

who are expected to have *hangars*, are Messrs. Demanest, Moore-Brabazon, Lieut. Bourgeat, Gabriel Voisin, Goupy, and H. Latham.

Viscomte de Puybaudet—Student Pilot.

At his first attempt the Viscomte de Puybaudet, a member of the L.N. school of student pilots, flew a distance of 600 metres at Juvisy. The flight was accomplished at a height of 5 metres, and included a turning.

Captain Ferber attended one day last week to give instruction to the pupils present.

The Issy Prize.

THE 1,000 francs prize, organised for competition at Issy this year, is being supported by the Comité Régional Sportif de l'Ouest de Paris, and the Groupe d'Initiative des Sports, under the chairmanship of M. Piver.

Morsang sur Orge Prize.

THE prize which M. Desché, Mayor of Morsang sur Orge, has offered for competition under the auspices of the Aero Club of France, is a valuable plot of ground situated on the Boulevard Beausejour. It has a frontage of 40 metres, and a depth of from 60 to 80 metres. It will be awarded to the first aviator who lands within 50 metres of this particular plot, having flown a distance of 20 kiloms. across country to get there. Competitors may select their own starting point, and M. Esnault Pelterie has offered the use of his aerodrome at Buc for this purpose.

Decorations for Aviators.

It is now proposed to extend the scheme for decorating prominent aviators to include those who have rendered equal service in the field of aeronautics generally, that is to say, those who have been mainly responsible for the development of dirigible balloons. With this extension comes a curtailment of the scheme in another direction, whereby these honours will not be conferred on prominent pilots of flying machines unless those same experimenters have been responsible for the development and design of their machines.

French Government Officials to Visit Pau.

THE Aviation Group in the French Government have decided to pay an official visit to Pau in order to be present at some of the Wright trials, and the members have invited M. Barthou, Minister of Public Works, to accompany them. M. Barthou has accepted the invitation.

Aviation at Tours.

TOURS will shortly be a minor centre of aviation, as there are already one or two experimenters there who are getting ready to make trials. Practical work is expected to be attempted in the spring, when two of the more prominent investigators, M. Leduc and M. Bourdariat, will take the field.

Belgian Aero Club absorbs Aeronautical Society.

AN important union has taken place in Belgium—where the situation between the Aero Club and the Automobile Club is still somewhat strained—by the amalgamation of the Belgian Aeronautical Society with the Aero Club. The former body sinks its title but its committee retain office, and Count Havelin d'Oultremont, who was President of the Society, is to be nominated for election to a Vice-Presidency of the Club.

The Aeronautique Club.

THE Aeronautique Club of France has founded a body which is to be known as the Société Fleurus, which will have for its object the organisation of aerial excursions, principally ballooning, in which all grades of the army can take part. There will also be available for members of the society medical and legal advice.

Ligue Nationale de l'Est.

A BRANCH of the Ligue Nationale Aérienne has been founded at Nancy, under the title of Ligue Nationale Aérienne de l'Est, and a section of student pilots will be organised there as at Paris.

Provence Aero Club.

THE Provence Ae.C. has decided to found a school of pilots, and to consider the making of an aerodrome in La Crau.

An Aerial "Entente Cordiale."

AT a meeting of the Folkestone Corporation on Wednesday last, the Mayor announced he had received a letter from Havre, France, suggesting the formation of a Council, consisting of representatives of coast towns, to deal with the difficulties arising with the Customs in connection with cross-Channel aerial traffic. Folkestone, however, has decided to await developments before taking any action. The Aero Club Internationale de la Manche, of Havre, have also been in communication with the District Councils of Cowes and Ryde, with a view to discovering suitable sites for landing and departure "stations" for cross-Channel flyers.

Rheims Circuit.

THE result of the visit of the special committee of the Commission Aérienne-Mixte to Rheims, where they conferred with the local committee on the subject of a Rheims circuit, has been the selection of the Betheny racecourse as a suitable aerodrome. The racecourse is about five kiloms. out of Rheims. It has been tentatively decided to hold the aviation week some time between the 22nd of August and the 12th of September. The next proceedings will be to draw up a programme for the approval of the C.A.M. It is stated that a sum of 150,000 francs has been subscribed for prize money.

Aerodrome at Vichy.

THERE is some talk of arranging for an aerodrome to be established in the neighbourhood of Vichy, and a syndicate has been formed to inquire into the matter.

Lectures on Aeronautics.

COLONEL RENARD has commenced his aeronautical lectures at the Sorbonne, the first address being of a general character, dealing with the three principal spheres of locomotion on Land, Water, and the Air. The second lecture took place on February 3rd, and was entitled "l'Océan Aérien," the third takes place to-morrow, Sunday, and relates to the control of dirigibles. There will be nine other lectures on aeronautics, and the course will close with a series of lectures on aviation.

A Commemorative Prize of £2,000.

NEXT autumn, America will celebrate the centenary of Fulton's steamship, and our contemporary, the *New York World*, has offered a prize of £2,000 to any aviator who accomplishes in the air a similar feat to that of Fulton's boat on the water, viz., to travel up the course of the Hudson River between New York and Albany, a distance of 142 miles. Entrants should communicate with the Aero Club of America, New York.