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The Editor,

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SIR,

Mortality of European Members of the Services in India.

In the discussion at Staple Inn Hall following the reading of Prof. Vaidyanathan's paper on "Mortality of Indian Assured Lives" (*J.I.A.*, vol. 70, p. 15), Mr. D. C. Fraser remarked that it would be of interest and value if the results of the successive investigations which had been made into the mortality of the members of the Indian Civil Service could be recorded.

The investigations referred to by Mr. Fraser were made in connection with the periodical valuations of the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund, which was established in 1881 for the benefit of the widows and orphans of members of the Indian Civil Service. A similar scheme, the Indian Military Service Family Pension Fund, was started in 1873 for the provision of pensions for the widows and orphans of military, medical, naval and ecclesiastical officers in the service of the Government of India. This scheme was closed at the end of 1914 to new entrants, for whom the Indian Military Widows' and Orphans' Fund was then established. All new entrants into the respective services are required to contribute under the appropriate scheme, membership of which is compulsory.

In the Indian Civil Service scheme, certain of the pensions are supplemented by payments from the Government, but apart from these additions, the Fund is self-supporting, and is maintained by contributions paid by the members.

The military schemes are entirely self-supporting and normally involve no charge on Government funds. The benefits, which are smaller than those of the civil scheme, are additional to those granted by Royal Warrant from Indian revenues to the widows and families of military officers in the service of the Government of India.

In 1928 a fourth Fund, the Superior Services (India) Family Pension Fund, was instituted to secure suitable provision for the widows and orphans of European and Anglo-Indian members of certain Civil Services other than the Indian Civil Service.

This Fund, entry into which is now confined to officers appointed to the Indian Police, is also self-supporting. Its provisions are on

much simpler lines than those of the older schemes which are of great complexity, involving many interesting actuarial problems. In view of its recent establishment, the experience so far available of the Superior Services scheme is limited, and the Fund is mentioned only to avoid any misconception regarding the constitution of the membership of the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund.

Following the discussion referred to above, enquiries have been received from various quarters regarding the mortality experience of the members of the Indian Services. Through the courtesy, which actuaries will desire to acknowledge, of the Secretary of State for India it is possible for details to be made available to the actuarial profession of the mortality experience of the members of the schemes.

Tables are accordingly enclosed showing the experience in the three quinquennial periods of the members of

A. the Indian Civil Service scheme between 1st April 1918 and 31st March 1933 ;

and B. the combined military schemes between 1st April 1919 and 31st March 1934.

Valuations of all the Funds were required for a special purpose as at 31st March 1937, and the tables also include the results of the respective experiences during the four years and three years since the preceding quinquennial valuations.

The tables show the exposed to risk and the deaths in five-yearly age groups, and also the expected deaths which have been calculated throughout on the basis of the Government Annuitants (1900-1920) table, as a convenient standard for comparative purposes. The ratios have been inserted in all cases although for some groups their significance is limited by the smallness of the numbers involved.

The figures relate to the members of the family pension schemes, and include both serving and retired officers. Subsidiary totals are given for three broad age groups :—

- (1) Under age 45, consisting in the main of serving members ;
- (2) Age 45 and under age 60, the range within which retirement ordinarily takes place on completion of the normal full period of service ; and
- (3) Age 60 and over, consisting almost entirely of retired members, since very few officers, civil or military, remain in service beyond age 60.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D. A. PORTEOUS.

TABLE A. INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE FAMILY PENSION FUND.
Mortality experience of European officers between 1st April 1918 and 31st March 1937.
Expected deaths on basis of Government Annuitants (1900-1920) Males ultimate table.

