

CORRESPONDENCE

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The Editor,
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DEAR SIR,

Referring to my letter of 3rd June 1949, published on page 100 of Volume XIX of the *Transactions*, the Table herewith gives the percentages invested in various classes of securities as at 31st December 1949 by the ten Life Offices in respect of which similar figures were given in the Appendix to Mr. A. C. Murray's Paper, "The Investment Policy of Life Assurance Offices" (*T.F.A.*, vol. xvi. p. 263).

The corresponding percentages as at 31st December 1948 are also given. In comparing these with the 1949 figures, it will be recalled that, as at 1st May 1949, stocks and shares of undertakings in the British Gas Industry were exchanged for Gas Stock guaranteed by the British Government. Nevertheless, the total amount invested in British Government Securities by the ten Offices shows a reduction on the year of nearly £3,000,000 and the percentage so invested is reduced from 31·8 to 29·6, as shown in the Table.

Yours faithfully,

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PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL ASSETS OF TEN LIFE OFFICES
INVESTED IN DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SECURITIES

	31 Dec. 1948	31 Dec. 1949
1. British Government Securities	31.8	29.6
2. Dominion and Colonial Government Securities	1.1	1.3
3. Dominion and Colonial Provincial Securities	.0	.0
4. Dominion and Colonial Municipal Securities	.3	.3
5. Foreign Municipal Securities0	.0
6. Foreign Government and Provincial Securities	.3	.5
7. Debentures and Debenture Stocks	11.5	11.8
8. Preference and Guaranteed Stocks and Shares	12.6	12.1
9. Ordinary Stocks and Shares	15.6	17.4
10. Loans on Rates, Municipal and County Securities and Public Boards—United Kingdom	4.0	4.0
11. Life Interests and Reversions and Loans thereon	2.0	2.3
12. Loans on Stocks and Shares1	.1
13. Loans on Policies within their Surrender Values	1.8	1.8
14. Loans on Personal Security1	.0
15. Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom	9.6	10.4
16. Mortgages on Property out of the United Kingdom1	.0
17. Rent Charges, Freehold and Leasehold Ground Rents, etc.	1.5	1.5
18. House Property	3.8	4.1
19. Cash, Deposits and Bank Balances	2.0	1.0
20. Miscellaneous	1.8	1.8
	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>