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June 9th 1932.

Miss C. Haslett,
The Women's Engineering Society,
46 Kensington Court,
London, W.8.

Dear Miss Haslett,

I thank you for your letter, and entirely agree with your decision not to hold an Air Meeting at any rate in the immediate future.

I should certainly like to come along in September, and will promise to do so if I am here. I will also look in for a few minutes during the discussion, providing you will for give me should it be impossible for me to come

Use my name on the programme by all means - in fact make whatever use of it you can.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

lcs

Jas. Wain

New House



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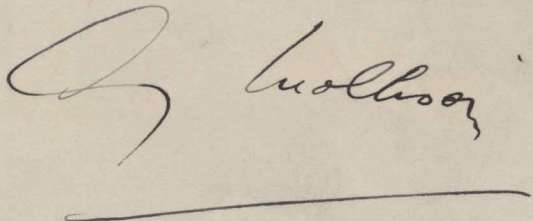
Dear Miss Haslett,

Many thanks for your
letter and congratulations. Please
thank the other members of the society
for me.

I am going away to Switzerland
for a short holiday in a few days time,
but when I come back I should love to
come along and see you all.

Again many thanks,

Yours sincerely,





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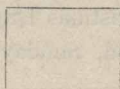
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MILDENHALL AERODROME SUFFOLK

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AND SUCCESS. W.E.S.

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from the W.E.S.

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Enclosed herewith Mr. Morrison's
address with thanks

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Reason for Comet failure.

Lessons of the Race:

- (1) Ease with wh. Australia can be reached.
(Far-flung Dominions brought near).
 - (2) Speed possible for mail service. (Relays of
Comets; not comfortable for passengers -
need short hops, 5 hrs.).
 - (3) Ground organisation.
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Ground organisation needed in England:

- (1) Rapid transport from centre of City to Airport.
- (2) Wireless - met. & directional.- separate operator.
- (3) Night-flying equipment. (Croydon only one
fully equipped).
- (4) More aerodromes & emergency fields outside fog
area.
- (5) Multi-engined machines & crew.

Not a fantastic picture of the future. Now enjoying Air
Age - thrilling to see what happens.

"AT HOME" - WOMEN'S ENGINEERING SOCIETY.
Held at the Club, 20, Regent Street,
on Monday, December 10th.

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Comet failure.

The obvious subject to speak of is the recent London-Melbourne Air Race, but you must have heard so much about it that repetition is wearisome. One point, however, that might interest you as engineers is the real technical reason for the engine trouble unfortunately experienced by the Comets.

No time for tests.

Bench tests only done.

Larger oil tanks fitted night before.

1 gall. used at Baghdad.

No time for automatic mixture control.

As is well-known, the machines were so rushed through to be ready in time for the Race that it was found impossible to carry out the usual petrol and oil consumption tests in actual flying conditions. During the last week even the weather was against us so that very little test or practise flying was done. Tests made on the bench showed that the amount of petrol and oil carried should give a range of nearly 3,000 miles, but actual flying tests often show quite different figures from bench tests. De Havilland's were so worried about our range that the night before the Race their mechanics worked hard to install larger oil tanks as a precaution. The new ones gave us 8 galls. of oil for each engine.

Imagine our surprise when on reaching Baghdad we found we had only used one gallon per engine!

Additionally, there was no time to fit an automatic fuel mixture control. All our flying had to be done at a height of not less than 10,000 feet in order to get the greatest fuel economy, and the mixture control provided had far too small a movement for satisfactory manipulation. It was possible to use too weak a mixture without knowing it. Thus, our

(1)
In England itself there is an urgent need

Need for ground
organisatn. in
England.

for efficient and standardised ground facilities.
Although our country is so small, we experience almost every kind of weather conditions. If air services are ever going to be practicable and reliable here, a certain number of things are essential.

(1)
Ground
Transport.

London - tube.

(1) Rapid transport from the centre of the City to the Airport. For London I would strongly suggest a special underground railway. This seems so simple a solution to the problem of making quick time to Croydon that I cannot imagine why such a thing has never even, so far as I know, been suggested. As for the expense, it would ~~not~~ be considerably less than building ~~such a thing~~ as runways over King's Cross Station or roofing over the Thames - both proposals completely impracticable so long as London continues to enjoy its traditional "pea-soupers."

Provinces -
motor-roads
or electric
rlys.

Frequency of
service essential.

For the provinces I would urge the building of wide special motor-roads or an electric railway, with trains or buses running every 15 minutes. I cannot stress too much or too often the importance of having frequency of both air services and connecting ground transport.

(2)
Wireless.

(2) Complete wireless equipment, with some form of "beam" or directional system. In bad weather it is of vital necessity for pilots to know weather conditions ahead; to have some guide to his position when flying blind and to have an alternative landing-place given to him should his destination be in fog. The time-honoured method of hedge-hopping, chimney-dodging and railway following savours too much of adventure for the business man who merely wants to reach his office safely.

Trained wireless
operators -
separate operator.

Pilots should also be thoroughly trained wireless operators - although the best scheme is to carry a

Engines starved
for oil & petrol.

Trouble aggra-
vated in our case.

Much cd. be sd.
on race, but keep
to one side -
Lessons taught:

engines were being starved for oil and petrol. This was found to be quite unnecessary as on landing at Baghdad we found we had enough petrol left for at least 3 hrs' flying. Of course, sooner or later the engines were bound to burn themselves out. In our own particular case the trouble was aggravated by the low-grade motor fuel we had to use when we forced-landed in India. (Had we had wireless that would not have happened. Wireless is an essential part of the equipment for making accurate landfalls by good management instead of by good luck).

There are so many things I could go on to say about the Race, but I have decided to keep to one side which has been brought to the forefront in the Press recently - i.e. the lessons the Race has taught us.

(1)

From here

Ease of reaching
Australia.

Far-flung Dominions
nearer.

Stimulates further
travel.

Encourages trade &
goodwill.

FIRSTLY, it has drawn attention to the ease

with which Australia can be reached. It is no longer regarded as a sort of miracle to be able to fly there. India in 22 hrs.; Australia in $2\frac{1}{2}$ days - has brought

our "far-flung Dominions" much nearer. Not only is the present rate of travel facilitated, but a stimulus is provided for more travelling to be done inside the Empire. This cannot help but have the beneficial effects of encouraging trade and goodwill.

(2)

Speed poss. for
mail service.

Relays of Comets
cd. take mail in
3 days - return
journey in 1 week.

SECONDLY, it has shown how quickly a mail

service could be carried through - there is no reason why, even at the present moment, mails should not be taken in relays and make the return journey within a week. That is no extravagant suggestion. It could quite easily be done with relays of Comets.

Not comfort-
able for passen-
gers.

Extra speed shd.
mean greater
comfort. (Imps).
Rests on
ground.

Payload greater
on short hops.

Tendency in
U.S.A.

5 hrs. enough
for passengers.

Aim to travel
further in 5 hrs.

Exception is
night travel.

Passengers would not care for such a hurried uncomfortable trip. So far as passengers are concerned, extra speed should mean greater, and not less, comfort. I agree with Imperial Airways' policy to this extent that increased speed of machines should not only get passengers more quickly to their destination but should give an opportunity for longer rests on the ground and shorter spells in the air. On a long journey if you cannot move around much it is very tiring to be up too long (as we found to our cost on our trip!); therefore short fast hops would seem much preferable to long slow ones. A further advantage of the short hop is that less petrol need be carried, so more payload can be taken. In America the tendency has always been towards short hops, and on trans-Continental records it is significant that the fastest times were always made by the quicker short-range machines than by the slower long-range ones trying to make non-stop flights. Obviously, to achieve this it is essential to have extremely efficient ground organisation for refuelling etc.

It will be fairly universally agreed that passengers would find five hours at a time quite long enough for comfort, and therefore the aim should be to go farther in five hours rather than stay aloft for a longer time ~~to do the same distance~~. The only exception to this rule is night travel, and then I definitely think that passengers would much prefer to go to sleep in proper berths and remain undisturbed by night landings - which are not only disturbing but offer the greatest hazard of night flying, especially in the present poor state of ground night-flying equipment.

Speed shd. make journey easy as poss. for passenger -

but - unfair & unwise to cf. Scott's flight.

Discomfort too great - hops too long.

Argument ag. Douglas - weather conditions all year round.

This all goes to prove how essential it is to improve speeds in order to make the journey as easy as possible for the passenger, but it would be unfair and unwise to assume that because Scott and Black can fly to Australia in less than three days that it is possible to run a regular service on such a schedule. For one thing the discomfort in the present state of ~~regular~~ ^{regular} airline equipment would be too much to ask of passengers, and for another, no-one would care to spend ten and twelve hours at a time in the air with only a few moments on the ground between hops. You may say that the Douglas provided speed, reasonable range and a great degree of comfort and still reached Australia in under four days. This is perfectly true and it is the reason why the performance of this machine has received so much favourable publicity. The main thing to remember in this case, however, is that the Race was run at the best possible time of year taking into consideration the varying climatic conditions over such a long distance. It is a vastly different thing ^{from running} to make one special effort at the right time of year than to run a regular daily schedule through all weathers. But it shows that the distance can be covered in reasonable comfort in four days and that mails can be taken in $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, and this performance, whilst it must not be taken as a present commercial possibility, can be accepted as the ~~ultimate~~ ^{standard} to aim for.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ days for mails, days passengers, standard to aim or.

