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The realm of speculation is very wide, far wider than that of fact, but few of us are prepared to put our “dreams” in print. There is no great anxiety when it comes to foretelling the distant future since the memory of man is so short that it is unlikely that the event will evoke much in the way of memories. But when it is the near future that is being considered, they are indeed brave—and sometimes foolhardy—who commit themselves, knowing that their words may “come home to roost”

In the light of these thoughts, the Editor wishes to pay his tribute to the courage of those who contributed to the meeting at which “Rotor Stations” were discussed. It cannot be long before the increasing use of helicopters will force the powers that be to establish the prototype rotor stations about which all of us have talked and thought for so long. When they do come, how many of us will have our views vindicated? Even more interesting is the corollary, how rapid will their development be in the light of the experience gained on the prototypes? The modern aerodrome of to-day is vastly different from that of pre-war days. Let us hope that when the rotor station does emerge from speculation and become fact, the foresight and imagination of the designers will be permitted to be exercised to their full extent. A bold approach right from the start will pay handsome dividends and reduce the inevitable teething troubles which we shall have to face.