

CORRECTION

THE FATE OF PREMATURE BABIES IN WARWICKSHIRE

Dr. C. Fraser Brockington has written to apologize above title. The correct version of the table is as follows:—  
for certain errors in the figures given in the table on follows:—  
p. 94 of his contribution in the June issue under the

PREMATURE BIRTHS IN WARWICKSHIRE, 1943

Total births .. 8650                      No. premature .. 329                      Percentage premature .. 3.8

Weight group, lb.	No. of premature births										No. dying (days of survival)														Over	No. surviving								Total	Per-centage survival
	Born alive								Total	Born dead	First week							Second week																	
	A <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	A <sub>1</sub>		A <sub>2</sub>	A <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>				
5-5½ ..	2	4	16	9	12	28	42	113	10	3	2	1				1		1						1	1	3	14	8	12	26	40	104	92.2		
4½-5 ..	1	4	12	4	8	9	24	62	7	5	2									1				1	1	3	7	3	8	8	23	53	85.5		
4-4½ ..	1	3	12	3	11	13	19	62	6	5	1		1	2		1										2	10	2	9	11	18	52	83.9		
3½-4 ..	6	2	11	1	3	7	3	33	8	4			1					1	1				1	6	1	7	1	1	6	3	25	75.9			
3-3½ ..	1		8	1	2	9	5	26	4	6	4	1				2	1				3	1		1			3			4	8	30.8			
2½-3 ..		1	2	2		7	1	13	3	7	1	1	1										1		1					1	2	15.4			
2-2½ ..	1		2			2	4	9	3	4	2												1	1						1	2	22.2			
1½-2 ..	1		2	1		2	1	7	3	4	1	1		1																		9.0			
1-1½ ..		2				2		4	2	2	1													1						1					
TOTAL ..	13	16	65	21	36	79	99	329	46	40	14	4	3	2	1	4	1	2	1	0	4	0	1	5	10	11	41	14	30	51	90	247	75.4		
82																																			

A<sub>1</sub> Attended by an independent midwife.                      B<sub>1</sub> Born in a nursing home.                      C<sub>1</sub> Born in a municipal hospital.  
A<sub>2</sub> Attended by a county council midwife.                      B<sub>2</sub> Born in a maternity home.                      C<sub>2</sub> Born in a voluntary hospital.  
A<sub>3</sub> Attended by a district nursing association midwife.

He sends the following comments:—

The figure for the municipal hospitals has been altered; total of premature babies reading 79 in place of 61; with 51 surviving instead of 39. The survival rate is 65 instead of 64 (D-C in the script =25±6.1).  
This makes no difference to the inferences to be drawn, but it causes a number of minor alterations in the table and the script:—  
1. The numbers and times of those dying are changed:  
82 died, 54 in the first 48 hours, i.e. 67 per cent., and 83 per cent. in the first week.

Of those over 3½ lb. 22 out of 36 (60 per cent.) died in the first 48 hours.  
Of those under 3½ lb. 32 out of 46 (70 per cent.) died in the first 48 hours.  
The percentage dying in the first 48 hours is thus not 'higher' in the over 3½ pounders as stated in the script, but 'nearly as high'  
2. The percentage survivals are altered throughout, but not appreciably. Also one baby survived under 2 lb. out of 16 instead of 15.  
3. The number of prematures reads 329 and the percentage of prematures is raised from 3.6 to 3.8.