

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, October 25, 1938, at 8.30 P.M., Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT said: 'I am sure that the members will be glad to know that, on the occasion of the celebration of their 75th anniversary, the Swiss Alpine Club have conferred Honorary Membership on Brigadier-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O., and Sir William H. Ellis, G.B.E.' The President, with the members, wished to offer to the recipients of this honour their cordial congratulations.

The PRESIDENT announced that, at their meeting that evening, the Committee had elected Lt.-Col. H. W. Tobin, D.S.O., O.B.E., to membership of the Club.

The death of Mr. N. A. Heywood, who was elected in 1895, was referred to by the President.

Mr. W. R. RICKMERS then read a Paper entitled 'The Switch-back of Life,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Colonel E. L. Strutt said how much he had enjoyed the Paper, which had brought back memories of many years ago, and the President offered to Mr. Rickmers the united thanks of himself and the members for his Paper and the slides he had shown.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Monday, December 5, 1938, at 8.30 P.M., Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT announced that, at their meeting that evening, prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Committee had elected the following candidates to membership of the Club, namely: Mr. John Byam-Grounds, Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, Capt. J. B. Harrison, Mr. Henry S. Kingman, Capt. C. R. Nicholls, R.E., and Mr. Arnold Potter; further, that Mr. R. F. Stobart (Member 1921-30) had been re-elected to membership.

The PRESIDENT also announced that the Committee had unanimously elected Monsieur le Commandant Edouard Gaillard to Honorary Membership of the Club in appreciation of his valuable contributions to Alpine literature and mountaineering in general

over a period of many years. This announcement was received with great applause.

Under the provisions of Rule 29, there being no other candidates, the President declared the following elections and re-elections as Officers and Elective Members of Committee :

Elective Members of Committee for the year 1939 : Messrs. G. L. Bartrum, Peter Lloyd, A. D. Malcolm, and J. E. Montgomery, *vice* Messrs. A. M. Binnie, H. J. Gait, Leslie C. Letts and Sir Leonard Pearce, whose terms of office expire.

As Officers of the Club for the year 1939, re-elected :

As *President* : Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C.

As *Vice-Presidents* : Messrs. R. W. Lloyd and G. Winthrop Young.

As *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer* : Mr. E. S. Herbert.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Mr. H. J. Macartney, I.S.O., and Mr. A. Douglas Side be appointed Auditors to audit the Club accounts for the current year.

The PRESIDENT referred to the death of Mr. H. F. Wright, who was elected in 1920. He died on October 25, at the age of 72. He was a New Zealand member, and was President of the New Zealand Alpine Club from 1934 to 1936. An obituary notice will appear in the next number.

Mr. H. W. TILMAN then read a Paper entitled ' Mount Everest, 1938,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. A discussion of the Paper followed, in which Dr. C. B. M. Warren, Dr. Raymond Greene, Professor G. I. Finch, and Mr. E. S. Herbert took part. Mr. Tilman received a very cordial vote of thanks.

AN EXHIBITION OF ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHS was held in the Hall of the Club from December 5 to December 31, 1938.

THE ANNUAL AT HOME of the Club was held on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 6, 1938, when some 400 members and their friends attended.

THE ANNUAL WINTER DINNER of the Club took place at the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, December 6, 1938, at 7.15 P.M. Covers were laid for 235. Among the official guests were The Rt. Hon. Viscount Hailsham ; Admiral Sir William Goodenough, G.C.B., M.V.O. ; Rear-Admiral A. Bromley, President of the Ski Club of Great Britain ; Mr. S. B. Donkin, President, Climbers' Club ; Mr. Richard G. Plint, President, Wayfarers' Club ; Mr. M. Tatham, President, Midland Association of Mountaineers ; Mr. A. S. Pigott,

President, Rucksack Club ; Mr. Charles T. Lehmann, President, Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club. Monsieur Jean Escarra (Honorary Member A.C.) represented the Groupe de Haute Montagne.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, February 7, 1939, at 8.30 P.M., Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT announced that at their meeting on Thursday, January 12, 1939, the Committee had elected Mr. John T. Holloway to membership of the Club.

He then referred to the death of Dr. E. Teichelmann, a New Zealand member, elected in 1903, and to that of Mr. E. G. Oliver, elected in 1908. Mr. L. V. Bryant spoke of Dr. Teichelmann, and Mr. R. W. Lloyd, Vice-President, and Mr. J. E. C. Eaton paid tributes to the memory of Mr. E. G. Oliver.

The PRESIDENT said that it had been suggested that the Club should make a formal protest against the proposed aerial railway from the Riffelalp to the Gandegg, that the Committee had considered this suggestion and had come to the conclusion that the most effective form of protest would be by way of a letter setting out the objections to the project to be sent in the name of the Club to the Editor of *The Times* for publication.¹ The members present generally agreed, and Professor R. S. T. Chorley moved that such a letter of protest should be sent to the Editor of *The Times*. This was seconded by Mr. Sydney Spencer, put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Members were informed that the Committee were considering a suggestion that a Dinner should be held some time in the summer to which members would be invited to bring lady guests only. There was no criticism of this suggestion.

Mr. R. SCOTT RUSSELL then read a Paper entitled 'The Beerenberg, Jan Mayen Island,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. A number of members took part in the discussion which followed, and Mr. Scott Russell replied to various questions which had been asked on the fauna and flora of Jan Mayen Island. The President then proposed a cordial Vote of Thanks to the lecturer for his very interesting Paper and slides, and this was passed with great applause.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 74 South Audley Street, London, W. 1, on Tuesday, March 7, 1939, at

¹ See *Alpine Notes*, p. 138 of this number.

8.30 P.M., Sir Claud Schuster, G.C.B., C.V.O., K.C., *President*, in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT announced that, at a meeting of the Committee held that evening, the following candidates had been elected members of the Club, namely : Mr. E. E. Bishop, Mr. Anthony J. Daly, Mr. Alexander Harrison, Mr. C. W. F. Noyce, Capt. N. R. Streatfeild, R.A., M.C., Mr. Oliver Thornycroft, and Mr. John H. Wedgwood.

The PRESIDENT referred to the deaths of Mr. G. E. Marindin, who was elected in 1868 (died February 23, 1939, in his 98th year), and Mr. R. Cary Gilson, elected in 1891. He died on February 18, 1939, aged 75.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. S. Herbert, then presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1938. These were eventually adopted *nem. con.*

A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Auditors, Mr. H. J. Macartney and Mr. Douglas Side, proposed by Mr. E. S. Herbert, was passed.

Professor T. GRAHAM BROWN then read a Paper on 'The Brenva Face of Mont Blanc,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Mr. E. H. F. Bradby and Mr. Sydney Spencer contributed to the ensuing discussion and the President expressed the thanks of the members for a most interesting and enjoyable evening.