th September, 1915, near Hooge. His company was then in reserve, when the enemy exploded a mine beneath the section of first-line trench immediately ahead, and succeeded in planting in the crater

two machine guns. A bombing party under Jennings' leadership was ordered to advance and drive out the invaders; and in the ensuing action he lost his life.

R. C. FIPPARD.

We regret to announce that R. C. Fippard, whom all will recall as having taken a very active part in the control of the affairs of the Society during the first two or three years of its existence, was reported missing in Gallipoli in June last, and just as we are going to press we learn that he is now officially reported to have been killed.

Fippard besides being a member of our Committee for some time did a lot of work for the Society in other ways; his paper on Industrial Insurance was reprinted in No. 2 of our JOURNAL, and on several occasions he spoke at our meetings. He also spoke at the Institute, and was joint author of a recent book on the Construction of Mortality Tables. He had a great capacity for work, and was one of the best men to work with, for he was ready with suggestions and quick to appreciate the ideas of others, but he was too good a critic to let himself be carried away by them. To what extent the death of R. C. Fippard is a loss to the profession cannot be estimated by anyone intimately acquainted with him—it is as nothing to the personal loss.