

lishing installations for its production in Berlin and the provinces. A saving of 75 per cent. is anticipated, and with aeronautical experiments so much on the increase, this is naturally a very important consideration.

Gordon-Bennett Balloon Cup.

AT a general meeting of the Swiss Aero Club, held at Zurich on Saturday last, it was decided that the balloon race for the Gordon-Bennett Cup should start from there, the date to be some time during the first fortnight in October. Already a team of three, representing Italy, have been entered.

The Stella Club.

A NEW club known as the "Stella Club" has been formed in France for ladies interested in aeronautics. Its origin is due to the activity of Madame Surcouf, wife of the well-known aeronautical engineer, and already some thirty ladies have joined. At the present time its practical interest will mainly be centred in ballooning, especially it would seem night ballooning, for according to Madame Surcouf she at least "can conceive nothing more poetic than moonlight trips in the air." Members of the sterner sex are to be admitted to membership, but debarred from any participation in the administration. The subscription is 100 francs per annum, which entitles the member to one free balloon trip per year. At the moment the club does not possess any balloons of its own, but the French Aero Club have very kindly placed their park at St. Cloud at their disposal, and have made arrangements whereby they can use one of the Club balloons.

In England, the necessity for any special ladies' club is obviated by the admission of both sexes to the Aero Club and to the Aero Club League.

New Affiliations of the Ae.C.F.

AT its last committee meeting, the Aero Club of France accepted the proposals of affiliation from the Aviation Committee of Bayonne-Biarritz, the Dunkirk Aerostatique Club, the Sport d'Amiens, and the Picardy Aero Club.

Danish Aeronautic Society.

AN aeronautic society has been formed in Denmark, under the presidency of M. Meersgaard, Minister of Commerce, to study the general science of aeronautics and aviation. It has evoked the interest of many leading men in the country.

Vosgien A.C. Aero Section.

THE Automobile Club of Vosgien, at its last committee meeting, decided on the creation of an aviation section, and will bring the proposal before the next general meeting.

Ardennes Aero Club.

AT a meeting of the founder members of this new body, the rules of the Aero Club of France were adopted with such modifications in detail as were found necessary. The Hon. President is Senator Gobron, and the President Dr. Abd el Nour. An arrangement has been made whereby members of the Ardennes Automobile Club become members of the Aero Club also. The subscription has been fixed at 5 francs per annum, but a candidate paying 100 francs down can become a founder member for life.

Sylvia Spencer Elected.

OUR readers will be pleased to hear that at the last election for the London Orphan Asylum, Watford, one of the successful candidates was Sylvia Spencer, the seven-year-old daughter of the late Stanley Spencer.

Amiens Aeronautic Society.

UNDER the title of Le Sport d'Amiens, a new aeronautical society has been founded at Amiens, with M. Rene Ransson as President, and N. Bleriot as Vice-President. Affiliation has been entered into with the Aero Club of France.

Ostend Aero Club.

ANOTHER aero club has been formed in Belgium under the name of the Aero Club d'Ostend et du Littoral. Baron Raoul de Vriere has been mainly instrumental in its creation. The neighbourhood of Ostend provides several natural aerodromes.

Aero Club du Centre.

THE Aero Club du Centre was formed on January 26th at Orleans. Messrs. Leblanc and Guyot are two of the most prominent organisers of the scheme, and the new body intends, if possible, to get the Aero Club of France to run the Gordon-Bennett Cup race in their district.

The Aeronautique Club.

THE Aviation Committee of the French Aeronautique Club, which has M. de Pischoff as President, recently met to discuss the programme for the ensuing year. Among other enterprises, it is organising visits to various aeroplane works, and establishing prizes for gliding flights.

The Pilot Certificate.

THE French Aero Club has formulated the regulations under which it will issue its Pilot Aviator Certificate. Candidates must have accomplished three closed circuits of at least 1 kilometre in length, and the trials must be made without a passenger, on different days, and all within a month.

Société Forezienne d'Aviation.

UNDER the above title a society has been founded to encourage the efforts of inventors in the district of St. Etienne. The idea was started by our contemporary, the *Forez Auvergne Vivarais Illustre*, and is supported by the Prefect, the Mayor, and several other of the leading personalities of the district. Our readers will



Wilbur Wright's newly-erected aeroplane shed and dwelling at Pont Long, near Pau.