

## INTRODUCTION

THE Joint Continuous Mortality Investigation Committee of the Institute and Faculty has pleasure in presenting the sixth number of its *Reports*. The Committee has graduated the mortality of female lives experienced under whole-life and endowment assurances in 1975–78, and this forms the subject matter of the main paper in this number. As the new table is intended to be a standard table it is being published in booklet form separately from this issue; the booklet will contain mortality functions but will not include monetary values.

The history of the Bureau, as described in the first number of these *Reports* (now out of print), is brought up to date in the second paper.

The next item is a reprint of the abridged list of diseases from the Eighth Revision of the *International Classification of Diseases* published by the World Health Organization, whose permission to reprint this list is gratefully acknowledged. The list will be of interest in connexion with a study being undertaken by the P.H.I. Sub-Committee into cause of sickness.

This number also includes a paper on the mortality experienced in 1975–78 by male lives assured under policies issued in the Republic of Ireland; and finally a note on the data collected in respect of duplicate policies amongst the deaths in the linked-life assurance investigation.

In thanking all those who have served on the Committee since I became Chairman, as well as those who have worked behind the scenes, special appreciation should be recorded of two former members of the Committee whose deaths were recently announced. Jo Hamilton-Jones served on the Committee from 1970 to 1979 and became the first Chairman of the P.H.I. Sub-Committee when it was formed in 1970, a position which he held until he retired from the Committee; he died on 17 July 1982. Jim Cairns joined the Committee in 1972 as well as the P.H.I. Sub-Committee; he succeeded Jo Hamilton-Jones as Chairman of the Sub-Committee, a position which he still held when he died suddenly on 13 January 1982; his contribution to the proceedings of the Committee and Sub-Committee are greatly missed.

The new Chairman of the P.H.I. Sub-Committee is R. H. Plumb.

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Chairman of the Committee