

Cierva Memorial Prize

The Council have pleasure in announcing that the Prize for the 1947/48 competition for an essay on "The Safety of Rotary Wing Aircraft" has been awarded to —

D R GARRAWAY, B Sc (Eng)

His essay entitled "The Structural Airworthiness of Helicopters with particular reference to Fatigue Failure" is re-produced in this Journal

Since no award was made for the 1946/47 competition due to the somewhat poor response, MR GARRAWAY is the first winner of this Prize. The response to the 1947/48 competition was again not altogether as good as had been expected, and it is hoped that the re-production of this essay will lend encouragement to would-be competitors in subsequent years.

The title for the 1948/49 Essay competition has been broadened to allow the widest possible field of entry, and the prize for 1949 will be awarded to the Competitor submitting the best paper of a technical nature on any subject connected with Rotating Wing Aircraft. Papers of a purely historical or journalistic content will not be eligible, but the subject may be broadly construed to include studies in any related field such as Operational, Administrative, Maintenance, Navigation, Safety, and Economics, as well as the more conventional fields of Aeronautical Science and Engineering.

Full details of the rules governing the 1948/49 Competition may be obtained by writing to the Association's Assistant Secretary at Londonderry House, 19 Park Lane, London, W 1, and competitors should apply for these rules before submitting entries. The following summary is appended for guidance.

The competition is not restricted to members of the Association nor is there any restriction as to nationality. Competitors should be under the age of 35 on the 31st December, 1948. Entries for 1948/49 must be received by 31st March, 1949.

Papers should be written preferably in English, but will be accepted in French or German, and are recommended not to exceed 5,000 words. Competitors must state date of birth and be prepared to submit proof of date of birth if called upon to do so. Entries must be typed and submitted in triplicate. Written entries will not be considered. Diagrams of figures accompanying the text must be clearly drawn in Indian ink, and if not in triplicate, must be on tracing paper and capable of reproduction in print.

Entries must be original papers, not previously submitted to any other body and not previously published, the copyright of the winning paper submitted becomes the property of the Association and no papers will be returned to competitors.