

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, November 3, 1931, at 8.30 p.m., Dr. Claude Wilson, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Messrs. Peter Bicknell, D. F. O. Dangar, N. L. Falcon, R. L. Holdsworth, T. A. H. Medlycott, H. P. Mitchell, E. V. Townshend, and A. N. van Scherpenberg.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the death of the Rev. T. C. Fitzpatrick, elected 1900, J. B. Colgrove, elected 1876, the Rev. Canon J. H. Kidd, elected 1921, Alfred Holmes, elected 1894, Lt.-Col. H. T. Morshead, elected 1922; L. D. Nicholson, elected 1902; A. R. Painter, elected 1923; Raymond H. K. Peto, elected 1929, C. E. Shea, elected 1896; and W. A. Wright, elected 1925.

Mr. F. S. SMYTHE then read a Paper entitled 'Kamet,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Sir Martin Conway, Dr. Raymond Greene, Wing-Commander E. B. Beaman, and Mr. W. M. Mordey took part in the subsequent discussion which closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Smythe.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1. on Monday, December 14, 1931, at 8.30 p.m., Dr. Claude Wilson, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the club, namely, Messrs. L. Anthony Foster, W. E. Herbert, Werner Kehl, Anthony M. Robinson, Pierre de Schumacher, H. W. Turnbull, and R. G. Ranyard West.

The PRESIDENT, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 29, there being no other candidates, announced the election of the following officers of the Club and members of Committee, namely:

*President*.—Sir John J. Withers, C.B.E., M.P., in the place of Dr. Claude Wilson, whose term of office expires.

*Vice-President*.—Mr. Claude A. Macdonald, in the place of Mr. G. P. Baker, whose term of office expires.

*Elective Members of Committee*.—Messrs. A. N. Andrews, E. B. Beaman and H. E. E. Howson in the places of Messrs. W. B. Carslake, Sir William Lister and J. M. Wordie, whose terms of office expire.

The Vice-President, the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Sydney Spencer, and the other Members of Committee, being eligible, were duly re-elected.

Mr. C. W. NETTLETON proposed that Messrs. H. J. Macartney and P. H. Pilditch be elected auditors to audit the accounts of the Club

for the current year. This was seconded by Dr. H. L. R. Dent, put to the vote by the Chairman, and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT made reference to the death of the Rev. Colin Campbell, elected 1894 ; Mr. U. W. T. Gage, elected in 1877 ; Mr. Arthur Bird, elected 1892 ; and Mr. Howard Priestman, elected 1893.

The PRESIDENT then delivered his Valedictory Address.

Mr. E. S. HERBERT felicitated the President on his successful term of office, and called for a vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

An Exhibition of Alpine Photographs was held in the Hall of the Club from December 1 to 31, and the usual 'At Home' was held on Tuesday, December 15, from 3 to 6 P.M., when some 436 persons, members and their friends, attended.

THE ANNUAL WINTER DINNER took place at the Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C. 2, on the evening of Tuesday, December 15, at 7 P.M. Covers were laid for 244, and following are the names of the official guests of the Club: Field-Marshal Sir George F. Milne, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., LL.D. ; Air-Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Professor Joseph Barcroft, M.D., C.B.E., F.R.S. ; Dr. W. Langdon Brown, F.R.C.P. ; the Rev. A. E. Robertson, B.D., President of the Scottish Mountaineering Club ; Mr. T. Gray, President of the Yorkshire Ramblers' Club ; Mr. John L. Mercer, President of the Alpine Ski Club ; Mr. G. A. Lister, President of the Midland Association of Mountaineers ; and Mr. Kenneth Cook, President of the Wayfarers' Club.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 2, 1932, at 8.30 P.M., Sir John J. Withers, C.B.E., M.P., *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club, namely, Messrs. E. St. J. Birnie, George W. Harris, C. T. Lehmann, and F. Hugh Slingsby. Mr. H. E. Scott (Member 1922-30) was re-elected to membership.

The PRESIDENT mentioned the deaths of the following members, namely, J. Walker Hartley, elected 1875 ; C. Burlingham, elected 1877 ; G. Scriven, elected 1878 ; J. S. Masterman, elected 1895 ; and H. C. Comber, elected 1919.

Mr. E. NOEL BOWMAN then read a Paper on 'The First Ascent of the N. Face of the Matterhorn by Franz and Toni Schmid,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Discussion followed in which Messrs. T. Graham Brown, A. W. Andrews, John Poole, R. W. Lloyd, T. S. Blakeney, E. L. Strutt, and E. B. Beauman took part, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. E. Noel Bowman for his Paper, and Mr. John Poole for his photographs.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 1, 1932, at 8.30 p.m., Sir John J. Withers, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected Members of the Club, namely, Messrs. W. M. Humphry, E. H. Marriott, and E. O. Ransome.

Members received with applause the announcement that Honorary Membership of the Club had been accepted by the Hon. Mr. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, elected in 1866; Mr. A. O. Prickard, also elected in 1866, and the Rev. C. A. Heurtley, elected in 1868.

The PRESIDENT welcomed those representatives and members of kindred clubs who had accepted invitations to attend the Meeting.

Mr. W. N. LING then read a Paper entitled 'Accidents.' Dr. Claude Wilson followed with another short Paper on the same subject.

The resulting discussion is reported elsewhere in this issue.

The PRESIDENT proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. W. N. Ling and Dr. Claude Wilson, and this was carried with applause.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, April 5, at 8.30 p.m., Sir John J. Withers, *President*, in the Chair.

Mr. Arthur Edward Foot was balloted for and elected a Member of the Club.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Sydney Spencer, presented the Accounts for 1931. These were discussed and eventually adopted *nem. con.*

Mr. J. E. C. EATON proposed a vote of thanks to the auditors, Messrs. H. J. Macartney and P. H. Pilditch. This was duly seconded and carried with acclamation.

Mr. J. L. LONGLAND then read a Paper entitled 'Some Guideless Climbs,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Dr. Claude Wilson, Col. E. L. Strutt, and Mr. F. S. Smythe took part in the ensuing discussion, and the President closed the proceedings with the passing of a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Longland.