

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor THE AERONAUTICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—May I be allowed to correct an apparent misapprehension on the part of your reviewer of my "Handbook of Modern Aeronautics."

In common, and in apparent parallel with one or two almost identical reviews, since fortunately corrected in subsequent issues, the article in question ignores the fact that there existed a very rigorous Technical Press Censor, and that owing to the exigencies of the printing trade, there has been an abnormal delay in publication of such works as the one in question.

In the present case, this work was actually in type in October, 1918, a year or so after it had left my hands! But owing to the above circumstances, it was not published until August, 1919. There was therefore no rush for publication. Having had full access to official technical records and data whilst in the Air Ministry, I am, of course, well aware of the omissions in one or two of the nineteen odd sections affected, but even now, there is little official information allowed to be made public, and rather than risk a further indefinite delay, it was decided to proceed with publication as early as possible.

The excellent reception, and sales of this work have fully justified this decision, although it is realised that the data in one or two sections is not so complete as one would have wished. This will of course be rectified and the matter extended in subsequent editions, at the appropriate time.

I should feel obliged, Sir, if you would kindly give this letter the same prominence as the review in question.

Yours faithfully,

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