CORRESPONDENCE.

INSURANCES AGAINST ISSUE.

To the Editor of the Journal of the Institute of Actuaries.

SIR,—In continuation of the Tables contributed by Dr. Sprague and myself,* giving certain particulars of Issue Insurances granted by British Life Offices, I annex a Table, the figures of which are taken from the Board of Trade Returns for the five years, 1896 to 1900, inclusive.

Combining these figures with those formerly given, we have the following results:

| Years | No. of Policies | Net Sums Assured | Net Premiums received | Average Premium per-cent |
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| | | £ | £ | |
| 1871-1875 | 261 | 875,558 | 62,238 | 6.75 |
| 1876-1880 | 383 | 1,264,166 | 97,495 | 7.51 |
| 1881-1885 | 539 | 1,696,747 | 116,704 | 6.82 |
| 1886-1890 | 698 | 2,076,859 | 133,200 | 6.08 |
| 1891–1895 | 987 | 2,836,634 | 139,137 | 4.75 |
| 1896-1900 | 1,310 | 3,530,173 | 156,561 | 4.39 |

The new figures show a considerable increase on previous results, especially in the case of the new premiums, although the average premium is again less than in the previous quinquennial periods.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

Edinburgh, 6 June 1904.

M. MACKENZIE LEES.

^{*} See J.I.A., xx, 151; xxiii, 220; xxvi, 391; xxix, 548; and xxxiv, 592.

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