

SCHNEIDER TROPHY ITEMS

THERE are three outstanding incidents relative to the Schneider Trophy Race. First we have lost one of our competing machines, the "Bristol Crusader," which crashed into the sea at Venice during a preliminary trial on September 11. The pilot, Flying-Officer H. M. Schofield, was quickly rescued from the wreckage and found to be injured but not seriously. The Italian Under-Secretary for Air, Signor Balbo, visited him in the Naval Hospital later, and conveyed the sympathy of the Italian Premier, Signor Mussolini. Efforts are being made to save the "Crusader."

Secondly, America has withdrawn from the race. Full tests on her machine could not be completed in time, and therefore, the pilot, Lieut. Alford Williams, did not feel sure

that it would be equal to the occasion. His companion, Lieut. Bergen, sailed for Venice, however, on September 10. A cruiser had been placed at their disposal to convey them to Venice. It is reported that an application, on behalf of the American entry, had been made for a postponement of the race, but, of course, the rules do not permit this. The third main item of interest is the report that Squad.-Ldr. Slatter had created a speed of 312 m.p.h. in a practice flight round the course on one of the Supermarine-Napier S5's.

Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, will fly to Venice in order to see the race. He will be piloted by Flight-Lieut. A. G. Jones Williams, of No. 100 Squadron, Spittlegate, in a Fairey IIF with Napier "Lion" engine.

The Royal Aeronautical Society and Institute of Aeronautical Engineers

THE Council of the Institute of Aeronautical Engineers have appointed the following members to serve on the Council of the Royal Aeronautical Society, with which the Institute is incorporated:—

Lieut.-Col. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, M.C., M.P.,
F.R.Ae.S.
Mr. M. L. Bramson, A.C.G.I., A.F.R.Ae.S., M.I.Ae.E.
Mr. F. T. Hill, B.Sc., Wh.Ex., A.F.R.Ae.S., M.I.Ae.E.
Mr. Norman J. Hulbert, A.M.I.Ae.E.
Capt. A. G. Lamplugh, A.F.R.Ae.S., M.I.Ae.E.
Mr. Fredk. R. Simms, M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Ae.E.,
M.I.Ae.E.
Mr. Lawrence A. Wingfield, A.I.Ae.E.

The Royal Air Force Memorial Fund

THE usual Meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of the above Fund was held at Iddesleigh House, on September 8.

Lieut.-Commander H. E. Perrin was in the chair, and the other member of the committee present was:—Mr. W. S. Field. The committee considered in all 12 cases, and made grants to the amount of £88 10s. The next meeting was fixed for September 22 at 2.30 p.m.

Royal Aero Club Racing Fund

MR. ALAN S. BUTLER has very generously made a donation

of £50 to the Racing Fund of the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom.

"Smith's" Annual Sports and Fete

THIS very important social function of S. Smith & Sons (M.A.), Ltd., was held on Saturday, August 27, in their Sports Grounds at Neasden. The organisers of this event had every reason to be satisfied by being favoured with one of the very few fine days throughout the month of August, and the members of the Athletic Club showed their appreciation to the "Clerk of the Weather" for this grace, by attending in great numbers. All the racing events were very keenly contested, the "Big" race being the Five-mile Marathon, which was accomplished in excellent time. In the presence of Mr. A. Gordon Smith, Managing Director and President of the Athletic Club, Mr. W. Henderson-Cleland, Chairman; Mr. S. D. Begbie, Director; and Mr. C. W. Nichols, Sales Director, the prizes were presented in the absence of Mrs. A. Gordon Smith, by Miss S. Smith, which included the Golden Seal Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. S. D. Begbie to commemorate the victory of Mr. A. Gordon Smith's greyhound, "Golden Seal," which won for him the "Waterloo" Cup this year. This cup was awarded to the department securing the most points. At the conclusion of the prize-giving, the assembly recorded their appreciation to the Committee for the excellent manner in which the day had been arranged.



FOR THE SCHNEIDER TROPHY RACE: A batch of Fairey-Reed metal airscrews being packed for transport to the Mediterranean. In the right-hand photograph six of these propellers are seen, with their packing cases. The pitch of the blades makes it quite evident that the propellers are for high-speed machines.