

published many papers on airscrews and a book on the subject in 1916. Mr. Riach was one of the youngest Fellows of the Society, to which grade he was elected in 1917.

Katharine Wright Haskell

“ WRIGHT HASKELL. On Sunday, March 3, 1929, from pneumonia, at Kansas City, Katharine Wright Haskell, wife of Harry Haskell, only daughter of the late Bishop Milton Wright and sister of Wilbur and Orville Wright. Funeral at Dayton, Ohio, to-day (Wednesday).”

The above notice appeared in the *Times* on the 6th March and seems to have passed unnoticed. It is sad to think that human memory is so short that twenty years can obliterate the memory of some of our best friends. Yet, twenty years ago, Katharine Wright accompanied her brothers, Wilbur and Orville Wright, through France, Italy, Germany and England, in the first demonstration in Europe of actual flying. During that time she met King Edward, King Alphonso, and the leading Presidents and people on this side of the Atlantic, and her charm made her fast friends with many people in this country. She did not forget her friendship for England; for, on the 6th June, 1916, Lord Northcliffe, in speaking before the Royal Aeronautical Society before America had come to our assistance in the Great War, quoted a letter he had received from Katharine Wright, in which she said: “ We here make no pretence at being neutral—we are heart and soul for England and her Allies in this great struggle.” Members of the Society will remember that it was after this that Lord Northcliffe went to America, and by his eloquence and earnestness played such a valuable part in securing the wholehearted co-operation of America in the European struggle for freedom.

We have, therefore, not merely to remember Katharine Wright for the encouragement and help which she gave to her brothers at a time when sympathy and comfort were most required in the attainment of flight; but we, as a nation, have to remember her with grateful feelings for the part which she contributed in securing the co-operation of an ally of overwhelming power, at the time when our very existence was in peril.

G. B.