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application to be detailed to Nova Scotia. His application was favorably considered, and he was detailed by the War Department to observe my experiments in the interests of the U S Army. Lieut. Selfridge repaired to Baddeck. Mrs. Bell and I gave him a cordial welcome to Boian Hareagh, and he became our guest there. Thus it happened that last year (1907) I had succeeded in gathering together a remarkable group of young men, all interested in Aviation, and all experts in various lines: Mr. Baldwin, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Curtiss and Lieut. Selfridge. The first three acting as my assistants and the fourth as expert observer for the U S Army. They were all my guests in my own home. Residing together under one roof we became quite intimate. We breathed an atmosphere of aviation from morning till night, and almost from night to morning. Each felt the stimulus of discussion with the others, and each developed ideas of his own upon the subject of Aviation, which were discussed by all. I may say for myself that this Association with talented young men proved to be one of the happiest periods of my life. Both Mrs. Bell and I became much attached to them all. Indeed we came to look upon them as members of our family rather than as strangers gathered together from the fourquarters of the world. Mrs. Bell especially was very much struck by the possibilities involved in the association of an elderly man like myself with young men of brilliant ability and experts. Why, said she, should we separate, could some plan not be devised for making our association with one another permanent. Her idea was that in the distant future after I should