(3) Ground organisation.

Press do not give publicity. Pander burnt.

THE THIRD GREAT LESSON OF THE RACE is the

important problem of ground organisation. This is so much less spectacular than the performances of machines & pilots that our daily Press give very little publicity to it. For example, it was a good story for the papers when the

Dutch Pander machine crashed into the beacon at Allahabad when taking off and burnt up, but to aviation enthusiasts it was almost more amazing that there was a beacon there at all; and it is as equally tragic to them that there is no longer any beacon there as it can be to the Dutch that they have no longer their 'plane.

Allahabad 5 yrs.
ago.

Stimulus of Race.

Five years ago when I first went out to Australia, Allahabad was merely a piece of land called an aerodrome, with no facilities whatsoever. It remained the same until a few weeks before the Race, but when it was chosen as a control point, someone got things moving, with the result that competitors found it equipped with a powerful beacon for night-flying, wireless, excellent control tower and meteorological information, and plenty of petrol pumps.

Same effect all
along route.

More needed.-

Aerodromes-
Emergency grounds.

The stimulus given by the Race had this effect all along the route. Every stopping place was equipped in this way, more or less efficiently, and on this account alone nothing but good has resulted ^{from} Sir Macpherson Robertson's brainwave. But it is still not enough. More aerodromes are needed; intermediate landing grounds should be laid down, especially through difficult country subject to very bad weather where centres of population are few and far between, as (e.g. in the Malay States. Complete and efficient wireless installation is of supreme importance. Some of the stations are only equipped with systems which operate by day and are not efficient by night - which is when wireless is mostly wanted. (Everyone will remember Col. Roscoe Turner's experience trying to find Allahabad at night). Facilities

Wireless. -
standardised.
To be equipped
for night as well.

(Turner's exp.)

Met. informatn.

for obtaining meteorological information are also urgently necessary - and it is high time that other

Runways - Bangkok.

aerodromes followed the example of Bangkok who have laid down runways which are usable during the monsoon weather when ordinarily the aerodrome would be a morass.

When all this has been done, there are still such things

Hotels, rest-houses,
ground transport.

as aerodrome hotels, rest-houses, ground transport, etc. etc. to be planned and made available for the comfort of the passengers who can and should demand the comfort due to them as paying travellers.

Race has focussed
public attentn.

The Race has, however, focussed public attention on all these matters and it has started the improvement on the right lines. It is only to be hoped that no going back is allowed, and it is on the

Ultimate progress
depends on
passengers themselves.

passengers themselves that ultimate progress depends.

special operator. It is too much in bad weather for the pilot to do everything himself. It doesn't give him a fair chance.

(3)
Night-flying.

Croydon only
one in Eng. w.
boundary lights,
beacon & "T".

(4)
More aero-
dromes.

(5)
Multi-engines.
Crew.

Not fantastic
picture of
future.

Future holds
more developmts.

In Air Age.

(3) Night-flying equipment. Even if 'planes

are not making regular night services, they might be delayed, and in any event there is always special charter, newspaper and taxi work. For night-flying, an aerodrome should always have boundary lights, a movable beacon light, and an illuminated landing "T". There is only one aerodrome in England so equipped, i.e. Croydon, and yet we are apparantly trying to run internal air services. You might just as well have no equipment for ^{running taxis} driving cars at night.

(4) More, larger and better equipped aerodromes with, always, an emergency field outside fog areas.

(5) Machines should all be multi-engined with a crew. *Spoke*

This is not looking to the future. It lies within our reach now. We are behind. The future holds developments of vast interest - fog landings, stratosphere flying, ^{Ocean crossing} automatic pilots, composite aircraft, aerial goods trains, etc. We are living in a wonderful age - the age of the Conquest of the Air. We are still at the beginning of our discoveries and it is thrilling and romantic to see how it will all turn out."

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January, 1935

Dear

During my term of office as President of the Women's Engineering Society, we are devoting special attention to aviation matters of general interest, and we are starting this year with a series of unusual Debates on popular aeronautical subjects.

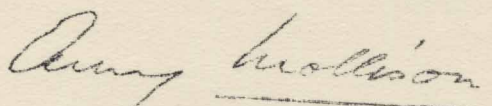
Meetings will be held at this address on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month before Easter, beginning on Tuesday, 22nd January, when my husband and I will open the programme with a Debate -

"THAT record-breaking flights no longer
serve a useful purpose."

I am proposing the motion, and my husband will oppose it.

We are hoping to have a number of well-known people in the aeronautical world speaking at these meetings. Admission will not be restricted to members, and I hope that you will make the fixtures known to any of your friends who would be interested to come; I also hope that you yourself will attend and will take part in the discussions.

Yours sincerely


President

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PRINCE AND PRINCESS

ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT

Discuss with him
Holmes
11th March.

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MADEIRA

Dear Miss Nesbitt,

I am so sorry that it is out of the question for me to be present at the final debate of the series, and I should be so glad if you would please make my excuses. I have not been well for a long time & intend staying here until I am properly fit, after which I may possibly go on to South America.

When I am back in the summer I must really make up to you for all this neglect. I am so sorry but I have nothing to do in my land & my husband is away, so there's really nothing to come back for (except the W. I. S. of course!)

I do hope the series has been successful & that my absence hasn't had any

unfavourable effect.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely
Avery Hollister.

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CH/EMW/HS

11th March, 1935

Mrs J.A.Mollison, C.B.E.,
Reid's Palace Hotel,
Funchal,
Madeira.

Dear Mrs Mollison,

At our Council Meeting on Wednesday last, the suggestion was made that the W.E.S. Conference should this year be held in Brussels, to give members an opportunity of visiting the International Exhibition there. The alternative dates suggested were a) one week-end in June when members could arrange it as a part of their holidays, or b) the first week-end in October, when we should be able to swell our numbers by joining with the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, for our public Sessions etc.

It has in the past been our custom to hold every other Conference in London, during the Shipping, Engineering and Machinery Exhibition at Olympia, and we have again this year been invited to make an official visit, with luncheon and tea; this would probably be arranged for the week-end September 20th-22nd.

It was finally agreed that we should leave the decision in the hands of the President. Will you let us know, therefore, which of these suggestions would be most convenient for you, and we will try to make our plans accordingly.

Admiral Mark Kerr, who is taking the Chair at our Meeting on 26th March, is hoping very much that "my friend Mrs Mollison will be there." Is there any chance of this? We shall all be glad to see you back again.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary

CH/EMW/HS

19th March, 1935

Mrs J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Reid's Palace Hotel,
Punchal,
Madeira.

Dear Mrs Mollison,

Many thanks for your letter of 11th March; I am so sorry to hear that you are still not feeling properly fit, and I quite understand that you will wish to recover completely before returning.

We shall be very sorry not to have you with us for the final debate of the Series, as we were so much looking forward to hearing your ideas.

The series has been proceeding quite well, though we have not had the audiences which the first Debate attracted. However, we have had a steady number, and I really think they have served a useful purpose.

With kind regards, and sincere good wishes for your speedy recovery,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary

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PRINCE AND PRINCESS

ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT

20th March.

Dear Miss Haslett,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th. I am really sorry to be letting you down so badly by being away just when I should be in England, but my affairs are rather out of my own control at the moment.

With regard to your suggestions for the Conference I am flattered that you leave the decision to me, but all the same do not care for the responsibility when I am too far away to know the general feeling on such an important matter. I think it best to indicate my views, and leave it to a general vote whether you accept them or make some other decision. I shall not mind at all in the circumstances.

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MADEIRA

I am myself in favour of holding the Conference in England as usual, for the following reasons:

① Being an English Society & not an international one I think it far more suitable to hold our Conference in our own country.

② I do not think we shall get nearly so many members to go to Brussels as will come to London ^(expense & time factors).

③ In the country members a visit to London - admittedly the gayest capital in the world at present - should prove far more of an attraction than any visit to Brussels. Moreover, I very much doubt whether more than one or two would want to make a trip to Brussels in June part of their holiday. They have probably had their holidays planned for ages, & if I know anything about working people & their holidays they would prefer to make the Conference an excuse for another short holiday later on rather than accommodate their holiday to the Conference.

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ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT

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④ I think it far more important to keep in well with the official engineering sections in England than to go over to any foreign country & face wild publicity & vulgar curiosity over the "Queen English" with their women engineers. It is taking us all our time to be understood in England & I don't relish being an object of curiosity abroad.

However, I've given you my views and I'd far rather a general vote be taken if there is likely to be much difference of opinion.

If it is decided to hold the Conference at the time of the Engineering Conference in London, I would suggest that in addition perhaps a weekend could also be fixed to go over to Brussels. I think it would be a grand opportunity for members to visit the International Exhibition

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MADEIRA

& if the visit is timed to coincide with the Federation of Business Women's Conference, perhaps we could arrange to meet them too, which would be fine. I do not see any reason why this should not be done. We could work out an inclusive cost - I would respectfully suggest flying over as anything else takes too long (do not use Killiney's time though) - & put up a list to see how many would be likely to come. I think it would if it could be made cheap enough. I think it far better more dignified to go over that way on a special visit than ostensibly to hold a Conference which might be a flop if very few went. We don't want to be ridiculous in a foreign country. I've been very ill for two weeks with Vaccination & may not go to South America after all. It depends on how I feel. Anyhow I think I'd be back by June. Sincerely, *Livingston*

Admiral Mack Kerr my kind regards & tell him I'm so sorry to miss his talk.

