

attached to the body. The chief disadvantage in the model, at present, is the propeller torque, which naturally has more effect than if the machine were a tractor. The result of this is that the model always tends to fly in a pronounced "S" curve. On further trials, however, and a little juggling with the side area, this may be remedied. Members will be glad to hear that Mr. S. T. Smith has joined the Royal Engineers. He is the tenth member of this club to join one of the Services.

### UNAFFILIATED CLUBS.

#### Scottish Ae.S. Model Ae.C. (5, DOUNE QUADRANT, GLASGOW).

*Monthly Report.*—There has been no flying done during the past month, the only incident of note being an unfortunate accident to one of the club members on service, 1st Mechanic H. M. Hill, Royal Flying Corps. The accident occurred near London on the 19th inst., the machine (a Farman of the elevator type, judging from photographs in the daily papers) being forced to land owing to engine trouble, crashing into a railway signal post, which was completely bent in two. The pilot escaped with slight injuries, but Mr. Hill was rendered unconscious, being badly cut about the face and hands. He is also suffering from slight concussion, but is progressing very favourably. May be have a complete and speedy recovery. 2nd Mechanic A. P. Mackim, R.F.C., might kindly forward his address to the secretary.



#### H.P. Works Dinner and Concert.

"ALL Work and NO Play Makes Jack a Dull Boy," and after the busy times they have been experiencing it was not surprising that the dinner and concert given to the employes of Handley Page, Ltd., on Saturday, December 18th, 1915, in the King's Hall at the Holborn Restaurant, was thoroughly enjoyed and proved a great success. Mr. F. Handley Page presided, and about 550 people were present. The toast of "Success to the Old Firm" was proposed by Mr. C. W. Meredith, the Works Manager, who has been connected with the firm since 1909, and was responded to by Mr. F. Handley Page. The dinner was followed by an excellent programme of musical and other entertainments, including some clever sleight of hand work by Mr. Arthur Besoni. Emphasising the excellent relations existing between the firm and its staff was a surprise item, which took the form of a presentation to both Mr. Handley Page and Mr. Meredith made on behalf of the employes by Mr. Stapleton, chairman of the Men's Social Club.

#### Whitehead Workers' Annual Dinner.

THE First Annual Dinner of the Whitehead Co. was held at the Castle Rooms, Richmond, on December 17th, and proved a great success. After the dinner Mr. J. A. Whitehead, who presided, was presented by Mr. Ward, the Works Manager, with a silver salver and tea service which had been subscribed for by the workpeople as a wedding present to their chief. In accepting the gift, Mr. Whitehead referred to the loyal assistance and tenacity of purpose of the staff which had enabled them to do what they had done in such a short time. He thanked them for their beautiful present, which came as quite a surprise to him. He also spoke in the highest terms of the valuable assistance he had received from Mr. Ward in establishing and organising the new works.

Mr. Ward was also presented with an umbrella by the employes. Musical items were contributed by the Misses Warner, Mr. Reginald Whitehead, Mr. Chandler and others, and the band of the Queen Victoria Rifles played during the dinner.

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*"Per ardua ad astra."*

ONE more leaf from the future, a page to the past  
In Eternity's record of life;

A page turned in blackness, with skies overcast,  
With nation 'gainst nation, with peoples aghast  
At Ambition's foul plunge into strife.

But you—eyes of the Army! You—eyes of the Fleet!

Your acts shine in letters that flame  
From the scroll, that blaze like pure gold from the sheet  
Where, but shortly, Destiny writes the defeat  
And the enemy's undying shame.

For the dawn now grows bright after flame-pitted night,  
And "The Day," with its promise, draws near  
When, thrown to the ground by invincible might,  
Hurled back shattered, pursued in ignoble flight,  
He shall feel the grim grip of fear.

And the monster who now unsuccessfully copes  
With your skill, which his effort debars?

Your planes, flying high o'er the slime where he gropes,  
Shall triumphantly carry winged death to his hopes  
And the fame of your deeds to the stars.

DOUGLAS A. SMART.

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