

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.
1632-1723.

Born 1632. He invented several ingenious instruments when he was about the age of fourteen. In 1646 went to Oxford as gentleman commoner. Early distinguished for proficiency in mathematics and anatomy and was regarded as a protegy in College. Prof. of Astronomy in 1657. One of the first members of the Royal Society. In 1661 was appointed assistant to the Surveyor General and began to turn his attention to architecture. In 1667 he succeeded Denham as Surveyor General and Chief Architect. His master-piece is St. Paul's Cathedral. Generally regarded as the greatest of English Architects. Contributed several treatises on Astronomy and other sciences to the Philosophical Transactions. He was knighted in 1673, and was elected President of the Royal Society in 1681. None of the biographical notices I have examined make any reference to his interest in Aerial Locomotion. He is perhaps best known to the world as the Architect of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. He died in 1723 and was buried in his own Cathedral and a conspicuous tablet there bears the epitaph "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice" - "If a monument is needed look around". A.O.B.