CH/EMW/MG

2nd April, 1935.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Reid's Hotel,
Funchal,
Madeira.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Many thanks for your letter of 20th March; it arrived just before the Discussion on March 26th, so that we were able to give Admiral Mark Kerr your message immediately.

I think the reasons you put forward for having the Conference in England rather than Brussels are most effective ones, and we will carry on with our arrangements for this.

I think, too, that we might arrange an extra week-end in Brussels for those Members who would like to visit the International Exhibition. I think a suggestion has already been made that we might go by air, and Miss Harris, who has promised to arrange this, will get out further particulars and let us have them.

I am so very sorry to hear that you have been ill again after vaccination. It would be a great disappointment to you, I know, if you were unable to go to South America after all and I do hope that by now you are feeling much better.

With kind regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

Notice.

EMW/HS

23rd July 1935

Mrs J.A.Mollison, C.B.E.
Savoy Hotel,
Strand W.C. 2.

Dear Mrs Mollison,

In reading through this official letter, you may be surprised to note that I have put the Fee for the Flying Tour at £1. 1. 0. for members.

This is because I have allowed for the odd shillings in the General Conference Fee, with the idea that in the case of those who do not fly, the spare 4/- will meet the fare to the Aero Club at which we shall be having tea.

Those who are not delegates to the Conference will, of course, be asked for the full fee.

Yours sincerely

Assistant Secretary

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24th July 1935

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in sending you herewith the programme for our Thirteenth Annual Conference, to be held in London during the week-end September 20th - 22nd.

The paper to be read on Saturday morning by Miss A.G. Shaw, M.A., promises to be of unusually wide interest.

We are again invited, through the courtesy of the Chairman and Council of the Exhibition, to visit the Shipping, Engineering and Machinery Exhibition at Olympia, on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs J.A.Mollison, C.B.E., the President, will preside over the Annual Dinner, to be held on Saturday evening in conjunction with the Technical Group of the Forum Club.

The "Aero Club Crawl", organised by Mrs Mollison on Sunday afternoon, will give members an unique opportunity of visiting several of the Aerodromes and Flying Clubs round London at a moderate cost, in liner luxury. Those who prefer to remain "earth-bound" will meet the others for tea at one of the Aero Clubs visited.

Fees for the week-end, up to and including dinner on Sunday evening, will be :-

For resident delegates	...	...	...	...	...	£2. 2. 0.
For non-resident delegates	...	...	...	...	...	£1. 5. 0.
Fee for Flying Tour. To members, not more than	...	...	...	...	...	£1. 1. 0.
To friends, " " "	...	...	...	...	...	£1. 5. 0.

Delegates wishing to remain at Crosby Hall till Monday morning are asked to give due notice; the extra charge, for bed and breakfast, is 8/6.

Will you let me know as soon as possible, and in any case before 17th August, whether you will be attending the Conference as a resident or non-resident delegate, and whether you will be taking part in the Flying Tour.

Please remember to send your Booking Fee of 10/- when writing; this will be deducted from your Conference Fee.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Haslett

Hon. Secretary

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DETAILS AND PROGRAMME OF FLYING TOUR ORGANISED BY

MRS J.A.MOLLISON C.B.E

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SUNDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER

Train from VICTORIA to WADDON leaves at 1.48 p.m.

Croydon airport is a few minutes walk from Waddon Station

ARRIVE AT CROYDON AIRPORT 2.30 p.m.

Inspection of Aerodrome

ARRIVE AT BROOKLANDS AERODROME by air 3.30 p.m.

Inspection of Hangars, Aeronautical College etc.

Tea

RETURN TO CROYDON by air Flight to include a tour of

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SPECIAL RAILWAY TICKETS OBTAINABLE FROM THE SECRETARY W.E.S.
No charge.

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EMW/HS

12th September 1935

Mrs J.A.Mollison, C.B.E.,
Savoy Hotel,
Strand W.C. 2.

Dear Mrs Mollison,

I have heard again from Miss Westaway, with regard to your proposed visit to Bedford.

It would be convenient for her if you could let her know of a possible date not later than the end of this month, but she would quite understand if you left it a little later.

As to actual dates, she would prefer something after the 1st November, and adds "We should like best Wednesday afternoon, 20th November, but we can make any date suit that Mrs Mollison would like Except October 30th". She says that the School is top of the Country in Higher Certificates this year, so that having you as a Guest of Honour, would make a very special occasion of the presentation of certificates and prizes.

Thank you so much for your letter and good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Assistant Secretary.

CH/EMW/HS

19th September 1935

Mrs J.A.Mollison, C.B.E.,
Savoy Hotel,
Strand W.C. 2.

Dear Mrs Mollison,

On my return to town, I have seen your letters and arrangements, and think that the Flying Programme you have arranged sounds most attractive.

The Exhibition Authorities at Olympia telephoned me this morning, asking that you should be there at 12.45 on Saturday, for their Official Reception, and hoping that you would be prepared to say a few words to them after the Luncheon. I told them that you had already been warned about this, and had agreed to speak. All that is necessary is a few words of thanks to them for their hospitality, and for the opportunity of seeing the Exhibition.

Looking forward to meeting you again,

Yours sincerely

Hon. Secretary.

Miss Wilks

23rd September 1935

Mrs. J.M. Mollison, C.B.E., B.A., Hon.F.S.E.,
Savoy Hotel,
Strand. W.C.2.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Before leaving for Brussels I feel I must say how very much we enjoyed having you with us at the Conference and thank you for the perfectly splendid way in which you carried out all your duties as President. Before long you will be a perfect Chatwoman.

The Air Meeting yesterday was especially interesting, and it was certainly the first time the sun had shone on one of our air functions.

Will you thank Mr. Mollison for his truly delightful speech on Saturday night?

I am so delighted you are going to be our President for another year.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

AL/AT

9th October 1935

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Savoy Hotel,
Strand. W.C.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I think a Meeting of the W.E.S. Council of almost due, and I wondered if you would care to be present and preside. The Meeting will commence at 6 p.m. and should not be very prolonged. Available dates are Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th, 13th and 14th November. Will you let me know which, if any, of these dates would suit you?

I am anxious not to let the W.E.S. impose too much on you, and I shall understand if you find it inconvenient to be present.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

TEMPLE BAR 4343

SAVOY HOTEL,
LONDON.

13th October.

Dear Miss Haslett,

I'll certainly come to
the W.E.S. Council Meeting. Either Thursday
the 7th or 14th November would suit me. I
can't come Wednesdays.

I'm more or less settled in
London for some time now so do not hesitate to
call on me if there is anything I can do.

Sincerely,

Angus Haslett

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15th October 1935

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Savoy Hotel, W.C.2.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I am delighted to know you will be able to be present at the Council Meeting which I shall arrange for Thursday, November 7th, to commence at 6 p.m.

I shall send you a draft agenda in a few days, but in the meantime you may be interested in this preliminary one:-

1. Membership,
Miss Hollands, transfer to full membership.
Four new applications for membership.
2. Conference Reports.
3. Place of next Conference.
4. The Register.
5. Reception for Miss Wallach & Miss Blenkiron.
6. Authority for the Assistant Sec. to endorse cheques.
7. Financial Statement.
8. Spring Programme.
9. Any other business.

A suggestion has been made through Miss Maurice that the next Conference should be held in Sheffield.

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I should like to have your opinion about it before putting it to the Council.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

AL/AT

15th October 1935

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Savoy Hotel, W.C.2.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I am making an effort to square up
the Conference accounts and shall be glad to have your
cheque for £2.6.0. as soon as convenient.

Yours very sincerely,

Assist. Secretary.

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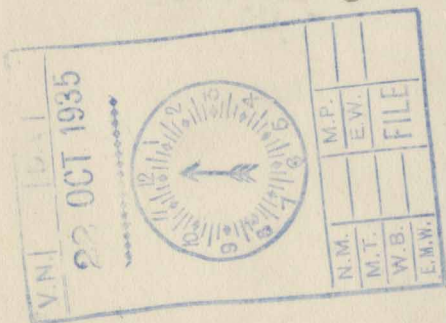
SAVOY HOTEL,
LONDON.

21st October. 1936

Dear Miss Haslett,

Many thanks for your letter.

I have no objection to Sheffield as the next place for the Conference - as a matter of fact it is my University town so is specially appropriate for me, and it is interesting from the engineering point of view. The only snag is they are definitely not air-minded, but it might be a good opportunity to make them so!



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22nd October 1935
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Mrs. J.A. Mollison C.B.E.,
Savoy Hotel,
Strand, W.C.2.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,
Dear Sir,

In Miss Haslett's absence in Bristol
I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 20th Inst.,
and to thank you for your cheque for £2.6.0d., the receipt
for which I enclose herewith.

Miss Haslett will be glad to have
your opinion regarding Sheffield as the scene of the
1930 Conference.

Yours sincerely,

Assist. Secretary.

~~Sheppard~~

1st November 1935

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Savoy Hotel,
Strand, W.C.2.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I am enclosing a few notes for
use at the Council Meeting on Thursday next. You
will notice that there is little to add to the Draft
Agenda I sent you earlier.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

AL/AT

25th November 1935

Mrs. J.A. Mollison C.B.E.,
Savoy Hotel,
Strand, W.C.2.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I do hope the operation has
been most successful and that you are now fit
and flourishing.

