

will draw myriads who live down below to breathe the purer air and become better men and women. Their spirits will join with those up here, and it will make us all purer and nobler in spirit and better citizens of this country.'

The President of the Mountain Club (Dr. B. Hewat) stated that ninety-six members had joined the colours.

THE AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

Minutes of Meeting held December 2, 1922.

THE fourth Dinner of the Association was held on December 2, 1922, at the University Club in New York City; the following members being present: Allston Burr, J. Ellis Fisher, Le Roy Jeffers, Howard Palmer, H. B. de Villiers-Schwab, and William Williams. The following attended as guests: Messrs. Allen Carpe, Louis Delafield, and J. Monroe Thorington.

Mr. William Williams gave some of his recollections of his Mt. St. Elias expedition, and of earlier climbing days. The second portion of his talk was devoted to explaining a fine series of lantern slides covering mountains in Japan, Hawaii, Canadian Rockies, and the Alps.

Mr. de Villiers-Schwab followed with a short account of the First Mt. Clemenceau Expedition undertaken in July-August 1922, with Messrs. Carpe and Hall. This was illustrated by Mr. Carpe's and his own slides. The expedition was unsuccessful in its main object, largely owing to bad weather, but did accomplish a thorough reconnaissance of Mt. Clemenceau, and succeeded in making one first ascent, Mt. Apex (10,625 ft.).

Mr. Howard Palmer gave an interesting account of the expedition made by him and Dr. Thorington to the Freshfield Group, where they were successful in making a number of first ascents. Some fine slides of Dr. Thorington's were used to illustrate his account. Informal discussion followed the lectures, and the meeting concluded about 11.45 p.m.

In addition to the above expeditions, Mr. William Williams made a trip to Japan and Hawaii in the spring of 1922; during the summer Mr. Val Fynn finally accomplished the difficult ascent of Mt. Victoria by the face; Mr. Le Roy Jeffers traversed

Lassen Peak (10,437 ft.), made some minor climbs in the Salmon River Mts. of Northern California, ascended Mt. Moran (Grand Tetons) for the second time, and traversed it. Mr. J. Ellis Fisher is at the present moment on his way to Chamonix for some winter climbing.

The fifth Dinner will be held in Boston early in May 1923.

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IN MEMORIAM.

EDWARD ROBSON WHITWELL.

1843-1922.

ANOTHER of the veterans, whose name often occurs in our earlier annals, started on the long trail on October 14.

Born at Sunderland, January 27, 1843, Mr. Whitwell married in 1873 Mary Janet, daughter of the late E. A. Leatham, M.P., of Misarden Park, Gloucestershire. She, with two sons and three daughters, survives him.

A man of great enterprise and an indefatigable worker, his business interests lay mainly in coal-mining, and he was Chairman and Vice-Chairman of important Collieries.

He was a D.L. and J.P. for the county of Durham, well known with the Zetland and Harworth hounds, a good deer-stalker, and in his later years a keen yachtsman, becoming a member of the R.Y.S.

Mr. Whitwell was elected to the Club in 1868. In 1870, as he has recounted in *ALPINE JOURNAL* v, vi, and vii, he was a member of Mr. Tuckett's Tyrolese party and made, with C. Lauener and Santo Siorpaes, the first ascent of the Cimone della Pala by the N. face, a route dangerous from stones and now seldom taken, the first ascent of the Croda Rossa from Val Buones direct to the summit, a route since taken probably but once and then in descent, and the first ascent of Piz Popena. An attempt on the Pale failed.

In 1871 and 1872 he had the services of Christian and Ulrich Lauener on journeys of three and four weeks' duration. Their expeditions were among the most notable of the time, and in the epitome of Ulrich's *Führerbuch*, *ALPINE JOURNAL*, xxx. 301 *seq.*, I dealt with them at considerable length, and reproduced portraits of both Mr. Whitwell and Ulrich. In the same volume, 168 *seq.*, Mr. Whitwell gave us interesting reminiscences of early attempts on the Géant and Dru.

His two greatest ascents were made in 1874, when, with Christian