

GERMAN LIFE ASSURANCE INSTITUTE.

To the Editor of the Assurance Magazine.

DEAR SIR,—I hope it will not be void of interest to the readers of this *Magazine* to learn, that the example afforded by the Institute of Actuaries has given rise to the establishment of a similar Institution in Germany. By Messrs. R. Busse, Dr. Kanner, Dr. Zillmer at Berlin, Dr. Heym at Leipzig, Finanzrath Hopf at Gotha, Dr. Wiegand at Halle, and by myself, the “*Collegium für Lebensversicherungswissenschaft*” (Institute for the science of Life Assurance) has been founded at Berlin and opened about the beginning of this year. Up to this day it numbers about fifty ordinary Members.

The object of this institution consists according to § 2 of its Statutes in the promotion of life assurance by the cultivation of those technical and scientific studies on which it is founded. According to § 3 the institution will try to reach its aim

- 1, by papers and debates with reference to the abovenamed topics;
- 2, by answering questions placed before the Collegium;
- 3, by the foundation of a library;
- 4, by publishing reports of its proceedings;
- 5, by any other means which seem fit to promote its objects.

The members are either ordinary or extraordinary members. Any one, who takes an interest in life assurance may become an extraordinary member by an annual payment of 2 Thalers. In order to become an ordinary member, it is necessary to be proposed by two members, and to prove a qualification either by literary works or in some other way—the contribution of an ordinary member is 6 Thalers annually.

The second meeting was held last week and as proposed by the Council the members resolved that a committee should take the preliminary steps for the formation of a table of Mortality from the data to be collected from the German Life Assurance Offices. It is to be hoped that the Offices will willingly furnish the materials in their possession, thus contributing the means for a most desirable work. This Committee consists of the seven founders of the Institute, of Professor Hülsse at Dresden, and Dr. Laugheinrich and Dr. Bremiker at Berlin.

A German Mortality Experience Table will be of great interest to English Life Assurance offices, as well from a practical point of view, since many English Societies do a good deal of business in Germany, as from a theoretical one in forming means of comparison with the English Experience table already in use, and with the new one now in course of formation.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours most obediently,

Hamburg, 13 March 1868.

WILHELM LAZARUS.