You know we are considering
the arrangements for the Conference in Sheffield
and I feel we ought soon to have something definitely
fixed up. There is a strong probability that I shall
be in America next September and I thought we might
have the Conference in July. Would this suit you,
say the weekend of the 18th?

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

Hotel George V, Paris.

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BELGRAVE COTTAGE,
UPPER BELGRAVE STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

8th December 1935.

Dear Miss Haslett,

In reply to your letter of the 25th November, I do not know what to say about the date of next year's Conference. I never know from month to month where I shall be, which makes me a most unsatisfactory President of anything. I have plans in hand to spend next summer in Canada, but there is just an equal chance that I shall be here. I think the only thing to do is just to fix up what suits you, and you know I shall be there if I am in England. All dates are equal to me, so have which suits you best.

I haven't yet finished with this job over here - in fact the worst starts this week and it will take me all my time to get through for Xmas. Unfortunately I have from time to time had to come over to England which has delayed things a lot. I am now being really hard-hearted and cancelling everything until I have finished.

Yours sincerely,

Angus Morrison

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11th December, 1935.

Mrs. Mollison,
Hotel George V,
Paris.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 8th inst.

I have decided that it is better to go ahead with the arrangements for the Conference and hope that the dates will suit you. We should, naturally, much prefer to have you with us.

I do hope you are keeping well and that your experience under the doctor's care will be most beneficial.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/AL/PT

9th January, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison,
Belgrave Cottage,
Upper Belgrave Street,
S.W.1.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I do hope you are quite recovered from the afflictions that drove you to the surgeons and from the effects of the surgeons themselves and I should like to take this opportunity of wishing you a happy New Year.

You will remember your promise to take part in the Spring programme if possible - the matter was discussed at the Council Meeting but I deferred writing to you on account of your illness. The Council thought that women generally and you in particular had a definite part to play in aviation development in this country, even more on the lines of policy than by record breaking, in spite of your success in that sphere. They felt that the Spring programme would provide a platform for the theories they are confident you hold on the whole subject and they hoped you would take this opportunity of making public your suggestions for the improvement of aviation here.

Would you let me know if the idea appeals to you and perhaps at the same time you would suggest a subject or subjects and a date, after which I would make the necessary arrangements.

With renewed good wishes for your health and general well-being in 1936.

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. A date in March
or April would
appear to be most
suitable

Hon. Secretary.

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BELGRAVE COTTAGE,

UPPER BELGRAVE STREET, *de*

LONDON, S.W. 1.

10th January 1936.

Dear Miss Haslett,

I'm most awfully sorry that I apparantly never answered your letter of the 13th December last. I only discovered it yesterday when I returned from Paris and unpacked a suitcase which I had left over there from my last visit.

I also have your further letter of the 9th January, and the same reply will do for both - i.e. that I shall be most happy to comply with both requests if I am in England, but there is still a great degree of doubt about it. There is every possibility of my leaving for Australia (not a record flight), about the middle of February, or even the end of this month, but if you can wait for a short while I shall be able to tell you much more definitely. I'm sorry to be so indefinite, but I am trying hard to get some aviation work to do over here, and if my efforts fail I shall push off somewhere else. I will let you know as soon as I know myself.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Collins

CH/NM/PT

13th January, 1936.

Mrs. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Belgrave Cottage,
Upper Belgrave Street,
S.W.1.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 10th inst.
and for your kindness in saying you will comply with both our
requests if in England.

As the British Federation is anxious to have its
handbills printed as soon as possible, I am suggesting that
they should put in brackets after your name "if in England".
I know they will be very delighted if you can be present.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

30th January, 1936.

Mrs J.A.Mollison,
Belgrave Cottage,
Upper Belgrave Street,
S.W.1.

Dear Mrs Mollison,

Miss Haslett has asked me to enquire whether Tuesday, February 11th, or Thursday, February 13th would suit you for a Council meeting commencing at 6.p.m. Miss Haslett realises both your desire to attend the meetings of the Society and your difficulty in making appointments, so she will be delighted should you be free on either of these dates, and understanding if you are not.

Hoping that you are keeping very fit,

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Secretary.


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BELGRAVE COTTAGE,
UPPER BELGRAVE STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

31st Jan. 1936.

Dear Miss Lockhart,

Either the 11th or the 13th will
suit me, so please fix whichever Miss Haslett
prefers and let me know as soon as possible.

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1st February, 1936.

Mrs. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Belgrave Cottage,
Upper Belgrave Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I think you may take it that Thursday, February 13th
will be the day fixed for the meeting and I shall forward you a
copy of the draft agenda in the course of a day or two.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Secretary.

*receipt of
This confirms your telephone
message that 13th is more suitable*

CH/AL/PT

26th February, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
Belgrave Cottage,
Upper Belgrave Street,
S.W.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

You will note from the enclosed that I have at last managed to fix the date for the reception to Miss Wallach and Miss Blenkiron.

I do hope very much you will be able to be present. I do not expect the meeting will be unduly prolonged.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

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THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

28th February 1936.

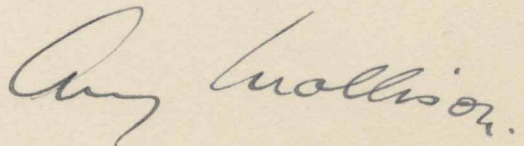
Dear Miss Haslett,

I hope to be present at the reception to Miss Blenkiron & Miss Wallach on the 10th March, but am afraid I cannot manage the visit to the Perivale laboratories on the 7th as I am away for the weekend.

I loved your pictures in the Express this morning - until I saw them I thought I was nowadays the busiest woman in the country, but I really hand it to you! Also after last night I feel I ought to attend more functions where you are the chairman as you do it so beautifully.

Endbosed are my rough notes I promised you. Don't take them too literally except for the general scheme. I am using my home address for business purposes, and Heston as headquarters, and I hope to start in May. Thanks awfully for your good wishes of last night.

Yours sincerely,



CH/AL/PT

2nd March, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
London, S.W.7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Thank you so much for the notes about your new most thrilling scheme. I needn't assure you that I wish it and you all possible success. I shall do all in my power to back up the excellent publicity you have arranged and though, unfortunately, the current issue of the "Woman Engineer" had gone to press before we felt free to use the advance information, I do hope, with your permission, to include an article in the next issue. You will, by that time, have tried your scheme out and our small quota will come in at a rather opportune moment.

The photographs in the "Express" were rather amusing. The young man simply attached himself to me, and accompanied me in taxis and trains until he had obtained every photograph he had set out to get. That is the sort of experience that must very frequently be yours.

It is very good of you to arrange to be present at the reception on 10th and I am sure Miss Wallach and Miss Blenkiron will feel very honoured.

I think you know how I enjoy being associated with you in any function and it was a real pleasure to have you at our meeting on Thursday. Yours was not the least interesting in a series of excellent speeches.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

KENSINGTON 2158.

THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

Friday, March 6th, 1936.

Miss Caroline Haslett,
Hon. Secretary,
The Women's Engineering Society,
20, Regent St.,
London. S.W.1.

Dear Miss Haslett,

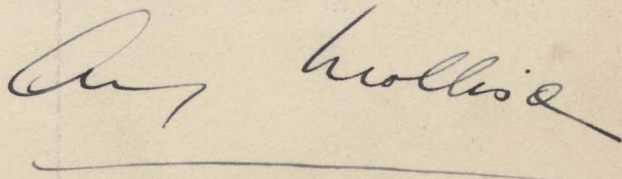
Your letter of the 2nd inst.,
Ref. No. CH/AL/PT., to hand.

I have to thank you for your
very kind remarks, and contents of which I read
with interest.

I also appreciate your kind
offer to assist my publicity, and shall be
delighted for you to use the desired inform-
ation in your next issue of the "Woman Engineer".

Looking forward to the
pleasure of meeting you again on the 10th inst.,
and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


A horizontal line is drawn below the signature.

Ref. CH/AL.

7th March, 1936.

Mrs J.A.Mollison,
The Gatehouse,
Ennismore Gardens,
Kensington, S.W.7.

Dear Mrs Mollison,

Miss Haslett has asked me to let you know that the Reception has had to be cancelled, owing to circumstances over which we had no control whatever. It is particularly disappointing as it would have provided an excellent opportunity to the Society to meet you again. However it does give you a few free hours and I expect they are rare and precious things at any time but particularly now with so much to plan for your new venture.

May I tell you how much I enjoyed your speech on International Night?

Yours sincerely,

Phyllis Haslett

Assistant Secretary.

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THE GATE HOUSE,
594, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

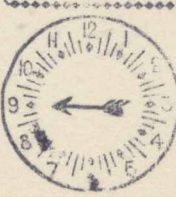
9th March, 1936.

Assistant Sec.,
The Women's Engineering Soc.,
20, Regent Street,
S.W. 1.

Dear Miss Lockhart,

I thank you for your letter of the 7th inst., and although, of course, I am very sorry to hear that the Reception had to be cancelled, it, nevertheless, gives me more time to make the necessary preparations for my new venture, as I can assure you my hands are very tied at the moment.

Yours sincerely,

V.N.	(SGD).	Amy Mollison
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24th March, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gatehouse,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I have tried to get in touch with you by telephone on a few occasions lately, but have been unsuccessful and have decided that I must trouble you with a letter.

