

Institution of Aeronautical Engineers.

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Editorial.

UNFORTUNATELY, the Royal Aeronautical Society have not yet been able to obtain the views of their members on the question of amalgamation between the Society and this Institution, and your Council have felt it desirable to ask the Royal Aeronautical Society to let us know definitely their decision not later than 15th June.

It is very interesting to review the work of the last Session, when we find that the majority of the papers read before the Institution have been of an essentially practical nature, as, for example, the papers read by Captain Barnwell, entitled "Some Notes on the Design of Airscrews," by Mr. Bramson on "Unsolved Aeronautical Problems," and, more recently, Major Hemming's lecture on "Some Commercial Aspects of Air Surveying."

Notwithstanding the desirable predominance of the practical side of aeronautical engineering, the scientific side has by no means been neglected, as is evidenced by the fact of the papers which Mr. von Baumhauer and Captain Entwistle have read before this Institution.

The Institution lectures have undoubtedly been the means of not only considerably increasing the membership of the Institution, but also of bringing its activities before the public to a very great extent, and, undoubtedly, the lectures have been considerably appreciated in official quarters, and our visitors on many occasions have included Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker (Director of Civil Aviation) and Mr. H. E. Wimperis (Director of Scientific Research, Air Ministry).

The visits arranged by the Institution have also been very much appreciated by members. During the Session visits have been paid to various aircraft factories, as well as to the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington.

It is to be hoped that when the proposed amalgamation is an accomplished fact, those responsible for arranging the programme of Papers to be read before the combined body will bear in mind the very evident desire of members to hear papers of practical interest, as distinct from those of the purely scientific and theoretical kind.