A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fund was held at No. 7, Idesleigh House, on May 10, Lord Hugh Cecil in the Chair. Amongst others present were Lady Leighten, Sir Frederick Sykes, Mr. R. W. Leighton, M.J. S. Macleod, Mr. T. S. M. Macleod, and Mr. W. S. Field.

The report stated that the Architect, Sir Reginald Blomfield, had placed a scale model of the War Memorial in the Architectural Room at the Royal Academy, where it would probably remain during the London season.

At the conclusion of the meeting that the Royal Air Force Pageant would probably be held at Hendon on Saturday, June 12 next.

The Chair reported to the Committee that the Annual Report for 1921 had been issued during the month of March, and he read to the Committee a letter addressed to the Chairman by the Comptroller to H.R.H. The Duke of York, K.G., President of the Fund, thanking Lord Hugh Cecil for sending him a copy of the Report, and expressing H.R.H.'s keen appreciation of the work the Fund has done, and is doing.

The Hon. Mr. F. C. Larkin, the recently appointed High Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada, was unanimously appointed a Vice-President of the Fund.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman read a communication received from Air Vice-Marshals Sir J. M. Salmond, K.C.B., conveying his resignation of his membership of the Executive Committee, and of the Chairmanship of the Vanbrugh Castle School Sub-Committee, by reason of the fact that he is under orders to proceed to India and Mesopotamia at the end of the present month.

This communication was received with the keenest regret, and the Chairman was asked to convey to Sir John Salmond the high appreciation held of his excellent services to the Fund.

Reunion of Independent Force, R.A.F.

The fourth Annual Reunion Dinner of the Independent Force, Royal Air Force, will be held at the Hotel Cecil at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 10. Sir H. M. Trenchard, Chief of the Air Staff, who commanded the Independent Force in France, will preside.

Among those who have already notified their intention of being present are the Duke of York and General de Castelnau, who commanded the French Army of the East from whose area the Independent Force operated.

The tickets, 15s. each, can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Independent Air Force Dinner, Room A, 337, E. Air Ministry, W.C. 2.

Dunkerque Officers’ Dinner

The fourth Annual Dinner for Officers who served in the Dunkerque Command of the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Air Force from 1914 to the Armistice will be held at the Hotel Cecil on Wednesday, June 22, at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. The Chair will be taken by Lieut.-Col. F. K. McClean, A.F.C.

The tickets are 15s. each, which sum should be forwarded with the application. Those who wish to be present should apply not later than June 24 to Treasurer, Dunkerque Dinner, Royal Aero Club, 3, Clifford Street, W. 1.

Gordon Shephard Memorial Prize Essay Awards

The awards in the 1921 Competition for the Gordon Shephard Memorial Prize essay, the subject of which was “The probable influence of Air Reconnaissance on Strategy and Tactics,” are:

1st Prize.—Flight Lieut. C. J. Mackay, M.C., D.F.C.

2nd Prize.—Sqn. Ldr. Sir Norman R. A. D. Leslie, Bart., O.B.E.

The Competition, which is open to all R.A.F. officers, N.C.Os. and men, was established as a memorial to the late Brig.-Gen. G. S. Shephard, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Air Force.

9,000 Miles Over Unknown Country in Australia

In connection with the aerial routes already started in Australia, the work of the Australian Controller of Civil Aviation, Col. H. Brimstead, has been done in no half-hearted manner. He has recently completed a 9,000 miles aerial tour on the “Bristol” tourer provided for his use, and during the flight thousands of miles of practically unknown country have been traversed. This ranks as one of the finest flying achievements which has yet been recorded. To carry out this trip by any other than the aerial route would have been practically impossible. This flight must be added to the aeronautical feats already achieved by such notable Australians as Sir Ross Smith and Lieut. Macintosh, and speaks well both for the Australian flying spirit and for the British design and workmanship embodied in the machine.

The Aviation Meeting at Le Bourget

An Aviation meeting is being held at Le Bourget Aerodrome, Paris, from June 17 and probably for the whole month. This Society is composed of pilots who have obtained their certificate prior to 1914, and is known as the “Vieux Tiges.” Its President is M. Léon Bathiat, who was at one time associated with M. Sante and produced the Bathiat-Sanchez biplanes. The meeting is to be an international one, and we understand that cross-country races will be held. It is expected that at the evening of Saturday there will be an exhibition of night-flying, and extensive arrangements are being made for dealing with the crowds which it is expected will visit Le Bourget from Paris.