You will see from the enclosed that the W.E.S., amongst other bodies, has been asked to take part in a Conference regarding B.B.C. programmes. I know how busy you must be at the moment, but if there is any possibility of your being free, I feel you would like to be one of the Society's representatives. Will you let me know if this is possible, as I have promised to reply to the B.B.C.'s invitation at an early date?

I hope your new scheme is progressing very favourably.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Correspondence.

Hon. Secretary.

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THE GATE HOUSE,
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LONDON, S.W.7.

25th March, 1936.

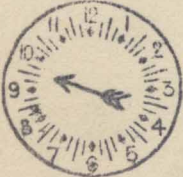
Dear Miss Haslett,

Many thanks for your letter with enclosures. I am so sorry that you could not get me on the telephone but I have been extremely busy this last day or two.

If I am in England I should like very much to come to the B.B.C. conference but in accepting I should be very grateful if you could mention that my business takes me out of Europe frequently, and unexpectedly, and that therefore I can only make a conditional promise to be present.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Collins

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Engineering Society.

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26th March, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gatehouse,
59A, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 25th inst.

When writing again to the B.B.C. notifying them of
the personnel of our representatives, I shall let them know that
you will be present if you are in England on that date. I am
very glad to know that there is even that possibility.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

Mrs. Haslett
E. A. W.

TO MISS HASLETT

FROM M. REES

DATE 15th May, 1936.

To.

Mrs. Mollison,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W. 7.

W.E.S. SENDS HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS.

HASLETT.

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CH/NM/PT

19th May, 1936.

The Editor,
"Daily Express",
Fleet Street,
E.C. 4.

Dear Sir,

Members of our Society are reading with great interest the articles by our President, which are appearing in the "Daily Express". We think you are to be congratulated on having arranged such an interesting series of articles.

I thought you would be interested to know that we are arranging a Reception for Mrs. Mollison at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th at 4 p.m. The Reception will take the form of Tea on the Terrace with the women Members of Parliament. In addition to the Reception by the women Members, there will also be members of this Society and of the British Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/NM/PT

19th May, 1936.

The Manager,
The Press Association Ltd.,
23, St. Bride Street,
E.C. 4.

Dear Sir,

I thought you would be interested to know that we are arranging a Reception for Mrs. Mollison at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th at 4 p.m. The Reception will take the form of Tea on the Terrace with the women Members of Parliament. In addition to the Reception by the women Members, there will also be members of this Society and of the British Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/NM/PT

19th May, 1936.

Miss Irene Ward, M.P.,
The House of Commons,
Westminster, S.W. 1.

Dear Miss Ward,

It is indeed kind of you to have acted so promptly in connection with the suggestion that we should arrange a Reception for Mrs. Mollison by the women Members at the House.

Mrs. Mollison will be pleased to arrive at 3.45 p.m. at St. Stephen's Entrance with her husband, where I understand you and the women Members will meet her. I will also be there in good time.

I will send you the names of the representative women who will be present at the end of the week. I agree with you that the number should not exceed thirty.

May I thank you and the women Members very much for your kindness?

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/NM/PT

19th May, 1936.

The Rt. Honourable Herbert Morrison, M.P.,
The London Labour Party,
258, Westminster Bridge Road,
S.E. 1.

Dear Mr. Morrison,

We are arranging for our President, Mrs. Mollison, to be received by the women Members of Parliament at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th at 4 p.m. The Reception will take the form of Tea on the Terrace and, in addition to the women Members of Parliament, there will be present members of our own Society and representatives from the British Federation of Business and Professional Women.

It would give us very great pleasure indeed if you could join us on this occasion.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/NM/PT

19th May, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W. 7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Confirming telephone conversation with your secretary this afternoon, the women Members of Parliament would very much like to receive you in St. Stephen's Hall at 3.45 p.m. on Tuesday next, May 26th. Tea will be on the Terrace from 4 to 5 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/NM/PT

19th May, 1936

Miss E. Godwin,
25, Fullbrooks Avenue,
Sorcester Park,
Surrey.

Dear Miss Godwin,

I rang you to-day and was so sorry to hear you were away.
I hope this is only a passing indisposition.

I thought it would be rather nice if the Women's Engineering Society arranged some sort of party for Mrs. Mollison and I have been in touch with the women Members of Parliament, who have promised to receive her at the House of Commons in St. Stephen's Hall on Tuesday, May 26th at 3.45 p.m. There will be Tea on the Terrace from 4 to 5 p.m.

In addition to the Women's Engineering Society I thought it would be very nice if we invited one representative from each of the affiliated organisations to the British Federation. I think we should ask either their President or some other important member of the organisation to be present, and I should like if possible to have the names of the representatives by the end of the week, in order that I can pass them on to the women Members. (I will arrange for the E.A.W. and W.E.S. representatives.

I am wondering, therefore, if you are well enough, you would take up this matter and I suggest perhaps you would care to telephone the organisations first. The invitations should be on the following lines:-

"The Women Members of Parliament, at the suggestion of the Women's Engineering Society, are arranging a Reception to meet Mrs. Amy Mollison after her recent African flight at the House of Commons in St. Stephen's Hall on Tuesday, May 26th at 3.45 p.m. with Tea on the Terrace from 4 to 5 p.m."

I shall, of course, expect you yourself to be present.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

THE WOMEN'S ENGINEERING SOCIETY

(INCORPORATED 1920)

20, Regent Street,

(CLOSE TO PICCADILLY CIRCUS).

London, S.W.1

HON. SECRETARY:

MISS CAROLINE HASLETT.

C.B.E., COMPANION I.E.E.

TELEPHONE: WHITEHALL 7481-2

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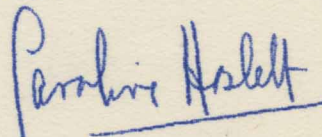
Dear Madam,

It was felt that it would be a pleasant gesture if a Reception could be arranged for Mrs. Amy Mollison, our President.

The Women Members of Parliament have kindly arranged a Reception for her at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th, and will receive her at 3.45 p.m. at St. Stephen's Hall after which the party will adjourn for Tea on the Terrace from 4 - 5 p.m.

It would be a pleasure if you could join us on this occasion and on hearing from you I will forward you the necessary ticket.

Yours sincerely,



R.S.V.P.

Hon. Secretary.

P.S. No doubt you will remember that there is a Council Meeting at 6 p.m. and also a Reception to Miss Wallach at 7 p.m. at 20, Regent Street, on May 26th.

to W.S.
Council
Members.

CH/NM/PT

20th May, 1936.

The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Wakefield of Hythe, C.B.E.,
Wakefield House,
Cheapside,
E.C. 2.

Dear Lord Wakefield,

I feel sure you will be interested to hear that we are arranging for our President, Mrs. Mollison, to be received by the women Members of Parliament at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th at 3.45 p.m. The Reception will take the form of Tea on the Terrace and, in addition to the women Members of Parliament, there will be present members of our own Society and representatives from the British Federation of Business and Professional Women.

It would give us very great pleasure indeed if you and Lady Wakefield could join us on this occasion.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/PT

20th May, 1936.

Commander H.G. Campbell, D.S.O., R.N., C.V.O.,
11, Grosvenor Crescent,
S.W. 1.

Dear Commander Campbell,

The Women's Engineering Society have arranged with the women Members of Parliament to give a welcome to Mrs. Amy Mollison, our President, at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th at 3.45 p.m., to pay honour to her for the great flight which she has just recently accomplished. The gathering will be a small but very representative one, consisting of probably not more than forty people.

We wondered whether it would be possible for His Royal Highness, the Duke of York to spare a few moments to look in at the gathering. It would be to us a very gracious gesture and a great honour if the Duke of York, as Air Marshal, could kindly do this.

I understand that Mr. F.S. Button, J.P., a member of our Council, is sending you a note on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/PT

20th May, 1936.

The Right Honourable Viscount Swinton, G.B.E., M.C.,
Secretary of State for Air,
Gwydyr House,
Whitehall.

My Lord,

I felt you would like to know that the women Members of Parliament, at the suggestion of our Society, are arranging a Reception for Mrs. Amy Mollison, who is our President, at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th at 3.45 p.m.

We should appreciate it very much if you would care to take this opportunity of joining us at the Reception.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/NM/PT

20th May, 1936.

Mrs. Peacocke,
"Daily Telegraph",
185, Fleet Street,
E.C. 4.

Dear Mrs. Peacocke,

I thought you would be interested to know that we are arranging a Reception for Mrs. Mollison. The women Members of Parliament have kindly arranged to receive her at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th in St. Stephen's Hall at 3.45 p.m., after which the party will adjourn for Tea on the Terrace from 4 to 5 p.m.

In addition to the Women's Engineering Society, we are inviting a representative from each of the Organisations affiliated to the British Federation of Business and Professional Women.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/NM/PT

20th May, 1936.

Mrs. C.H. Douglas,
Director's Bungalow,
Swanwick Shipyard,
Near Southampton.

Dear Mrs. Douglas,

I am sure you will approve of the fact that we have arranged for Mrs. Mollison to have a Reception with the Women's Engineering Society and I have been able to get the women Members of Parliament to receive her at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th at 3.45 p.m. We are to have Tea on the Terrace from 4 to 5 p.m. and there will also be representatives from the British Federation of Business and Professional Women present.

As you know, we are due to have a Committee Meeting at 6 p.m. on the same day, at which we should decide upon the procedure and business of our Annual General Meeting at Sheffield. I wonder whether you would care for us to ask Mrs. Mollison to remain as our President for one further year in view of her wonderful achievement. If so, would you be willing to propose it?

