

the whole of the appropriation provided for.

I am now authorized by Mrs. Bell to state that if the members desire to continue the Association for another six months she will be glad to provide the funds so long as she is not called upon for a larger sum than \$10,000.00 making her total appropriation for the benefit of the Association not to exceed \$30,000.00 in all.

Now there is one peculiar feature about this Association that I think is worthy of notice. None of us have been swayed from pecuniary motives. Our object, as expressed in the words of Lieut. Selfridge, and incorporated into our agreement of organization was simply "to get into the air", and Mrs. Bell has donated the funds for the support of the Association not from any expectation of return, but simply from affection for us all and from interest in our work.

When we first came together as an Association, we recognized the possibility that joint-inventions might be produced which might have pecuniary value; and we agreed that before dividing the proceeds, if any, equally among the members, as provided for in our article of agreement, that we should remember Mrs. Bell's financial contributions and present to her a 1% interest for every one thousand dollars she should contribute for the support of the Association. This means that if we ever receive anything for all our work we will first present to Mrs. Bell as a recognition of her services 1% of the proceeds for every thousand dollars she has contributed and divide the remainder equally among ourselves.