Erik A. van Doorn points out that a result in Chihara (1978), p. 47, serves to shorten the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 of Branford (1986). In the former case, the saving appears marginal, as it merely gives the negativity of the zeros of $p_n(x)$, the establishment of which was already trivial. In the case of the proof of Theorem 2, however, the quoted result does indeed shorten the proof, and I am grateful to the correspondent for bringing this important point to attention.

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Dear Editor,

I am writing about the paper by Gani and Tin (1985), published in *J. Appl. Prob.* **22**, 804–815. In this connection, I should like to note that the class of processes $\eta(t)$ which I have considered in my paper 'Variably-branching processes with immigration and some queuing processes' contributed to *Stochastic Processes and the Problems of Mathematical Physics*, published in 1979 by the Institute of Mathematics of the Ukrainian SSR Academy of Sciences, 37–56 partly covers the processes discussed in this publication. In particular, those special cases considered by the authors come within the scope of the processes $\eta(t)$ thoroughly studied by me.

I should be grateful if you could inform your readers about my work in this area.

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