I do hope you can be present at the House of Commons as Vice-President.

It was indeed kind of you to invite me to visit your yacht. At the moment I am still swamped with work, trying to tidy up after the E.A.W. Conference and remembering all those things I have pushed aside to do afterwards. However, if I can see a clear time ahead, may I let you know?

If you will be here on Tuesday I hope you will join me afterwards at the Forum Club for dinner and if Major Douglas is in town, I hope he will also come.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/NM/PT

21st May, 1936.

Lord Eltisley, K.B.E., J.P.,
Croxtan Park,
St. Neots,
Hunts.

Dear Lord Eltisley,

We are arranging for our President, Mrs. Mollison, to be received by the women Members of Parliament at the House of Commons on Tuesday, May 26th at 3.45 p.m. The Reception will take the form of Tea on the Terrace from 4 to 5 p.m. and, in addition to the women Members of Parliament, there will be present members of our own Society and representatives from the British Federation of Business and Professional Women.

It would give us very great pleasure indeed if you could join us on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/AL/PT

21st May, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W. 7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I have just been speaking to your secretary and have learnt that you will find time to come round to the Club Room on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock for a few minutes to greet Miss Wallach and Miss Blenkiron and to give the members an opportunity of seeing you after your latest triumph. This is a very gracious action on your part, particularly as you are overwhelmed with engagements at the moment and I must let you know how deeply I appreciate it.

Yours very sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

OFFICE MEMO.

TO

FROM

DATE

22.5.36

MRS. MOLLISON'S RECEPTION.

TICKETS SENT TO:-

Mrs. Fife-Schaw.
Professor Winifred Cullis
Miss V. Holmes
Miss Kennedy
Miss Hollands
Councillor Mrs. Gregory
Miss M. Maurice
Miss Heneker
Lady Moir
Miss Sangster.
Mr. Button
Mrs. Chalmers.
Miss E. Godwin
Miss M.M. Jeffery

Miss Leslie
Mrs. Havinden
Miss Appleby
Mrs. Kingham
Miss Hindes

OFFICE MEMO.

TO

FROM

DATE

MRS. MOLLISON'S RECEPTION

TICKETS SENT TO:-

Miss B. Godwin
Miss Macdonald

23.5.36

Mrs. Romaine-James,
Miss Miller

KENSINGTON 2158.

THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

22.5.36

Dear Miss Haslett

I am writing
for Mr. Hollison to thank you for
your letter of 18th. He is looking
forward to her visit to the House
at 4 p.m. on 26th inst.

Jim and I will
accompany her if that can
be arranged by you.

Yours sincerely

William Courtenay

Miss Caroline Haslett CBE.

CH/NM/PT

25th May, 1936.

William Courtenay Esq.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
London, S.W. 7.

Dear Mr. Courtenay,

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd inst.

I had already made arrangements for Mr. Mollison to accompany Mrs. Mollison to the House of Commons Reception and each of the women Members of Parliament are inviting a male guest, so he will not feel embarrassed as the only man.

I shall be very delighted to see you at the Reception.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

Ticket

CH/NM/PT

25th May, 1936.

Miss Irene Ward, M.P.,
The House of Commons,
Westminster,
S.W. 1.

Dear Miss Ward,

As promised, I enclose you herewith the list of women who have accepted the invitation to be present at the Reception to be given by the women Members to Mrs. Amy Mollison at the House of Commons to-morrow.

I will be at St. Stephen's Entrance at 3.40 p.m. and Mrs. Mollison and her husband will arrive at 3.45 p.m.

I also enclose a copy of the admission ticket sent out to representatives.

Yours sincerely,

List
Ticket.

Hon. Secretary.

Continuation 2.

Miss Irene Ward.

25th May, 1936.

P.S. Fox Photos Limited are anxious to take a photograph and I have suggested that they should do so outside St. Stephen's Hall at 5 p.m. I hope this will be in order.

LIST OF ACCEPTANCES FOR THE RECEPTION TO MRS. AMY MOLLISON, C.B.E.

AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

ON TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, 1936

AT 3.45 P.M.

WOMEN'S ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Miss Verena Holmes, B.Sc.(Eng.), A.M.I.Mech.E., M.I.Loco.E.,
Past President. M.Inst.Met., A.M.I.Mech.E.
Miss E.M. Kennedy, Past President.
Miss H.C. Hollands, Honorary Treasurer.
Mrs. Pender Chalmers, Member of Council and Member of Aviation
Section of Forum Club.
P.S. Button Esq., J.P., Member of the Industrial Court.
Miss N.E. Miller, Member of Council.
Miss M. Maurice, Mine Lighting Expert and Pilot.
Professor Winifred Cullis, Federation of University Women.
Margaret, Lady Moir, O.B.E., Past President, The Electrical Association
for Women.
Councillor Mrs. Gregory, Member of West Ham Education Committee.
W. Courtenay Esq., Friend of Mr. & Mrs. Mollison.
Miss Caroline Haslett, C.B.E., Companion I.E.E., Honorary Secretary
and Chairman of the British Federation of Business
and Professional Women.

BRITISH FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Miss F. Sangster, Past President.
Miss Elsie Godwin, Honorary Secretary.
Miss Hindes, The Association of Women Pharmacists.
Miss M.M. Jeffery, The Society of Women Housing Estate Managers.
Miss Macdonald, British Executive Housekeepers' Association.
Miss C. Leslie, Women's Provisional Club.
Mrs. Havinden, The Women's Advertising Club of London.
Miss Appleby, The National Association of Women Civil Servants.
Miss B. Godwin, The Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries.
Mrs. Fife-Schaw, The Business and Professional Women's Club (Alpha)
London.
Mrs. Kingham, The Women's International Art Club.
Mrs. Romaine-James, The Gateway Club.
Miss V. Norvick, The Electrical Association for Women (Demonstrators'
Circle)
Miss D.A. Heneker, Director, The International Federation of Business
and Professional Women.

Confirmed

Buford Bowling

Mr. Herbert Morrison hopes to look in during the afternoon.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

RECEPTION to MRS. AMY MOLLISON, C.B.E.

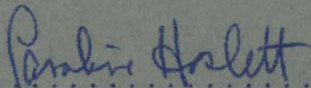
By the Women Members of Parliament

ADMIT.....

To St. Stephen's Hall, House of Commons.

On Tuesday, May 26th., at 3.45 p.m.

SIGNED.....



Honorary Secretary
Women's Engineering Society.

Please bring this ticket with you.

CH/NM/PT

25th May, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
London, S.W. 7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

This is to confirm that all the arrangements are well in hand for the Reception at the House of Commons to-morrow afternoon. I will be at St. Stephen's Entrance to the House of Commons at 3.40 p.m.

I thought perhaps you would like to see a list of the women who have been invited to meet you on this occasion.

It is indeed good of you to come along afterwards at 7 o'clock to receive Miss Wallach. She is very thrilled about it.

Looking forward to seeing you and Jim on this occasion.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

List.

P.S. I also enclose herewith a few notes which you might care to have regarding Miss Wallach and Miss Blenkiron.

TO

FROM

DATE

The following were invited but could not be present:-

H.R.H. The Duke of York.
 Lord and Lady Wakefield.
 Viscount Switon.
 Lord Amulree.
 Wing Commander Louis Greig.
 Lt. Col. Moore-Brabazon.
 Leslie Hore-Belisha Esq
 The Hon. Lady Bailey.
 Miss Pauline Gower.
 Mrs. Douglas.
 Mrs. Flack.

✓ turned up.

WOMEN'S ENGINEERING SOCIETY

- ✓ Miss Verena Holmes, B.Sc(Eng), A.M.I.Mech.E.
Past President.
- ✓ Miss E.M. Kennedy, Past President.
- ✓ Miss H.C. Hollands, Hon.Treasurer.
- ✓ Mrs. Pender Chalmers, Member of Council and Member of
Aviation Section of Forum Club.
- ✓ F.S. Button Esq., J.P., ~~Member of Council~~ and Member of the
Industrial Court.
- ✓ Miss N.E. Miller, Member of Council
- ✓ Miss M. Maurice, Mine Lighting Expert and Pilot.
- ✓ Professor Winifred Cullis, ~~University Women.~~
- ✓ Margaret, Lady Moir, O.B.E., Past President, Electrical Assocn.
for Women.
- ✓ Councillor Mrs. Gregory, Member of West Ham Education Committee.
- ✓ W. Courtenay Esq. Friend of Mr. & Mrs. Mollison.
- ✓ Miss Caroline Haslett, D.B.E., Companion I.E.E. Hon.Secretary,
and Chairman of the Brit. Fed.
- ✓ Miss Lockhart.
- ✓ Miss Moore.

BRITISH FEDERATION

- ✓ Miss F. Sangster, Past President.
- ✓ Miss Elsie Godwin, Hon.Secretary.
- ✓ Miss Hindes, Association of Women Pharmacists.
- ✓ Miss M.M. Jeffery, The Society of Women Housing Estate Managers.
- ✓ Miss Macdonald, British Executive Housekeepers' Assocn.
- ✓ Miss C. Leslie, Women's Provisional Club.
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London.
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Circle)
- ✓ Miss D.A. Heneker, Director, The International Federation of
Business and Professional Women.
- ✓ Mrs. Comerford.
- ✓ Miss Burford-Rawlings. (Soc. of Women Journalists)

Mr. Herbert Morrison hopes to look in during the afternoon.