Age Group	1918-1923				1923-1928				1928-1933				1933-1937			
	Expos- ures to Risk	Actual Deaths	Ex- pected Deaths	Ratio Actual Expected	Expos- ures to Risk	Actual Deaths	Ex- pected Deaths	Ratio Actual Expected	Expos- ures to Risk	Actual Deaths	Ex- pected Deaths	Ratio Actual Expected	Expos- ures to Risk	Actual Deaths	Ex- pected Deaths	Ratio Actual Expected
Under 25	30	—	1	.00	61	1	3	3.33	181	1	7	1.43	74	—	3	.00
25 and under 30	571	3	2.5	1.26	882	2	1.6	1.25	495	3	2.0	1.60	546	3	2.4	1.25
30 "	1083	7	5.3	1.32	760	5	3.5	1.33	374	—	1.0	.00	324	1	1.7	.59
35 "	40	6	6.8	1.68	1056	6	6.4	.84	672	4	4.1	.85	320	2	1.9	1.05
45 "	1098	10	7.9	1.27	1101	5	7.3	.64	1002	6	7.1	.85	549	3	3.9	.77
Under 45	3937	26*	22.6	1.15	3300	19	19.6	.97	2724	14	15.8	.89	1815	9	10.2	.88
45 and under 50	1491	12	13.0	.92	1053	5	9.2	.54	1050	7	9.2	.76	784	5	7.0	.71
50 "	55	12	11.1	1.08	1839	8	16.7	.48	1013	9	11.6	.76	794	6	9.1	.66
55 "	60	3	7.8	.38	824	17	15.0	1.13	1328	37	22.1	1.67	755	10	12.6	.79
45 "	60	296	27	31.9	3416	30	40.9	.73	3391	53	43.1	1.23	2333	21	28.7	.73
60 "	65	61	2	1.43	450	9	11.0	.82	836	13	20.7	.63	974	28	25.0	1.12
65 "	70	—	1.4	—	50	2	1.8	1.11	384	15	15.5	.97	539	20	21.6	.93
70 "	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	2	2.1	.95	223	17	13.6	1.25
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	.9	1.11
80 and over	61	2	1.4	1.43	500	11	12.8	.86	1268	30	38.3	.78	1746	66	61.1	1.08
Total	6958	55*	55.9	.98	7216	60	73.3	.82	7393	97	97.2	1.00	5894	96	100.0	.96

* Excluding 4 deaths due to the 1914-18 War.

TABLE B. INDIAN MILITARY SERVICE FAMILY PENSION FUND AND INDIAN MILITARY WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Combined mortality experience of European officers between 1st April 1919 and 31st March 1937. Expected deaths on basis of Government Annuities (1900-1920) Males ultimate table.

Age Group	1919-1924					1924-1929					1929-1934					1934-1937		
	Expos-ures to Risk	Actual Deaths	Ex-pected Deaths	Ratio		Expos-ures to Risk	Actual Deaths	Ex-pected Deaths	Ratio		Expos-ures to Risk	Actual Deaths	Ex-pected Deaths	Ratio	Actual Deaths	Ex-pected Deaths	Ratio	
				Actual	Expected				Actual	Expected							Actual	Expected
Under 25	8085	94	29.4	3.20	4.3	1164	4	4.3	.93	1188	7	4.4	1.59	884	9	3.4	2.65	
25 and under 30	6722	52	28.4	1.63	20.2	4707	22	20.2	1.09	1894	6	8.0	.75	1244	9	5.3	1.70	
30 "	4215	32	21.3	1.08	10	4122	10	20.4	.49	4918	24	24.7	.97	4416	10	7.1	1.41	
35 "	40	40	27.8	1.26	21.0	3553	14	21.0	.67	4286	19	25.2	.75	3177	19	18.6	1.01	
40 "	3991	38	28.3	1.34	31.5	4404	22	31.5	.70	3594	24	25.6	.94	2341	11	16.7	.66	
Under 45	27755	242	135.2	1.79	97.4	17910	72	97.4	.74	15820	80	87.9	.91	9082	58	51.3	1.13	
45 and under 50	2845	21	24.8	.85	32.4	3726	33	32.4	1.02	4235	31	37.1	.84	2086	13	18.3	.71	
50 "	3040	45	35.3	1.27	30.2	2523	23	30.2	.76	3454	38	39.6	.96	2430	20	28.0	.71	
55 "	2609	37	42.9	.86	45.3	2744	46	45.3	1.02	2405	29	39.8	.73	1750	20	28.5	.70	
60 "	8500	103	103.0	1.00	107.9	9093	102	107.9	.95	10094	98	116.5	.84	6266	53	74.8	.71	
65 "	1798	43	45.3	.95	57.6	2276	58	57.6	1.01	2440	52	62.3	.83	1307	27	33.5	.81	
70 "	1150	42	45.6	.92	60.8	1610	52	60.8	.86	1885	80	79.5	1.05	1213	44	49.3	.89	
75 "	706	37	45.2	.82	53.6	840	58	53.6	1.08	1172	70	74.8	.94	824	53	52.6	1.01	
75 and over	421	62	45.9	1.35	74.0	614	76	74.0	1.03	825	94	104.6	.90	596	87	76.0	1.14	
60 and over	4055	184	182.0	1.01	244	5240	244	244.0	.99	6322	296	318.2	.93	3940	211	211.4	1.00	
Total	40840	529	420.2	1.26	418	32243	418	451.3	.93	32236	474	525.6	.91	19298	822	357.5	.95	

N.B.—The experience is subsequent to the 1914-18 War but in the period covered includes deaths from all causes.