

¶ **Committee of Enquiry.** The Committee of Enquiry, which was appointed on March 31, 1911, to report and advise on the Society's position, has now handed over to the Society a balance of £12 13s. 6d., which has been placed to the credit of the Society's General Fund. When entering upon its duties, the Committee appealed for donations from the members in order that its work might be carried out without expense to the Society as a whole.

As a result of this appeal, the following sums were received, which the Committee begs to acknowledge :—H. Massac Buist, £10 10s. ; A. E. Berriman, Griffith Brewer, E. A. Davies, J. W. Dunne, W. T. Douglass, J. MacHaffie, Alex. Ogilvie, M. O'Gorman, F. Handley Page, each £1 1s. ; Hon. H. S. Littleton, J. F. Ogilvey, Leslie Stephens, R.A., Col. F. G. Stone, R.A., each £1 ; C. H. M. Alderson, 10s. ; T. W. K. Clarke, 7s. 6d. ; S. F. Edge, C. G. Grey, Gen. Sir Richard Harrison, K.C.B., H. F. Jackson, H. F. Lloyd, Alex. McCallum, Andrew Stewart, C. C. Turner, C. E. I. Wright, E. W. Young, each 5s. ; S. Cowper Coles, P. Narraway, Miss D. Prentice, A. P. Thurston, each 2s. 6d. Total, £27 16s. 6d.

The expenses incurred, including printing, typing, and postage, amounted to £15 3s., leaving a balance as aforesaid.

¶ **Gifts to the Library.** The Council begs to thank Lieut.-Colonel O. Smeaton for a copy of his lecture on "Aerial Scouting," and Messrs. A. V. Roe and Co. for the gift of lantern slides of their recent machines.

OBITUARY

DOUGLAS GRAHAM GILMOUR

It is our painful duty to chronicle the death of Mr. D. G. Gilmour, who was killed by a fall with a Martin-Handasyde monoplane on February 17 last in the Old Deer Park, Richmond. The cause of the accident was, and still remains, a mystery. Eye-witnesses stated that the wings broke and folded back, but examination of the debris revealed the astonishing fact that all the wing wires were intact as well as the warp wires. It is conceivable that Mr. Gilmour was taken ill while flying, and that the witnesses—none of whom, unfortunately, had technical knowledge of aeroplanes—were deceived into thinking that the machine broke.

Mr. Gilmour was born in 1885, and took his certificate on a Blériot at Pau in April, 1910. He was one of the most skilful and daring of all English flyers—daring, but not reckless, and taking no unnecessary risks. Among his best-remembered feats were his flight on July 5, 1911, up the Thames to London Bridge and back to Brooklands, his following the 1911 Boat Race from start to finish, and his appearance at the Henley Regatta of the same year. The burial took place at Mickleham amid a large concourse of mourners, the Society being represented by the Secretary.