✓ Lord Eltiseley " " " " " " "

CH/AL/PT

27th May, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W. 7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

May I hope that you are now feeling much better and that the chill has not developed as it threatened?

Everyone enjoyed so much meeting you at the House of Commons yesterday afternoon and seeing you looking so well in spite of the demands that this month has made.

It was indeed good of you to come along and meet the members of the Society and introduce Miss Wallach. The rather overwhelming audience appreciated the privilege of seeing and hearing both of you from the same platform last night and I must thank you again for coming in spite of your busy day and your indisposition.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

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CH/NM/PT

27th May, 1936.

Miss Irene Ward, M.P.,
The House of Commons,
Westminster, S.W. 1.

Dear Miss Ward,

May I on behalf of my Society thank you very much indeed for your very great kindness in arranging the Reception for Mrs. Mollison at the House of Commons yesterday?

The women present, representing the various organisations, were very appreciative indeed of the honour of meeting the Women Members of Parliament and the great pleasure of having tea on the Terrace.

Will you kindly convey to the other Women Members our very great thanks and appreciation?

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/AL/PT

27th May, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W. 7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

At a Council meeting following the House of Commons Reception yesterday the unanimous wish of the Council that you would consent to retain the Presidency of the Society for another year was warmly expressed. I hope very much that you will agree to accept this office until Autumn 1937.

As you know, we are holding our Annual Conference in Sheffield this year at University Hall and we are looking forward to having you there from 17th to 19th July and to hear your presidential address at the Annual Dinner, when the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress and other distinguished guests will be present.

I think Miss Maurice has discussed with you accommodation for your plane.

I am hoping that at the Conference we may propose your re-election as President.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

KENSINGTON 2158.

THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

28th May, 1936.

Dear Miss Haslett,

I thank you very much indeed for your two letters of the 27th. In reply to the first one I should like to repeat that I very much appreciated the Reception given to me at the House of Commons and congratulate you both on the idea and on the excellent way in which everything was arranged. I think as much as anything else I appreciated the opportunity of meeting so many interesting people.

With regard to your second letter, I hardly know what to say in reply to the invitation of the Council to retain my Presidency for a further year. Whilst I appreciate the compliment very much indeed, yet I cannot help but feel that I have not been by any means the "Perfect President," but by now you know me well enough together with all my failings and you are apparently asking me with your eyes wide open, so would you please convey to the

Council my thanks and tell them that I have much pleasure in accepting.

It is by now fairly certain that we shall not be starting our flight before the 17th July, so that there should be nothing to prevent my being at the Annual Conference. I hope, however, to see you again many times before this.

Yours sincerely,

Angus Hollis



CH/AL/PT

29th May, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W. 7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 28th inst.

The Reception at the House of Commons was a great pleasure to me personally and I am so glad you enjoyed it.

I am sorry to notice from the papers that your cold did develop after all, but I am hopeful from the fact that you have written that you are now quite well again.

I cannot say how pleased I am that you have consented to become President for another year and that you are fairly certain to be present at the Annual Conference at Sheffield. You would think me flattering you if I told you how very acceptably you fill the office of President and the Council will share my appreciation of the contents of your letter.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

NOTES ON NEWS

BY LOOKER-ON

Social and Personal

**LONDON TO CAPE TOWN
BY MOTOR-CYCLE.**



Miss Wallach, a former pupil of Kilburn and Brondesbury High School, who last week addressed the present scholars on her motor-cycle trip from London to Cape Town, gave a more technical lecture on the same subject on Tuesday at Dorland House, Regent Street, W., to the Women's Engineering Society, of which she is a member. Mrs. Amy Mollison who holds the air record for the same journey, presided.

KENSINGTON 2158.

THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

16th June, 1936.


Dear Miss Haslett,

I have just been reading the marvellous tributes which are paid to me in this month's issue of the Women's Engineer. I feel that you have had a finger in this pie and thank you most warmly for the charming things you say.

It has just occurred to me that you might like to have a more recent photograph than the one that I gave you some time ago and which was taken in 1933. I happen to have quite a good one suitable to the role of President, so if at any time you would like to have it do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Collins

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N.M.	M.P.
M.T.	E.V.
W.B.	T.L.
E.W.	

CH/PT

19th June, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 16th June, which I received on my return from various Electrical Conventions in Scotland.

I am so glad you liked our references to you in the "Woman Engineer".

We should be delighted for you to send us a photograph of yourself "suitable to the role of President".

I am so pleased you are hoping to go to the International Federation of Business and Professional Women's Congress in Paris at the end of July. I hear from Miss Heneker, the Director, that the French women are planning a tremendous Reception and Luncheon for you.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/AL/PT

28th June, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W. 7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I am very pleased with the photograph and wonder if I may send it back to you to be autographed before I have it framed. If you agree I can have it sent over at any time that suits you. It really ought to be placed in a very prominent position and I am exceedingly proud of it. I shall see that it is included in future issues of the "Woman Engineer".

With renewed thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

KENSINGTON 2158.

THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

30th June, 1936.

Dear Miss Haslett,

I thank you for your
two letters which I am sending on to
Mrs. Mollison who is at present up North.

I am sure she will be
delighted that you like the photograph
and only too pleased to sign it. If
you sent it round on Friday it would
suit admirably as she will be back by
then.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.

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CH/AL/PT

1st September, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E., B.A.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

I am enclosing a copy of the "Woman Engineer", though perhaps your own copy has already reached you. I hope you will approve of our treatment of your Address.

I do hope you have had an excellent holiday and that you are flourishing.

I am just about to set sail for America so that I shall not have any prospect of seeing you for some time.

With best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

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KENSINGTON

THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.
3rd September, 1936.

Dear Caroline,

Many thanks for your letter *enclosing*
~~which was in~~ "The Woman Engineer". I quite
approve of the way you have treated my
address.

It has really amazed me ~~the~~ *what*
world wide publicity my "anti-feminist
remarks" have produced. I have received
indignant letters from as far afield as
Milwaukee, Johannesburg and odd places in
Australia. No matter how many times I
read over the remarks I made I cannot help
but be certain that ~~from~~ *their* extravagance
and the circumstances in which they were made,
make them obviously a joke. I had a
charming letter from Lady Astor saying that
it took G.B.S. a whole life time to make
people realise he was leg-pulling, and I
cannot hope to produce the same effect in
one address. She advises me to keep off
this style in the future, and I think she is
right (of course I bet you guessed who was
responsible for the idea!)

I hope you enjoy yourself in

America - you are sure to, and I rather
envy you. If I come over I will look
you up.

Bon voyage and best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

W. J. Mullis



CH/AL/PT

20th October, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

My dear Amy,

Thank you very much for your letter of good wishes for my American tour. It was a wonderful experience and I am sure you heard from Jim that I met him in New York.

A meeting of the Council is being summoned for November 9th at 6 p.m. It will precede a lecture to which the W.E.S. is invited, but the formal notice will reach you in a day or two.

I see that you hope to take part in the New York - Paris flight next year. You have all our good wishes as usual, both in your preparations and for the actual competition.

Hoping to see you some time soon and with kind regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

P.S. This was dictated before we heard of your crash.

CH/AL/PT

21st October, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

My dear Amy,

I am awfully sorry to see by the papers that you have had a spill but I really ought to congratulate you that it was not more serious. I was glad that you were fit enough to express yourself with your usual vigour regarding the absence of air signs.

Would you rather we referred to you as Amy Johnson in connection with the Society?

With affectionate greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

CH/AL/PT

23rd October, 1936.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

My dear Amy,

This is a rather tardy letter to thank you for your good greetings for America. I had a splendid time there and must tell you all about it some time later.

I am enclosing the ordinary notices in the hope that you will be free and fit to attend.

I have noticed in the papers lately that you are hoping to take part in the New York - Paris flight next year. You have all our good wishes as usual, both in your preparation and for the actual competition.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Notices.

Hon. Secretary.

CH/AL/PT

6th November, 1936.

My dear Amy,

I did so enjoy our talk this afternoon - and
of course the lunch.

Here is a copy of the letter from
Lord Wakefield sent with his third gift to the Society
during your presidency.

Don't forget that I shall always be overjoyed
to be of any service to you at any time.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

KENSINGTON 2158.

THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

21st December, 1936.

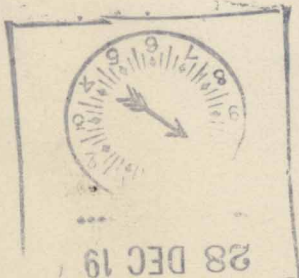
My dear Caroline,

This is just a note to let you know I have been ordered away by my Doctor for a month to six weeks rest in Switzerland as apparently my nerves are running rapidly to a break down. I thought I would let you know in case any business matters arise. I do not yet know my address, but it is a kind of Hydro called Val-Mont near Lausanne.

With best wishes for
Christmas and the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Ray Mollie



CH/AL/PT

5th January, 1937.

My dear Amy,

I am enclosing the routine correspondence from the office merely because it is routine and not with the intention of suggesting that I am sending you a long letter. There is one important date in it and that is February 9th when Mrs. Davison will give a lantern lecture on "Aerial Photography". I have been wondering what chance there is of your being at home and taking the Chair.

