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MINORITY RECRUITING PROGRAM REACHED ITS 1981 GOAL

Our thanks to five companies and fifteen individual actuaries who saw the appeal in our December 1981 issue and responded with checks totalling \$3,935. These contributions have enabled the committee to balance its 1981 books.

We believe that in 1982 and future years the virtues of this project will prove to be appealing to many more of our readers than have supported it so far.

E.J.M.

CUNCTATOR

The Retirement Plan Valuation & Funding seminar, scheduled for June, has been moved back to December.

Topics and places for all Fall seminars will be announced in June.

L.N.C.

Deaths

L. Ronald Hill, F.S.A. 1978
Harry S. Saunders, F.S.A. 1968

MAIL ALERT

Since the 1982 Yearbook arrived, you should have got the 1980 Reports Number, and the Record (Atlanta Meeting) Vol. 7, No. 4. If you haven't, tell the Society office in Chicago.

DROUGHT AFFLICTS E. & E. CORNER

Readers' steady inflow of questions about exam and syllabus matters has almost ceased. Now that the spring exam period has come upon us, surely some students and some teachers have queries of general interest. Please send yours to James J. Murphy at his Yearbook address.

OUR ASSOCIATES BY YEAR QUALIFYING

The companion figures, i.e. for Associates, to those given for Fellows in our April issue are:

1917	1	1949	11
1919	1	1950-54	105
1923	1	1955-59	99
1925	6	1960-64	176
1926	2	1965-69	292
1927	2	1970-74	421
1929	4	1975	139
1930-34	23	1976	167
1935-39	27	1977	187
1940-44	4	1978	248
1945-48	25	1979	621
		1980	676
		1981	470
Subtotal	96*	1917-1981	3708

*These entered the old Society or American Institute.

The median of this highly skewed distribution is in 1978; the quartiles are 1972 and 1980.

Of special interest is to see, for years 1975-1979, the ratios of the figures above to the numbers of new Associates in those years, viz.:

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
New Associates	630	774	784	482	779
At End of 1981	139	167	187	248	621
Percent.	22	22	24	51	80

The three oldesttimers among Associates are Henry G. Sellman, Monmouth, Ill. ('17); John V. Hanna, Concord, N.H. ('19); Morris Pike, White Plains, N.Y. ('23).

E.J.M.

THIS MONTH'S QUERY FOR ACTUARIES

This enquiry's aim is to increase our knowledge of actuaries who practiced in North America before the Actuarial Society of America was founded in 1889.

Query: (1) What additions can readers contribute to the following list of 19th century actuaries? (2) What information can readers furnish about those in the list that are marked (with an asterisk) to show that we know nothing about their histories in our profession?

BAKER, Hugh C., Canada Life

BOWDITCH, Nathaniel I.,
Massachusetts Hospital Life

*BURKE, David, New York Life,
Montreal, A.I.A. 1882

*EATON, Henry William, Liverpool,
London & Globe, New York,
A.I.A. 1868

ENTZ, John F., Consulting &
Guardian Life

GILL, Charles, Mutual Benefit Life
& Mutual Life of N.Y.

*GOLDMAN, Leopold, North American
Life, Toronto, A.I.A. 1882

HARVEY, Charles J., Metropolitan
Life & Colonial Life, F.I.A. 1879

*LITCHFIELD, Edward, Lancashire
Insce., New York, A.I.A. 1868

*MOON, Sidney M. L., Employers
Liability, Boston, A.I.A. 1879

SHOEMAKER, Jacob, Pennsylvania
Company for Insce. on Lives &
Granting Annties

*STANCLIFFE, Frederick, British
Empire Mutual, Montreal, A.I.A.
1881

WRIGHT, Elizur, New England
Mutual & Massachusetts Insur-
ance Department

WRIGHT, Lucy J., Union Mutual
Life

There were, of course, about four-score other actuaries who practiced before 1889 but whose lives are known to us because they became charter members of, or later joined, the Actuarial Society. Our search is for their predecessors.

If, Dear Reader, your company has published a history, won't you please let us know if it tells about 19th century actuaries whom we have overlooked! □