

(which practically covers seven years) brought the Society from a comparative state of penury to that of comparative affluence. On behalf of this Society, allow me to express our most grateful thanks for your great past services, and to express a hope that you will still continue to aid our work by continuing on the Committee of the Society.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) FRANCIS TROLLOPE, Lt.-Col., *Vice-President.*"

For some years afterwards Stuart Bruce continued to take an active interest in the Society and its work, and for all his life in aviation—in which he had seen such remarkable progress. He died on February 28th, 1935.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL SIR VYELL VYVYAN, K.C.B., *Fellow.*

Arthur Vyell Vyvyan was born on March 12th, 1875, and first went to sea as a midshipman in the *Camperdown* in 1891. The following year he joined the ill-fated *Victoria* which was sunk by his former ship. He took firsts in seamanship, pilotage and torpedo work, and was promoted lieutenant in 1896 and took part in the Benin Expedition of 1897. In 1906 he was promoted commander, and in December, 1908, he became the first commander of the new battle-cruiser *Invincible*. In January, 1913, he was appointed assistant to the Chief of the War Staff, Admiralty, and in the following June promoted Captain and given command of one of the new light cruisers allocated to the First Light Cruiser Squadron, Grand Fleet. In March, 1915, he went out to Gallipoli as Beach Master at Anzac during the landing on April 25th, 1915, for which services he was awarded the D.S.O.

On January 16th, 1916, he was appointed to the Air Department at the Admiralty, as Assistant to the Superintendent of Aircraft construction. Following the establishment of the R.A.F. in 1918, he became senior R.A.F. Officer in the Mediterranean. In 1919 he became the first Air Officer Commanding the Coastal Area, a command he held for five years. He retired the year following his relinquishing this post, on September 1st, 1925, and was appointed one of the Government Directors of Imperial Airways. In April, 1929, he flew with the first regular air mail service to India and back in 15 days, and in January, 1932, he opened the regular weekly service between Croydon and Cape Town. He was created K.C.B. in 1923 and received many foreign decorations.

For many years Sir Vyell Vyvyan was a Member of Council of the Society, in whose work he took the keenest possible interest. He was a great enthusiast for civil aviation and did a great deal by his practical example to promote its welfare. He died on September 30th, 1935, after only a few weeks' illness.

E. J. H. LYNAM, A.R.C.Sc., D.I.C., *Fellow.*

E. J. H. Lynam became a trade lad by competitive examination at Woolwich Arsenal in September, 1908. After completing his training he attended a course at the Royal College of Science, of which he became an Associate. In 1915 Lynam entered the R.A.E. as a draughtsman, and his outstanding abilities rapidly gained him promotion. In 1918 he became head of the Aircrew Design Section, a position he held until September, 1926. In the reorganisation of the Airworthiness Department he was promoted to Principal Technical Officer in Charge. In 1932 he became Chief Technical Officer of the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, a position he held until the time of his death on June 4th, 1935, at the early age of 42.

By his death aviation lost one of its most brilliant technical men whose opinions, though often opposed, were respected by all with whom he came in contact. He became an Associate Fellow in 1918 and a full Fellow in 1932.