We are thinking, too, of having a Council Meeting on the same date. We do not expect anything extraordinary to transpire at it and it is not essential for you to be present, but you know how glad we are to see you at any time when you are free. We shall, of course, be discussing the programme of the 1937 Conference to be held in London and I wondered whether you had any ideas about it.

I am sure you will be amused to know how difficult we are finding it to invest our legacy from Lady Beilby. At the last Meeting of the Council it was decided that a Building Society offered the best security and income, but unfortunately Building Societies do not exist for the benefit of Societies and apparently have a prejudice against accepting their funds. We then thought that Savings Certificates would be a good scheme, but the Post Office Authorities have the same bias against Associations unless they happen to be Friendly Societies. At the moment we are negotiating for the opening of a Post Office Savings Bank Account - a very modest request which brings us back to our first real attempts at accumulating money. We can almost be sentimental about it but there is no sentiment where the Post Office is concerned. I never imagined it was so difficult to get rid of money before.

Your post card of Switzerland was just too beautiful and made it even more difficult to go on with the "daily round and common task".

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I had a glorious holiday last Christmas and for a while hoped that I might have a similar one this year. However, I did manage quite a bit of sunshine at Hythe.

I do hope you are enjoying your holiday very much and that you are feeling much better for it.

Here's hoping that 1937 will be the best year you have ever had,

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. J.A. Hollison, C.B.E.,
Valmont,
Glion-sur-Montreux,
Switzerland.



VAL MONT
GLION s./MONTREUX
SUISSE

13th January.

My dear Caroline,

Very many thanks
for your letter. It was nice of you to
find time to write me in your
exceptionally busy life. I was
widely amused at your efforts to
invest your "windfall." I should
tie it up in a stocking & put
it under the mattress. Had it
been in gold a few years ago it
would have paid well. So shaking
one's belief in parables for ever!

It is just possible
that I shall be in London on
February 9th, but I am afraid
I cannot promise. I am still
far from being completely well,
and on the 23rd I am going

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to Villars for a week or fortnight
to find a little more fun &
distraction than there is here.
It is excellent here for medical
treatment but oh! how dull!
I go to bed at 6 every night -
there's nothing else to do, & my
sister & I have seen no-one
except doctors & nurses since
we came before Xmas!

I will certainly come on
the 9th if I can, but after I
am back in England I have
to do a lot of flying & am then
going off to Kenya on a Safari
trip. Doesn't that make your
month later?

I have been thinking a
great deal about our talk
about Lord Wakefield. It seems

know so strange that the man
 to whom I owe the most in
 the world should still be
 addressing me as "Mrs. Lullion."
 I don't really know him at all &
 have never even met Lady
 Wakefield. I sent them flowers
 for Xmas as I usually do & had
 such a funny cold note of
 thanks saying that "Lady W.
 thanked me for the flowers" &
 never mentioned himself! -
 We are almost absolute strangers
 & yet he has given me
 thousands of pounds. I wish I
 understood him more. If I
 knew him well & he
 sympathized with my ambitions

he might even help me to start
 some research work I'm longing
 to do - like Amelia Bartlett
 in the States. She has a
 Larkhead 12. & makes experiments
 on anything that interests her.
 (as someone cattily said -
 "to see if one can eat cherry
 pie at 1000 feet without having
 turning-ache.")

I am interested especially
 in instruments. I wish I were
 clever enough to invent an
 instrument that would tell one's
 height above the ground - any ground.

Can Mr. Sutton do any
 ground-work for me, do you think?
 I wish he would try.

Don't work too hard.
 Affectionately,
 Amy.

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20th January, 1937.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.
Val Mont,
Glion s./Montreux,
SWITZERLAND.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

Thank you very much for your membership subscription
for which I enclose official receipt.

I am forwarding an invitation addressed to you here,
which you may like to accept, but do not feel compelled to do so.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

Receipt.

CH/AL/EP

20th January, 1937.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.
Val Mont,
Glion s./Montreux,
SWITZERLAND.

My dear Amy,

Thank you very much for your letter. I am sorry you have been having such a dull time at Val Mont but it is probably part of the cure! It will make you enter more fully into the joys of Villars - I wish I could share them.

It will be delightful to see you again on 9th February if you can manage it though we shall understand if you are absent.

I had not forgotten our talk regarding Lord Wakefield and of course I am most interested in what you write. Mr. Button, unfortunately, has been very ill, but he is now improving and I saw him a few days ago. I told him of our conversation and he says he will be very pleased to use his influence to bring about a friendly meeting with Lord and Lady Wakefield. As soon as you get back I should like you to join me at lunch with Mr. Button to help him to see exactly your point of view. He is very willing to be helpful and has a tremendous admiration for you personally.

When I was in the States I had a long talk with Dr. Elliott of Purdue University where Amelia Earhart is working and he told me of some of the interesting things she is doing. He hopes to be in England during the summer and there is just a chance that you might meet him.

I don't want to work too hard, or even so hard, but it seems that when one starts that way it is very difficult to stop. However, I am keeping very fit.

With all good wishes,

Yours affectionately,

CH/AL/EP

10th February, 1937.

Mrs. A.J. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gatehouse,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
S.W.7.

Dear Mrs. Mollison,

As you know, we had a meeting of the Council last night followed by Mrs. Davison's lecture on Aerial Photography. I received many enquiries regarding you and was glad to be able to report that you had been recuperating.

The Council considered the programme for the 15th Annual Conference and we suggested that it should be held at Crosby Hall from the 24th - 26th September following more or less the lines of the 1935 programme.

Members would assemble at Crosby Hall for an informal dinner on Friday and after, form a theatre party. The Annual Meeting would be held on Saturday morning and would be followed by a Technical Paper. It was hoped that we should pay our usual visit to the Engineering and Marine Exhibition at Olympia to be entertained by the exhibition authorities. The Annual Dinner would be held at the Forum Club in conjunction with the Technical Group there. On Sunday we should have some form of amusement in the afternoon.

Now we come to all the questions on which I should like to consult you. I wondered whether you would like to propound any new and valuable theories in a technical paper on the Saturday morning or whether you would prefer to impose on someone else this task. We had thought that Miss H.M. Lyon might have spoken on Aeronautical Research or that Miss Pauline Gower and Miss Spicer might have been induced to talk on the Theory of Flight and Engines, respectively.

Mrs. A. J. Mollison

10th February, 1937.

In the second place I have assumed that you would again act as Chairman at the Annual Dinner, though it will entail another after dinner speech. Mr. Button suggested that Lord and Lady Wakefield might be invited and that the former might address us for a few minutes.

Finally have you any ideas as to how we should spend Sunday afternoon? You will remember that on the previous occasion we went to Croydon, on to Brooklands and then had a short flight over the City.

I am afraid this is a rather lengthy series of questions but I do hope you will find time to give them your consideration soon.

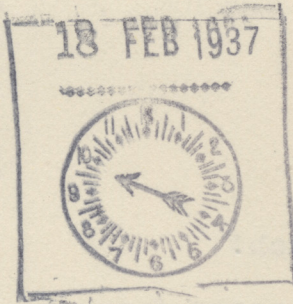
I shall look forward to hearing from you that your holiday has done you the world of good and that you are feeling renewed in body and spirit.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.

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THE GATE HOUSE,
59A, ENNISMORE GARDENS,
LONDON, S.W.7.

16th February, 1937.

My dear Caroline,

Many thanks for your letter of
the 10th instant.

I was very sorry I was not not
back in time for Mrs. Davidson's lecture. I
actually returned on the 10th.

With regard to your various
questions.

1) I am afraid never having
heard Miss Lyon speak I have no idea either to
the extent of her knowledge on Aeronautical
Research or the quality of her speeches, but if
you think it is a good suggestion I am perfectly
willing to fall in with it. Failing her, I
think the next best idea would be to ask
Miss Spicer to give a talk on some subject she
herself could choose. After all she is the
only woman in the world holding practically all
the engine licences you can get so she ought to
know something about it. I would much prefer
that some-one else gives the talk rather than
myself, but failing all else I suppose I should

nobly step into the breach!

2) As usual it seems funny to arrange a date so far ahead as September, but let us hope that I shall be there on the date chosen, in which event I naturally should be only too glad to preside for Dinner, and this time prepare my speech for Journalists with an average intelligence of 10 years' old!

3) I am afraid at the moment I have no ideas about the Sunday afternoon, but I will think about the matter and drop you a line shortly.

I should very much like to have the promised lunch with Mr. Button, but am afraid I must leave it over until after my return from Paris, where I am going on Thursday and shall be away about a week. I will drop you a line as soon as I am back.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Angus Mollison

CH/AL/EP

22nd February, 1937.

Mrs. J.A. Mollison, C.B.E.,
The Gate House,
59a, Ennismore Gardens,
London, S.W.7.

My dear Amy,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 16th which arrived a few days ago. I too, was sorry that you missed Mrs. Davison's lecture and the Council meeting but realise how difficult it is for you to fit everything in.

Miss Lyon is an authority on aeronautical research, but as I notice you are more enthusiastic about Miss Spicer, I shall ask her first whether she would be inclined to address the Annual Conference. It is good of you to consent to "fill the breach" but though I should very much like to hear you, I shall not ask you to do so until I have tried the people suggested.

I am glad to have your provisional agreement to preside at the Annual Dinner and I shall remind you again some time about the Sunday afternoon arrangements.

I will get in touch with Mr. Button about the promised lunch when I hear from you again.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.