

and therefore able to move without any cumbersome and unsatisfactory load of accumulators and dynamos. Ships, says he, will receive electric energy from stations on land: they will be driven and guided by electrical engineers who remain ashore. Finally he hopes that the problem of aerial navigation will thus be solved; and that air-ships, unweighted by heavy machinery, gathering their motive force from various electric centres, perhaps ultimately from one central station dominating the globe, will convey mankind over all the world.

We have said enough to give our readers an indication of the importance of Lord Bacon's latest contribution to science. Whether it is destined to revolutionise not only present theories of electrical energy but also the very law of motion, we are unable to decide without further and less cursory consideration. Meanwhile, we simply submit to the intelligence of persons engaged in financing electrical matters the query, Did Bacon write too soon, or too late?